



August 2024

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

The Bell Ringer

Online at www.stmaryskinston.com

Join a conversation...

Explore faith together.

YOU'RE INVITED

Curious About Faith?

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian Faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you will join others for a meal, watch an episode on a different question of faith, then have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all.

Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free, and there's no pressure to come back....but we pray you will.

Join us at St. Mary's in Moseley Hall at 6pm each Wednesday beginning September 11th, 2024.

Childcare is available, and there will be special Alpha offerings for the youth.

STAY CURIOUS

TryAlpha



From the Rector

HOMECOMING SUNDAY

September 8, 2024

Dear Friends,

What a summer it has been so far! Amidst life-giving worship; joyful fellowship; creative planning for the upcoming program year; and outreach through Mary's Kitchen, a mission trip to Virginia Beach, and more; we have also taken the exciting initial steps of our RISE with JOY projects!

Now, in just a few short weeks, many of us will be shifting our rhythms of life from what was possible during the summer time to make way for school and work in a new year. This is a very important time. In the coming days, you will be sorting out many various activities that are vying for your time, attention, and energy, and I pray that we will all see this new season to be the incredible gift that it is to enrich our spiritual lives and community of faith.

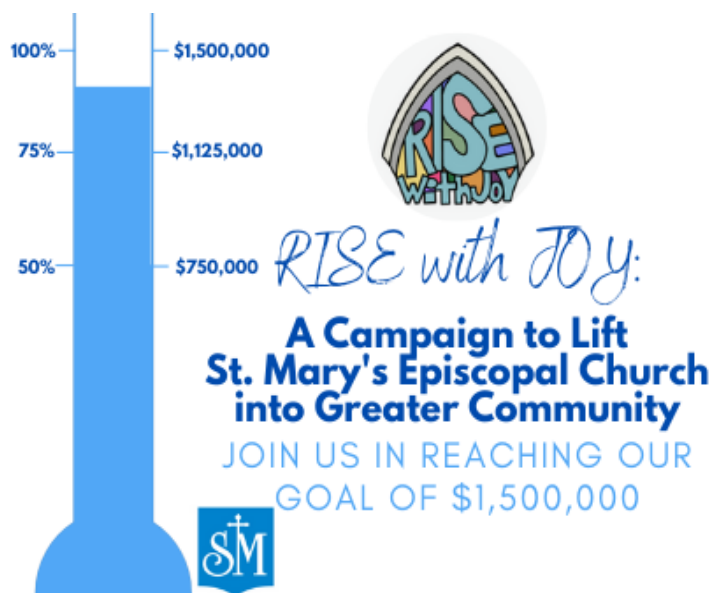
This BellRinger offers many such opportunities for you to consider. Some will be familiar to you, others will be new offerings and you'll have questions! Some may be ministries that you've engaged in personally, or witnessed from a distance, or felt the blessings of more directly. The St. Mary's Church family is called to be a community that helps folks in this sort of discernment and offers friendship to accompany us in living out the life of faith. This gives us great JOY!

I am holding you, dear friend, in my prayers as this new season approaches. Please make plans to celebrate the beginning of this season with a special Homecoming Sunday at which time we will observe the Feast of St. Mary followed by a pot-luck luncheon on Sunday, September 8! And please reach out to me or any of the ministry leaders noted with any questions you may have.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Tom +

RISE with JOY Capital Campaign



Good things are on the way with our RISE with JOY Capital Campaign projects! Demolition of the bathrooms near Moseley Hall is underway, their renovation will begin soon, and the new corridor that will connect the Church, Office, and Moseley Hall without stairs is being constructed. This is very exciting news and we ask for your prayers and patience through the process. Until renovations are complete, for your safety, do not attempt to travel through construction barriers!

Thanks to all who have given & pledged to the capital campaign, we are at 93% of our fundraising goal and are able to take these initial steps during the summer. We'd love the participation of everyone who has ever called St. Mary's "home"

and no donation is too small! Visit the RISE with JOY page of our www.stmaryskinston.com website to learn more about the projects and send an online pledge, or pick up hard copies at the church. Above all, please hold these projects in your prayers.

