

June/July 2026

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

The Bell Ringer

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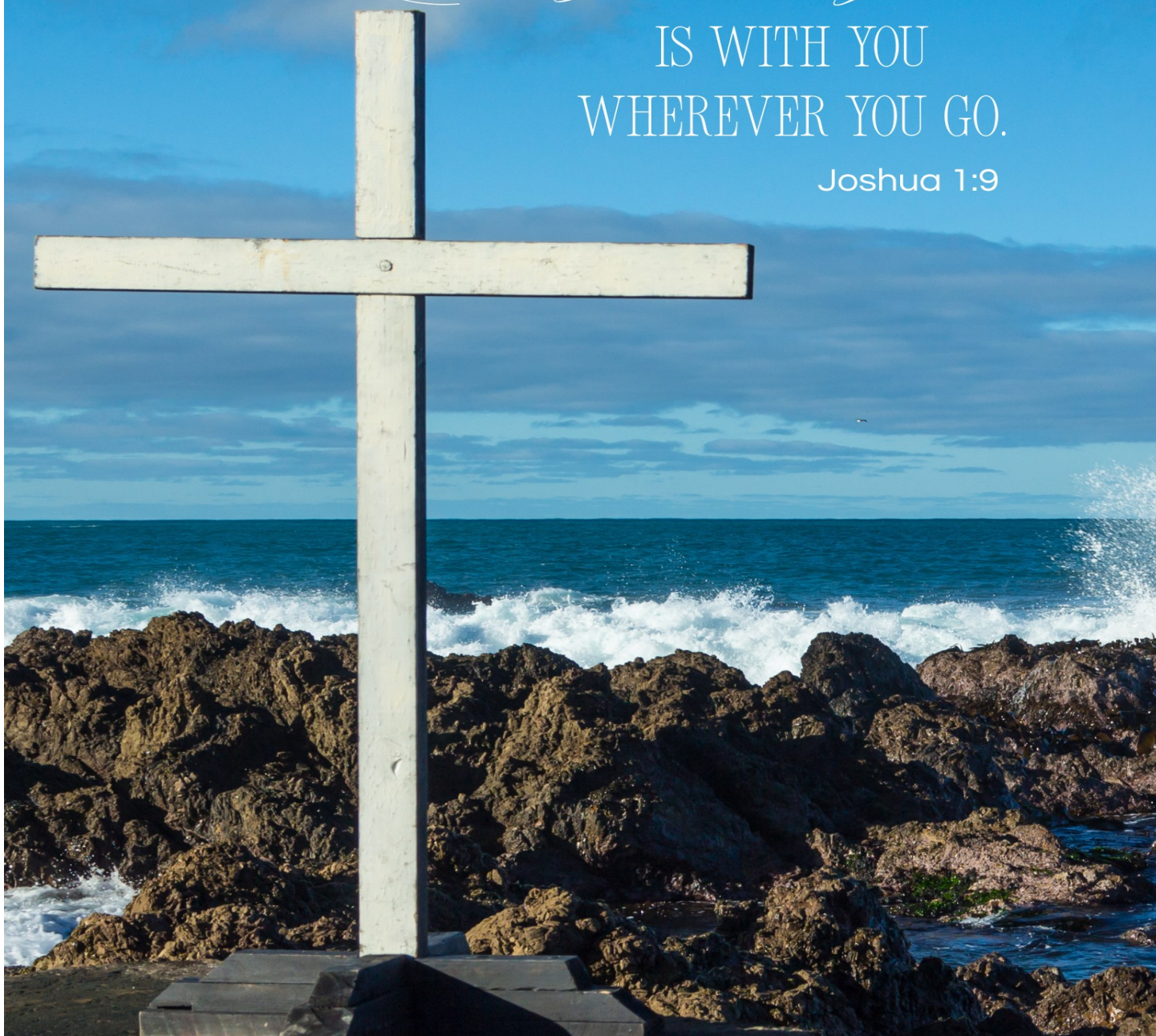


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Lord your God

IS WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.

