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### Risky business

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the servants who take risks with that which they had been entrusted are rewarded. The servant who shelters the owner's money from risk is upbraided.

So if the kingdom of God is like this parable, as Jesus says it is, then we can gather that we must be expected to take certain kinds of risk. Certainly this expectation doesn't mean that we're called to be foolish. The two servants in Jesus' parable have apparently taken risks, but they've done so by making wise investment decisions. They haven't just thrown good money after bad.

When we come to a moment of decision in life, in which risk will be involved in our next steps, we will either walk off the edge to our demise as the cliff crumbles away beneath us or we will step out and find firm ground growing to support our steps out into the unknown. Some cliff edges should be avoided. Warning signs declaring their danger should be posted. Yet others hold opportunity and beckon us to come closer, despite the apparent risk involved.

The life of the faithful as we seek to usher in the kingdom of God isn't one that is always, or even often, comfortable and easy. God takes risks on us, entrusting us with a host of talents for the upbuilding of God's people and reign, giving us complete freedom to use them well or not. Still, for how we use these gifts, the parable reminds us that we will be held accountable.

So then, do we act with our resources as if we are afraid of God and what God would think about how we use them? Do we live in fear of risking something that has become too precious to us, and in our efforts to be shrewd and for fear of losing what we have, end up fading into irrelevancy? Or do we allow ourselves to be stretched, to take chances for the sake of the kingdom, to act in seemingly reckless ways for the spread of the Good News?

As we seek to engage God's mission in this place and with this people at St. Mary's, will we fall back into our cautiousness and slip into irrelevancy? Or will we follow down a brave new path, begun already with our expansion campaign, in the new and vibrant ministries popping up, and in the intentional move to create a welcoming environment? How will we use our resources to make ourselves ever more ready to be who God is calling us to be and to do what God is calling us to do? Will we step out, trusting in God, the very ground of our being, to be our firm footing even in the face of impossibility, or will we step back, trusting only in what we know and fearing a God who does indeed hold us accountable?

I hope we keep living on the edge, because this is where all the excitement is!

Pax et bonum, David+

*Where faith embraces reason and Tradition*

## St. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## From the Assistant to the Rector

Being the Presiding Bishop's Observer in Haiti, Friday November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Two weeks ago, I was asked by the Presiding Bishop's office of the Episcopal Church to be **Katharine Jefferts Schori's observer at the election of the suffragan bishop** in the Diocese of Haiti. The election will take place in the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. I will be flying out very early on Thanksgiving Day, and returning in the wee hours of Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. This is an amazing opportunity to serve that God just dropped in my lap, and my family and I are thrilled!

How was I chosen for this incredible task? My dear French priest friend from Virginia Seminary put forward my name after he was unable to go, owing to visa problems. Knowing that I speak fluent French, Pierre-Henry recommended me and Bishop Clay Matthews called me from 815 on Monday November 7<sup>th</sup>. God knows the deepest desires of our hearts, as just two days before Pierre-Henry phoned, I had told my husband that I would love to spend a future sabbatical in France!

The Diocese of Haiti has the **most members** of any diocese in the Episcopal Church: 83,698, according to a 2008 report! Haiti is also the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, and was devastated by a 2010 earthquake; 85% of Diocesan institutions were destroyed or severely damaged, including Trinity Cathedral, the Episcopal Seminary, various schools, the Bishop's Court, and a center for disabled children. I will accompany **Bishop Jean-Zache Duracin** on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> as he leads services at the ruins of Trinity Cathedral, an unforgettable experience.

**French and Creole** are the official languages in Haiti. The election of the suffragan bishop will be mainly in Creole, and so the Church will provide an interpreter for me. I am looking forward to seeing my good Haitian friends from seminary: the Rev. Wisnel Dejardin and the Rev. Abiade Loizou! Do Google the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti and the CIA World Factbook on Haiti to learn more about our brothers and sisters, who are only a four hour's plane-ride away.

**Please pray for safe travel, good health and protection** for me from Thanksgiving until Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. I will think of you at night as I lie under the green anti-malarial net I am borrowing from Saint Mary's! I will be taking anti-malarial medicine before, during and after the trip for protection. Please do buy an anti-malarial net with Episcopal Relief & Development; those nets do save lives!