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Jesus First,

Others Second,

Yourself Last"

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Communications Director	Mrs. Sherry Tanner
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News at St. Mary's



From the Parish Register



Transfers In:

Miriam & Kemper Jones

Laura Fern, Carolina, & Lucy Jones

June 19, 2024 from Christ Church (Virginia)

Jason Slavin

July 2, 2024 from Hickory Grove Baptist Church (Charlotte, NC)

Anna and Brandon Burleson

July 3, 2024 from Christ Church (New Bern, NC)

Transfers Out:

Mary French

July 8, 2024 to St. Stephen's (Goldsboro, NC)

Laura Johnson

July 8, 2024 to St. Stephen's (Goldsboro, NC)

Burials:

Laura Smelcer

June 7, 2024



We pray for the repose of the soul of Honey Fuller, mother of Frances Herring and Liz Mabery. Honey died on July 5th at her home surrounded by her family. Please hold Frances, Mark, Jane, and Jack; Liz, Randy, Mason, Kelsey, and Ryan; and Honey's husband, Lyndon in your prayers. We also offer our prayers for the repose of the soul of Carl Barefoot, father of our own Kelli Stroud. Carl died on

Tuesday, July 16th after a season of declining health. Please also hold Kelli, Stuart, and Mary Stuart Stroud, along with all who love and miss Carl, in your prayers.

Let us pray:

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servants Honey and Carl. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Receive them into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.



Tutoring Opportunities

Tutoring is returning this fall at Northwest School. Beginning in 1999, members of the community as well as St. Mary's volunteered an hour each week to tutor students at Northwest School. The program lasted until March of 2020 when COVID forced the school to close. The program will be reinstated this fall. This is a rewarding experience for both student and teacher. If you are interested in participating, please contact Becky Darst at 252-521-9800.

News at St. Mary's



Throughout the month of August, we will be collecting school supply items to benefit our Hand-In-Hand partnership with Northwest Elementary School. Our supply list includes: *backpacks, black and white composition books, WIDE-rule loose leaf paper packs, 1-subject spiral notebooks, wooden No. 2 pencils, 16 or 24 count Crayola crayons (regular and large sizes), glue sticks, folders with pockets, blunt-tipped student scissors.* Drop off your donated items in the Vestry Room during weekday business hours.

THEN, make plans to join us on **Sunday, August 18th at the 10:30am liturgy** for a special time of prayer to mark the beginning of the new school year. Students of ALL ages, lifelong learners, and educators are invited to bring their bag of choice for a special Blessing of the Backpacks and the donated Back-to-School supplies.



Lastly, if you are interested in providing food for, or assisting with, the annual Northwest Elementary School Back-to-School Teachers' Luncheon, please email Laury Sargeant (laurelsargeant@gmail.com) by **August 5th**.

SHACKLEFORD BANKS
CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE

St. Mary's Trip to Shackleford Banks

St. Mary's will enjoy a parish family outing to Shackleford Banks on **August 17th**, and **ALL** are welcome to join in the adventure! This will be a day of fun and fellowship with church members of all ages! Please mark your calendars and be on the lookout for more details to come in future emails.



Lemonade on the Lawn Continues Through September 1st

Thank you to all who participated in our annual summertime Lemonade on the Lawn! As we wind down summer, enjoy this relaxing, refreshing time together on the breezeway **each Sunday morning immediately following the 10:30am liturgy**. For hosts, the following items will be provided for you: 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 or in the closet under the balcony stairs*), and ice (*in the kitchen*). Individuals or families are encouraged to join together to host the refreshments - lemonade and something light to eat such as donuts, cookies, or muffins. 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.



St. Mary's Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Tuesday, August 20th, 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 the gift of life with Red Cross.

News at St. Mary's (cont'd)



SPAGHETTI SUPPER FUNDRAISING EVENT
 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 AT 6PM
 St. Mary's Church ~ 800 Rountree St. ~ Kinston, NC

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT!

ANY Donation Accepted
 Cash, Check, or Venmo
 (scan the QR Code)



Thank you for your support!

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT FOR JUDE TANNER: EMERGENCY BLEEDING CESSATION KITS



WE HAVE MOVED!

Linda & Clifton Carey
 4030 Cardinal North Hills Street
 Apt 228
 Raleigh, NC 27609



ECW

**AUGUST 18
 AT 6PM
 IN MOSELEY HALL**

ECW MOVIE NIGHT: "YOUNG WOMAN AND THE SEA"

- In honor of the Olympics and strong women
- View the trailer here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_x1wLOe3C7o
- All are welcome!
- Please note: some scenes may be too intense for young children.
- Popcorn, snacks, and beverages will be served

GAME TIME IS A GOOD TIME!

