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Last things

We're coming to the end of summer. This month, we'll likely enjoy the last weekend at the beach, the last few days of vacation, the last weeknights with no school the following day, and the last of the summer mosquitos. Since early July, the stores have shifted from summer merchandise to back to school supplies. August is a month of transition.

As we begin the move out of summer mode and into program year mode, I encourage us to savor these last things. It will be all too soon that the crisp air begins to move in the trees and the leaves begin to change. The shops will no doubt rush into Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations. Savor the last sweltering day. Relish in the warm lake and ocean waters. Soak in the sun (with sunscreen on, of course). Slurp the last of the watermelons. Lavishly use up the last of the can of bugspray.

Jesus is quick to remind us that any breath might be our last. Any day might be our final one on earth. Furthermore, the kingdom of God has broken in in the here and now. So today matters. This moment matters. It always does, no matter the time of year, not just because we never know when our end will come, but because this day, this season, this community is important. We are being shaped by our experiences, whether we like it or not. Might we consider being intentional about life, focusing on how our experiences mould us and how each moment is a gift?

All endings, like the end of summer, are the beginning of something else new. What does this Fall hold for you? What does this Fall hold for St. Mary's? A lot -- you'll find out more next month.

Pax et bonum,

David+

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St. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

From the Assistant to the Rector

Thank you all for your love, prayers and support while my mother was so seriously ill in the hospital. It was so comforting to know, as I left my family in England that I was coming back to a place where I was surrounded with the love of God.

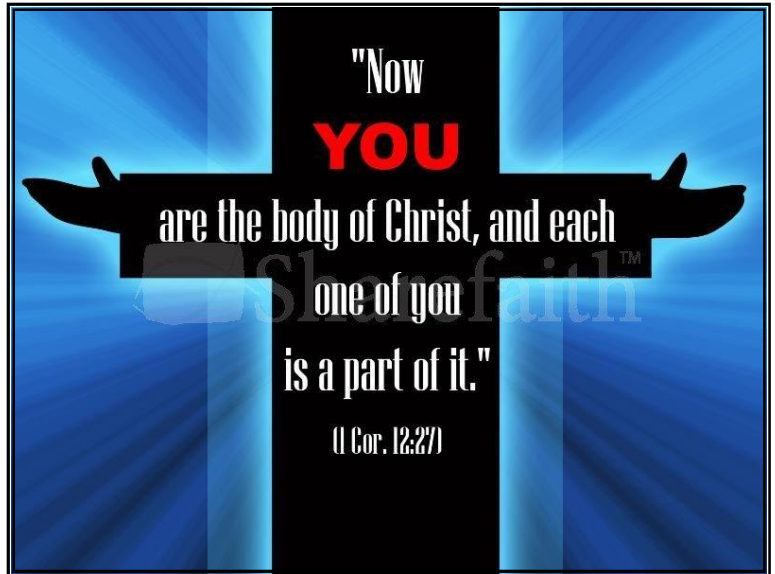
On June 12th, just over a month ago, we joyfully celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit, a Person just like Jesus whose work is to make us more like Jesus, and to empower us to do the ministries that Jesus did while living amongst us on earth. Jesus promised to send His Holy Spirit to live INSIDE His disciples, to transform them from the inside out, to become more like our Lord: more loving, joyful, peace-filled, patient, kind, good, gentle, faithful, and self-controlled. I see God's Spirit at work here in you at Saint Mary's; I see often the fruit of the character of Jesus in your lives, as described in Galatians 5:22 and 23.

I see the Holy Spirit's gifts being used by so many of you at Saint Mary's, as you seek to do what Jesus Himself did while here on earth: reaching out to those left on the margins of society, healing the broken-hearted, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, bringing hope, forgiveness, and reconciliation with God. God gives to each and every believer at least one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, sometimes more, so that together as one Body, we can continue to make disciples and make a difference. Some of the gifts are described in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Romans 12:6-8; and Ephesians 6: 11-13: encouragement, hospitality, leadership, compassion, teaching, preaching, prophecy, evangelism, healing, wisdom, generous giving, faith, etc. Every gift and every person is important and necessary in Christ's Body, the Church.

Perhaps during these summer months, you can ask God to fill you with His Spirit in a new way. What fruit of the Spirit is God inviting you to pray for and focus on this year? What gift of the Spirit is God calling you to step out in faith and exercise this year, for the good of His people, for your own JOY, and as a witness to Christ's love in a dark world?

Best wishes,

Sara+



If you have had a change of address, phone number and/or e-mail address, please notify the office so we can ensure that you receive all publications. Thank you!

