

**ST. MARY'S
FISHERMAN**
October
November 2016

Happy Thanksgiving!
November 24

*St. Mary's Fleeton Episcopal Church is a community of faith and fellowship;
an open and welcoming congregation that is nurturing and supporting of one another.
We respect and embrace the various backgrounds and spiritual paths of our congregants and neighbors.
We share our gifts and talents to minister to the needs of our surrounding community
as a reflection of God's grace and unconditional love.*

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St. Mary's: where the road begins...



All Saints Day/All Faithful Departed

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As *Holy Women, Holy Men* notes, although the observance had been eliminated for hundreds of years, "a renewed understanding of its meaning has led to a widespread acceptance of this commemoration among Anglicans, and to its inclusion as an optional observance in the calendar of the Episcopal Church.

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**** 2017 PLEDGES DUE — OCTOBER 16 ****

**** ECW MEETING — FOLLOWING SERVICE — OCTOBER 23 ****

**** VESTRY NOMINATION DEADLINE — OCTOBER 23 ****

**** COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE — OCTOBER 28 ****

**** OCC SHOE BOXES DEADLINE — NOVEMBER 6 ****

**** ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & POT LUCK LUNCH — NOVEMBER 13 ****

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Please ask God to grant comfort and strength to: Zachary Tucker, Jean and Bill Hudnall, Winifred Delano, Alene Robinson, Gerrie Burke, Patricia Hoppe, Martha and Aubrey Henry, Ada Williams, Roy Lange, Becky Thrift, Lois Hett, Jan Boyd, Jim Adams, Jenny and Cathy.

Also, please remember in your prayers the following, whose conditions are not currently acute, but who are still in need of our continued prayers: Ron Andrews, Madelyn Davis, Al & Lee Dean, Robert Hamilton, Joan Oliver, Morty & Jeff Paulis, Grace Rice, Carol Wiley, and Alice Virginia Sparks (granddaughter).

SEPTEMBER VESTRY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

It was reported that the Stewardship Committee mailed our Stewardship Letter and Time and Talent Pledge Cards.

It was reported that \$3,400.00 has been collected to meet Jan Boyd's Pledge of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of replacing one of the HVAC units at St. Mary's.

It was reported that we have nine Welcome Bags prepared and that three have been delivered.

It was reported that 28 back packs were blessed during our Blessing of the Back Packs service on August 28th, and that 20 children participated in our first Family Fun Day.

It was decided that Michael Degroot will call King's Cleaning Service about checking the church for mold.

Rev. Sandi Mizirl advised that she will be out of town September 25 - October 2, October 30, and November 27.

NEWS OF THE CONGREGATION

Janet Lewis and niece Anne W. Haynie Droter are participating again this October as the "Whittaker Walkers" in the three mile Richmond Virginia National Kidney Walk. The Walks are designed to help people understand the need for early detection of kidney disease, raise funds, and a great way to bring the community together.

Janet's family has a genetic kidney disease that leads to dialysis until a donated kidney can be found. But last year 100,000 people were on the transplant list, only 30,000 kidneys were transplanted (kidneys being the most in demand), and 6,000 people died waiting for a new organ — including liver, lung or other organs.

Over 80 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to support programs.

~ Janet Lewis



**The Blessing of the Back Packs
At St. Mary's on August 28th**

MARCIA WOOLEY ADAMS
November 5, 1937 – August 10, 2016



We were shocked and saddened by the sudden unexpected death of our friend and long-time St. Mary's member Marcia Adams on August 10, 2016.

Over the years, Marcia generously and cheerfully contributed her services to St. Mary's in many ways. She served on the vestry, sang in the choir, served as a lay reader and a lay Eucharistic minister, and year after year led the St. Mary's ECW as President.

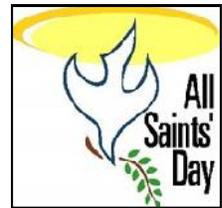
One of Marcia's greatest joys in life was singing. She was an enthusiastic soprano member of the Sweet Adelines, a women's barbershop harmony organization. She also loved needlework, reading and travel.

Marcia is survived by her husband of 56 years our friend Jim; daughters Jennifer Adams and Allison Hegarty; and her sister Suzanne Giordano.

Her family and friends said goodbye to Marcia at a memorial service at St. Mary's on August 15 We will greatly miss her strength, her wit, and her ready smile.