- Join the fun for an afternoon of fellowship and games with the ECW friends you know and those who are new to St. Mary's!
- Many board games from which to choose!
- Many thanks to Becky Darst and Ginny Wade for their love of games! .
- Light refreshments will be served.

**SEPTEMBER 15
 AT 3PM
 IN MOSELEY HALL**

**OCTOBER 5
 AT 8:30AM-NOON
 MARY'S KITCHEN**

SERVING AT MARY'S KITCHEN WITH LOVE

- Join your fellow ECW friends for a morning of service and serving a warm meal with love at Mary's Kitchen.

HOLY NIGHT NATIVITY OYSTER SHELL ACTIVITY

- Join us for a time of fun, fellowship, and craftiness to create a Nativity that you can cherish during Advent, Christmas, and throughout the year.
- Sign up information will be sent out at a later date.

**NOVEMBER 17
 AT 3PM
 MOSELEY HALL**

News at St. Mary's (cont'd)



The Glenn & Nelda Potter Fund

Glenn & Nelda Potter were very active, beloved members of St. Mary's for decades. Their lives and ministries blessed this community in countless ways. After their deaths, they chose to offer yet another gift as they remembered St. Mary's Church in their wills with a no-strings-attached financial gift.

The Vestry has chosen to use their gift to establish the Glenn & Nelda Potter Fund. A small percentage of the fund will be made available each year, protecting the fund's principal. While the Vestry will have full discretion to use the income of the fund for the purposes deemed most appropriate at the time, the following will be the fund's usual uses: (i) any needs relating to the Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival, (ii) the music ministries of St. Mary's

Church, especially music for Sunday morning liturgies, and (iii) the maintenance of the organ of St. Mary's Church. Any net income not expended for the forgoing purposes during a given year may, at the discretion of the Vestry, be added to the principal of the St. Mary's Endowment Fund or held in a separate fund for future expenditure for the foregoing purposes.

Please join us in giving thanks to God for the many ways through which God has blessed this community through Glenn and Nelda Potter.

Worship

One LORD,
One Faith,
One BAPTISM.



SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2024
Join us we welcome the newest
member to the household of God!

EPHESIANS SERMON SERIES
through the end of August

YOU ARE GOD'S
masterpiece

EPHESIANS 2:10



St. Mary's Nursery School Updates

SMNS will kick off its 50th year the week after Labor Day! We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the students, families, teachers, and director. We pray for a wonderful, safe, joy-filled year of learning and growing.

At the same time, we have recently formed a ministry partnership between the parish and the preschool to intentionally show the love of Christ to our neighbors and to support and minister to those who teach and care for young children. This ministry plans to be active participants in the St. Mary's Nursery School Open House nights as well as holiday programs. We want to encourage these families to join us for worship, Wednesday evenings, and the St. Mary's Block Party. We are discussing ways to join our resources together to host a combined Trunk-or-Treat....and so much more!

Contact Sherry Tanner (stanner@stmaryskinston.com) if you would like to join an enthusiastic group of volunteers who want to foster the love between the two communities who both call St. Mary's "home."

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

Saturday
August 3rd
9am



ALL Middle & High Schoolers are invited to enjoy "Member Hours" at the Kinston Community Center's Water Park at 9am followed by lunch together!

EYC DAY AT THE WATER PARK!

CONTACT FR. TOM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED! tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

(Matthew 19:14)

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24TH
4:00 PM
HOME OF
BARBARA & RICHARD CRUMBACKER



YOUTH MINISTRY

JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING NEW SEASON OF CHILDREN, FAMILY, & YOUTH MINISTRIES!



Thank you for being a part of the conversation & support about the Youth & Children Ministries of St. Mary's for the 2024-2025 Program Year! Please be sure to fill out the Children & Youth Ministry Leader Interest Form located in the narthex of the church and indicate your area(s) of interest in this ministry. You may also send an email to tomwarren@stmaryskinston.com indicating your areas of interest.

EYC COFFEE

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY AT 4PM

MIDDLE GROUNDS COFFEE HOUSE

FELLOWSHIP FAITH COMMUNITY

Mark your calendars!

ALL are invited!

Children, Youth, & Family Fall Ministry Planning!

Sunday, August 25th at 9am
Sunday, November 10th at 5pm

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS
St. Mary's Annual Block Party
Sunday, September 29, 2024
All Church Event!!!

Join your St. Mary's family as we extend a warm welcome to our surrounding community! Invite your friends for an event full of food, hospitality, games, music, and fellowship as we grow relationships with one another.

SUNDAYS

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 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