With joy,

Sara+



*Haitian Flag*

# Christian Formation

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## Lectionary Class

Dates: Sundays at 10:00am

Facilitator: Ed Crissman

Location: Rm. 115 Ed. Bldg.

## The Bible and Theology

Dates: Sundays at 10:00am

Facilitator: David Idol

Location: Common Room

## Adult Forum

Dates: Sundays at 10:00am

Facilitator: Various

Location: Parish Hall

December 4: The 129th Annual Meeting of St. Mary's Episcopal Church

December 11: Environmental Stewardship Forum

December 18: Eric & Alex Hill - Kilimanjaro Ascent for Hemophilia

December 25: No Christian Formation

## Youth Bible Study

Facilitator: Fr. Umphlett

Location: Carter Brothers

Every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. we gather with the Rector at Carter Brothers on Main Street for breakfast and Bible study. All middle and high schoolers are welcome. Beginning September 14, 2011.

## Mother's of Young Children Bible Study

Facilitator: Rev. Palmer

Location: Common Room

Every Monday morning at 9:30a.m. and will last until 10:45. The group will study a specific chapter each week. Childcare is provided. Beginning September 12, 2011.

## Women's Bible Study

Facilitator: Mary Darby

Location: Common Room

A Bible study for women on Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Common Room. All women are invited to attend. Please call Mary Darby at 889-3581 if interested.

## Children & Youth

Classes are Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Nursery 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

| <u>Curriculum</u> | <u>Grade</u>                 | <u>Room</u>  |
|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Infant Nursery    | Birth through age 1ish       | E-109        |
| Toddler Nursery   | 1ish through age 2ish        | E-111 & E113 |
| Pre-Kindergarten  | 3 through 5ish               | E-206        |
| Godly Play 1      | Kindergarten through Grade 2 | E-215        |
| Godly Play 2      | Grade 3 through Grade 5      | E-217        |
| God Talks         | Grades 6-12                  | Little House |

Children's Chapel during the 11:00 a.m. liturgy on Sundays beginning from Church.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, December 4. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00a.m.

Those whose names are to be placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee for a three-year term on the Vestry are: Jon Baird, Todd Brewbaker, Frosty Culp, Fritz Falkson, Kim Gay, Chris Grimes, Joyce Manning, and Kerie Beth Scott. Please review their biographies that are included in this edition of the Herald.

Nominations for the Vestry can be made from the floor during the meeting, provided that prior consent has been received from the person being nominated. Those retiring from the Vestry at the end of the year are: Amanda Gane, Eric Hill, Dudley Moore, and Paul Siceloff.

## ECW General Meeting

St. Mary's ECW will hold a General Meeting and Luncheon on Monday, December 5th, at 12:00 noon in the Parish Hall. Our guests will be the Presbyterian Home Band, a group of retirees from River Landing who have taken up a second career as musicians. This group will truly put you in the holiday spirit! All women of St. Mary's are invited to attend, as well as spouses and young children. The cost of the luncheon is \$3.00 per person.

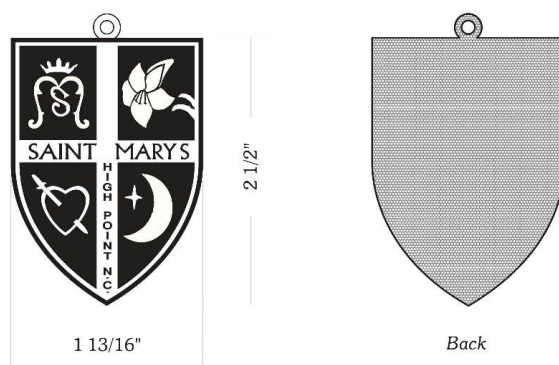
## Advent Revels

Please mark your calendars for St. Mary's Advent Revels party on Sunday, December 11th, from 5:00 to 7:00p.m. at the home of Frosty and Catharine Culp, 500 Woodbrook Drive, High Point. Please bring an appetizer to share at this all-adult gathering. Beverages will be provided by the Parish Connections Committee. We hope you can join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

## Christmas Ornaments

Celebrate the season with a beautiful St. Mary's pewter ornament. **ONLY 100 TO SELL!** A present for Christmas, weddings, anniversaries, baptisms, or just because. Don't wait, get your keepsake pewter ornament **TODAY!** The ornaments are \$20. Please email Kerie Beth Scott to reserve an ornament or for more information.

