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And so the hope that is in us is once again renewed. Christ is alive. Death cannot hold him.

The great joy of Easter now extends throughout the entire Christian year. Everything we do is done in the glaring light of the Resurrection. It changes everything. We see the world through the lens of the Resurrection. We look at the death and destruction around us and can see the glimmer of new life underneath it all because in Christ, the kingdom of God has broken in. Even now, God is bringing all of Creation into the fullness of the everlasting kingdom.

Death and struggle and disappointment and abandonment and disease are not the end. Ours is the Lord who has faced the very worst the world can throw at him and now stands victorious over it all. Incredibly – we are invited into this triumph with him, though we will certainly face our own obstacles and pain. Yet we, by grace, can see them with a different perspective, that of the Resurrection. And this perspective, thanks be to God, changes everything.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!  
Pax et bonum, David+



*Where faith embraces reason and Tradition*

**St. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

## From the Assistant to the Rector



On April 16<sup>th</sup>, twenty-four women from around the Diocese of North Carolina gathered at All Saints', Concord for the annual Daughters of the King retreat. Jan Millar from All Saints had asked me to give the keynote address, and to preach at the Eucharist and Healing Service. I decided to speak on the theme "You are the Beloved," using Henri Nouwen's excellent book "Life of the Beloved" and quotations from "Reconciliation" by Martin L. Smith. I heartily recommend reading both books. "Reconciliation" prepares people for the discipline of confession in the Episcopal Church. Pages 78 and 79 in particular have changed my life, identifying new areas for me to grow in my spiritual walk with God. Smith identifies self-negation as the number one sin of women. Women particularly of my generation (40's and up) have often ignored their own needs and deepest desires in favor of serving everyone else. Learning to love ourselves is essential if we are to continue to love others, and not get burned out and resentful.

Daughters of the King commit to a discipline of prayer, service to others, and sharing the Good News of God's love in Jesus. There is a 12 week training one evening a week which will begin in September. The motto of the Order is: "For His sake, I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do. Lord, what will you have me do?"

I was delighted that our own Kim Gay from Saint Mary's was able to attend the retreat with me. Kim was reinstated as a Daughter of the King, to my great joy. She will be helping to lead the new chapter of the Daughters of the King whose training will begin in September. All women interested in becoming members of the DOK should mark their calendars to attend the preparatory meeting Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> after the 11.00 A.M. service in the Common Room.

In joy and thanksgiving,

Sara



# Christian Formation

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## Last Day of Sunday School will be May 29

### Lectionary Class

**Dates:** Sundays at 10:00am

**Facilitator:** Ed Crissman

**Location:** Rm. 115 Ed. Bldg.

This class discusses the lessons for each Sunday. Usually we focus on the Gospel lesson, since most of our sermons are based on the Gospel. Each Sunday you will receive a copy of the Synthesis, a lectionary guide, which gives background and additional information about the events going on in the lessons. A discussion then takes place inspired by the lessons and application to our daily lives.

### The Bible and Theology

**Dates:** Sundays at 10:00am

**Facilitator:** David Idol

**Location:** Common Room

This group will discuss how the Good News is interpreted in various New Testament passages. Current day interpreters welcomed.

### Adult Forum

**Dates:** Sundays at 10:00am

**Facilitator:** Various

**Location:** Parish Hall

Beginning May 1 and continuing until May 22, a new series will be our focus at Adult Forum on Sunday mornings. We're calling this series, *The Faithful Parent*. And it's not just for parents. As a community, we take on vows at baptisms to help in the faith formation of all the young people in our parish. So this series applies to all of us.

May 1 – Children are full members of the Body of Christ – Don Carlson

May 8 – Taking Sunday into every day – Emily and Joe Fisher

May 15 – Talking with children about God – Lorinda Umphlett

May 22 – Developing a prayer life for families – Sara Palmer

### Youth Bible Study

**Facilitator:** David 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. May 25th will be our last meeting until the end of summer.

