



St. Mary's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Mustard Seed Church

The mission of St. Mary's is to invite all people into a relationship with God and each other in Christ.



June - July Edition

**The Mustard Seed Church
Sowing Seeds in the Community...**



St. Mary's provided lunch for the AmeriCorp volunteers while they were working in West Columbia with Mosaic in Action.



During the month of June, Mosaic in Action's intent to work on residences in West Columbia on the 10,12,13,14,and 15. If you would like to volunteer or visit with the Mosaic in Action team on the dates listed above between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., contact the Construction Supervisor, Marcus George, at 214-914-2646 or marcus@mosaicinaction.org.

Mosaic in Action will also have a booth at the Brazoria County Hurricane Expo on June 17th at the Fairgrounds in Angleton.

Hurricane & Disaster Preparedness Expo
SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2023
BRAZORIA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
901 S. DOWNING, ANGLETON
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Presentations Topics

- NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
- GENERATOR SAFETY
- EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FOR PETS
- PREPARING YOUR YARD FOR HURRICANE SEASON

ACTIVITIES

- Emergency Preparedness Exhibitors Booths
- Free Hot Dogs
While Supplies Last
- Free Admission and Parking
- Emergency Vehicle Displays
- Door Prizes & Goody Bags
While Supplies Last

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CAER (COMMUNITY AWARENESS & EMERGENCY RESPONSE), VELASCO DRAINAGE DISTRICT, H-E-B

Expo Provided By:
City of Alvin, City of Angleton, City of Lake Jackson, City of Clute, Velasco Drainage District, Homeland Preparedness Project, Brazoria County Office of Emergency Management

IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION OR WOULD LIKE TO BE AN EXHIBITOR, CONTACT SHARON TROWER, BRAZORIA COUNTY PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, AT 979-864-1896.



Art in the Park

Family friendly Bible study and art journaling will return this summer. We will be meeting Friday mornings at 9:30 at our own St. Mary's Church (behind the church) beginning June 23 until July 28. Shyanne Roddy is the facilitator. Just bring your Bible that you don't mind being creative in. All other supplies will be provided. Everyone is welcome.



Annual Picnic

On Sunday, July 2, we will celebrate our Nation's freedom with hamburgers and hotdogs and all the fixin's. There will be a water slide for all ages along with outdoor games and our playground. Bring your chairs, your appetite, towels, bathing suits, and any games as we celebrate our nation's freedom together as a church family. Since the picnic begins after church, you can dress casually for the service. No need to go home and change. If you have a canopy we can use that day, please let Dani, Gwynne, or Father Paul know. **COME ON LET'S CELEBRATE!!!**



Let's shower Dani and AJ with items that will be helpful to them while caring for their new grandson!

Hosted by the ladies of St. Mary's Church

Worship Leaders Needed

With summer coming on, the availability of parishioners to serve as worship leaders will be limited. If you are able to help on the altar guild, as a lector or leader of the Prayers of the People, as an acolyte, as an usher, or as a Chalice bearer, let Dani or Father Paul know.

Each person who serves is a special and vital part of the worship service. Please consider serving. St. Mary's needs you.

Message from Marvin Miller

" A Memorial Day Tribute "

It was raining "cats and dogs" and I was late for physical training. Traffic was backed up at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and was moving way too slowly.

The pace slowed almost to a standstill as I passed Memorial Grove, the site built to honor the soldiers who died in the worst redeployment accident in the history of the 101st Airborne Assault Division.

Because it was close to Memorial Day, a small American flag had been placed in the ground next to each soldier's memorial plaque.

All of a sudden, infuriatingly, just as the traffic was getting started again, the car in front of me stopped. A soldier, a private of course, jumped out in the pouring rain and ran over toward the grove.

I couldn't believe it! This knucklehead was holding up everyone. Horns were honking. I waited to see the butt chewing that I wanted him to get for making me late.

He was getting soaked to the skin. His Battle Dress Uniform was plastered to his frame. I watched as he ran up to one of the memorial plaques, picked up the small American flag that had fallen to the ground in the wind and the rain, and set it upright again.

Then, slowly, he came to attention, saluted, ran back to his car, and drove off. I'll never forget that incident. That soldier, whose name I will never know, taught me more about duty, honor, and respect than a hundred books or a thousand lectures.

That simple salute -- that single act of honoring his fallen brother and his flag -- encapsulated all the Army values in one gesture for me. It said,

"I will never forget. I will keep the faith. I will finish the mission. I am an American soldier."

I thank God for examples like that.

And on this Memorial Day, I will remember all those who paid the ultimate price for my freedom, and one private, soaked to the skin, who honored them.

~ A True Account Written by Army Captain John Rasmussen

Senior Citizen Center Monthly Country Store

The Senior Citizen Center which provides Meals on Wheels, weekday lunches at the center, Bingo, special events, and craft activities for the senior citizens in our area has a Country Store the first of each month. The Center has decided to open their doors on the first Friday and Saturday of each month and sell the items they have in storage along with any new donated items. The times are Friday, June 30th, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, July 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Center is located at 629 E. Bernard St., West Columbia. Please help support this organization which is completely self-funded.

Images from Graduation Sunday



Piper Roddy, the Rev. Paul Wehner, Haley Cantrell, and Brayze Schill



2023 Flower sign up

The forms to sign up for 2023 flower offerings are in the Narthex. Please stop by and sign up to honor or celebrate special days in your life. The cost is \$50, to be paid in advance.

For more information call the church office at 979-345-3456.

Congratulations NICE GOING!
GREAT! Way to Go!
Yea! FELICITATIONS
CHEERS Take A BEST
BOW! WISHES!