Kerie Beth Scott - [keriebeth.scott@westchestercds.org](mailto:keriebeth.scott@westchestercds.org)



## Attention Chrismon Volunteers

Mark your calendars for this year's annual raising and decorating of the Chrismon tree, and decorating the church windows and vestibule. The 'tree raisers' will gather at **6:00 pm on Friday, December 16th**, and anyone interested in decorating the windows can come either then or on Saturday. Tree decorators and church decorators can arrive starting **9:00 am on Saturday, December 17th**. The more hands the faster it will go, but it generally lasts until around 11am - 12pm. You may stay for all or a part of the time. If you know for sure you are coming, please email or call me to let me know, so I can have an idea where we might need more help. Thank you for your dedication to this wonderful ministry.

-Alicia Archibald

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## Christmas Pageant

Angels, sheep, shepherds, oh my! Time for the Christmas Pageant. A sign-up board for angels, animals, Wisemen, and shepherds will be posted on Sundays beginning Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please sign-up to let us know your child is interested. The pageant will be December 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. A rehearsal will be held December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9am. Please email with any questions.

Kerie Beth Scott, Charles Hogan, and the Educational Committee, [keriebeth.scott@westchestercds.org](mailto:keriebeth.scott@westchestercds.org), [charlesh@stmarysepisc.org](mailto:charlesh@stmarysepisc.org)

## ESL Update

This semester of ESL classes taking place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Education Building, comes to an end Nov. 30. A party on Dec. 1st will celebrate the success of all adults in the three classes, as well as instructors and volunteers. Registration for next year will take place on Jan. 10 & 12 and new classes begin on Jan. 17, 2012. Classes for computer literacy have been taking place since August at the YWCA and will continue in January as well. Instructor Mike Kerkado has 28 students that bring their own laptops and Irene Agudelo takes care of the childcare. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers from St. Mary's who have assisted with childcare. Congratulations to everyone involved in making this program a HUGE success!!

## Environmental Stewardship Forum

The Environmental Stewardship Committee will have an adult forum Sunday, December 11, at 10 a.m. A PowerPoint presentation of Inner City Southwest High Point Renewal: Economic Revitalization Through Environmental Enhancement. The PowerPoint presentation is 23 minutes and will be followed by a discussion, including the topic of the practice of taking our faith into the community.

## Operation Smile Collection

Money for OPERATION SMILE will be taken up at all services on December 4, 2011.

Little Ngan was given a new life by someone like you who gave a donation for transformation surgery. Ngan will not be mocked and ridiculed. She can go to school. Now she has a terrific smile and bright future. Her parents were poor rice farmers struggling to survive.

For \$240 you can pay for a complete surgery. Any amount will be used to help these children. If you want to sponsor a child, please make out a check to St. Mary's and designate it to go to Operation Smile. We have a separate bank account for this project.

Since September, our church school students have had a container to collect monies. Any amount will be used for correcting cleft lip or cleft palates. You can be proud that St. Mary's has collected enough money to give 10 children an operation. Thanks so much for participating in this project. -Ruth Purser

## Memorial Poinsettias

If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory or in honor of a loved one, order forms are available in the Narthex, Parish Hall, and in the reception office. Orders are due by noon on December 12th. All poinsettias will be in the church on Sunday, December 18. Make checks payable to St. Mary's with a notation that it is for poinsettias. If you have any questions, please call Denise Reagan at 454-1292.



## In the First Person

When I first read in the diocesan newspaper about a Sunday School curriculum called Godly Play, I was intrigued. Originated by an Episcopal priest, Jerome Berryman, he wrote, "It is based upon the recognition that children have an innate sense of the presence of God. All they lack is the appropriate language to help them identify and express it so it can be explored and strengthened." No original sin here.

