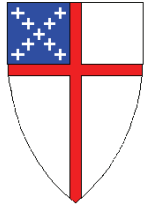


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The Monthly Newsletter of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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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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



As I was gathering material for this newsletter, I was once again amazed at the wide variety of things that St. Mary's offers. There are much larger parishes I know of that don't offer half of what we do.

The spirit is truly with us, and as I begin my fourth year as your Rector, I continue to be nourished and inspired by that. I hope you are, too. And I hope that you feel, as I do, that St. Mary's is a spiritual home that enables you to grow spiritually and to use the gifts God has given you for the greater good.

That's really what it's all about, isn't it? God has blessed each and every one of us with unique and wonderful gifts. God calls

us to use these gifts in His service and in the service of others. A Christian community is about joining our gifts together as we pray, worship, and walk with each other.

Our upcoming ministry fair will give each one of you an important opportunity to find out how St. Mary's might honor and nurture your gifts. Perhaps there is something you have wanted to do and weren't sure how. There will be resources provided at the ministry fair. People from all of our ministries will be on hand to answer your questions and invite you to participate in those things that you are drawn to. I urge each and every one of you to be part of this wonderful event.

Keep in mind that the

absolute most important ministry that any of us has is to worship God in God's church each Sunday. This focused time is an opportunity to come together and to bask in God's presence before getting on with the business of the week. Even the youngest children benefit from this and the habit of going to church will stay with them deep down inside through the rest of their lives, no matter what decisions regarding church they ultimately make.

So, come, enjoy! Read this newsletter carefully and find out about all the wonderful things that are going on in your church.

Mother Linda †

EWC

The Women of St. Mary's will hold their fall breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 19, 9:30 am, at the Parlor House. There are many things to discuss, especially the upcoming

Rummage Sale and the Election Day Lasagna Dinner

Lot of help will be needed setting up and cleaning up for the Homecoming Sunday breakfast and the Stewardship Dinner. Set

up for the Homecoming Breakfast will take place on Friday, September 11, 2:30 pm. Set up for the Stewardship Dinner will take place Thursday, October 8, at 2:30 pm. We will also need clean up crews to help after each

September Worship Duties

CELEBRANT	ACOLYTES	FELLOWSHIP
6 Mother Linda	6 Jenny George, Mya Graves	6 The Pflagers
13 Mother Linda	13 Mike Warner, Casey Warner	13 Homecoming Breakfast
20 Mother Linda	20 Brett Reichard, Tom Mentzer	20 - - - -
27 Mother Linda	27 Jenny George, Mya Graves	27 Bonnie Bachtell

CHALICISTS		
8:00 Service	10:30 Service	GREETERS
6 John Poniske	6 Karen Freitag, Ellie Stach	6 Phil and Janis Krauss
13 Bob Dee	13 Jenny Poniske, Del Robinson	13 Gil and Joy Monck
20 Mariam Lude	20 Debbie Pflager, Ron Freitag	20 Gerry and Teresa Reichard
27 Steve Marvich	27 Chris Auger, Gil Monck	27 Bob and Terri Dee

Alter Guild for September: Alice Holtzinger

Upcoming and Ongoing Events

Parish Breakfast and Ministry Fair

"Opening Day", "Kick-off Sunday", "New Year's", "Fresh Start!"—whatever you want to call it, we all know that the first Sunday after Labor Day is the *real* start of our parish year! Please join us for breakfast at 9:00, Sunday, September 13. There will be presentations on new programs, lay ministries, all focused on our life together as a parish family. We will distribute "talent sheets" for you to reflect on over the next several weeks. Our 8:00 worshipers are especially invited. Signup sheets for breakfast casseroles, fruit salads and wonderful baked goods are posted in the Parish Hall, but come even if you bring nothing but yourselves!

Christian Education at St. Mary's

Sunday, September 13, marks the return of our Sunday school program.

Once again, we will use the "Godly Play" curriculum for the younger children. The schedule of topics (subject to change) follows. All parents are encouraged to bring their kids and get involved in this wonderful program of learning about God and God's ways. Please contact Mel Graves for more information.

For our older kids, we will begin a wonderful study of the book "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens". This is an engaging and very helpful study that should engage all teens. Contact John Poniske for more information.

As always, our adult forum provides a lively place to share questions and ideas. A variety of books have been studied in the past. At the moment, we are using the Sunday lectionary for our

reflection. All are warmly welcome.

Prayer Circle and Prayer Chain

St Paul tells us to "Pray without ceasing!"

Look for the display in the Parish Hall about Prayer Circle, an informal group of parishioners who choose to pray daily for their own needs and those of others. You can register and receive instructions on how to pray the Daily Office. Petitions can be submitted for the parish prayer list by dropping them in the wooden box at the rear of the Church or placing them in the container on the display table. Prayer books, copies of the "Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families" from the Book of Common Prayer, and Forward Day by Day will be available. There is even a

website where you can pray the Daily Office with a virtual community! You may also sign up for a prayer telephone chain that will alert members of the chain when prayer is needed for those in crisis.



