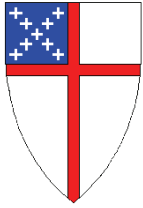


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The Monthly Newsletter of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SHEDULE

Sunday

8:00 Holy Eucharist – Rite I

9:30 Sunday School

10:30 Holy Eucharist – Rite II

11:30 Fellowship Time

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Sherlyn Rhule, **Treasurer**

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Chris Auger

Bonnie Bachtell

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Miriam Lunde

Gilbert Monck

Richard Rose

Elleanor Stach

Lucille Tabor

Sara Yost

DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT

We are partners in Christ with the love of God on
our lips and in our lives.

ST. MARY'S MISSION STATEMENT

Striving to be a spring of living water to God's
family, welcoming friends and strangers alike.

From The Rector



I hope you've noticed the white-boards that have been placed around the church and parish hall. They contain a question that is very much on our minds as a parish: "What would St. Mary's look like if...?" The question is meant to help us envision who we want to be as a parish as we look toward implementing our Long-Range Plan.

Isn't that the question that Jesus invites us to reflect on in a larger context? He called it "The Kingdom of Heaven" and asked his disciples to imagine a whole new Creation: "What would the world look like if...?"

What would the world look like if everyone loved God and loved their neighbors as themselves? What would the world look like if Hope were to replace Despair; Peace were to replace Violence; Dignity were to replace Oppression? Jesus likened this kingdom to many things—seeds being planted, lost things being found, yeast leavening dough.

During our Long Range Planning process, we

have looked at some very practical things, especially our short- and long-term financial picture. We've looked at our common life and imagined what the future might look like in terms of numbers. These are wonderful and very helpful things that we have done well.

We have also realized that nothing we plan or envision will mean anything unless we also focus on building up our spiritual and worship life. In other words, our vision must in some way connect with God's vision for a New Kingdom.

At General Convention, what I heard loud and clear is that we must start doing things very differently. That doesn't necessarily mean giving up what we love about our tradition—in fact, far from it. But it does mean that we've got to get back to basics. Any mission, outreach or other growth-oriented activity will not succeed unless we are willing to bring ourselves before the Living God and listen to His call to us.

That means prayer—communication with God. That means telling God

openly and honestly about our hopes, our fears, our plans as well as spending some quality time listening for Him to tell us of His. It means focusing not on building up our parish, but on building up the Kingdom of God.

We all have a part to play in this. We are all called to mission and ministry no matter who we are. Some of the most eloquent voices I heard at General Convention were those of our young people pleading with us to honor their presence and to use them for the sake of the Gospel. That gives me great hope!

It's been an incredibly busy summer so far for all of us. My hope is that we will use the "dog days" of August to offer all of our wonderful plans and ideas and energy to God. My hope is that God will let us see glimpses of his Kingdom that will remind us exactly what we are working towards. Please especially keep the people of St. Mary's, all who support us, and our long range planning process in your daily prayers.

Mother Linda †

August Worship Duties

CELEBRANT		ACOLYTES		FELLOWSHIP	
2	Mother Linda	2	Mike Warner, Casey Warner	2	Bonnie Bachtell
9	Mother Linda	9	Brett Reichard, Tom Mentzer	9	Ellie and Sam Stach
16	Mother Linda	16	Jenny George, Mya Graves	16	*
23	Mother Linda	23	Mike Warner, Casey Warner	23	*
30	Mother Linda	30	Brett Reichard, Tom Mentzer	30	*

* Please sign up in the parish hall to host fellowship time!

CHALICISTS			GREETERS		
8:00 Service		10:30 Service			
2	Steve Marvich	2	Jenny Poniske, Ellie Stach	2	Bill and Debbie Pflager
9	John Poniske	9	Debbie Pflager, Del Robinson	9	Peg Warner, Casey Warner
16	Bob Dee	16	Chris Auger, Ron Freitag	16	Bob and Terri Dee
23	Mariam Lude	23	Bill Pflager, Dave Thompson	23	John and Linda Sanders
30	Steve Marvich	30	Deb Donoghue, Gil Monck	30	Judy Zafft, Bonnie Bachtell

Alter Guild for August: Rebecca Harris

Upcoming and Ongoing Events

Ministry Fair

Save the date! On Sunday, September 13, 9:00 am, we will hold the first St. Mary's Ministry Fair in conjunction with Homecoming Sunday. We will have a potluck breakfast and have a chance to learn more about all the wonderful ministries that are happening at St. Mary's. Representatives from each ministry and committee will be available to answer questions and to encourage everyone to get involved. We will follow this up by scheduling training/review sessions for acolytes, chalicists, etc. A workshop for choir members is also in the works.

We are all called by God to ministry and empower-

ing each other for our respective ministries is one of the special things the church is called to do. Please plan on attending this kickoff event and learning more. Sunday school and choir will begin again on this day, as well.

Spirituality/Worship

Each Wednesday night at St. Mary's a very dedicated group gathers for prayer using the Prayer Book service of Compline. This service comes to us from the monastic tradition in which it was the last prayer service before bedtime. It is a beautiful and meditative way of ending one's day. Please join us at 7:30 each Wednesday evening.