In any curriculum, teachers need support in understanding the goal and how to achieve it. Otherwise it's jargon and the bewildered teacher falls back on such lessons as the colors of the Church year. Sunday School teaching is unique. Mastery of facts is not the main issue.

My chance came to visit the class taught by Lori and Jon Baird. The room itself was attractively arranged and suggested pleasure to come. Clearly the teacher had a planned lesson, and the children knew their part was to listen and react. Visual and tactile stimulation went along with a Bible story. This Sunday the lesson was about Esau and Jacob, those brothers with such a troubled relationship. Lori asked, "What do you think is the most important part of the story?" One student said, "Esau forgave Jacob." Lori did not comment on the rightness of the answer.

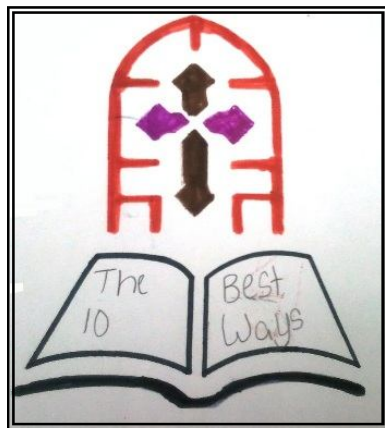
I had thought in reading about this curriculum that a teacher's being held to a script is too restraining, but I realize that's the point. You don't want each teacher to resort to past denominational training. I was bothered some by the activities part of the session being about crafts not creativity. But perhaps nothing in Sunday School should be competitive. It's tempting to make fun of your classmate's original drawing. Another problem is everyone sits on the floor. There goes the beloved aged and arthritic teacher.

I bet each reader could write an op-ed about Sunday School.

- Colleen Hartsoe, Retired Church School Teacher



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Kay Anna Baird

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!

## Stewardship

You don't have to mark it on your calendar. It's already printed on there for you. Even the calendar on your phone probably knows about it. With it comes a mixture of excitement and anxiety. It's been a year since you've had to deal with the duplicitous effect it has on your emotions. It's not your anniversary, your birthday, or even tax day. It's Thanksgiving.

Ahh, Thanksgiving. I love that day. The mere mention sends the limited artistic part of my brain into overdrive creating pictures full of all the colors of Fall mixed with images of my favorite dishes. If you've ever eaten with me you understand that the picture in my head quickly zooms in and focuses almost entirely on the food. Mmmm.

I'm sorry. I zoned out for a minute. Back now. Like I said, I love Thanksgiving, however it's not without its hurdles. Since we don't have any trouble remembering the day that precedes the biggest shopping day of the year, our mind's attention can turn to making mental notes about the uncertainty of the impending activities. The specific questions vary by individual but may include things like: Will anyone notice if I wear my stretchy pants? Am I already going to be tired of hearing Adam Sandler (they don't give me enough space for a reference page so if you don't know who he is ask me at church) sing the Thanksgiving Song? Am I going to get to sit at the grownup table this year? And in a worst case scenario, what's my exit strategy? Bear in mind, these are examples provided by someone who doesn't even have to worry about preparing the meal. With all this uncertainty, there's no wonder why we have to force ourselves to slow down and pay attention to the things for which we are thankful.

It would be very cliché of me to stop now and list all the things I'm thankful for. So, I'm not going to do that. I'll just list some of them. Stay with me, you've already read this far. Let's start at the top. I'm so very thankful that, in addition to Thanksgiving, November brings about my 15<sup>th</sup> year of successfully tricking the girl of my dreams into staying married to me. I'm equally thankful that my daughter has learned how to grab my cheeks and pull me in for a kiss. And, I'm especially thankful for the moments when, even though they think I'm a big dork, my sons feel the desire to confide in me. I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve, with a terrific steering committee, as stewardship chair this year and I'm thankful for all of the volunteer canvassers for their service. I'm thankful to be part of a church with such dedicated staff, clergy and parishioners. Oh, and let's not forget the always mentionable friends and family, work and fun.