Acolyte Program

Any young person who will be entering the 6th grade (or older) is invited to join the Acolyte Program at St. Mary's. The Acolyte Program allows young people to actively participate in the worship services at St. Mary's. Please contact either co-chairman, Herb Goins at 887-3508 or John Wall at 454-4947, for more information. Informal training sessions lasting approximately 20 minutes will be scheduled following selected Sunday worship services during August in preparation for acolyting starting in the Fall.

John B. Yowell Bequest

The Vestry is pleased to announce the receipt of a major gift from the estate of the late John Yowell. After prayerful consideration by the Finance Committee and Vestry, the Vestry moved to invest the majority of the funds received in two different funds.

First, a new endowment, named the John B. Yowell Endowment for Youth Ministry and Christian Formation, has been established with \$100,000 as the initial corpus. John's decades-long commitment to the young people of St. Mary's and of the High Point community at large is undoubtedly part of his legacy. The Vestry moved to establish this fund to honor his work and to create an additional income source that will have more flexibility in its usage than the existent Stewart Endowment for Youth Ministry.

Secondly, \$100,000 will be added to the existent Property Maintenance Endowment Fund. John was often seen out on his lawn-mower around the grounds of St. Mary's. His family's generosity is making the new Community Life Center a reality. This allocation to the Property Maintenance Endowment Fund will help continue his work of caring for the fabric of St. Mary's.

New Usher Volunteers Needed

Ushers play a very important role in the overall worship experience at St. Mary's. Are you interested in serving as an usher during worship services or on call as needed for funeral services? Contact Tim Yates at 803-2505. No previous experience necessary. On the job training provided.

Central NC Storm Relief

ST. MARY'S COLLECTION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS THROUGH AUGUST 31 FOR CENTRAL NC STORM RELIEF - Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina is partnering with a number of agencies to collect goods that families in need have requested as they rebuild following devastating storms that destroyed their homes in central and eastern North Carolina in April.

Many thanks to St. Marians for contributing \$626.36 on June 5th in loose offerings designated for "South & Southeast Storms Relief" including North Carolina, distributed via Episcopal Relief & Development. Please seek through August to donate any new or gently used items from the list below to further assist folks in need! These items will be delivered to Wake County for distribution from there. Many thanks from Matthew 25:40 Committee

Kitchen & Dining (These items collected, and removed each Sunday, from a Corner in the Parish Hall Vestibule): Flatware / Measuring Cups / Pots & Pans / Bakeware / Basic Kitchen Items / Pot Holders.

Small Furnishings (Please Contact Paul Siceloff, 884-7285, paul-siceloff@triad.rr.com re: Collection of the following): End Tables / Dressers / Chest of Drawers / Book Cases / Lamps / Tables & Chairs.

Fill the Bus Food Collection

MAIN STREET COALITION FILL THE BUS COLLECTION THROUGH SUNDAY, AUGUST 21:

Please bring donations of soup & crackers, canned & dried fruit, dried beans & rice to the blue boxes in the Parish Hall vestibule through Sunday, August 21; personal care items also welcomed!

This is St. Mary's collection of goods for High Point's hungry for this quarter, to be distributed to food pantries at Open Door Ministries, West End Ministries and Ward Street Mission by volunteers from St. Mary's, First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First United Methodist Church. Please contact Paul Siceloff, Matthew 25:40 Committee, with questions, or to volunteer to help load and deliver these goods on August 22 at 9:30am. Thank you!

Reading Connections

Reading Connections is an adult literacy agency that provides free and confidential services that help to improve basic literacy skills, self-esteem, community service and leadership skills among new adult readers who live or work in Guilford County. St. Mary's will begin hosting classes this Fall. We are in need of volunteer instructors to work with small groups of adult learners. We have 30 adult learners currently waiting for an instructor. Our volunteers complete a three part training session and make a one year commitment to their adult learners to meet twice a week for two hours each session. Our volunteers find a great deal of satisfaction and reward in this experience. If you are interested in becoming an instructor and would like more information, please contact Kyri Murdough at:

336-884-7323 or kmurdough@readingconnections.org.

Nets For Life Campaign



Watch for St. Mary's Nets for Life Campaign in September; help through Episcopal Relief & Development to end devastation caused by malaria - One Net at a Time (each \$12 mosquito net protects a small family) www.inspirationfund.org A National Church Millennium Development Goal Project.

