



The Messenger



The newsletter of St. Mary's Church, an Episcopal-Lutheran Community
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MAY 2008

A Message from Father Dan

Greetings to all at St. Mary's!

I have now been with you for two Sunday services, a funeral, and my first Vestry meeting. I am very excited now that I am on board and look forward to getting to know you!

There are two things that I suggested to the Vestry at the last meeting. First, I would like to celebrate the "blessing of the animals" on the anniversary of the feast day of St. Francis in October. Secondly, I would like to begin sometime in May a Wednesday morning communion service where we would celebrate the life of one of the saints of our church each week. The Vestry has supported these two ideas, and I would like to hear from you all if you are interested in these two plans. Remember, Jesus said "when two or three are gathered together, He will be in the midst of them." So I am only looking for the "two or three," although I would certainly love forty!

I will look forward to hearing your feelings about both these plans.

Peace in Him,

Father Dan

Meeting Notice

A parish meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, May 11. All voting members of St. Mary's are asked to remain in the sanctuary after worship to participate in this meeting.

APRIL ECW NEWS

On May 17, the ECW will again participate in Spring Fest by having a booth. Free iced tea, lemonade and water will be given out. This effort is done to promote St. Mary's Church in our community. At the booth, for the first time this year, a Bean Soup mix will be available for sale at a cost of \$2.00 per pint or \$4.00 per quart. The group is currently preparing the jars for sale. Volunteers are always appreciated to help (wo)man the booth at the court house square.

Plans for a luncheon during the summer for the 'Wounded Warriors' at Camp Lejeune Marine Base in Jacksonville are underway. It is anticipated there would be between 40 – 50 soldiers in attendance. Date and time will be announced later.

Personal care items and clothing are being gathered for needy school children in our surrounding community primary schools. Coordination is with the school counselors. Rather than individual personal care bags being prepared for the student, items will be given to the school(s) and they will be used at the school or given out as deemed necessary by school personnel. A list of possible needed items was provided by Rocky Point Primary School.

Missing Frame Sought by Local Historian

Has anyone seen a picture frame identical to the one that frames the "church bell" photograph hanging in the Fellowship Hall? If so, please tell Linda Hadden. It's been missing since the convention!

Vestry Meeting Minutes

The minutes of monthly meetings of St. Mary's Vestry are posted for all to read on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Centennial Planning Underway!

2008 is an exciting year for St. Mary's Church. It is our centennial year and festivities and special events will be taking place. Below is a tentative calendar of events that will start in August and lead up to November 24, 2008. The actual date of the dedication of the original cornerstone of St. Mary's Episcopal Church was on November 24, 1908. Please volunteer and help the parish celebrate a "once-in-lifetime" event.

Sunday, August 10th begins the first of four "St. Mary's History Sundays." Tentatively we are planning special music during worship services. Other ideas include a special bulletin insert and/or other ways of highlighting some aspect of St. Mary's history on Sunday morning.

On Wednesday, August 13th, the parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Mary with worship at 5:30 pm and a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 pm. A special visual presentation of St. Mary's history will follow the dinner.

Sunday, September 14th will be the second St. Mary's History Sunday. A theme has not been decided on yet. There could be a "Men's" or "ECW" theme in September and/or October.

September event to be scheduled: possibly the "men's fish fry" or a "layer cake" women's event. Suggestions and input needed.

Sunday, October 12th is the third St. Mary's History Sunday. See September above.

Sunday, November 9th is the fourth and final St. Mary's History Sunday.

Sunday, November 23rd will be a special worship service and grand finale banquet.

We have proposed a catered banquet at the Heritage Center for November 23rd. The Bishop and the Diocesan staff will be invited to greet St. Mary's Church on her centennial celebration day.

Contact Linda Hadden, Centennial Celebration Coordinator, to work with the action group being formed to make these events the best ever.

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READ ALL ABOUT IT!

This press release has been sent to local newspapers.

St. Mary's Church in Burgaw Welcomes New Priest

St. Mary's Church, an Episcopal-Lutheran Community, welcomes Father Dan Macgill as its new priest-in-charge.

Burgaw, NC, April 20, 2008. – St. Mary's Church, an Episcopal-Lutheran Community, is pleased to announce the arrival of its new priest, Father Dan Macgill. Father Macgill's first Sunday at St. Mary's Church was April 13, 2008.

Father Macgill is a Virginia native and a graduate of Hampton-Sydney College. After teaching in the public school system for three years, he worked with his family's petroleum business for more than two decades. He finished four years of seminary training in 1996 and was ordained as an Episcopal priest in 1997. Father Macgill served as the chaplain for Snowshoe Mountain Resort in West Virginia. He also served as priest-in-charge at the Chapel on the Mount in Snowshoe, WV and for St. John's Episcopal Church in Marlinton, WV.

Father Macgill is married to Sybil Owen Macgill of Greensboro, NC. They have four children and six grandchildren. The Macgills currently live in Wilmington, NC.