### Mother's of Young Children Bible Study

**Facilitator:** Sara Palmer

**Location:** Common Room

Every Monday morning at 9:30a.m. and will last until 10:45. The group will study a chapter of Luke's Gospel each week. Childcare is provided.

### 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. We will be studying the Book of Luke. All women are invited to attend. Please call Mary Darby at 889-3581 if interested.

## From the Desk of the Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

Dear fellow parishioners,

I write to you today hoping you all had an enjoyable season of Lent and are enjoying this Easter. Naturally, our thoughts turn to summer and to Vacation Bible School (VBS).

This summer, with all your help and support, we will present "PandaMania" Where God is Wild about You! As kids flow into this awesome week of Bible stories, they'll discover how God created the world, Elijah confronts the prophets of Baal, Jonah tries to escape from God, Jesus dies and comes back and God gives Hannah a Baby. Our children will fill their mornings with *Party Time Sing & Play*, *Crazy Crafts*, *Treetop Treats*, *Wild Bible Adventures*, *Bamboo Blast Games*, *Chadder's Movie Mania*, *Zoo Loo Music* and *Rowdy Wrap-up*.



This year's program is scheduled for the week of June 27 – June 30 at St. Mary's Church from 9:00am – 12:30pm. There will be a Three's & Four's program for children who are potty-trained and a program for children who are in Grades K-Grade 5. Children will be placed in the class they have completed at the end of the 2010/2011 school year. Registration will be taking place from April 11 – June 12, registration is open to our town friends, so please spread the word.

We would like to invite you to be a part of our children's VBS experience. We will be organizing talents of all types: musical, artistic and crafty, recreational, organizational and most importantly, teaching. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider how your talents could enrich this vital ministry. We will provide teacher training for all who volunteer their time and talent. If you are interested in helping out please contact me in the church office. Youth who are finishing Grades 6-12 this year are welcomed to sign-up to be counselors for the week.

The tasks are few, but the rewards are many when you witness the fun these children will experience that week. If you have any questions please give me a call at the church office. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Faithfully yours,

**Don**

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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!

## iMission News

In only 85 days our youth will embark on their first youth mission service trip to Rocky Mount, North Carolina. We will be living at Wesleyan College for a week where we will be working in that community with residents making their homes safer, warmer and drier. This will consist of painting their homes, building wheelchair ramps, and building porches.

As most of you have heard by now, this is a BIG endeavor for us as a Youth Group at St. Mary's. This costs a lot of money to do. We have \$4,000.00 still to raise. Please consider helping us meet our goal in one or in all four of these ways!

May 1 – Car Wash, 12:00pm in St. Mary's Parking Lot

May 8 – Mother's Day Breakfast Sponsored by iMission Team, 9:00 – 11:00am in the Parish Hall.  
Chairperson – David Moore

Purchase Stock in iMission 2011  
Sunday, May 1, 8, 15, 22  
\$10.00 per share

June 19 – Father's Day Spaghetti Lunch Sponsored by iMission Team, 11:00am – 1:00pm in the Parish Hall.  
Chair-people – Lori Brown & Evie Cottam

## Children & Youth Formation

Classes are Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery 10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Grades	Curriculum	Room
Fours to Grade 1	Godly Play I	215
2nd - 5th Grade	Godly Play II	217

Grades 6 - 12 at the Little House, for a discussion of the NOOMA series.

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

## Youth Programs for May

Friday, April 29 – 7:00pm to Saturday, April 30 – 8:00am, A lock-in with St. Timothy's of Winston-Salem at the Little House for Grades 6-12.

May 15 – 4:00 – 6:00pm, Youth Group – Grades 6-12 at the Little House

May 22 – 2:00 – 4:00pm, iMission Skills Training at the Little House

## Thank you! Thank you!

Our Wonderful Wednesday Program was a huge success thanks to the incredible leadership of so many wonderful people. This program of fellowship, food and formation allowed us to grow together by being together each week during Lent. Please watch for details of another program during Advent. Thank you's to Kerie Beth Scott, Hunter Burris, Kathleen Carlson, Jessica Henderson, Natalie Henderson, Nathan Finnin and Mary Darby and Friends!