I don't know if you'll be reading this before Thanksgiving or not. If not, I hope it was great and you got to sit at the grownup table. You deserve it. If you are reading this before Thanksgiving, let me wish you a very happy one and I urge you to take a moment to truly reflect on what you're thankful for this special day. I plan to find myself sitting on the couch staring aimlessly at the television as I slowly drift into a food coma. And, as I release my overworked jeans button in an attempt to avoid it becoming a projectile, I hope and pray that I will have successfully reflected on all there is to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. Because, I believe that when we take the time to show our thankful appreciation for all the gifts we've been given, that's stewardship.

*-Tony Bertschi*

## Vestry Nominees 2012-2015



**Jon Baird:** I moved from Ohio to North Carolina in 1990 while serving a tour of duty with the U.S. Army. In 1999, my wife Lori and I moved to High Point and have been members of St. Mary's since 2000. I have served on the Music and Worship Committee; in 2007 I worked as clerk for the St. Mary's Vestry; and in 2009 served on the new Rector Search Committee. I enjoy working with the Brotherhood of St. Andrew on its various activities and currently serve as the president of the St. Mary's chapter. Lori and I celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year and together are proud parents of a son, Kyle, age eleven, and a daughter, Kay Anna, age eight, who are both active members of our youth choir. After serving in the Army, I attended NC State University and received a degree in Computer Engineering. Since 1999 I have worked for Analog Devices, Inc. in Greensboro as an integrated circuit design engineer.

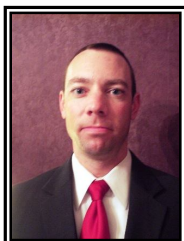


**Frosty Culp:** I am Harry R. "Frosty" Culp. My wife Catharine and I have three children and have lived in High Point for 31 years. My involvement with St. Mary's goes back to when I was 14 years old. I sang in the Boy's Choir under Mrs. Bear for a short period and then under Harold Andrews. They paid us to sing and Bobby Slate was my best friend. My daughter Emily sang for Margaret McDonald and was very active in the girl's choir, so we attended church services at St. Mary's often over the years. We were previously members of First Presbyterian Church and I served on the session three times and various committees while we were members. We are so excited with our new church life and want to be involved. I am honored to be nominated for the Vestry. I have been chair of the High Point Regional Health System Foundation for 10 years, raising money for our hospital. I presently serve on the boards of Hospice, Community Foundation, and the local Wells Fargo bank. I also volunteer at Open Door Ministries every month. It is such an exciting time at St. Mary's with the new Community Life Center under construction. I feel I can bring a different perspective to our vestry having served on the session at First Presbyterian, and I am a real "doer". I like to organize and get things done. Thank you for the opportunity to serve St. Mary's.



**Kerie Beth Scott:** I am a native North Carolinian born in Charlotte and baptized an Episcopalian. My husband Jake and I have been in High Point for nearly 12 years with our children, Henry (7) and Sutton (4). For the past 9 years, I have worked at Westchester Country Day School. I am currently the Director of Admissions with the responsibility of marketing to and managing prospective students. In the community, I am presently serving on the Family Service of High Point Foundation Board and am a member of The Guild of Family Service of High Point.

At St. Mary's I have served on the Order of the Oak Planned Giving Committee, The Children and Youth Advisory Committee, taught Christian Formation and children's chapel, the new Rector Search Committee, and am a member of St. Clare's Chapter of the ECW.



**Todd Brewbaker:** I have been a member of St. Mary's since 2009. I was confirmed at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Gastonia, where I attended church for over a decade. After graduating from NC State, I moved to High Point to work for North State Communications. Shortly after joining St. Mary's, I joined the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. I have also served as a lay reader, a member of the Land Development Committee, and helped to organize St. Mary's efforts for the 2010 High Point CROP Walk. I am engaged to fellow St. Mary's member, Rachel Richardson.

