



June/July 2024

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:
Serving with JOY!*

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

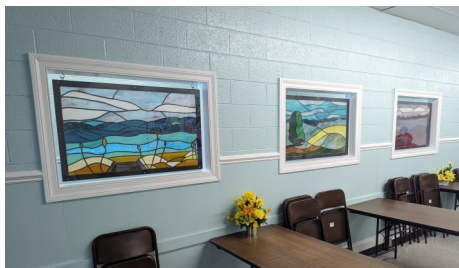
*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you all. Amen.*



From the Rector

“Behold I make all things new”

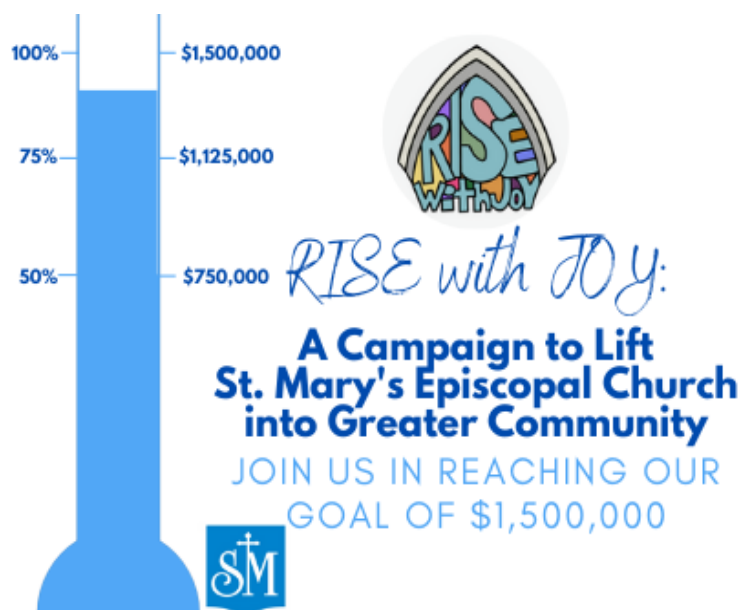
-Revelation 21:5



Recently, I had the joy and privilege of sharing a time of conversation and prayer at Mary's Kitchen as four original stained glass windows were installed in the dining room. These works, designed by Renée Herlong and crafted by Bonnie & Seraphim Smith, instantly bring light, color, and beauty to a space already permeated with the Holy Spirit that has inspired nearly 4 decades of loving service. As one enters Mary's Kitchen, the first 3 images depict the beauty of God's Creation on a westward journey across North Carolina from the sandy beaches, to the piedmont, and finally to the mountains. They are stunning in their reflection of the natural beauty that God has given to this area. And as much as I love the first three, it was the story of the fourth window, placed closest to the serving counter, that resonated in my soul the most. This window is made of a variety of pieces of glass drawn from the 'scrap pile' in the studio. It reminds me of the grace-filled character of God that is shown repeatedly throughout Scripture and that tells us that no matter what our various challenges, imperfections, shortcomings, or faults may be, God's love for us is constant and God's will for us is to be made new and whole, in a beautiful design of God's making. And like these new windows in Mary's Kitchen, God's redeeming work in our lives is meant to bring joy and beauty to the lives of others. May we all look for this work in our own lives today. And as we do, I invite you to consider coming over to serve at Mary's Kitchen sometime to see these new windows in person!

Peace,
Tom

RISE with JOY Capital Campaign



From the start of our discernment process about indoor accessibility and outdoor playspace projects, we've known that it would take the participation of a significant part of the St. Mary's community to make these things become a reality. We're now more than 89% towards our fundraising goal, and we'd love the participation of everyone who has ever called St. Mary's "home." No donation is too small! Visit the [RISE with JOY page of our www.stmaryskinston.com website](http://www.stmaryskinston.com) to learn more about the projects and send an online pledge, or pick up hard copies at the church office. Above all, please hold these projects and all in involved in your prayers.

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“Serving with JOY!!”

Jesus First,

Others Second,

Yourself Last”

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News at St. Mary's



From the Parish Register



Transfers In:

Tyler Nute

May 13, 2024 from Neally's Corner Church (Hampden, ME)

Martison, Margaret & Edward Sharp

May 14, 2024 from St. Stephen's (Goldsboro)

Transfers Out:

Jane & Scott Newton

May 13, 2024 to St. Stephen's (Goldsboro)



Congratulations to proud grandparents, Debbie Rutledge-Holt and Sam Holt, on the birth of their granddaughter, Isabelle Annaleisk Burleson. “Izzy” was born on **June 3rd, 2024** and weighed 9 lbs, 3 oz. to proud parents Anna Rutledge-Holt Burleson and Brandon Burleson. Join us in prayer of thanksgiving for this gift of life in a new season together.