Joshua 1:9



From the Rector

A Life Rooted in the Trinity



Dear Friends, our summertime happens to kick off this year with Trinity Sunday - that oddly marvelous & mysterious Feast Day of the church year that brings our focus to a doctrine of the Church, rather than the more common life of faith from which to learn or gain inspiration. On Trinity Sunday, we celebrate that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Christians have spent centuries trying to explain the Trinity: There is the wonderful diagram that my engineering mind loves to behold, clearly (almost mathematically) showing how God is Father, Son, and Spirit while the three persons are distinct from one another. Many thanks to the Little Way Chapel for the lovely colorful version below! Then there is the famous 15th century icon by Andrei Rublev called "The Trinity" (at left) that depicts the visitors to Abraham as told in Genesis 15:1-8. Read the passage and then spend time with this icon. The story speaks of the hospitality that is expected of God's followers. It speaks of gracious and unbelievable blessing that pours from God into this world and into our lives. And

there is, of course, divine mystery. But my favorite part of the icon is the empty seat at the table meant for the viewer: you!... me! ... with God! Will we accept a place prepared for us? There are certainly many more tools and resources intended to help our limited minds grasp bits and pieces of the fullness of God Almighty, but perhaps the most important thing for us to remember is that relationship, love, and communion with God and one another is the heart of this life of faith. God invites us into that life. Perhaps there is an invitation in this BellRinger that is especially intended for you?

Summertime blessings,

Tom +



**CONGRATULATIONS TO 2026 EfM Graduates:
Bonnie Holton and Karylen Headley!!**

JOIN THE NEW EfM CLASS
Starting in September 2026

Do you want to deepen your Christian faith, learn how to articulate that faith, and let that faith inspire you into action? Then join Education for Ministry!

More than bible study, **EfM** participants read and discuss the Old Testament (year 1), the New Testament (year 2), Church history (year 3), and theology (year 4). (You do not have to commit to all four program years nor complete in four years.) Through study, prayer, and reflection, a trained mentor facilitates small group discussions and guides participants to examine life through an increasingly informed and inspired theological lens. St. Mary's offers a cohort session of **EfM** with a virtual 2-hour meeting every Tuesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. We will also meet in person once a month. Please contact **Dennis Tracz** (dtracz@gmail.com)

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A global community of 80 million Anglicans
in 38 member provinces/churches.

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Founded in 1883.

The Rt. Rev. Sarah Fisher, Bishop

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“Serving with JOY!!”

Jesus First,

Others Second,

Yourself Last”

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Jr. Warden	Mr. Richard Crumbacker
Parish Administrator	Mrs. Lori Kelly
Minister of Music	Mr. Sam Holt
Communications Director	Ms Judy Johnson
Mary's Kitchen Executive Dir.	Mr.. Richard Crumbacker
Administrative Assistant	Mrs. Lisa Maxwell

News at St. Mary's

From the Parish Registry

Transfers In

Mason Yu

May 14, 2026

Joan Coughlan

May 19, 2026



Burial

Kelli Stroud

May 31, 2026

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES 2026



ARENDELL PARROTT ACADEMY

Emma Fader (will attend NC State in the fall)

D.H. CONLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Jake Moye (will attend Pitt Community College in the fall)

METHODS OF RATIONALITY HOMESCHOOL AND LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Ray Nute ~ Associate of Science Degree
(will attend Husson University in Bangor, Maine in the fall)

LENOIR COUNTY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL AND LENOIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Jayden Wright ~ Associate of Arts Degree (will attend UNC Chapel Hill in the fall)

NC STATE UNIVERSITY

Anna Haddad ~ Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA WILMINGTON

Isabel Rosa-Irizarry ~ Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology
with a Concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis
Brandon Zoltke ~ Bachelor of Science Degree in Hospitality Management



*The Parish Office will be
closed on **Friday, July 3rd,**
2026, in observance of
Independence Day.*

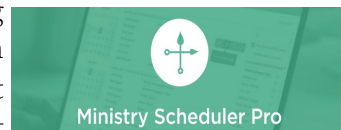
More News at St. Mary's



Email Sherry Tanner with questions stanner@stmaryskinston.com. Scan the QR code to sign up to host.

The Summer Serving Schedule

The new serving schedule has been sent out and it covers June 1-August



31. If you find dates where you won't be here, you can enter "Request a Sub" by using the Ministry Scheduler app on your smartphone or by logging in from your computer at <http://rotundasoftware.com/ministry/stmaryskinston>. If you have problems, Gerry Fox will be glad to assist you - just reach out to him at gfoxjr@gmail.com.

Tutors at Northwest Elementary

Another successful year of tutoring at Northwest ended on May 22nd. 20 tutors from St. Mary's and the community have assisted 38 students with their reading skills. The teachers have been most appreciative and the students have enjoyed spending time with their reading buddies. The students made cards to show their appreciation. Ms. Morgan has secured a grant and all students in the program will receive a book. A big thank you to: Althea Holton, Karl Kaminski, Louise Mauck, Robin Simms, Margaret Spaugh, Sarah Warner, Jude Warren, Tom Warren, Lura Riddell, and others in the community. If you would like to be a part of the ministry in the fall contact Becky Darst at rcdarst3@gmail.com.