Fall Schedule for Piedmont Triad Integrity

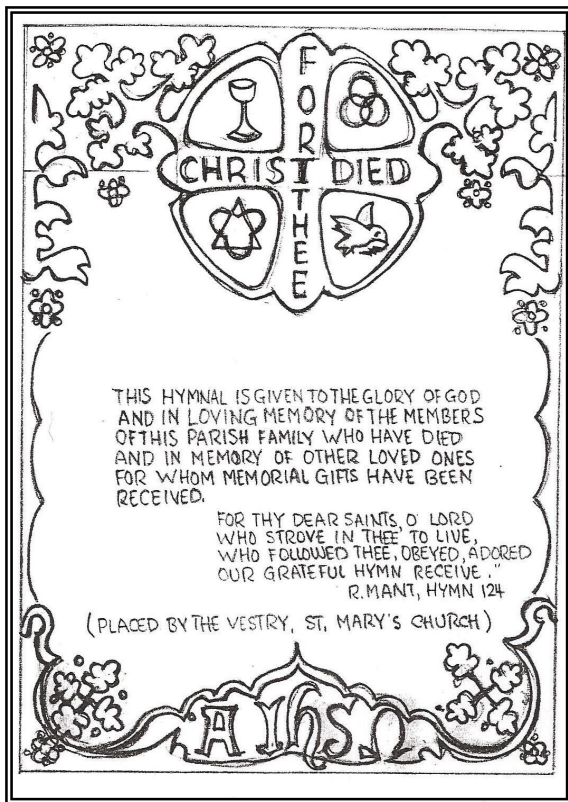
Piedmont Triad Integrity is a Chapter of the Episcopal Church program of outreach to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender parishioners. Monthly gatherings are hosted at Episcopal churches throughout the Triad; further information about Integrity is available at www.integrityusa.org. Immediate plans include an August cookout at one of the Greensboro parishes and a September meeting at St. Christopher's in High Point.

On October 15, Piedmont Integrity will participate in the NC Pride LGBT Celebration in Winston-Salem, walking in the march, hosting an information booth, tentatively hosting a service of Evensong. Details about NC Pride at www.equalitywinstonsalem.org. For further information or to sign up for Piedmont Triad Integrity's e-mail list, please contact Paul Siceloff, 884-7285 or paul-siceloff@triad.rr.com.

Groundbreaking for the Community Life Center



In the First Person



IN THE FIRST PERSON by Colleen Hartsoe, Record Keeper

Reading the inscription in my hymnal one Sunday, I noted it was given by Becky Smothers in memory of Fred Albea. Everyone knows our mayor's name but probably not Fred's. On the vestibule coat rack is a plaque which reads: *In memory of Fred Albea (1907-1970), faithful sexton for 35 years who loved all and was loved by all for he was a good man.* There's also a brass marker in the church garden: *This small garden speaks of the love of St. Mary's Church for Fred Albea, long-time sexton of the parish given by the Church Women A.D. 1970. Fred's funeral was held at St. Mary's.*

I found a copy of a 1947 budget and janitor service was listed as \$1500. This seemed to include supplies as well as Fred's salary. The rector's yearly pay was \$2400 and the organist's \$2000.

Pearl Marsh and Dot Slate remember that in winter their fathers, Jack Thompson and L.R. Stewart, would be at church early on Sunday mornings to help Fred stoke the coal furnace. Pearl says, "We couldn't afford to heat the church all night."

Our hymnals were popular memorial gifts. In the 1940 edition was a bookplate designed by Jim Armstrong and illustrated here. The calligraphy in the current books was done by Beachy Allen who can write that way as easily as I type this story. When the 1982 hymnal was being planned, Episcopalians, as usual, complained about changes. The word got out that Onward Christian Soldiers was to be removed (too militant). Because of the outcry, this didn't happen.

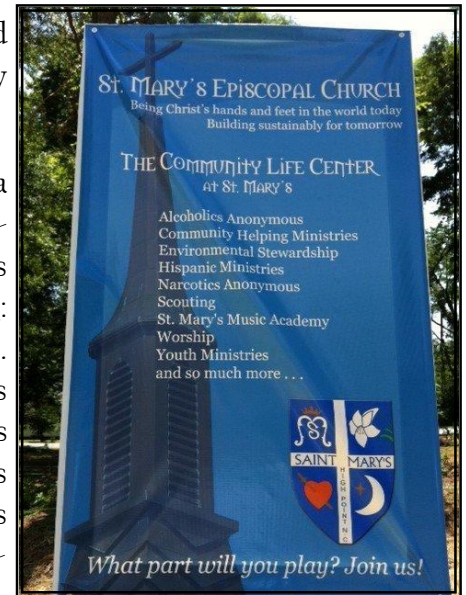
Amo Kearns and Mike Kerkado holding a kayaking class for St. Mary's Scout and Venture Crews.



