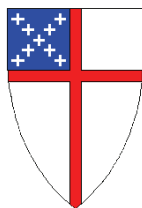


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The Monthly Newsletter of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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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VESTRY 2008/2009

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The Rev. Linda King Watkins, **Rector**

Ed Bittinger, **Senior Warden**

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Sherlyn Rhule, **Treasurer**

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Chris Auger

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Phil Krauss

Miriam Lunde

Gilbert Monck

Richard Rose

Elleanor Stach

Lucille Tabor

Sara Yost

DIOCESAN MISSION STATEMENT

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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



New life is all around us! We can't help noticing the blooms and the green shoots that are gracing our world right now. I was especially aware of this as Ken and I spent a recent warm day clearing out flower beds. As I cleared away the dead brush left over from last year's flowers, there was ample evidence of fresh sprouts just waiting to grow. We turned our compost heap, rejoicing that former plants were now ready to help nourish the ones we will soon plant.

There is such a thing as a circle of life. Jesus taught that unless a seed fell to earth and died, there would be no new grain. The Book of Ecclesi-

asticus says, "To every thing there is a season—a time to be born, a time to die, a time to mourn a time to laugh..." Our human life is a series of circles, loss and gain, birth and death. Every person and every thing has its season.

Our Christian life is the same way. There are times in our life when God seems very close and we are able to bear much fruit. There are times when we have a clear sense in growing in the faith, and then times where our doubts and questions come to the forefront. This is a natural and normal experience.

The message of Easter is that God is the Lord of all our life—not just the good parts. God is present in suffering and loss, in doubts and questions. God

works in and through the various deaths that we all experience and brings them, in His time, to new life. We go through many cycles of re-birth and renewal in our mortal life.

Part of the job of a Christian community is to support its members during all of the times of their lives. We are called to celebrate with those who are celebrating and mourn with those who mourn. As Episcopalians, we have a wonderful tradition of marking all moments of one's journey through the gift of liturgy.

This gift reminds us in outward and visible ways that during the changing seasons of our lives, nothing can, as St. Paul put it, "separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus."

Monthly Food Collection

Again we offer YOU a BIG thank you for the **10 plastic bags** of food you gave for the April collection. The 45 families that use the Wayneboro Area Human



Services Council really appreciate this outreach of ours.

The food requests for May are Pancake syrup, Peanut Butter, Jelly, dry Pastas, Instant Puddings, Crackers in sleeves and canned fruits. Even during the busy Easter Season and in these tight money

Baptisms

Congratulations to Violette Clara Beverly Conklin, daughter of Sheana Marvich and Eric Conklin, who was baptized on Easter. Violette is the granddaughter of Shae and Steve Marvich.

Congratulations to Leah Treat Yost and William Frederick Yost, who will be baptized on May 10. The twins are the children of Sara and Neil Yost and grandchildren of Debbie and Bill Pflager.

May Worship Duties

Chalichists

8:00	10:30	Celebrants for May
3 – Bob Dee	3 – Karen Freitag, Gil Monck	3 - Mother Linda
10 – Steve Marvich	10 – Jenny Poniske, Chris Auger	10 – Mother Linda
17 – John Poniske	17 – Deb Donoghue, Debbie Pflager	17 – Fr. Bishop
24 – Dave Thompson	24 – Bill Pflager, Del Robinson	24 – Mother Linda
31 – Bob Dee	31 – Ellie Stach, Karen Freitag	31 – Mother Linda

Acolytes

3 – Chad Reichard
 10 – Brett Reichard
 17 – Jenny George
 24 – Mike Warner
 31 – Chad Reichard

Greeters

3 -
 10 –
 17 –
 24 – Gil and Joy Monck
 31 -

Fellowship

3 --
 10 – Shaena Marvich
 17 – Bonnie Bachtell
 24 --
 31 --

Altar Guild for May

Deb Donoghue

St. Mary's Needs You!

Sunday mornings are the most important time of the week at St. Mary's. This is when we have the opportunity to worship God, to pray, to gather as Christ's body at the Lord's Table. It is also the time when we get to renew our friendship with one another and when we get the privilege of welcoming visitors into our midst.

To this end, two very special ministries are extremely important. We ask that you consider taking part in one or both of them as you can.

Greeters: Our greeters provide the first contact point for visitors. Training is available on how to make this ministry more than simply handing

out bulletins. St. Mary's has a well-deserved reputation for being friendly and welcoming and our greeters are a crucial part of that.

Fellowship

Hosts: We all love sharing some food and catching up with our friends. St. Mary's offers a wonderful time to do that right after the 10:30 service. Hosting this time is easy. You may buy or make some "munchies" and juice and then be responsible for setting things out and making coffee. It is no problem if you simply want to set up the coffee. We don't always have to have food. This is a great opportunity to work in teams. You also might consider "passing on the

gift" by offering to help someone who hasn't done this before to learn the ropes.