ECW

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

SUMMER CALENDAR 2026

SUNDAYS, JUNE 28 & JULY 5, 12, & 19 @ 3PM

Wise Women of the Bible Book Study
THE WISDOM OF JANE EYRE
in the church parlor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9
5:30 PM

Pot Luck Dinner & a Movie
JANE EYRE
in Moseley Hall

OUR SCRIPTURE FOR THE YEAR
"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."
~ Micah 6:8

Coming this Fall

Join a conversation... ALPHA with St. Mary's Coming this Fall

Join us in Moseley Hall on Wednesdays beginning September 9th at 6pm for a shared meal followed by small group time.

ALL are welcome ~ Free ~ Childcare provided

- Connect with new people
- Watch an episode on a question of faith
- Share your thoughts and hear from others



Worship

The Ordination and Consecration of Our Ninth Bishop

**WELCOME
THE RT. REV. SARAH K. FISHER**



The Diocese of East Carolina ordained and consecrated the Rt. Rev. Sarah K. Fisher as its 9th bishop on May 23 at the Riverfront Convention Center in New Bern, North Carolina.

In the months leading up to her consecration and ordination, Fisher relocated to eastern North Carolina and has been active in diocesan life. She has visited parishes, spent time with clergy at the diocesan clergy conference, shared her vision and leadership philosophy with the diocese's Executive Council, and spent time with Diocesan House staff.

In a letter she wrote to the diocese and to those who have helped to shape her path, Fisher said this: "My friends, as we stand on the precipice of this new adventure together, may we hold fast to the promise that God's power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. With a grateful and full heart, I can't wait to see where we go."

As bishop, Fisher now leads 66 parishes and two college campus ministries in an area that spans from I-95 east to the North Carolina coast. The diocese serves several military bases, a large Latino community, and parishes of all sizes across five deaneries.



ST. BARNABAS

Please join us for the upcoming St. Barnabas Service on Saturday, June 6 at 10:00 a.m. If you haven't visited before, St. Barnabas is located at 1 St. Barnabas St., Snow Hill, NC. We will worship using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer, known for its beautiful, traditional language rooted in the 1662 English text. After the service, please stay for fellowship along with refreshments, drinks, and sweets. As always, we encourage everyone to "dress for the weather"—our historic building enjoys only "natural air conditioning and heating." We look forward to welcoming you, worshipping together, and sharing time in community following the liturgy!

Christian Formation

THE GOOD BOOK CLUB Presents a Summer with Paul:

The Good Book Club offers you an opportunity to read some Scripture with others across the Episcopal Church. This summer's edition of the Good Book Club engages with three of St. Paul's letters: 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, and Philippians. A copy of the Good Book Club's Daily Reading schedule from June 1-July 31 is available here: <https://bit.ly/4uBaBDC>. There will be two in-person gatherings for those interested in discussing the readings: Wednesdays, June 3 and July 15, both at 4pm in the parlor. If you are interested in a Sunday morning weekly conversation as well, email Fr. Tom at tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com and we will work out the time and place that works best for all!

Church Ministry Spotlights



ALTAR GUILD

A Rewarding Act of Faithful Service

Sunday after Sunday, through special services and all the days of planning and preparation, our dedicated Altar Guild teams open the doors of our servant hearts as we care for the sacred spaces of worship and the Eucharistic elements - God's gifts to us. In the Episcopal Church, the Altar Guild serves quietly behind the scenes to prepare the altar and sanctuary for worship, care for the vessels, linens, candles, and other sacred items, and help make ready the celebration of Holy Eucharist and other services. This careful preparation is a ministry of love and service, and we share our time, talent, and labor led by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the love and community of our Altar Guild family.

If you are seeking new ways to serve, an opportunity to share your gifts and talents, or a sweet community grounded in faith, the Altar Guild may be a place for you. There is deep joy in caring for the Lord's Table and in helping prepare the church for worship.

We would love to share this joy and service with you. Give any one of us a call, stop by the sacristy, or come and experience this ministry of service. All are welcome. For additional information or questions, please feel free to contact the Altar Guild Chair, Jo Parrott jojoparrott@yahoo.com.