## Vestry Nominees 2012-2015



**Fritz Falkson:** I am honored to be considered for service on the Vestry. I am a “cradle” Episcopalian, originally from Jacksonville, NC where I was a member of St. Anne’s. I attended the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where I met my wife Cathy. After graduation we both moved to the Triad to begin our careers. In 1998, Cathy and I visited St. Mary’s while shopping for a church, and after one visit, we stopped our search and have felt at home at St. Mary’s ever since. In 1999, Cathy and I were married at St. Mary’s and in 2007 our son Reid was baptized. I am Safe Church certified and currently serve on the Youth Steering Committee and Co-Teach the Pre-K Christian Formation class with my wife Cathy. I am proud of the role that St. Mary’s plays in High Point and its surrounding communities, through its various ministries and cooperation with other congregations. I am also very excited about our youth programs and if elected to the Vestry I pledge that I will support both our community ministry and our youth programs.



**Chris Grimes:** Malia & I began attending St. Mary’s in 2005 and I was confirmed here in 2006. I am a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, the Environmental Stewardship Committee, and serve as co-chair of the Parish Connections Committee. Currently I am a Year One student in the Education for Ministry course and am a Lay Reader for Informal Worship. I feel that this is a very exciting time for the St. Mary’s community to grow with the addition of the new facilities and our new Rector. I look forward to the opportunity to serve all to the best of my abilities.



**Joyce Manning:** I have been a member of St. Mary’s for 15 years. I was reared in the Baptist church, and, after marrying Rick, was confirmed at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church in Gastonia. We have been married 41 years, and our family, including 3 children, has now grown to 11 with the addition of spouses and grandchildren. Over the years I have contributed to the church through teaching Sunday Church School, faithfully serving on the Parish Connections committee for 10 years, and organizing Table Fellowships. In addition, I am a member of St. Anne’s chapter of the ECW. I taught elementary school for 30 years, achieving recognition through National Board certification, Teacher of the Year, and Who’s Who. In my retirement, I enjoy reading, sewing, bicycling, and cake-decorating.



**Kim Gay:** I have been a member of St. Mary’s since 1997 when my husband, Rob, and I moved to High Point from Birmingham, Alabama in 1996. I have two sons, Trevor (16) and Carter (14). I became an Episcopalian following the completion of Confirmation Classes in 1994 at All Saints’ Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama. I was drawn to St. Mary’s by its structural beauty and the spiritual presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. Watching my family grow both spiritually and physically over the years at St. Mary’s has been very rewarding and fulfilling and it is my hope they will continue to develop and connect on many levels with each of you. Currently, I am serving as President of St. Mary’s Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King and a member of the St. Catherine’s Chapter of ECW. Also, I deliver meals monthly to Open Door Ministry. In January 2012, I will serve as ECW President. Previously, I’ve served as Vestry Clerk, President of St. Clare’s Chapter, ECW, Sunday School Teacher, Children and Youth Advisory Committee member and Chalice. It’s a true honor to be nominated as a candidate for election to the Vestry. I would welcome the opportunity to serve our parish as a Vestry member and look forward to working together responsibly as our parish moves forward into this new and exciting chapter.

# Music News

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## Music Academy News

Two piano students from the Academy, Cecilia Gulley and Lindsey Tripp, played in the Superiors Recital as part of the North Carolina Music Teachers Association State Convention. The convention was held at Salem College on October 28 – 30. These students were selected because their previous performances for both the district and state piano festivals were rated “Superior”. Cecilia and Lindsey are students of Dr. Yong Im Federle, a member of the piano staff of the Academy. Congratulations on this honor, Cecilia and Lindsey!



## Musical Events

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24

Carols at 10:30pm and Midnight Eucharist

Half an hour before the midnight Eucharist begins, Saint Mary’s Choir offers favorite carols and anthem celebrating Christ’s Nativity. The Eucharist itself is a vibrant festival of the Incarnation with both traditional and new Christmas carols. The church is beautifully decorated with a towering Chrismon tree, wreaths, poinsettias, and candles in all of the windows.