## Celebrate Our Children & Youth

On May 22 at all of our church services, we will celebrate the children and youth of St. Mary's. They will lead us in worship by reading our lessons, ushering us to our pews, and even speaking the word through our sermons. Come join us for this wonderful service. All children in Grades 3 and up will receive a Bible beginning a new tradition at St. Mary's.

## Yes We Can Report

The Yes We Can group for adults 50+ is off to a great start! In February we gathered at The Little House to watch the classic movie, "Notorious," starring Ingrid Bergman and Cary Grant. We had a wonderful afternoon relaxing with popcorn and fellowship. Our next film, "Sea Biscuit," will be shown soon. Don't miss this one, a sure classic!

On March 20, fourteen of us gathered at the Women's Club of High Point for a wonderful Sunday lunch following the 11am service. The buffet is one of High Point's greatest variety of supreme foods to suite everyone's taste. We plan this as a quarterly event; our next luncheon will be held in June.

A day trip to a historical site is in the works. Please join us! We are always open to new members. We will keep you posted on upcoming events.

- Jack Marsh & Barry Collum

## American Heart Association

Anne Howell had her heart transplant in October '09. She has been selected as one of 3 women to represent our local American Heart Association in a heart disease awareness campaign. The photograph is a billboard that will be placed somewhere on Wendover Ave. Anne is in the middle.



## Thompson Child & Family Focus

The Summer Clothing Drive for Thompson Child and Family Focus begins Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue through Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. I hope all of you will stop by the TC&FF table on Sunday and shop for one of these special children. Thompson is opening a new home this spring for boys 13-15 years old and clothing continues to be a need. If you have any questions about TC&FF or would like for someone to shop for you please contact Elizabeth Finch at 885-5636.

## ECW Wine Gala

ECW will host the bi-annual Wine Gala on Sunday, May 22nd, at the home of Carroll Ann and Jeff Miller from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. See you there!

## The Herald

The deadline for the next issue of the Herald is May 18. As in years past, the June and July issues will be combined. Please be sure to be proactive and get any event announcements and/or articles to Shannon by the deadline. Send all submissions via e-mail to administrator@stmarysepisc.org. Thank you.

## New Name

Our Administrative Assistant, Shannon Watts, married on April 9 and has changed her name. Her new name is *Shannon Carter*, and she can still be reached at the same e-mail address and phone number. Thank you! administrator@stmarysepisc.org/886-4756.

## Fill the Bus Collection

Please bring your donations of non-perishable meats, milk & cereal, and green vegetables to the blue boxes in the Parish Hall Vestibule through May 15, for St. Mary's offering for Main Street Coalition Fill the Bus Campaign. Personal care items are also very welcome! Collected goods will be distributed on May 16 (beginning at 9:30am) to food pantries serving High Point's needy at Ward Street Mission, West End, and Open Door Ministries. With questions or to volunteer to help deliver on May 16, please contact Linda Collum or Paul Siceloff, Matthew 25:40 Committee. Thanks very much!!



*The Lent Giving Tree*

## 11th Annual Lobster Fest



Please join us at the High Point Elks Lodge (at 700 Old Mill Road) on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's Lobster Fest. Lobster dinners are \$25. Grilled steak and chicken dinners will also be available. Dinner includes one whole cooked Maine lobster (or grilled steak or chicken), corn on the cob,

homemade hush puppies, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert, and tea. Food will be served from 6-8PM. Please contact any member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for tickets. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary's Youth Program and outreach within the community.

## Altar Flowers

A reminder: Dedications for the main altar flowers for the remainder of 2011 are now being organized. This is a good time for you to make plans for dedications of the flowers to someone whose gifts you are thankful for or for someone whose memory you wish to recognize.

