



The Messenger



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

Since this newsletter is coming out just before our annual Fourth of July celebration, I thought it might be a good time to reflect on our nation's forefathers and their feelings about church and state. I believe they felt strongly about separation of church and our government as far as church and politics being mixed. However, I also believe that, when our own country chose to put the words "In God We Trust" on every coin and every piece of paper that was and still is minted and printed today, it made a very powerful statement about their beliefs in having the new country founded on a strong belief in God. Jesus said "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." Today is a time when it is more important than ever for our country to come together as "one nation under God." I pray that we never lose sight of that fact.

Peace in Him,
Father Dan

Centennial Celebration Update

The ECW will recommend symbols to be placed on a St. Mary's Church Centennial banner. They have also agreed to work with St. Mary's children to make a special processional cross with bells to be used during the November 23rd Holy Eucharist. As soon as the symbols have been approved for the Centennial banner, a mock-up will be posted on the Parish bulletin board.

Linda Hadden will be sending information regarding our August through November, 2008 events to the Diocesan House in Kinston as soon as the times, dates, and guests are committed.

St Mary's Centennial Celebration – 2008 *Tentative Schedule of Events**

Below is a tentative schedule of events for our upcoming Centennial Celebration. Other events may be added, and changes may be made. We hope to publish a final version of this schedule in the August newsletter.

Wednesday, August 13 - The Feast of St. Mary will be celebrated with a Eucharistic Service followed by a pot luck supper and a presentation describing the history of St. Mary's Church.

Sunday, September 14 - A luncheon will follow Worship with a presentation of the history of St Mary's Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

Wednesday, October 15 - Men's Fish Fry with a presentation of men's missions throughout the history of St. Mary's, including the construction of the current church building.

Sunday, November 9 - Special music by the East Carolina University choir and a recognition of past acolytes and crucifers who will describe the impact of this ministry on their lives.

Sunday, November 23 - Day of Centennial Celebration with special guests from the Diocese of East Carolina, the Lutheran Synod, and greetings from other congregations. A special luncheon celebration will be held at the Heritage Center in Burgaw.

WANTED: RIBBONS AND BELLS

Attention crafters! We need ribbon and bells for the children's Centennial project. Ribbon of any width or color is needed; if it is at least three feet long, we can use it. Bells of all shapes, sizes, and colors are also needed. This is a great opportunity to put those leftover craft supplies to good use! If you have questions or items to donate, please see Annette Olesen.

ECW News

On Thursday June 12, seven St. Mary's members (joined by a friend of Van Reid's who is a retired marine and a Vietnam veteran) participated in the "Wounded Warriors" luncheon at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville. The cookout was held on the lawn outside the Wounded Warrior barracks. It was coordinated by the ECW group from Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hampstead. Father Dan led the blessing, and about fifty soldiers enjoyed the picnic. All who attended had a good time and look forward to participating again. Our thanks to Catherine Wynne for arranging our cooperation in this event.

A diocesan ECW meeting will be held at Camp Trinity on August 21st. Registrations for this event are due by August 6th. Please see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for more information.

Did you know...

...that St. Mary's has a website? Helle Jorgensen has donated the website and is maintaining it for us. This is an extremely important tool for educating the public about our congregation. Please visit the website and share it with your friends:

www.stmaryschurchburgawnc.org

Thank you, Helle!

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for MarthaAnn Blake, Pam Graham, Helen Crouch, 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).

July 2008 Sunday Servers

JULY 6

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant/Cantor	Brian Zygmunt
Crucifer	Jimbo Robbins
Oblations	Helen Crouch & Linda Hadden
Usher	Bert Yepko
Sunday School	Annette Olesen
Altar Guild	Laura Zygmunt
Coffee Hour Angel	Annette Olesen

JULY 13

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Bill Davis
Crucifer	Bob Goslee
Oblations	Kim Davies & Lynn Goddard
Usher	Kim Davies
Sunday School	Annette Olesen
Altar Guild	Marion Clark
Coffee Hour Angel	Mike Martin

JULY 20

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider	Father Dan Macgill
Lay Assistant	Linda Hadden
Crucifer	Elaine Bullin
Oblations	Griff & Joan Weld
Usher	Griff Weld
Sunday School	Annette Olesen
Altar Guild	Heidi Robbins
Coffee Hour Angels	John & Catherine Wynne

JULY 27

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

VESTRY MEMBER OF THE MONTH:

Julian Anderson

July Birthdays

09-Bryan Dees
12-Bill Starling
13-Van Reid
14-Ann Dees
17-Jack Stocks
23-Alice Dees
24-Elaine Bullin

July Baptismal Birthdays

08-Jackie Robbins
08-Heidi Robbins
11-Mike Martin

July Calendar Notes

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| July 3: | Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM |
| July 6: | Worship at 11:00 AM (Lutheran)
Coffee Hour following worship |
| July 10: | Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM |
| July 13: | Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship |
| July 17: | Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM |
| July 20: | Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship |
| July 22: | Deadline for July newsletter submissions |
| July 24: | Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM |
| July 27: | Worship at 11:00 AM (Episcopal)
Coffee Hour following worship |
| July 31: | Mid-week Eucharist at 11:30 AM |
| TBA: | Vestry Meeting |