Let us pray:

O God, you have taught us through your blessed Son that whoever receives a little child in the name of Christ receives Christ himself: We give thanks for the blessing you have bestowed upon this family in giving them a child. Confirm their joy by a lively sense of your presence with them, and give them calm strength and patient wisdom as they seek to bring her to love all that is true and noble, just and pure, lovable and gracious, excellent and admirable, following the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



St. Mary's Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Monday, June 24th, 2024, Noon-4pm in Moseley Hall**. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations are preferred. Make your reservation at www.redcrossblood.org and type in STMARYS or phone **1-800-RED-CROSS**. Give something that means something....give the gift of life with Red Cross.



The Parish Office will be closed on **Thursday, July 4th, 2024** in observance of Independence Day. The staff of St. Mary's join you in celebrating the birth of our nation as well as in prayer for its future. We wish you a safe holiday!

News at St. Mary's



Lemonade on the Lawn

We are excited to share this relaxing, refreshing time together on the breezeway **each Sunday morning immediately following the 10:30am liturgy**. Individuals or families are encouraged to join together to host the refreshments - lemonade and something light to eat such as donuts, cookies, or muffins. The following items will be provided: a table (*in the closet under the balcony stairs*), paper products (*in the bin marked Lemonade on the Lawn in the Moseley Hall coffee room*), and ice (*in the kitchen*). On your serving date, set up the table and lemonade/snacks by the end of the 10:30am service. Be sure to clean up and return items after the event. Contact Sherry Tanner at stanner@stmaryskinston.com with any questions.

Sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084DABA72EA6F9C25-49844873-lemonade#/>.

LUNCH HOUR ANGELS NEEDED

THIS SUMMER

Volunteer during lunch time on Mondays and Wednesdays through the summer to provide our valued Parish Administrator, Lori Kelly, a chance to get away from the office for a true lunch hour. Call or text Vicki Kennedy (252-560-5893) for more information or sign up at this link:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/12jG_5YWEJfC60nqp6vC65mhHskqYya9TbTNDPIWbQ3c/edit.

You are cordially invited
to celebrate

Mary's Kitchen
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2024 AT 9:30AM

Cake and ice cream will be served.



Mary's Kitchen Soup Drive & Quarterly Service Date

This quarter, Mary's Kitchen is in need of canned chicken noodle soup and vegetable beef soup! Please drop off your donations to the church **during business hours the week of July 8th-12th**, or bring it **on Sunday, July 14th at the morning liturgy**. The items will be taken to the kitchen that week to coincide with our next quarterly service date on **Saturday, July 20th**. Please contact Randy Spaugh if you would like the opportunity to serve on this date.

Altar Guild Chair

On **May 19th, Pentecost Sunday**, our Parish family recognized our new Altar Guild Chair, Mrs. Jo Parrott, who returns to this role after many years. During her 40+ years of calling St. Mary's her parish home, Jo has served in many roles around the Parish as well as the Diocese. Jo has said that the beauty of our liturgy and church inspire her. May God bless her steadfast devotion to His Glory, our worship time together, and this parish family as she responds to God's call as Altar Guild Chair.



More News at St. Mary's

ALL are encouraged to invest in the children, youth, and families of our parish (*and beyond*) as we plan for summer and fall programming. Please make every effort to join this important meeting. Your presence, interest, and fresh ideas are welcomed!



Breakfast Provided!

Nursery Provided!

**Children, Youth, & Family
Summer & Fall Ministry Planning!**

Sunday, June 9 at 9:30 in the Parlor



CHRISTIAN FORMATION FOR ADULTS

Pray, Discern, & Plan for Fall 2024

Sunday, June 16
at 9:30 AM
in the Parlor

Breakfast Included!

SUMMER & FALL PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 AT NOON
in the parlor

FELLOWSHIP



Thank You
Robin and Carl Simms

for the loving care you give to the floral planters outside the church doors. Your ministry of beautifying this sacred space gives Glory to God by caring for His creation and welcoming all who worship here.

ECW



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Stay tuned!
Summer events & fall gatherings coming soon!

Please be on the lookout for information about summer events and fall planning. If you would like to be a part of planning ECW activities and outreach in the upcoming year, contact Audra Haddad (252-526-8537).

Worship



St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Singers & Ringers
 are cordially invited to a light summer supper
 to welcome our new Minister of Music
Sam Holt & his wife Debbie
 Wednesday, June 12th
 6:00pm
 at the home of Linda & Ike Hines

Please contact Bonnie Holton
 for more information.



Service at St. Barnabas Church

The next community service at St. Barnabas (Snow Hill) will be **Saturday, June 15th!** This service (at **10:00 am**) will use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer which includes poetic language largely unchanged from its English predecessor in 1552. Please join us!



Flowers in the Church

Altar flowers may be given to the Glory of God in memory or in honor of a loved one and enhance the beauty of the church and worship experience. Did you know that you can request a particular Sunday and provide the flowers? It is a loving, meaningful way to honor an event or someone special while worshipping the Lord. There are openings in the summer schedule for Sunday altar flowers. If you are interested in participating, contact Sherry Tanner at the Parish office (252-523-6146) or by email at stanner@stmaryskinston.com. If you have not participated, the process is easy, and Sherry will guide you through the arrangements step-by-step.



It was a joyful day on **May 25th, 2024**, as members of The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina gathered at St. John's Episcopal Church in Fayetteville. Jon Sargeant (along with Matthew Overturf) was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons. Congratulations Jon, and may God bless your ministry!



*The Lord bless you and keep,
 The Lord make His face shine upon you,
 And be gracious to you;
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
 And give you peace.*

(Numbers 6:24-26)

Children, Youth, & Families @ St. Mary's



Community Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School is almost here! Have you remembered to register your preK-5th grade child (*or your high school youth or yourself as a volunteer*)?

This year, Community VBS will be held **June 23-26th from 5-7:30pm** (dinner will be provided). It is hosted at Westminster United Methodist Church and sponsored through a partnership with St. Mary's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian. This is a wonderful time for spiritual growth and development for the children and youth of our community, and we hope you will support this valuable partnership!

Register at:

<https://bit.ly/KinstonVBS2024>



Summer Acolytes

Acolyte Ministry

We realize camp adventures mean many of you are out of town for the summer this

year. We have only a few servers available at various times. Please be sure to look at your calendars and let us know dates you are unavailable. Fr. Tom is happy to review acolyte roles, responsibilities, and the printed guides that are in the acolyte seats at church. May God bless you and the ways that you minister in our weekly worship!

Camp Don Lee is partnering with Westminster United Methodist Church and other area Methodist churches to provide a "Voyages" day camp from **9am-3:30pm on July 22-July 26, 2024**. Children in the community can experience Christian camping to learn and grow with organized activities that include games, crafts, story time, archery and bible study. Children will be placed into small groups and be well supervised. "Darkness to Light" and "Safe Sanctuary" guidelines will be used to ensure your child's safety. Camp Don Lee, Arapahoe, NC, is accredited by the American Camp Association.

Register at:

https://www.westminsterkinston.com/_files/ugd/0a6dc7_d3da571fe6374d3085868ebfddce7f4a.pdf

- Registration Ages: Completed 1st grade-completed 4th grade
- Registration is handled through Westminster UMC. A
- All forms must be turned in to the church to register.
- Space is limited; registrations will be taken until camp is full.
- Fee is \$10 per child for the week.
- Lunch will be provided each day.

VOYAGES:

Don Lee



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Mark Your Calendars!

We are excited to announce the date for our Annual St. Mary's Block Party, planned for **Sunday, September 29th, 2024!** Remember to mark your calendars and make plans to join us as WE host an evening of fellowship with the members and neighbors of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. More information coming soon!

SUNDAYS

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel
 9:00 am - Breakfasts for all in Moseley Hall
 9:30 am - Christian Formation for All Ages
 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church
 (livestreamed to [YouTube](#) and shared in [Facebook](#))
 Staffed nursery available 9am-Noon.
 11:45 am - Lemonade on the Lawn in the Breezeway

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

8:30 am - Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel

WEDNESDAYS

7:00 am - Men's Prayer & Bible Group in Moseley Hall

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2024	2025	2026
Rob Bizzell	Andrew Duppstadt	Richard Crumbacker
Jess Edwards	Bonnie Holton	Corey Fader
Jo Parrott	Anne Lindley	Randy Spaugh
Ginny Wade	Jim Purnell	Kay Turner

Senior Warden – Jess Edwards

Junior Warden – Jim Purnell

Clerk – Andrew Duppstadt

Treasurer – Corey Fader