



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).*

First of all I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and understanding of my situation with respect to my mother. I feel like I am treading water right now as far as beginning to visit you. I pray that things will settle down soon and I can begin to be more involved with you in the life of St. Mary's. Also I will announce soon the day and time of our midweek service.

It has been suggested that we ring the church bell before the service on Sunday's. I think this is a wonderful way to begin a quiet time a few minutes before the start of the service for those in the sanctuary. I am always open to new ideas, so feel free to suggest.

Peace in Him,
Father Dan

Parish Meeting Report

A special parish meeting was held immediately after the May 18, 2008 Eucharist service. The meeting was called to present the memorial bell tower and sign concept to the congregation for approval.

The meeting was chaired by Pat Casaw, Senior Warden. Bob Goslee, the project committee chair, presented an architectural drawing, a time line for completion, and a cost estimate.

The estimated cost of the tower is between \$22,000 and \$25,300. The funding would be by special pledges, with all pledges to be received no later than July 13th.. No current church funds would be used for this project.

A period of discussion and questions followed. A motion to approve the project and proceed with fundraising was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of thirteen (13) to eleven (11). There were two (2) abstentions.

A meeting will be held on July 13th to inform the congregation of the progress made regarding funding, the permit process, and other project details.

ECW NEWS

Members of St Mary's ECW hosted a booth at Burgaw's annual Springfest on May 17th. Free iced tea, lemonade, and water were distributed. This year, for the first time, bean soup mix was also offered for sale. Soup mix sales totaled more than \$40.00, and \$28.00 in donations were received. The remaining decorated soup mix jars are available for sale in the Fellowship Hall.

Regular monthly ECW meetings will not be held in June, July, or August. However, several special activities have been planned. On June 18th, the congregation is invited to join the ECW for a tour of the East Coast Migrant Head Start Center located at Long Creek. We hope to take donated items request by the center at that time. Items are being collected in the Fellowship Hall. Following the tour, lunch is planned at a new eatery in downtown Burgaw. Other special lunches and activities are being planned for July and August.

The 120th Annual Meeting of the ECW of the Diocese of East Carolina was held at St. James Parish in Wilmington on May 6th. Catherine Wynne and Patricia Casaw represented St. Mary's. The business session was followed by the celebration of Holy Eucharist by the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, 3rd.

Plans are being developed to work with the ECW from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hampstead to co-sponsor a luncheon for "Wounded Warriors." We expect there will be about 150 people attending the lunch. More information will be forthcoming.

Area Lutherans Welcome St. Mary's

On May 1, Father Dan Macgill and Kristin McFarland attended a meeting of the South Coastal Conference of the North Carolina Synod, ELCA. (A Lutheran "conference" is roughly equivalent to an Episcopal deanery.) The meeting was attended by pastors and lay people from Lutheran congregations in Brunswick and New Hanover counties. The following resolution, entitled "A Celebration of Our Common Mission," was offered by Pastor Dan Warnes of Lutheran Church of Reconciliation, Wilmington:

WHEREAS the Revised Concordat "Called to Common Mission," that document of unity ratified by the Episcopal Church in the United States and the ELCA [Evangelical Lutheran Church in America], affirms there are no doctrinal differences sufficient to divide us as well as encourages us to work together in our common mission of spreading the Good News, AND

WHEREAS there is no Lutheran Church within 23 miles of Burgaw, N.C. where Lutherans have worshipped at the local Episcopal Church, but seek to maintain their Lutheran heritage, AND

WHEREAS the Episcopal Congregation in Burgaw, in light of "The Concordat" and with the approval of their bishop, voted to begin their life anew as an Episcopal-Lutheran Community, granting full membership with all rights and responsibilities there to, to Lutheran joining the congregation as Lutherans, AND

WHEREAS Bishop Bolick [bishop of the North Carolina Synod of the ELCA] gave his blessing to this call to common mission as the congregation began its united ministry in Advent of '07 AND

WHEREAS the Lutheran members of St. Mary's Church, Burgaw, seek acknowledgement of their community from their brothers and sisters in this Synod and the ELCA.

BE IT RESOLVED that our North Carolina Synod, within whose boundaries this congregation lies, grant special recognition to this Episcopal-Lutheran Community as part of our Synod as it lives its call to common mission in the Burgaw area; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our North Carolina Synod agrees to undertake ground-breaking research and development of an ecclesiastical status that would enable such joint Episcopal-Lutheran congregations to be recognized participants in the life of both the Episcopal and Lutheran Church bodies.

This resolution was unanimously approved and will be presented at the annual North Carolina Synod Assembly, which convenes June 5-7 at Lenior-Rhine College in Hickory.

June Birthdays

02-Gunner Martin
03-J.P. Walker
05-Mike Martin
14-Jacob Lippard
21-Kayla Orr
24-Donna Anderson

June Baptismal Birthdays

01-Connor Corcoran
01-Dayna Corcoran

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).

Centennial Celebration Update

Planning and preparation for St. Mary's centennial celebration is underway! A full schedule of events will be released in June. Thanks to all who have volunteered their time and talents to make our celebration truly memorable.

The committee requests that all St. Mary's members share any historical documents and photos that they may have at home. These items will be scanned into computer files and can then be returned to their owners if desired. Please speak with Linda Hadden if you have documents or photos to share.

In addition, the committee is seeking contact information for all individuals who were married at St. Mary's or served our parish as acolytes, crucifers, organists, lay readers, deacons, or supply priests. All of these folks will be invited to visit St. Mary's for our centennial festivities.

SPECIAL ALERT: we are looking for a binder created by Mary Wright Cantwell that lists memorial gifts to St. Mary's. If you have this binder, please pass it on to Linda Hadden. Thank you!

June 2008 Sunday Servers

JUNE 1

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Presiders	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant/Cantor	Brian Zygmunt
Crucifer	Bob Goslee
Oblations	Julian & Donna Anderson
Usher	Julian Anderson
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Annette Olesen
Coffee Hour Angels	Bob & Katherine Goslee

JUNE 8

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Kristin McFarland
Crucifer	Jimbo Robbins
Oblations	Marion Clark & MarthaAnn Blake
Usher	Jack Stocks
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	MarthaAnn Blake
Coffee Hour Angels	Marion Clark

JUNE 15

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Pat Casaw
Crucifer	Bill Davis
Oblations	Bob & Katherine Goslee
Usher	Bob Goslee
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Marion Clark
Coffee Hour Angels	Chauncey & Bettie Phelps

JUNE 22

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Bill Davis
Crucifer	Elaine Bullin
Oblations	Larry & Annette Olesen
Usher	Larry Olesen
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Heidi Robbins
Coffee Hour Angels	Julian & Donna Anderson

June 2008 Sunday Servers (con't)

JUNE 29

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Joan Weld
Crucifer	Brian Zygmunt
Oblations	Jack & Susan Stocks
Usher	Jack Stocks
Sunday School	MarthaAnn Blake
Altar Guild	Pat Casaw
Coffee Hour Angels	Jack & Susan Stocks

VESTRY MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Bert Yepko

June Calendar Notes

- June 1:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Lutheran)
Coffee Hour following worship
- June 8:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship
- June 15:** Vestry Meeting at 9:00 AM
Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship
- June 18:** ECW tour of East Coast Migrant Head Start Center
(meeting time and place TBA)
- June 19:** Deadline for July newsletter submissions
- June 22:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship
- June 29:** Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship