



The Messenger



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

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NOVEMBER 2008

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).*

We are just a little over a month before the beginning of Advent. It is a time of reflection in anticipation of celebrating the birth of Jesus. However we are not quite there yet, so I would like us to reflect now on the coming of our annual pledge to the church.

I fully realize that we are in difficult financial times for most all of us. If we are in the “retired” category, we need look no further than our 401(k) or IRA plans. If we are still working, we may be concerned about our jobs.

However, on a more positive note, the future for growth at St. Mary's has perhaps never looked brighter. Burgaw is fast becoming a bedroom community for the Wilmington area and that of course means new people moving into our area. There may be some who are already Episcopalians or Lutherans. They will find us without too much trouble. The majority of newcomers will be unchurched or members of other denominations who for various reasons, location of a church being one, will be seeking a new place to worship. Our church is in a wonderful location very near to new housing.

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The challenge is there for us to go out and meet new people when they move into the area and ask them to come and visit and worship with us at St. Mary's. The challenge is also there for us now to meet the immediate need of St. Mary's as Bettie our treasurer laid out for us during a recent worship service. How we are able to respond to the needs of our church will not only make St. Mary's stronger for the future but it will show prospective new members that we intend to be a sound, healthy, and viable church to be a part of.

Peace in Him,
Father Dan

Centennial Celebration Day—Sunday, November 23

St. Mary's 100th anniversary is almost upon us! We are looking forward to a great day of celebration.

Please join us for worship at 11:00 AM. Our special guests will be The Rev. Canon Matthew Stockard and singers from Greenville/ECU. Following worship, we will have a celebratory luncheon at Heritage Place, near the intersection of Walker Street and Highway 117 in Burgaw.

The luncheon will be catered, but St. Mary's members are asked to bring a dessert to share. A sign up sheet for desserts is posted in the Fellowship Hall. The desserts should be delivered to the church by 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 22 so that our luncheon coordinator Heidi Robbins can deliver them to the cooler at Heritage Place. Heidi also asks that we use our own serving plates and utensils so that we can avoid adding these costs to our catering bill.

We hope to have many members, guests, and friends of St. Mary's participate in this special day in the life of our church. Welcome all!

Special Dedications on November 16!

During worship on Sunday, November 16, we will dedicate two wonderful gifts for St. Mary's Church. The first is a beautiful new banner created for our Centennial Celebration. The second is a gift of pew cushions, given in loving memory of Eloise Bowling Macgill by her family. Please join us as we thank God for these gifts!

Glass Baptism and Celebration on November 30

Arabella Glass, infant daughter of Jonathan and Michelle Glass, will be baptized during worship on Sunday, November 30. A reception and shower will be held in honor of Arabella and her parents immediately following worship. Watch the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for more details. We look forward to welcoming Arabella into the body of Christ!

ECW TO HOST WINE TASTING IN DECEMBER

The ECW ("Every Church Woman") and St. Mary's Church will host a wine tasting event on Friday, December 5 at 6:00 PM. This will be the ECW's major fund raiser for the year, and proceeds will be used for outreach activities and support of local charities. Please plan to attend and also help out by selling tickets to your family and friends. An informational flyer is attached to the newsletter. Help us make the wine tasting a big success!

Many Thanks!

The new crepe myrtles on the median in our parking lot look wonderful! A big thank you to Jimbo Robbins for taking on this project.

Thanks also go to Marion Clark, who has created a St. Mary's history booklet on the occasion of St. Mary's centennial. Marion used a history written by Mary Caputo, inserted photos, and made copies for everyone. Thank you, Marion!

November Calendar Notes

Sunday, November 2	Worship at 11:00 AM (Lutheran) Coffee Hour following worship
Monday, November 3	ECW meeting at 10:00 AM Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
Thursday, November 6	Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
Sunday, November 9	Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal) Coffee Hour following worship
Monday, November 10	Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
Thursday, November 13	Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
Sunday, November 16	Vestry meeting at 9:00 AM Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal) <i>Dedication of Centennial banner and pew cushions</i> Coffee Hour following worship Deadline for December newsletter submissions
Monday, November 17	Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
Thursday, November 20	Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM
Sunday, November 23	Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal) <i>CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!</i> Luncheon at Heritage Place following worship
Monday, November 24	Girl Scouts meeting at 6:30 PM
Sunday, November 30	Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal) <i>Glass baptism</i> Glass celebration/baby shower following worship

December Calendar Notes

Friday, December 5	ECW Wine Tasting at 6:00 PM
Sunday, December 7	Annual congregational meeting following worship
Sunday, December 14	Annual Christmas party following worship

November 2008 Sunday Servers

NOVEMBER 2

All Saints Sunday

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant/Cantor	Kristin McFarland
Crucifer	Bill Davis
Oblations	Brian & Laura Zygmunt
Usher	Brian Zygmunt
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Marion Clark
Coffee Hour Angels	Chauncey & Bettie Phelps

NOVEMBER 9

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

NOVEMBER 16

Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Joan Weld
Crucifer	Bob Goslee
Oblations	Bert & Dede Yepko
Usher	Bert Yepko
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	MarthaAnn Blake
Coffee Hour Angels	MarthaAnn Blake & Laura Zygmunt

NOVEMBER 23

Last Sunday of Pentecost/Centennial Celebration

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Pat Casaw
Crucifer	Jimbo Robbins
Oblations	Julian & Donna Anderson
Usher	Julian Anderson
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Laura Zygmunt
Coffee Hour Angels	Luncheon at Heritage Place

November 2008 Sunday Servers *continued*

NOVEMBER 30 *First Sunday of Advent*

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Linda Hadden
Crucifer	Bob Goslee
Oblations	Valde & Helle Jorgensen
Usher	Valde Jorgensen
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Pat Casaw
Coffee Hour Angels	Glass Celebration/Shower

VESTRY MEMBER OF THE MONTH: Jimbo Robbins

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for MarthaAnn Blake, Pam Graham, Helen Crouch, Jackie Robbins, the Von Oesen family, and John Wynne. Also, please pray for Jeannette Patterson (sister of Linda Hadden) and Bonnie O'Connor (daughter of Bettie Phelps).

November Birthdays

02-Claire Dees
06-Delphinia Kellum
10-Helen Crouch
12-John Yates
19-Lawrence Baietti
20-Heidi Robbins
22-JoAnn Baietti
26-Bill Davis

November Baptismal Birthdays

26-Anna & Andrew Zygmunt