Most of the work is handled by the Flower Guild. We will prepare the flowers, enter your desired dedication in the Sunday bulletin and bill you \$60 to cover the cost of the flowers (or you may order from the florist of your choice and there will be no fee). After the Sunday services, you may take the flowers from the altar and pass them along to whomever you wish.

All you need to do is contact Kay Brower of Judy Straight and make your choice of dates known. Then all of the other arrangements will be made for you. You may contact Kay of Judy at [247kbjs@gmail.com](mailto:247kbjs@gmail.com) or at 664-9728.

## A Letter from Blum Construction for the Community Life Center

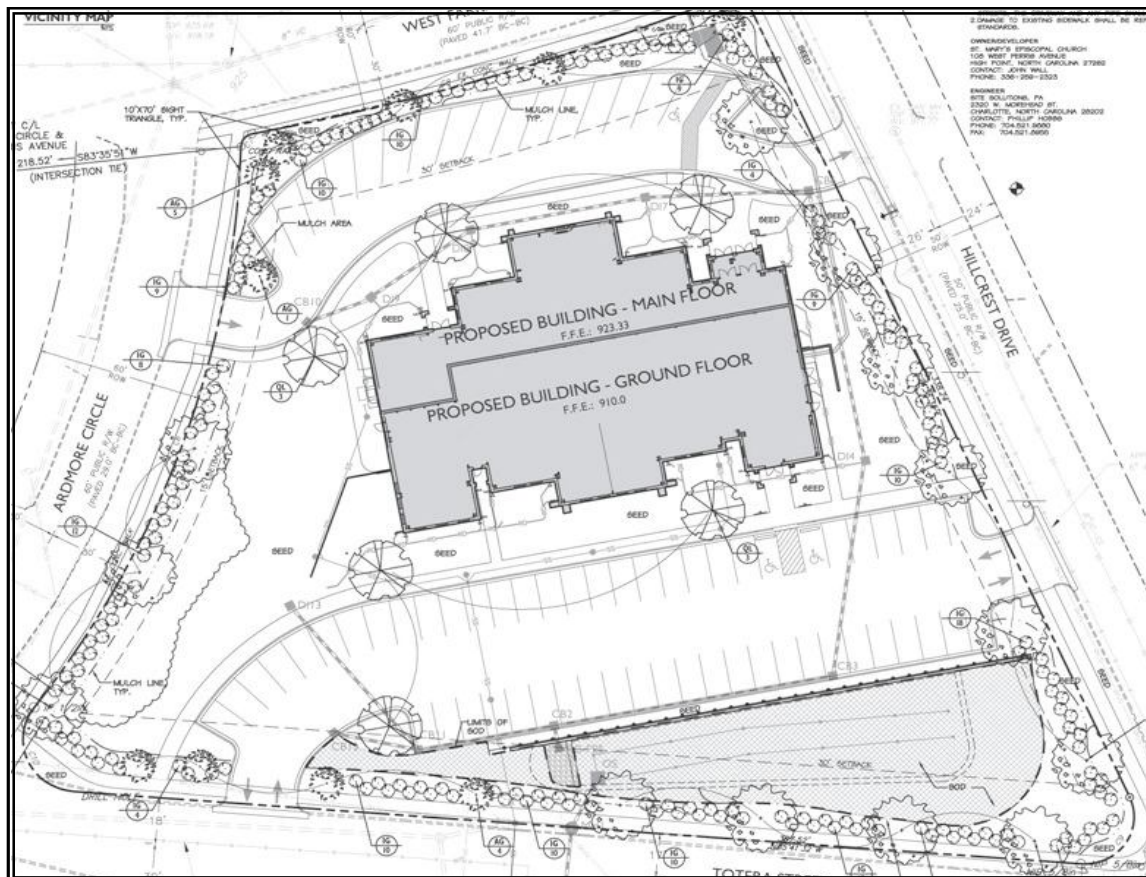
After months of hard work on the parts of the parishioners of St. Mary's, the design team led by WKWW Architects and the construction team at Frank L. Blum Construction Company, we are nearing the start of the construction phase of the Community Life Center project. Countless hours have been spent by all to ensure that the design of this building meets the needs of all who will use it. The team has vetted many alternatives for cost, constructability and durability, as well as their effects on site logistics and schedule. We feel that the end product of these months of hard work is a building that will serve St. Mary's well for years to come.

After we break ground, the Blum Construction team will begin securing the site for construction in the coming month. This means that the parishioners can expect to see site fencing, and then ultimately construction equipment at the site as we begin site construction. Hard hat tours of the construction site will be organized at key points in the project for groups to tour the building and see the fruits of all of your hard work.

We have had the good fortune of meeting many of the parishioners during the preconstruction phase of the project, and we look forward to meeting many more during the construction phase. From all of us at Blum Construction, we say thank you for placing your trust and confidence in us to build this magnificent structure. Find out more about Blum Construction at [www.flblum.com](http://www.flblum.com).

Mark Dunnagan, PE, LEED AP, *Vice President, Preconstruction Services*

Ricky Touchstone, *Senior Project Manager*



## Stewardship

Drama! It seems our life is full of it. Our constant rush from point A to point B can sometimes appear to provide more drama than actually exists. We all know people who describe every detail of their day highlighting any hint of difficulty with appreciably more flair than is needed. These folks are lovingly (usually) referred to as drama kings and queens. By the way, if you don't know anyone like this then you may be one of the culprits. Instead of being embraced, the dramatic aspects of our life are increasingly being painted in a negative light. I submit that drama has gotten a bad rap. In fact, the drama of life at its best, whether observed or experienced, can affect us on many levels. It can make us laugh, cry, scream, sing, and even feel. Heck, it will sometimes stand the hairs up on the back of your neck. Well, at least it does mine.

One definition for drama provided by Webster's dictionary is: "The quality of being arresting or highly emotional". I rather like this one. I believe this particular definition also describes many of the services in which we have the privilege to participate. Our Lenten services are especially arresting and highly emotional, therefore dramatic. The altar, adorned with dead limbs and purple veiled crosses, establishes the tone. The choir voices combining in sometimes somber tones project the emotion of the season. Then comes Palm Sunday when the congregation participates in the reading of The Passion during which someone yells "CRUCIFY HIM". How are the hairs on the back of your neck now? All of this leads us down the path to the great celebration, Easter. I'd say drama's looking pretty good.

Those of us (myself included) who get to observe this from the pews can easily get swept up in the drama and forget that many among us took time and effort to enhance our experience. The Altar Guild, with their constant attention to detail, sets the scene. The choir members, after many hours of rehearsal, create a wave of sound that is pitch perfect. Then the clergy, chalice bearers, acolytes, readers, ushers and more choreograph their efforts to make the presentation complete. Now I can just sit back and take it all in. Because, these services aren't just filled with drama, they're filled with Stewardship.

- Tony Bertschi

*Parishioner, Elizabeth Finch, volunteering with our English as a Second Language classes.*