MUSIC JAMS HOSTED BY THE EYC

A Reflection by Tyler Nute



Jam session ended as a huge success according to the master plan and by the only metric that matters which is that good fellowship was had by all. We had some standout moments, like the young folks marching around the church while we were "supposed to be packing up," singing Montaña loudly and happily in a parade that, I'm sorry if you missed it, but whatever, we just have to roll with it! We had some standout players, like Jayden Wright who some might say is a rock 'n roll star because he managed to sight read some really complicated fingerpicking song intros, and Jude Warren who added the occasional country fiddle to spice things up. And we had a lot of meaningful songs that we would love to share with you **July 23rd at 6pm** when we're meeting again for an informal session around the Rectory Backyard campfire before some of our youth move half the world away.



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

**JOIN US FOR
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**

**JULY 20-22
5:30-8:00 PM**

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Sign up at
<https://bit.ly/4wTpv9Xg>
Completed PreK/Age 4
through
Completed 5th Grade

**SNOWBALL
MOUNTAIN
CHALLENGE**

Cokesbury Kids

FIND YOUR STRENGTH IN GOD



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KINSTON

QUEEN STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Kinston, North Carolina

Registration is Open!
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
July 20–22 • 5:30–7:45pm
at
First Presbyterian Church
2101 N. Herritage St., Kinston, NC

We are looking forward to another amazing summertime tradition...VBS! Through a partnership between St. Mary's, First Presbyterian, Westminster United Methodist, and Queen Street United Methodist, VBS will be a 3-night event for children Pre-K through rising 5th grade. This year, First Presbyterian will serve as the hosting church. Children will learn about God's presence in our lives through singing, learning, playing, and creating in a loving, safe environment. They will enjoy the fellowship of a meal as well. Children should be registered online at the link shared in our weekly emails. Registration info for adult and teen volunteers will be shared soon!

**SAVE THE DATES
26-27 Diocesan Youth Events**

HAPPENING 85

- September (24) 25-27, 2026
- Trinity Center
- Team & Candidates | 9th-12th Graders

WINTER RETREAT

- January 15-17, 2027
- Trinity Center,
- 8th-12th Graders

FALL CONFERENCE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

- October 16-18, 2026
- Trinity Center
- Participants | 6th-8th Graders
- Team | 9th-12th Graders

HAPPENING 86

- March (4) 5-7, 2027
- Trinity Center
- Team & Candidates | 9th-12th Graders

YOUTH@CONVENTION

- Annual Diocesan Convention
- November 13-14, 2026
- Maxwell Center, Goldsboro
- 9th-12th Graders

NEW BEGINNINGS 60

- April 9-11, 2027
- Trinity Center
- Participants | 6th-8th Graders
- Team | 8th-12th Graders

REGIONAL OR DEANERY YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES | TBA

CEPT FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION, ALL YOUTH EVENTS THE DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA REQUIRE PARISHES AND 1 ADULT FOR EVERY 6 YOUNG PEOPLE.

NEED MORE INFO CONTACT: EMILY GOWDY CANADY MISSIONER FOR LIFELONG CHRISTIAN FORMATION EGOWDYCANADY@DIOCESE-EASTCAROLINA.ORG

**FALL
CONFERENCE
FOR MIDDLE
SCHOOLERS**



OCTOBER 16-18, 2026 | TRINITY CENTER

UPFRONT LEADERSHIP APPLICATIONS

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT EXPECTATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE APPLICATION.
DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JULY 15T

- Must be in 10th, 11th or 12th grade for the 2026-2027 school year
- Must have served on team for at least one Diocese of East Carolina Youth Event in the past school year (2025-2026)
- Must be able to participate in the FCMS Leadership Planning Meeting(s) via Zoom (TBD)

Questions? Contact: Emily Gowdy Canady
egowdycanady@diocese-eastcarolina.org

to *GLORY RIDGE:*
59 Days!!

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Camp Trinity Summer 2026

Camp Trinity provides a residential Christian camping experience on the banks of the Bogue Sound, and the 2026 Summer Camp dates have been announced! Brochures and information are available from their website at www.trinityctr.org.

SUNDAYS

(Staffed childcare available 10:15am-Noon)

8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel
 10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church
 (livestreamed to YouTube and shared on Facebook)

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

8:30 am - Morning Prayer in the All Saints' Chapel
 9:30 am - Contemplative Prayer (*Tues. in the Church/Thurs. in the Chapel*)

WEDNESDAYS

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

ST. MARY'S VESTRY

2026	2027	2028
Richard Crumbacker	Rob Bizzell	Judy Johnson
Corey Fader	Frances Herring	Heather Mintz
Randy Spaugh	Sarah Warner	Mark Moore
Kay Turner	Harry Wooten	Sarah Weeks
Senior Warden – Corey Fader	Clerk – Judy Johnson	
Junior Warden – Richard Crumbacker	Treasurer – Jess Edwards	