About St. Mary's Church:

St. Mary's Church is an Episcopal-Lutheran congregation that worships together using the Lutheran liturgy on the first Sunday of each month and the Episcopal liturgy on all other Sundays. Worship is at 11:00AM, and Sunday School is provided for elementary school children.

Diocese Outreach Opportunity!

The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry needs our help! We are donating thirty "shower bags" for migrant workers. You can participate in this effort by donating \$11.00 to purchase the contents of one bag (soap, toothpaste, etc). As of April 21, donations for seventeen bags have been received. Please help us reach our goal of thirty filled bags! Make your check payable to St. Mary's Church and write "shower bags" on the memo line. Thanks to Maria Lewis, Marilyn Von Oesen, and Helle Jorgensen for organizing this project for our congregation.

Help the ECW Help Children

Our ECW will soon be collecting items to help needy children in local Head Start programs and at Rocky Point Primary School. Items requested include:

Toothbrushes & toothpaste

“No-tear” shampoo

Combs & hairbrushes

Bar soap

Towels & washclothes

Pencils & paper

Socks

Underwear (boys & girls, sizes 4-8)

Uniform pants (sizes 5-8)

Please stay tuned for more news about this worthwhile project!

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for MarthaAnn Blake, Pam Graham, Helen Crouch, Joyce Harrell, Joe & Kay Lowell, Jackie Robbins, the Von Oesen family, and John Wynne. Also, please pray for Jeannette and Ronnie Patterson (sister and brother-in-law of Linda Hadden) and Eloise Macgill (mother of Dan Macgill) as they battle serious illness.

Ask the Editor!

In this month's "Ask the Editor" column, Kristin answers some common questions about scheduling at St. Mary's Church.

Dear Kristin,

I would like to serve as a crucifer. Can you put my name on the schedule?

**Sincerely,
Keen in Currie**

Dear Keen,

I am so glad to hear that you want to serve as a crucifer! But, even though I print the schedule in the newsletter and the bulletin, I do not actually make the schedule for our "Sunday Servers." Let me explain how it works. Bob Goslee makes the schedule for the lay worship assistants and crucifers. So if you are interested in serving in those positions, you should contact Bob to be put on the schedule. MarthaAnn Blake makes the schedule for oblations, ushers, altar guild, and coffee hour angels. If you have questions about the scheduling for those positions, please let her know. If you would like to be a Sunday School teacher, you can sign up for a month (or more!) on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. I hope this information is helpful. Thanks for serving!

Dear Kristin,

I just read the newsletter and see that I am scheduled to serve on a Sunday when I will be out of town. What do I do???

**Yours,
Panicked in Penderlea**

Dear Panicked,

Don't worry! Just ask a friend to trade dates with you. If you do trade dates with someone else PLEASE NOTE THIS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL. I always try to print accurate information in the Sunday bulletin, but I won't be successful if I am not aware of schedule changes. Just take a moment to note the change on the bulletin board, and then we will all be in the know! Thanks!

May 2008 Sunday Servers

MAY 4

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Presiders	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant/Cantor	Kristin McFarland
Crucifer	Bob Goslee
Oblations	Valde and Helle Jorgensen
Usher	Valde Jorgensen
Sunday School	Candi Alexander
Altar Guild	Marion Clark
Coffee Hour Angels	Griff and Joan Weld

MAY 11

Day of Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Bill Davis
Crucifer	Jimbo Robbins
Oblations	Van Reid and Pat Casaw
Usher	Van Reid
Sunday School	Candi Alexander
Altar Guild	Heidi Robbins
Coffee Hour Angels	Marion Lacer & Kathy Reid

MAY 18

Trinity Sunday

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Joan Weld
Crucifer	Elaine Bullin
Oblations	Helen Crouch & Linda Hadden
Usher	Bill Lacer
Sunday School	Candi Alexander
Altar Guild	Pat Casaw
Coffee Hour Angels	Helen Crouch & Linda Hadden

MAY 25

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Pat Casaw
Crucifer	Brian Zygmunt
Oblations	MarthaAnn Blake & Marion Clark
Usher	Jack Stocks
Sunday School	Candi Alexander
Altar Guild	Laura Zygmunt
Coffee Hour Angel	MarthaAnn Blake and Laura Zygmunt

VESTRY MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Jimbo Robbins

May Calendar Notes

- May 4:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Lutheran)
Coffee Hour following worship
- May 5:** ECW meeting at 10:00 AM
- May 11:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Parish Meeting & Coffee Hour following worship
- May 18:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship
- May 20:** Deadline for May newsletter submissions
- May 25:** Vestry Meeting at 9:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship

May Birthdays

02-Griff Weld
09-Martha Lippard
22-Tony Caputo

May Baptismal Birthdays

08-Bob Goslee
08-Linda Hadden
10-Dede Yepko