Music Program

As always, St. Mary's summer music program has been a great success. The guest artists we have welcomed have truly blessed us with their variety of talent. Still ahead for fall: Sally Lay, Harpist, will be at St. Mary's on September 6 and Bill Gable, bagpiper, will be making a visit on September 27.

St. Mary's Choir will resume on Sunday, September 13. This is open to all. Rehearsals are normally on

Saint Mary's Needs . . . YOU !

Wanted! Librarians!!

Do you enjoy working with books? Would you like to help create and maintain a lending library for St. Mary's? We have books, library supplies, and book cases—all we need are a few willing volunteers. Please call Karen Freitag at 765-6912 or speak with Mother Linda if you wish to donate religious books or join the Library.

Parish Friends

Are you able to cook a simple meal? Can you offer transportation, visit the sick, the shut in or those who are alone? Many of our own parishioners are in need. We are compiling a list of parishioners willing to "help out". Please review the signup sheet in the Parish Hall and speak with Mother Linda about this new ministry.

New Garments Always

The annual collection of new items for New Garments Always will be held October 6, 2009, at Trinity United Church of Christ, Waynesboro. Donations of new clothing, household items and toiletries are being collected now through October 4, 2009, at St. Mary's by Shirley Rook for the ingathering. If more information is needed about the donations, please see Shirley or call her at 762-2297.

KUDOS!

A big thanks to the wonderful crew who turned out on a Saturday morning to rearrange our undercroft. The results are awesome and we now have a very functional and holy space for our growing number of activities.

Save the Dates. . .

Visit from the Presiding Bishop

The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori will visit the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania the weekend of Sept. 11-13. She will be present at a special event in Lancaster on Friday and will celebrate the Holy Eucharist in Williamsport on Sunday.

On Saturday, we are all encouraged to meet her at a celebratory Eucharist at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill. The service begins at 11:00 am, September 12. Afterwards we are all invited to bring a tailgate lunch and participate in a special parish ministry fair. Each parish will have a space in which to display photos, brochures and other items that tell what they are doing. The Presiding Bishop looks forward to seeing all the many things that happen in the parishes of this

diocese.

If you would like to go, please sign the sheet in the parish hall. Rides will be available for anyone who them.



Looking Ahead

We will start October with a bang at St. Mary's, so please save these important dates!

St. Mary's Fall Rummage Sale will take place Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3. You may start bringing items in after church on Sunday, September 27 and throughout the week. Remember that on October 3, we will offer "fill a bag for \$1", which is a very important outreach to our community.

Also on Saturday, October 3, St. Mary's food booth will be running at the Waynesboro Fall Festival. This is always a great time and a wonderful way of making our presence

known in the community. Please check out the sign up sheet in the parish hall as well as the "wish list" for items that can be donated.

On Sunday, October 4, the 10:30 am service will take place at Renfrew Park where we will once again celebrate St. Francis Day with a festive Blessing of the Pets. Please bring friends, family and pets. All are welcome!



Wednesday Night Programs

St. Mary's will continue Wednesday night soup suppers through the year with a potluck dinner at 6:00, followed by discussion and Compline at 7:30. Scheduled programs for fall:

September 16: The Book of Common Prayer

October 14: St. Benedict and the Middle Way

November 18: Keeping a Holy Advent

December 16: Silent Night, Holy Night. St Mary's first silent retreat.

Join us for Compline every Wednesday night at 7:30.

Morning Prayer will be offered at 9:30 every Thursday morning.



Game Night

Don't miss the fun for all ages! Our next game night is Friday, September 18, 6:30-10:00 p.m. Bring family and friends for food, fellowship, and fun.

Bits and Pieces. . .

Stewardship

This year, we will begin implementing our Long Range Plan, which includes increasing attendance and pledge income while lessening our dependence on our endowment. This means that our fall Stewardship Campaign is more important than ever and the Stewardship Committee has placed several fun fellowship activities on the calendar. These include the

Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday morning, September 13, 2009; and the all important Stewardship dinner on October 8, 2009 at 6:00 PM. This year's theme is "Building a Legacy."

If you have questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee:

- Mother Linda Judy Zafft
- Sara Yost Bill Pflager
- Dick Rose Gil Monck
- Neil Yost
- Joyce Thompson
- Jenny Poniske

Monthly Food Collection

The August food collection was down from expectations but it is summer and money is tight! The families that use the Waynesboro Area Human Services Council really appreciate any donations that we give.

If you have a vegetable garden that is giving you more veggies than you can handle then drop fresh surplus veggies off at the Human Services, 24 East Main Street anytime during business hours.

The food requests for September include Creamy Peanut Butter, Jellies, Dry Pastas (Spaghetti, Macaroni), Pancake mix and Syrup, Boxed Instant Mashed Potatoes and Canned Mixed Vegetables. 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, September 6th OR to the Breakfast and Ministry Fair on Sunday September 13th at 9:00am.