ALL SAINTS DAY AT ST. MARY'S

St. Mary's will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, November 6. On the preceding Sunday (October 30) small strips of colorful construction paper will be distributed to the congregation. Each of us will be encouraged to write the names of departed loved ones on these strips of paper. The paper strips will be made into a chain that will decorate the altar on November 6.



Also, on November 6 we will celebrate the baptism of Bill and Jean Hudnall's grandchild.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING IS NOVEMBER 13

The St. Mary's 2016 Annual Parish Meeting will be held on November 13, 2016. To help ensure that we have a meaningful and productive meeting, every parishioner should take the following actions:

- **Mark the date on your calendar and keep it clear of conflicts.**
- **Submit your pledge for 2017 by October 16, 2016**
- **If you are responsible for preparing an annual committee report, begin to do so as soon as possible, and submit it by October 28 — NOVEMBER 4 AT THE LATEST.**

Participation in this meeting by as many members as possible is called for, because important matters will be discussed and important decisions made. For one thing, **A PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET IS TO BE PRESENTED.** Your timely responses to the stewardship letter you received in September will enable the Finance Committee to prepare a proposed 2017 budget and obtain the vestry's approval of it before the annual meeting.

ANOTHER MATTER OF IMPORTANCE IS THE ELECTION OF ONE NEW VESTRY MEMBER. NOMINATION FORMS AND A BOX FOR THEIR COLLECTION WILL BE PLACED IN THE PARISH HALL IN OCTOBER. THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING VESTRY NOMINATIONS IS OCTOBER 23.

There will be a pot luck luncheon in the Parish Hall following the meeting.

~ Joy Bolger

MEALS ON WHEELS DATES

St. Mary's is responsible for delivering Meals on Wheels on the following dates in October and November: **Monday, October 24, Wednesday, October 26, Friday, October 28; Monday, November 28; Wednesday, November 30; and Friday, December 2.**

PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS NAGLE IF YOU CAN DELIVER MEALS ON WHEELS IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER.

FALL UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO) INGATHERING IN NOVEMBER

St. Mary's United Thank Offerings will be collected on **Sunday, November 6, 2016**. Kathy Corsa, who coordinated our Spring in-gathering, is again coordinating the Fall in-gathering, and will be handing out UTO envelopes on Sunday, October 30th.

The Episcopal Church's greatest grant resource comes from the United Thank Offerings. Each year approximately \$2 million in grants is distributed from these offerings. These grants support projects that address poverty of women and children, make a significant impact, demonstrate new and innovative work, and are a part of a planned diocesan/provincial strategy.

The UTO offerings we give are in thanks to God for his many blessings. Please give generously to help others around the world whose lives have been less blessed than ours.



United Thank Offering

Sharing Blessings with Thanksgiving and Love

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Again this year, St. Mary's will participate in Operation Christmas Child (OCC) by filling shoeboxes with gifts for needy children around the world. Standard sized shoe boxes, a box collection bin, information pamphlets and shoe box labels will be made available in the parish hall during October. We are scheduled to deliver the shoe boxes to a central drop-off location on November 14th; so **please bring yours to the parish hall by November 6th**. Janet Lewis is coordinating our OCC participation this year; so please let her know if you would like to help and contact her for additional information.

~ Joy Bolger



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October Birthdays	October Anniversaries	November Birthdays	November Anniversaries
2 Scott Stables	None	3 Jeff Harrison	8 Martha and Aubrey Henry
4 Joseph Biddlecomb		5 Andrew Harrison	17 Carole and Jim Wiley
9 Courtney Harrison		5 Dudley Biddlecomb	20 Mary Lynn and Bill Slaughter
9 Carole Wiley		6 Joy Bolger	
11 Winifred Delano		10 Paul Sparks	
11 Mary Lynn Slaughter		16 Bill Henderson	
17 Amy Biddlecomb Beane		20 Carol Cole	
17 Ally Biddlecomb		29 Clay Slaughter	
19 Ray Rogers			
29 Bud Bolger			

ECW NEWS

At an ECW meeting on September 25th, attended by 11 women of St. Mary's, the members elected Joy Bolger Acting ECW President until the end of 2016.

Also at that meeting it was decided that Christmas merchandise from the thrift shop will be sold in the parish hall during Oktoberfest on October 8th.