Stewardship

June 5th, 2011. Remember this date. It was the day of our much anticipated groundbreaking. It was a good day. Actually, it was a great day, a day when stewardship was on display everywhere you looked.

The congregation made its way from the church and they were greeted by a continual display of time, talent and treasure. The Scouts were there directing traffic, ensuring safe passage across the street. The tables, chairs, signs and tents were set up and ready. The time and talent survey (small plug: please make sure you fill it out and return it) was available for pick up. Members of several organizations that will be touched by our new facilities took time out of their Sunday to attend. The youth and their supporters grilled hamburgers and hotdogs. And as we listened to Earl Congdon's heartfelt message, I suspect we were all reminded of the individual reasons why each of us loves St. Mary's. Like I said, it was a great day. It was organized, fun, and at times, poignant. And it was full of stewardship.



Now. June 12th, 2011. This is a day I'll remember for you. Exactly one week after the groundbreaking my family had a day that was, well, groundbreaking. On this day my sweet Emma was baptized. The day was made more special because we were blessed to be sharing it with our friends Johnny and Nicole Slate as their son Will was also baptized. Note to Will: Just because you got baptized with my little girl doesn't mean I'm not watching. I've got my eye on you, boy! Ok, moving on. I sat there surrounded by friends and family and listened to David, as he seemed to speak directly to our children. He ensured them that they could be anything they wanted. Their page was still clean. Very little of their story had been written. Our prayer being that as the story is written, the narrative will ultimately bring them closer to God.

Although David's words appeared to be meant for St. Mary's two newest members, I believe they were also meant for those of us who sometimes feel our story is mostly told. The message I received was, although God is holding the pen, He still gives us some editorial license. The trick is learning that we are better off when we don't try to rewrite the whole story ourselves.

This is apparent to me now more than ever. I've spent the better part of a decade watching my sons simultaneously love and hate each other. They are friends one minute and mortal enemies the next. Maybe I'm exaggerating a little. Still, I thought I had all the fun one parent could enjoy. I was wrong. The addition of this little girl has strengthened my boys' relationship with each other and has made our family closer. Obviously God knew what was best for me again. I let go of the pen and one of my favorite chapters began.

The sermon was spot on, the ceremony was joyous, and then the service arrived at my favorite part. You know the part. It's when the congregation is asked: "Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?" Then, without hesitation, the entire congregation proclaims their support with a resounding "WE WILL!" Wow! That's stewardship!

- Tony Bertschi

From the Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

As you read this, we will have just returned from our first youth mission trip, Vacation Bible School will have happened and many wonderful plans are under way for Christian Formation for all for the 2011-2012 year.

This year we are adding a new Pre-Kindergarten class with a new curriculum called, "Hands on Bible." Each week our three and four year olds will have Bible story time, prayer time, music, crafts, and a snack. We need parishioners to offer their time and talent to help lead this class, to help form some of our littlest church members.

Our wonderful Godly Play Program will return with two classes, one for K-1 and a second for Grades 2-5. This incredible Biblical storytelling program built on the Montessori model is always looking for more volunteers too.

For our Grade 6-12 program we will be adding a new curriculum called, "Core Truth." Teenagers will immerse themselves in Bible studies that give them a deeper knowledge of God.

Our Youth Group leadership team has met and planning is underway for a great year of activities, programs and fun.

So, as you wind down your summer, wind up your calendar and get ready to spend time at St. Mary's Episcopal Church this coming school year because we have great things planned for all ages!

Peace,

Don

Come Join Don!

Tuesday, August 2 - 12:00 - 1:30pm

Rome Pizza

2100 North Main Street #112

Bring money for food and be ready for some fellowship and fun! Open to all those who will be in grades 6-12 in the Fall of 2011 and their friends!

Christian Formation for All

During the summer we have been offered 3 Sundays where Christian Formation for all ages occurred. There is one left on August 7. We will have a program for Adults (Parish Hall), Kindergarten-Grade 5 (201 of the Education Building) and Grade 6-12 (Little House). Mark the date and join us for some Formation!

Please remember our Nursery will be open all summer also, if at any time you would like to make a financial donation to our Nursery please send it to the attention of Don Carlson.

Operation Smile

“Operation Smile” is an outreach program that is supported by our Vestry and the Matthew 25:40 committee. At the beginning of the summer families received containers for the summer in which to collect their loose change. By putting money in this container you are helping a child receive surgery to correct a cleft lip and cleft palate. Surgery provides an excellent result and usually takes less than an hour to complete. If you did not get a container please see Don Carlson in his office for one.

