



The Messenger



The newsletter of St. Mary's Church, an Episcopal-Lutheran Community

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Daniel in the Lions' Den

*Father Macgill has chosen the title for his monthly newsletter message
from the Old Testament book of Daniel (chapter 6).*

Food for thought: in whom or what do we put our trust?

From a poem by Rod McKuen (based on Psalm 20:7-8)

Some trust in money and expect a just reward.
Some trust in Horoscopes.
Some trust in love and experience, believing they will have no end.
Some of us save diamonds, and some of us save dreams.
Some trust only in themselves, that they can stand alone.
Some trust in witches and wizards, believing in potions and spells
Some trust in large armies and many men to defend their country.
Some trust the luck of the draw, content to accept any fate.
But as for me and my family, we will trust in the name of the one whose love
never fails and whose name will always prevail.
We will trust in the name of the Lord, our God. Holy is His Name.

May God's peace be with you always.

Father Dan

Blessing of the Animals on October 4

The people and pets of St. Mary's Church are invited to attend a "Blessing of the Animals" ceremony on Saturday, October 4 at 10:00 AM. October 4 is the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi, a friar known as the patron saint of animals, birds, and the environment.

All well-behaved pets are welcome to attend the ceremony, which will be held in the parking lot. Each pet should be leashed or otherwise restrained and accompanied by an adult. All pets will be blessed by Father Dan and will receive a certificate. Please join us for this very special event!

EAT FISH ON OCTOBER 15

Our annual Fish Fry will be hosted by the men of the church on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:30 PM. Volunteers are still needed to bring desserts, set up before the meal, and clean up after; a sign up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to join us for this great evening of fellowship!

Don't Forget Dessert!

Our 100th anniversary is quickly approaching! A celebratory luncheon will be held at the Heritage Place (Walker Street in Burgaw) immediately after worship on Sunday, November 23. St. Mary's members are asked to bring a dessert for the luncheon. (The rest of the meal will be catered.) A dessert sign-up sheet will be posted in the Fellowship Hall during the month of October. Bring out your best dessert recipe for this special occasion!

New Church Directory is Coming!

Thanks to the Jorgensens, most especially Helle, a new St. Mary's church directory will soon be available. If you have recently changed your mailing address, phone number, or email address, please give that information directly to Helle or place it in the "bulletin/newsletter" box in the Fellowship Hall. We plan to distribute printed copies of the directory at the church; however, we would prefer to email it to as many members as possible in order to save paper. Stay tuned for more details, and be sure to share your updated contact information with Helle!

EVERY CHURCH WOMAN (ECW) NEWS

Copies of the ECW History summary that was prepared and presented to the congregation on Sunday, September 14 are available in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you, Annette Olesen, for all your time spent culling through decades of meeting minutes. Well done! We are still looking for pictures and other information to be included in future updates of the ECW historical summary.

The Lower Cape Fear District of ECW will hold its fall meeting on October 14 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Wilmington. The speaker will be Dr. James E. Graham, Jr. on "Spirituality in Cancer Care." Please contact Annette Olesen for more information and possible ride sharing.

A copy of the September issue of ECW SOUNDINGS, the newsletter of the ECW of the Diocese of East Carolina, is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. You can also have this newsletter delivered directly to your email inbox; talk to Pat Casaw for details.

ECW School Supplies Effort Continues

The supplies collected by the ECW for students in need at our area schools have been delivered. We have received a very big thank you from the school staff, and ALL the supplies have been distributed to students. The need is ongoing, so the ECW will continue to collect donations. PLEASE consider contributing again to this effort by purchasing supplies from the list below and dropping them off in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

Pencils

Paper

Toothbrushes

Toothpaste

"No-tear" shampoo

Combs/hairbrushes

Bars of soap

Disposable diapers

(6 weeks and up)

Washcloths

Towels

Socks

Underwear

(boys and girls, sizes 4-8)

School uniform pants

(khaki, black, navy blue, sizes 5-8)

Many Thanks!!!

Have you noticed that our property is looking better? The dead and dying trees have been removed from the median in our parking lot. Thank you, Jimbo Robbins! A new variety of tree that will fare better in that location will be planted.

Marion Clark has also contributed; hearty thanks to her for the new plantings in the bell garden.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for MarthaAnn Blake, Pam Graham, Helen Crouch, Joe & Kay Lowell, Jackie Robbins, Brian VanTassel, the Von Oesen family, and John Wynne. Also, please pray for Jeannette Patterson (sister of Linda Hadden).

Welcome Arabella!

Congratulations to Jonathan and Michelle Glass upon the arrival of their daughter, Arabella. New baby, mom, and dad are all doing fine. The family is looking forward to being able to bring Arabella to church soon. Our nursery is being made ready for use, and volunteer nursery keepers are on standby!

Congratulations Linda!

Our own Linda Hadden was featured in the September 18 edition of *The Wallace Enterprise!* Linda was recognized in a “Who’s Who in Duplin County” article for over 23 years of service to the county as library director. We are proud of you, Linda! The article, which is posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall, was written by none other than Jonathan Glass, new St. Mary’s member and special correspondent for the *Enterprise*.

VESTRY UPDATE

The minutes of the September 21, 2008 Vestry meeting are posted in the Fellowship Hall for review. Vestry meetings are held on the third Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM and are open to all who wish to attend.

October Birthdays

03-Nova Martin
03-Jimbo Robbins
27-Marion Lacer
28-Rebecca Yates
29-Linda Hadden

October Baptismal Birthdays

19-Kay Lowell

October 2008 Sunday Servers

OCTOBER 5 *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant/Cantor	Kristin McFarland
Crucifer	Jimbo Robbins
Oblations	Julian & Donna Anderson
Usher	Julian Anderson
Sunday School	
Altar Guild	MarthaAnn Blake
Coffee Hour Angels	Bill & Marion Lacer and Kathy Reid

OCTOBER 12 *Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Joan Weld
Crucifer	Bill Davis
Oblations	Kim Davis & Lynn Goddard
Usher	Kim Davis
Sunday School	
Altar Guild	Marion Clark
Coffee Hour Angels	Jack & Susan Stocks

OCTOBER 19 *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Linda Hadden
Crucifer	Bob Goslee
Oblations	Griff & Joan Weld
Usher	Griff Weld
Sunday School	
Altar Guild	Heidi Robbins
Coffee Hour Angels	Van Reid & Pat Casaw

OCTOBER 26 *Reformation Sunday*

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Brian Zygmunt
Crucifer	Bill Davis
Oblations	Jimbo & Heidi Robbins
Usher	Jimbo Robbins
Sunday School	
Altar Guild	Annette Olesen
Coffee Hour Angels	Griff & Joan Weld

VESTRY MEMBER OF THE MONTH: Linda Hadden

October Calendar Notes

- Thursday, October 2** Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
- Saturday, October 4** Blessing of the Animals at 10:00 AM
- Sunday, October 5** Worship at 11:00 AM (Lutheran)
Coffee Hour following worship
- Monday, October 6** ECW meeting at 10:00 AM
Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, October 9** Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
- Sunday, October 12** Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship
- Monday, October 13** Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, October 15** Men's Fish Fry at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, October 16** Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
- Sunday, October 19** Vestry meeting at 9:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship
Deadline for October newsletter submissions
- Monday, October 20** Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, October 23** Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
- Sunday, October 26** Worship at 11:00 AM (Lutheran)
Coffee Hour following worship
- Monday, October 27** Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
- Thursday, October 30** Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM

November Calendar Notes

- Sunday, November 23** Centennial Celebration!!!
Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Luncheon at Heritage Place