## Uptowne Holiday Stroll

St. Mary’s celebrates Uptowne Holiday Stroll with music, tours, and refreshments. St. Mary’s Choir will perform "A Little Advent Music" in the Sanctuary at 11:00am on Saturday, December 3, following which St. Mary’s will offer 15 Minute Tour Talks every half hour (11:30am - 2:00pm) and Refreshments in the Parish Hall. Drop-by for the Concert when you pick up your St. Mary’s Swags or Christmas Trees. Please contact Paul Siceloff, paul-siceloff@triad.rr.com or 884-7285, if you can help with greeting or feeding visitors (10:30am - 2:30pm). Look for further information on the Uptowne High Point Holiday Stroll in the High Point Enterprise and at [www.high-point.net/CityProject/uptowne.cfm](http://www.high-point.net/CityProject/uptowne.cfm)

The Presiding Bishop on Creation Restored:

*"Reconciliation is God's mission--reconciling the world to God in Christ is the way Episcopalians put it. Reconciliation means restoring God's intention for the world. It's needed in the relationships between human beings and their creator, between and among human beings, and--in ways of which we are becoming increasingly aware--between human beings and the rest of creation."*

- Katharine Jefferts Schori, Gospel in the Global Village, pg. 163.

Submitted by the St. Mary's Environmental Stewardship Committee

# Prayers & Milestones

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Nicole Pulliam  
Patti Burns  
Ernst Lenz  
Carol Kenn  
DJ  
Frances Cobbler  
Morgan Craven & Family  
Robert Vera  
Stella McRainey



Donnie Swing  
Bryan Noah  
Jimmy Rogers  
Ruth Jones  
Dee Irwin  
Luke Neal  
Lucy  
Sue Hagan

*"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: Drew Spring, Dillard Spring, Jenifer Poirier

## December Birthdays

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|    |                 |    |                    |
|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|
| 03 | Mac McDonald    | 18 | Catherine Jones    |
|    | Sandy Finch     | 19 | Mary Alyce Watkins |
| 04 | Malia Grimes    | 20 | Jim Boggs          |
| 05 | Earl Congdon    | 21 | Ray Montgomery     |
| 06 | Todd Brewbaker  | 22 | Sara Miller        |
| 09 | Randy May       | 23 | Elizabeth Meyn     |
|    | Larry King      | 24 | Martha Barrier     |
|    | Katherine Dixon | 25 | Sandra Vernon      |
| 12 | John Haworth    | 28 | James Phipps       |
| 14 | Helen Congdon   | 29 | Dave Slack         |
| 15 | Angie Brehm     |    | Chip Duckett       |
| 16 | Ray Carney      | 31 | Donna Amos         |
|    | Sam Stalder     |    | Ken Huggins        |
| 17 | Sharon Higgins  |    |                    |
|    | Adam Prior      |    |                    |

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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](mailto:administrator@stmarysepisc.org).

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*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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# December 2011

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                   | FRIDAY                                   | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|---|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| <b>4 Second Sunday of Advent</b><br>8:00am Holy Eucharist<br>9:00am Informal Worship<br>10:00am Annual Meeting<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist<br>2-4:00pm Sudanese Worship<br>4-6:00pm Advent Festival                          | 5<br>Mothers of Young Children<br>Bible Study 9:30am<br>Staff Meeting 11:00am<br>ECW Board Meeting & Luncheon - 12 noon    | 6<br>EFM Classes – 6 – 9:00pm<br>Terrific Tuesday 6 – 7:30pm  | 7<br>Youth Bible Study 7:30am<br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am<br>Holy Eucharist – 12 noon<br>Advent Lunch – 12:30pm<br>Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm                          | 1<br>ESL Party<br>6-8:30pm | 9<br>Christmas Tree<br>6:00pm            | 10<br>Uptowne Holiday<br>Stroll<br>11:00am  |
| <b>11 Third Sunday of Advent</b><br>8:00am Holy Eucharist & Holy Baptism<br>9:00am Informal Worship<br>10:00am Christian Formation<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist<br>2-4:00pm Sudanese Worship<br>5:00 – 7:00pm – Advent Revels | 12<br>Mothers of Young Children<br>Bible Study 9:30am  | 13<br>EFM Classes – 6 – 9:00pm<br>Terrific Tuesday 6 – 7:30pm | 14<br>Youth Bible Study 7:30am<br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am<br>Holy Eucharist – 12 noon<br>Advent Lunch – 12:30pm<br>Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm<br>Scouts 7:00 – 8:30pm | 15                         | 16<br>Christmas Tree<br>6:00pm           | 17<br>Christmas Tree<br>9:00am  |
| <b>18 Fourth Sunday of Advent</b><br>8:00am Holy Eucharist<br>9:00am Informal Worship<br>10:00am Christian Formation<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist<br>2-4:00pm Sudanese Worship  | 19<br>Herald Deadline<br>Mothers of Young Children<br>Bible Study 9:30am<br>Staff Meeting 11:00am<br>Vestry Meeting 5:30pm | 20<br>EFM Classes – 6 – 9:00pm<br>Terrific Tuesday 6 – 7:30pm | 21<br>Youth Bible Study 7:30am<br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am<br>Holy Eucharist – 12 noon<br>Advent Lunch – 12:30pm<br>Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm                         | 22                         | 23<br>Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 9:00am | 24<br>Christmas Pageant<br>3:00pm<br>Choral Prelude<br>10:30pm<br>Holy Eucharist<br>11:00pm |
| <b>25 Christmas Day</b><br>10:00am Holy Eucharist<br>2-4:00pm Sudanese Worship   | 26<br>Church Offices Closed  | 27<br>Church Offices Closed                                   | 28<br>Youth Bible Study 7:30am<br>Women's Bible Study 9:30am<br>Holy Eucharist – 12 noon<br>Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm<br>Scouts 7:00 – 8:30pm                           | 29                         | 30                                       | 31  |