Plans are underway for more once-a-month bread and soup (or salad) suppers. We had a great time celebrating Mary Magdalene on her feast day. Watch for more information on our plans for August and beyond.



Summer Music Series

Our wonderful summer music series will continue in August and into the fall! Below are the currently scheduled guest artists. There will be more in September and October, even after we welcome back our choir. Please spread the word and come support this awesome ministry.

- 8/2 Mike Hoover, clarinet, & Susie Thierry, flute (duets)
- 8/9 Joann Luckenbaugh & Ginni Hasener, soprano/alto duets
- 8/16 Tom Jolin, folk instruments
- 8/23 Ed Stanley, oboe
- 8/30 Steve Swartzbaugh, baritone
- 9/6 Sally Lay, harp

Bits and Pieces. . .

Long Range Planning Update

The three long-range planning subcommittees have been busy all summer brainstorming lots of ideas. These ideas were recently brought together before the whole long-range planning committee. During August, the committee will prioritize and prepare specific recommendations to bring before the vestry in September. The vestry will review these recommendations with the

idea of beginning to implement them in the fall.

KUDOS

A huge thank-you to everyone who worked so very hard helping with the food booth at the July 4th Waynesboro Jubilee. We had a most successful day, not only in fundraising, but in visibility and fellowship.

Monthly Food Collection

The July food collection was pretty good considering

it is summer and money is tight! The families that use the Waynesboro Area Human Services Council really appreciate this outreach of ours.

The food requests for August are canned fruits, jelly, Saltine crackers Instant Mashed Potatoes and the ever popular Mac and Cheese. Even in these trying times the people of St Mary's can make a difference for our neighbors.

Bring your donations to church on Sunday, August 2nd and 8th.



Game Night

The next Game Night is Friday, August 21, 6:30 - 10:00 pm in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome. Please bring your friends!

Secretarial/Administrative Duties

With the death of Donna Wolfe, St. Mary's no longer has a parish secretary. Given our current financial situation, it seems prudent to try going without one for the foreseeable future. We have put out a call for volunteer assistance and have gotten help from Terri Dee and Miriam Lunde. We're putting this out again in case anyone might be interested in helping with one or two of the items listed. Most of them are not real big in and of themselves, but do need regular and careful attention. Thanks so very much!

Weekly

Type Bulletins, inc. inserts if necessary
Run off Bulletins – Terri Dee
Fold/Collate Bulletins – Terri Dee
Type and Print Prayers of the People

Monthly

Prepare copy for Newsletter
Receive copy from Trans/Cal
Put all copy in two attachments and e-mail to Alice
Receive copy from Alice
e-mail copy to Jenny for e-mail formatting
receive copy from Jenny
e-mail newsletters to e-mail list
make hard copies of newsletter – Terri Dee
run off mailing labels
fold and prepare hard copies – Terri Dee
mail hard copies or put upstairs – Terri Dee
make sure leftover hard copies are mailed out

Occasional

Prepare special mailings as needed
Make sure OSHA compliance materials are posted
Prepare copy for advertising, communicate with news media
Prepare Acolyte/Chalichist schedules, post and mail

Yearly

Prepare parochial report
Order calendars
Prepare and mail out any stewardship letters
Solicit annual reports, type and copy for annual meeting

Ongoing

Keep mailing list/labels up to date – Terri Dee is helping with this
Keep stewardship labels current
Prepare new stewardship labels as needed
Mail out quarterly statements
Order office supplies, incl. copier toner
Membership records current
Maintain list of crucial phone numbers
Order books and other necessary things from Church Publishing, as needed
Keep files current and in order – Miriam Lunde is helping with this
Keep track of deadlines/due dates, critical dates for projects as needed

Keep office/copier area clean and organized
Put mail in mail boxes or throw out
Return phone calls and e-mails
Keep e-mail contact list current
Maintain web site
Communicate with Diocese i.e. forms and paperwork from them
Communicate with copier people i.e. toner, maintenance, copy count
Receive bulletin inserts, Forward pamphlets, keep standing orders current
Communicate with Superpa re: computer, internet access, etc.
Keep bulletin boards current and tidy—post all materials as they arrive

August Birthdays

1	Harold Bishop
1	Matthew Rhule
2	Margaret Warner
4	Blanche Bishop
4	William George
4	Bobby Varner
6	Catherine Mentzer
7	Mary Besecker
11	Michael Rhule
15	Elizabeth George
16	Alyssa Heath
16	Barbara Singer
16	Helen Thiers
17	Erika Schubel
21	Stanley Besecker
21	Gail Gilford
22	Jennifer Flohr
29	William Lawbaugh
31	Ritchie Warner II

August Anniversaries

3	Sara and Neil Yost
4	Deborah and William Pflager
6	Susan and Thomas Murphy
12	Jenny and John Poniske
28	Marie and Sidney Jarvis
29	Elizabeth and William George
30	Tami and Timothy Flohr
31	Teresa and Jerry Reichard



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