Feast Days

Easter Day may be past, but Christians by tradition keep the Easter season for 50 days following (often referred to as "the great 50 days"). The season ends with the Feast of Pentecost (meaning 50). Pentecost is considered the birthday of the church as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, fulfilling Jesus's promise to us of "and advocate and guide"; one who "will not leave us comfortless". Pentecost this year is

May Birthdays

- 2- Brett Reichard
- 3 – Sherlyn Rhule
- 3 – Lucille Tabor
- 7 – Elinor Jinks
- 14 – Linda Sanders
- 15 – Dorothy Gernon
- 18– Jennifer (Michael) Warner
- 20– Kristen Rhule
- 20 – Wolfgang Thiers
- 25 – Shaena Marvich
- 28 – Joyce Murphy
- 29 – Amy Auger
- 30 – Maddie Devlin
- 31 – Elena Knott

May Anniversaries

- 17 – Shae and Steve Marvich
- 21 – Tina and Mark Grove
- 21 – Joyce and Dave Thompson
- 27 – Alice and Joseph Federhoof

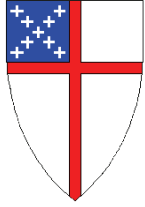
May 31.

On the Thursday before Pentecost, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, when we remember Jesus's amazing ascension into heaven to claim his place in His Father's kingdom. Ascension Day this year is May 21.

Game Night

Don't miss the fun for all ages! Our next game night is Friday, May 15, 6:30 – 10:00 pm. Bring family and friends for food, fellowship and fun.

The Clarion



A Monthly Newsletter of The Episcopal Churches on The Mountain Calvary Chapel and Church of the Transfiguration

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Junior Warden

Mike Bunch (2010)
Ray Chevalier (2010)
Arthur Cox (2011)
Bill Cox (2012)
Ellen Cox (2011)
Dick Sheasley (2011)
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From The Rector

A Time to Grieve and Give Thanks

As we again prepare to remember our war dead, we do it in an environment I find disturbing, to say the least. Never, in my memory, has a cabinet officer impugned the honor and integrity of members of the armed forces of the United States and, what's worse, with no rebuke from the President at whose pleasure she serves.

We are in a state of war and any service member

who deploys to a combat zone knows full well that they may lose their life to protect the people of this great nation and preserve our freedom and that of others.

These young men and women render public service and, as with all real service, subordinate their interests to what they deem a greater or higher good. They deserve our gratitude and respect while alive. Those who im-

pugned them deserve our scorn.

Those who have died for us must never be forgotten and must be honored – that is the very least we can do. We should demand as much from our “leaders” and tolerate nothing less.

It is proper to grieve the loss of such fine young people, but don't neglect to thank God that such people lived and served among us.

Fr. Bart+

Bits and Pieces. . .

Calvary Cemetery Notes:

Special thanks to the Hampton, Rowland and High families for the beautiful stones placed in the cemetery. Tombstones provide information of past lives for new generations. They help say “I was here.”

Spring is here! Green grass is starting to grow. When placing flowers on the graves, please keep them near the tombstones to accommodate the mower. Make sure flowers are secure in the ground or vases. Many of the flowers blow away during summer storms.

Worship Service

Notes: You've probably noticed that over the past couple months, Karen has started each service with pre-service congregational singing about 5 minutes before the service begins.

She's introducing choruses and praise music that is conducive to putting us in a spiritual frame of mind and allow us to more easily listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit. You may not know all the songs (or any of them J) but follow along on the bulletin inserts or in the hymnals until you do, and “listen to” the message of the music. After all...songs are just prayers with music added in! If you have a favorite chorus or piece you'd like to have us introduce to the congregation, please let Karen know. Her # is 328-2991.

It's been a while since we updated the Church phone listing, e-mail addresses and mailing addresses. If you have a new **phone #, e-mail address** that we're not currently using, or have a new **mailing address**, please call the

church office at 794-2929 and leave the information on the recorder, or give a note to Fr. Bart to leave on the desk in the office. We'll shoot to have new lists out within the next couple weeks, with your cooperation. Also, if you have family members for whom we don't have birthdays or anniversaries and would like to see them remembered in the bulletin and Clarion, please provide that information as well.

There will be a combined service for Pentecost on Sunday May 31 at 9 a.m. at Transfiguration. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss the service that day. We'll follow the service with a wonderful coffee hour and time of fellowship---oh don't we love to eat! There will be a combined service for Pentecost on Sunday May 31 at 9 a.m. at Transfiguration

Upcoming Events

The **Knitting Group** will meet on May 12th and 26th at the home of Jean Lengel. Jean and Larry live at 11924 N. Woodlea Drive in Waynesboro and can be contacted at 762-5704. The group has transitioned permanently to meet at Jean's; it's cooler in the summer; warmer in the winter than the parlor at Church! Plus, there's always tea and cookies J. The current group project is prayer shawls for shut ins. This is a Diocesan-wide project---our efforts can be part of a much greater opportunity to share God's love. If you don't knit, you're encouraged to bring any hand work with you. If you're not one who enjoys needle-

work, just come and enjoy the fellowship!