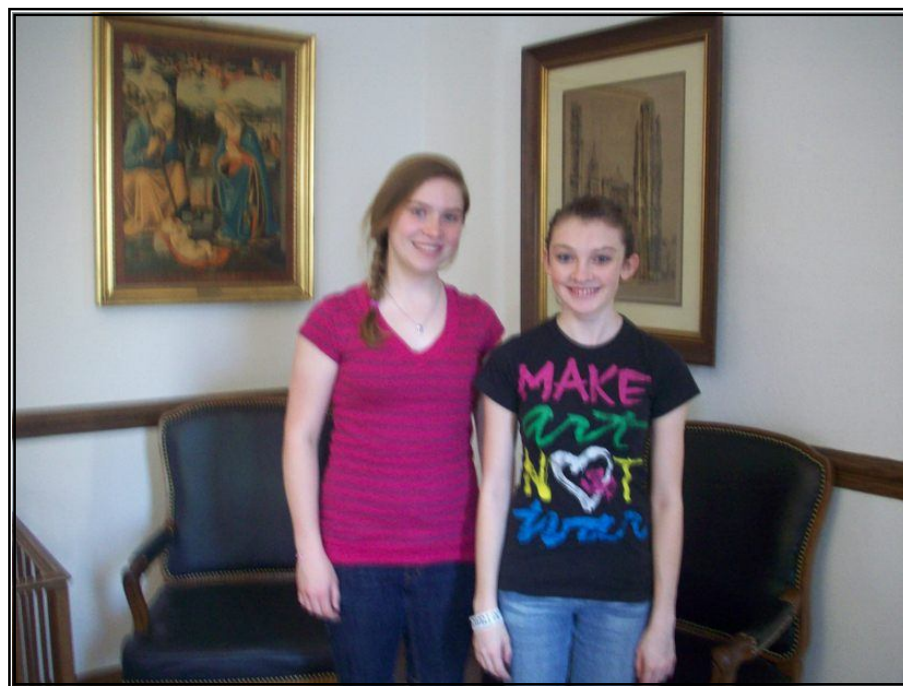


# Music News

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## Music Academy News

Cecilia Gulley and Lindsey Tripp participated in the North Carolina State Music Teachers' Piano Contest-Festival at Queens University on March 26. Both performers received a rating of superior, and they have been invited to perform for the North Carolina Music Teachers' State Convention in October at Salem College. Cecilia and Lindsey study piano with Dr. Yong Im Federle at the Academy.



*Cecilia Gulley, Lindsey Tripp*

## St. Mary's Choir Festival

Join us on Sunday, May 1 at the 11:00am service for St. Mary's Annual Choir Festival. Hear anthems by the Adult Choir, Cherub Choir, Youth Choir, and Young Adult Choir.

## Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for the Ascension Day Evensong on Thursday evening, June 2 at 6:00p.m.

# Prayers & Milestones

Lily Blackman  
 Spencer Wilson & Family  
 Nancy Wood  
 Patti Burns  
 Ernst Lenz  
 Carol Kenn  
 Jack Marsh  
 Megan Williams  
 Michael & Haley Walsh  
 Frances Cobbler  
 Florence Kendall  
 Fred Murrow  
 Michelle Foster & Family



Esker Amos  
 Alice Whitehorne  
 Nicole Dolder  
 Nicole Pulliam  
 Shannon & Ed Widner  
 Larry Bliss  
 DJ  
 Bill Heard  
 Buck Williams & Family  
 Judy Jessie  
 Paul Barnes  
 Jeff Murrow  
 Frank Falkson

*"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 Baptism: Jack Taxiera, Zachary Lea-Saken, Bailey McAtee

## May Birthdays

01	Calvin Biesecker	13	Joyce Manning	20	Megan Yowell
02	Jules Crowell	14	Judy Boggs	22	Robert Rostand
04	Mary Gordon		Reaben Burris		Jon Baird
	Kacey McClellan	15	David Moore Jr.	23	Libby Fisher
05	David Saunders		Kathleen Carlson		Barbara Crowder
	David Wolff	16	Gloria Morris		Paul Ketchum
	Christopher Crowder		Bert Adkins		John Burnside
08	Judy Jarrell		Sterling Smith	24	Aidan Montgomery
	Margarita Kerkado		Landon Bertschi	25	Bill McKenzie, Jr.
	Katie Whitehorne	17	Suzanne Payne	27	Dan Allen
	Sophia Teachout	18	Robert Gay		Emily Fisher
09	Blake Brown		Michael Howell	28	Kirsten Bertschi
11	Reid Falkson	19	Colleen Hartsoe	29	Mary Jane Leidecker
12	Richard Sanders		Jim Gane	30	Laura Bachmann
	Bo McKenzie		Sharon Pierce	31	Rob Brock
13	Nancy Robinson	20	David Idol		Laney Watts

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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**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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Hill, Dudley Moore, Paul Sicheloff,  
Johnny Slate, Tim Yates, Audrey Yowell,  
Famatta DeShield, *clerk*

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