# SUNDAY WORSHIP

December 4 – December 25

| SUNDAY   | LECTORS                          | CHALICERS   | INTERCESSORS   | USHERS  | GREETERS                          | ACOLYTES   | COFFEE CON-NECTION |
|--|----------------------------------|---|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| <b>4 Second Sunday of Advent</b><br>8:00 am Holy Eucharist<br>9:00am Informal Worship<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist  | Jon /Kyle Baird<br>Flo Memory    | Bob Bender<br>Bob Bender<br>Jake Scott<br>Alicia Archibald          | Sally Bulla    | Jim Armstrong<br>Jon Baird<br>James Boggs<br>Andrew Brehm     | Beth Penley<br>Judy Boggs         | Adam Howell<br>John Drake Karcher<br>Ben White<br>Kate Bachmann<br>Elisabeth Bachmann<br>Alex Hill         | Vestry             |
| <b>11 Third Sunday of Advent</b><br>8:00 am Holy Eucharist<br>9:00am Informal Worship<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist  | Katie Cottam<br>Fritz Falkson    | Famatta DeShield<br>Famatta DeShield<br>Flo Memory<br>Marty Pursler | Nancy Robinson | Jim Armstrong<br>Jon Baird<br>James Boggs<br>Andrew Brehm     | Ollie Wall<br>John Wall           | Trevor Gay<br>Alex Hill<br>Nicky Archibald<br>Landon Bertsch<br>Peyton Kunder<br>Lindsey Tripp             | Greeters           |
| <b>18 Fourth Sunday of Advent</b><br>8:00 am Holy Eucharist<br>9:00am Informal Worship<br>11:00am Holy Eucharist | Marty Pursler<br>Kirsten Bertsch | Rick Manning<br>Rick Manning<br>Kurt Bachmann<br>Barry Collum       | John Wall      | Steve Brooks<br>David Congdon<br>Dick Cottam<br>Jules Crowell | Carroll Ann Miller<br>Beth Tuttle | Daniel & Rebecca Rodriguez<br>Emory Howell<br>Ben White<br>Annabelle Fisher<br>Eliza Fisher<br>Adam Howell | Newcomers          |
| <b>24 Christmas Eve</b><br>3:00 pm Christmas Pageant<br>11:00pm Holy Eucharist                                   | Mary Wolff                       | Denise Reagan<br>Stephen Greig<br>Barry Collum<br>Asia Brown        | N/A            | Steve Brooks<br>David Congdon<br>Dick Cottam<br>Jules Crowell | N/A                               | John Drake & Elisa Rose<br>Karcher<br>Asia Brown<br>Alex Hill<br>Trevor Gay<br>Carter Gay<br>Blake Brown   | N/A                |
| <b>25 Christmas Day</b><br>10:00am Holy Eucharist  | N/A                              | Amo Kearns  | N/A            | N/A   | N/A                               | N/A  | N/A                |