Saint Mary's Food Booth

Three years ago St. Mary's Food Booth was a youth group project designed and built to earn money to donate for worthy projects. Since then we have used it in six events that have earned nearly \$2000 – each event earning more than the last. Last July we earned over \$700. The recipient of these funds has been St. Mary's itself, and to a lesser extent one of our youth, Quentin Perry. Our

Food Booth has been instrumental on providing a tangible symbol for St. Mary's in our community. It offers a service--the service of food and drink and more. It offers literature on our church and an example of our generous spirit. More importantly, it provides us an opportunity to attract others to us. Please, as you read the following request, consider how you can support your St. Mary's Food

Food Booth Volunteers Needed Saturday, October 3, 2009

- WaynesboroFest and Market Days will feature St. Mary's Food Booth. We need your help to fill the following shifts. What works for you?

Food Booth Wish List

Our food booth could use the following items. If you could see your way to donate one or more of these items, feel free to help us out. Understand that all profits from our food booth will go to the St. Mary's General Fund in an effort to help St. Mary's become increasingly more self-sufficient.


Drop off all donated items in the kitchen. Refrigerated items are indicated. If you have further questions, contact: **John Poniske 717-372-4299 or Bonnie Bachtel 717-762-3342**

3 packages 20 oz styrofoam cups (total approx. 100)
3 packages 8.5 oz styrofoam cups (total approx. 100)
250 heavy sectional Styrofoam plates
250 6" Styrofoam plates
200 cardboard hotdog boats
200 trifold napkins
1 box of utensil packs (500 ct. napkin, knife, fork, salt n' pepper.)
2 Large cans of baked beans(#10 Cans)
1 can of sloppy joe mix (#10 Cans)
3 boxes individual chips(50 ct.- 2 boxes variety, 1 box plain.)
10 lbs ground turkey
10 lbs ground chuck

Shift #1	Set-up	Need 3	8-9 am	meet at church
Shift #2	Booth Worker	Need 2	9-11 am	meet at booth
Shift #3	Booth Worker	Need 2-3	11 am-1 pm	meet at booth
Shift #4	Booth Worker	Need 2	1-3 pm	meet at booth
Shift #5	Booth Worker	Need 2	5 pm	meet at booth
Shift #6	Tear-down	Need 3	5-6 pm	meet at booth

SAINT MARY'S FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

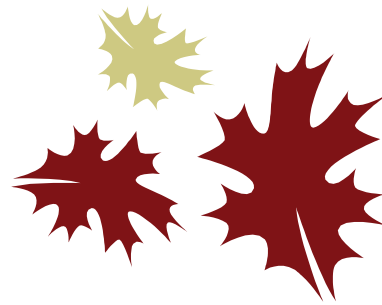
<p>13</p> <p>Kick-Off Breakfast</p> <p>Teens: Introduction to 7 Habits book</p> <p>Elementary: Holy Cross Activity</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Teens: 7 Habits Book</p> <p>Elementary: The Exile and Return</p> <p>* Trip to visit hospital after church - back up date – Oct. 7th - 6:15pm</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 1</p> <p>All Saints Day</p> <p>All Youth</p> <p>Saints Decoupage</p>	<p>6</p> <p>All youth: Advent Two</p> <p>Practice Epiphany Play</p> <p>(tentatively scheduled for January 3)</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Teens: 7 Habits Book</p> <p>Elementary: Creation</p>	<p>OCTOBER 11</p> <p>All youth – PREP for Children's Saabath</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 8</p> <p>Teens: 7 Habits</p> <p>Elementary: The Sower</p>	<p>13</p> <p>All Youth: Advent Three</p> <p>Practice Epiphany Play</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Teens: 7 Habits Book</p> <p>Elementary: The Exodus</p>	<p>OCTOBER 18</p> <p>ALL Youth</p> <p>Children's Sabbath</p> <p>Celebrate World Food Day</p> <p>Prep for Children's Service - 10:30</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 22</p> <p>Teens: 7 Habits Book</p> <p>Elementary: The Circle of the Church Year</p>	<p>20</p> <p>All Youth: Advent Four</p> <p>Practice Epiphany Play</p>
	<p>OCTOBER 25</p> <p>Teens: 7 Habits</p> <p>Elementary: The Mustard Seed</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 29</p> <p>All Youth</p> <p>Advent One</p> <p>Practice Epiphany Play</p>	<p>27</p> <p>All youth</p> <p>Practice Epiphany Play</p> <p>(tentatively scheduled for January 3)</p>

September Birthdays

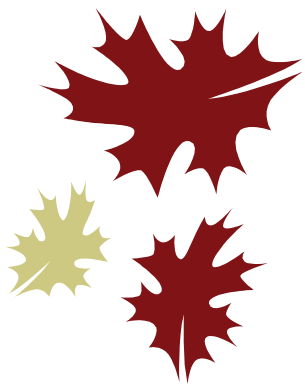
- 2 Rob Gilford
- 3 John Sanders
- 5 Kingsley Gernon
- 5 Frances Knott
- 5 Stephen Singer
- 6 Shawn Marvich
- 12 Austin Auger
- 14 Elizabeth Daugherty
- 22 Lehman Guyton
- 22 Albert Jinks
- 28 Deborah Pflager
- 30 Samantha Aston

September Anniversaries

- 3 Mother Linda and Ken Watkins
- 27 Jennifer and Ritchie Warner
- 19 Pat and Sharon Hughes



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September