COMBINED CHURCH PICNIC – Calling all Food and Fun Lovers! The Transfiguration, Calvary, St. Mary's congregations will join together again this year on Father's Day, June 21, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Red Run Park for the annual combined church picnic. This year, the picnic will be hosted by Church of the Transfiguration (meaning they'll supply the meat and do the set-up/tear down). YOUR JOB is just to be here with a dish in hand to share! Come on out for a great day of the 3 – F's --- food, fun and fellowship! If you're willing to organize

games for children (or competitive adults J, or help in any capacity, please call the church office and leave a message to that effect. 794-2229.

Master Garden and events of a horticulture nature:

May 2 9:30 - 11:30 AM - Container Gardening (Gardening 101), Franklin County Master Gardeners, Franklin county Extension office, Chambersburg.

May 14 7 - 9:00 PM - Easy Breezy Veggies, Everything About Tomatoes, Franklin County Master Gardeners, Ag Heritage Center, 185

Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg. Our own Ray Eckhart is teaching this class J and he KNOWS how to grow tomatoes!

May 22 3 - 6:00 PM - Franklin County Master Gardeners Plant Sale, Penn State Horticultural Gardens, 181 Franklin Farm Lane, Chambersburg. Highly recommended!

June 6 9:30 - 11:30 AM - Roses in Your Garden (Gardening 101), Franklin County Master Gardeners, 347 Leedy Way East, Chambersburg.

June 6 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM - Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens Bus

Presiding Bishop's Visit

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, will visit the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania September 12th and 13th. She will preach and celebrate Eucharist at Trinity Lutheran Church, Camp Hill, at 10:30 a.m. on the 12th. Trinity Lutheran is being used because it's the largest church in the area.

Since the Presiding Bishop will not be able to tour each parish, the Diocese wants the parishes to come to the presiding Bishop. They propose to have participating parishes set up a display to show the PB what each parish is doing. In order to make plans for the displays, they need to know how many parishes will need display space. If we want to demonstrate our

programs to the PB, we should contact Mike Cross, by August 31st at mcross7564@aol.com to reserve a space. Give your thoughts on this to Fr. Bart or a vestry member, please.

Our deepest condolences are extended to Leon Wolfe and the family of our late administrative assistant Donna Wolfe. Donna was hired by Rev. Marcella Klimas in the early 80's and offered us her talents and most importantly friendship for a long, long time. Donna was a shining example of letting your light shine and sharing the love of Jesus by your actions. We're going to miss her and the impact she made on the church and the Help Hotline tremendously! It's not too late to make a contribution to the fund established in her honor. If you've misplaced the particulars, please give Leon a call and he'll let you know how to accomplish that. 301-241-3088



PERENNIAL SALE

Saturday, May 9, 2009

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Church of the Transfiguration
Summit Plaza
Blue Ridge Summit, PA

Annuals and Perennials

Including

**GERANIUMS * IMPATIENS * PETUNIAS **
HANGING BASKETS

BAKED GOODS & LUNCH WILL BE SOLD



TO:

All who hosted a coffee hour during the month of April.

Per Bishop Baxter, to all who attended the meeting on March 21 regarding the future of our two churches and in particular to **Dick Sheasley** for writing a summary of those discussions. According to the Bishop, Dick's notes have been forwarded to the Archdeacon and other Diocesan staff to be used as the starting point for additional discussions to be scheduled very shortly with the congregational team. The next meeting will be held here at Transfiguration. Please let any Vestry member or Fr. Bart know if you're interested in being involved in this process.

You've Gotta Laugh. . . .

A little girl asked her mother: 'How did the human race appear?'


The mother answered, 'God made Adam and Eve; they had children; and so was all mankind made.'

Two days later the girl asked her father the same question.

The father answered, 'Many years ago there were monkeys from which the human race evolved.'

The confused girl returned to her mother and said, 'Mom, how is it possible that you told me the human race was created by God, and Dad said they developed from monkeys?'

The mother answered, 'Well, Dear, it is very simple. I told you about

 my side of the family, and your father told you about his.'

A couple had two little boys ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. They were always getting into trouble and their parents knew that if any mischief occurred in their town, their sons would get the blame.

The boys' mother heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The clergyman agreed, and asked to see them individually. So, the mother sent her 8-year-old first, in the morning, with the older boy to see the clergyman in the afternoon.

The clergyman, a huge man with a booming voice, sat the younger boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there with his mouth hanging

BIRTHDAYS	
3	Arnold Emory, Jr
4	Dawn Schaller Kohler
6	Robert Cramer Larissa Krysick Sam Chevalier
9	Jacob Pryor
12	Dan Domenick
13	Mary Crilley
17	Megan Willis Kathleen Jones
18	Tim Cox
20	Brie Jones
29	Larry Lengel
30	Maddie Devlin
ANNIVERSARIES	
11	Norm and Sarah (Pryor) Navarro
17	Bryan and April Snider Brendan and Jaime (Myers) Synnamon
26	Jeff and Wendy Sheasley
28	Lee and Barbara Lay man
30	Maria and Larry Bakner

open. The clergyman repeated the question. "Where is God?" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice some more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "Where is God!?"

The boy screamed and bolted from the room. He ran directly home and dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When his older brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?"

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