In the fall we will have an ingathering for this program. Please help us over the summer by keeping your bucket in a place where the whole family can be a part of this mission project!

Calling All Recent High School Graduates!

Come worship on August 7 at the 11:00am service and then join us for Lemonade on the Lawn for a BIG reunion of old friends. We are inviting all who have graduated in recent years to come on August 7 to share what you have been doing and check in with us at church. There is no formal agenda, just time to see old friends and share a story or two.

2011 VBS

The last week of June was an incredible week at St. Mary's filled with the energy of 33 children walking and singing in Jesus' love! All week long at Vacation Bible School we sang songs, heard Bible stories, made crafts, met a cute chipmunk and ate tasty treats.

A huge thank you goes out to our adult and teen volunteers who unconditionally cared for our younger members and their friends that week. A thank you also goes out to the Children and Youth Advisory Committee for their support and guidance in helping coordinate the program. But the biggest thank you goes out to the parents for sending such awesome kids to our Vacation Bible School this year. The children came with a willingness to learn, to grow and to try new things in the name of Jesus!



Music News

Music Academy News

MUSIC ACADEMY STUDENTS GO TO SUMMER MUSIC CAMP AT UNCG

The following students of Dr. Yong Im Federle, piano instructor at the Academy, attended a week-long piano camp at UNCG: Elisabeth Bachmann, Sarah Harney, Matt Pugh, Joely Summey, and Lindsey Tripp.

The Camp was held from July 17 – 22 and students received private and group piano lessons daily as well as singing in the camp chorus directed by faculty members from the School of Music. Their daily schedule included classes in music theory, music history, and experience was given in playing the organ and harpsichord. Dr. Federle was selected to be one of the piano faculty for the week.

Dr. David Flood

Dr. David Flood, Organist and Master of Choristers at Canterbury Cathedral, will be with us on August 21 at 5:00 pm for an evening of hymn singing and fun. Dr. Flood is an internationally acclaimed choral conductor and recording artist. Don't miss out on this remarkable opportunity to hear one of the world's greatest musicians. A reception will follow.



Wendy Fuscoe, Margarita Kerkado, and Ruth Purser during an ESL class.

Prayers & Milestones

Lily Blackman
 Spencer Wilson & Family
 Patti Burns
 Ernst Lenz
 Carol Kenn
 Jack Marsh
 Frances Cobbler
 Fred Murrow
 Elizabeth Harding
 The Dearman Family
 Francis Winston
 Barbara O'Brien



Esker Amos
 Alice Whitehorne
 Nicole Dolder
 Nicole Pulliam
 Larry Bliss
 DJ
 Bill Heard
 Judy Jessie
 Jeff Murrow
 Frank Falkson
 Mary Carlson
 Graham Reaves

"O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen"

New Members

St. Mary's welcomes the following individuals to our church family :

By Transfer: Monty Dixon, Katherine Dixon, Keller Dixon, Benjamin Dixon, Jane Marsh, Kristen Manninen, Jon Manninen, Alexis Manninen, Zackary Manninen, Kyla Manninen, Alan McHenry, Diana McHenry, Mason McHenry, Lauren McHenry

August Birthdays

01	Bevret Reynolds	12	Jane Whitehorne	19	Phil Johnston
02	Dot Slate		Alex Hill	20	Rebecca McAtee
	Steve Brooks	13	Gayle Kearns		Jay Marsh
03	Tony Bertschi		Joseph Cullom	22	Asia Brown
04	Mark Williamson		Betsy Smith		George Lindner
	Adam Howell		Carter Chaney	23	Marianne Hayworth
07	Brett Higgins	14	Geoffrey Williams		Bob Kuhn
	Adaobi Nwobu	16	William McKenzie	26	J.B. Farlow
08	Robert Slate		Ron Kunder		Charles Duckett
09	Nancy Ketchum		John Drake Karcher		Parker Umphlett
	Steve Rohrbeck	17	Erik Scheer	27	Jake Scott
10	Don Carlson		Seth Yowell	31	Jan Kaley
11	Rebecca Henderson	18	Dorothy Darr		
			Joe Fisher		

To notify the church of illness, hospitalization, birth, death, or prayer request, contact Shannon in the church office: 886-4756 x21 or administrator@stmarysepisc.org.

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Please e-mail your submissions to: administrator@stmarysepisc.org

Services at St. Mary's

Sundays

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. - Informal Worship
11:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays

12:00 noon – Holy Eucharist



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