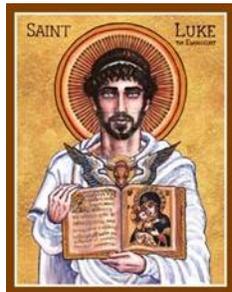


In August, the St. Mary's ECW was notified that Maria Fernanda, the girl we have been sponsoring at Our Little Roses (OLR) Home for Girls in Honduras for years, has been returned to the her mother's custody. At the 9/25 meeting, the members voted unanimously in favor of sponsoring another girl who has come under the care of OLR. (More information about the OLR mission can be found on line at ourlittleroses.org.)

Our Little Roses
Transforming and empowering the girl child of Honduras

The next ECW meeting will be held following the worship service on Sunday, October 23rd. At that meeting the members will develop a proposed budget for 2017 and identify nominees for 2017 ECW officers. All women of St. Mary's are encouraged to come. We had a really good turnout for the 9/25 meeting and hope that this trend will continue.

~ Joy Bolger



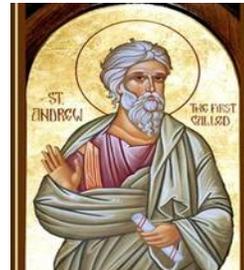
St. Luke the Evangelist
October 18



St. James of Jerusalem
October 23



St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles
October 28



St. Andrew the Apostle
November 30

OCTOBER MOVIE LINEUP

Admission free. Doors Open at 7:00 PM; movie Starts at 7:30. Popcorn and Soft Drinks at a Nominal Charge.

October 7 — Movie Night Cancelled — OKTOBERFEST!

October 14 — Dough — 2016 (NR)

Jonathan Pryce and Pauline Collins star in this hilarious comedy that shows you don't have to be baked to make some DOUGH! An old Jewish baker takes on a young Muslim apprentice to save his failing kosher bakery. When his apprentice's marijuana stash accidentally falls in the mixing dough, the challah starts flying off the shelves! DOUGH is a warmhearted and humorous story about overcoming prejudice and finding redemption in unexpected places. ~ Amazon

October 21 — Sing Street — 2016 (PG-13)

Sing Street takes us back to 1980s Dublin seen through the eyes of a 4-year-old boy named Conor who is looking for a break from a home strained by his parents relationship and money troubles, while trying to adjust to his new inner-city public school where the kids are rough and the teachers are rougher. He finds a glimmer of hope in the mysterious, über-cool and beautiful Raphina, and with the aim of winning her heart he invites her to star in his band's music videos. There's only one problem: he's not part of a band...yet. She agrees, and now Conor must deliver what he's promised - calling himself Cosmo and immersing himself in the vibrant rock music trends of the decade, he forms a band with a few lads, and the group pours their heart into writing lyrics and shooting videos. *Sing Street* shows us a world where music has the power to take us away from the turmoil of everyday life and transform us into something greater. ~ Amazon

October 28 — Mickey— 2005 (PG)

When widowed attorney Tripp Spence finds himself wanted by the IRS, he and his young pitching sensation son Derrick change their appearance, assume new identities and flee to Las Vegas. Here, Derrick becomes 'Mickey' and Tripp enrolls him in a second final year of Little League. But as the nation, the government and a nervous Tripp watch, 'Mickey' leads his team from the city championship all the way to the controversial final game of the Little League World Series. Can a 13-year-old fugitive with an 80 mph fastball now find a way to stay anonymous – and honest – as the most famous 12-year-old athlete in the world? Michelle Johnson and Mike Starr co-star in this exciting and powerful drama directed by Hugh Wilson from an original screenplay by John Grisham. ~ Amazon

Check the Sunday bulletins and the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for the November movie schedule.



October 10



October 31



November 6



November 8



November 11



November 27

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOVIE COMMITTEE MEETINGS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 11 AM
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, AM

LUNCH BUNCH
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 12 NOON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 12 NOON

VESTRY MEETINGS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6 PM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 6 PM



UPCOMING RAPPAHANNOCK CONCERT ASSOCIATION CONCERTS

Saturday October 22 – The Glenn Miller Orchestra
Friday November 18 – Pianist Thomas Pandolfi Plays Chopin

All Concerts are held at 7:30 P.M. in the Performing Arts Theatre at the Northumberland County School Complex in Heathsville. Proceeds from the concerts go to supporting and funding music education to the region's youth.

Submitted by Carol Cole

ECW MEETING
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
FOLLOWING SERVICE



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
AND POT LUCK LUNCHEON

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13



THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE DECEMBER-JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER IS November 25, 2016. Please email articles to Christine Nagle at stmarysflecton@gmail.com or to Joy Bolger at jbbolger@nnwifi.com or bring them to the church office by that date.