May

Brayze Schill graduated from Columbia High School. He was named "Les Dix" - one of the 10 most outstanding students at Columbia High School. He also made straight As his Senior Year.

Abigail Roddy received the music award, A honor roll for the entire year, and the zero conduct marks award at West Columbia Elementary.

Amber Prater lettered in theater and received her Letter Jacket.

Haley Cantrell graduated Magna Cum Laude from Columbia High School. She received two scholarships and had all As.

Maddie Lane graduated from the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree. She will start in July at Children's Memorial Hermann in the Pediatric ICU.

Trace Roddy received the A/B honor roll and perfect attendance for the year. He also received the wonderful wildcatter award and 0 conduct marks for the last 9 weeks at West Columbia Elementary. He placed 5th in hurdles at the Columbia Brazoria ISD Elementary Track Meet.

Piper Roddy graduated from Columbia High School.

Ressie Cantrell had all As at Columbia High School.

Jennifer Mikel Landreneau graduated from the School of Nursing at the University of Texas Medical Branch with a Master of Science in Nursing Degree - Neonatal Nurse Practitioner. She is working as a Nurse Practitioner at St. David's in Austin.

Travis Prater was elected Senior Patrol Leader for Boy Scout Troop 1000.

Braylee Schill was named All District Honorable Mention in soccer and Academic All District in both soccer and track. She also qualified for regionals in powerlifting. Braylee made all As for the year at Columbia High School.

Madeline Roddy was the May Student of the Month at West Columbia Elementary.



Don't Forget

Remember to keep your empty print cartridges for St. Mary's. All brands and types are welcomed. We have been turning in 10 cartridges a month, earning a \$20 credit. This greatly helps defray the cost of our office supplies.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Special thanks and gratitude to

- Theata Miller, Dan Roddy, Colleen Matocha, Dani Mikel, AJ Mikel, Marvin Miller, Shyanne Roddy, Abigail Roddy, Trace Roddy, Jasey Hussey, Hannah Hussey, Justin Hussey, Tracy Lane, Sherry Wehner, Jackie Walker, Ouida Thomas, Travis Prater, Kendy Hankins, Wendy Hankins, Jay Wiggins, Vicki Vrazel, Buck Barnes, Braylee Schill, Jennifer Schill, Adam Schill, Gwynne Olson, and Bill Olson for serving as Worship Leaders in April and May.
- Amber Prater for setting up the Livestreaming on our Facebook site, monitoring the feed during the service, and responding to on-line viewers.
- Theata and Marvin Miller for stapling the service bulletins.
- Mary Stewart for organizing the children's bags for Sunday service.
- Shyanne and Wade Roddy, Theata and Marvin Miller, Bill and Gwynne Olson, and the Brotherhood for providing hospitality during April and May.
- The Reverend Nan Doerr for serving as our celebrant when Father Paul was gone.

You are awesome, and St. Mary's greatly appreciates all you do.



Prayer Request

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please notify the office by email or phone. The prayer list will be updated each month, so if prayers need to continue for an individual person, please fill out a new card or let

Dani know. Prayers for the sick and those in need are the joyful duty of the Christian community. Help us keep our parish prayer list current by notifying us of those in need of prayer and when those listed are no longer in need.



Camp Allen Events

Needlepoint Retreat - September 12 - 15: Join fellow needlepointers for this midweek retreat.

Summer Camp for Moms - July 14-16: a weekend of relaxation, renewal, and adventure...just for moms

Labor Day Family Camp - September 1-3: family weekend which includes adventure activities, lakefront fun, crafts, and hands-on nature experience.

Thank You Cards

St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

Thank you very much for The Voice Bible. It is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use.

Thank you again,
Brayze Schill

Thank you so much for the perfect gift. I definitely plan to try to make this part of my daily routine. Thank you so much for all your support.

Haley

June, July, and August Anniversaries

Dani and AJ Mikel - June 6
Rachel and Jason Davidson - June 9
Wendy and Kurt Hankins - June 10
Jennifer and Adam Schill - June 12
Theata and Marvin Miller - June 13
Ann and Robert Kay - June 17
Bonnie and John Cole - July 18
Barbara and John Rectenwald - Aug. 14

June, July, and August Birthday

Buck Barnes - June 13
Carol Jones - June 21
John Cole - June 29
Ally Lane - July 2
Shyanne Roddy - July 2
Amber Prater - July 6
Tracy Lane - July 9
Bill Olson - July 9
Madeline Roddy - July 17
Mary Stewart - July 22
Sandy Wood - July 26
Wendy Hankins - August 6
Holly Cantrell - August 8
Theresa Crawford - August 10
Ann Kay - August 17
Donna Roddy - August 21
Kaylea Anderson - August 21
Caroline Culbreath - August 28

Dates to Remember

Sunday services are streamed on St. Mary's Facebook Live at 9:00 a.m.

**June 11 - Sunday Service - Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend Paul Wehner**

June 11 - Hospitality and Fellowship (10:00 - 10:30 a.m.)

June 11 - Vestry Meeting (10:30 a.m.)

June 18 - Brotherhood (7:30 a.m.)

**June 18 - Sunday Service - Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend Nan Doerr**

June 18 - Hospitality and Fellowship (10:00 - 10:30 a.m.)

June 25 - DOK Meeting (7:45 a.m.)

**June 25 - Sunday Service - Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend Nan Doerr**

June 25 - Hospitality and Fellowship (10:00 - 10:30 a.m.)

June 30 - Senior Citizen Country Store - (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)

July 1 - Senior Citizen Country Store - (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

July 2 - Brotherhood (7:30 a.m.)

**July 2 - Sunday Service - Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend Paul Wehner**

July 2 - Parish Picnic

**July 9 - Sunday Service - Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend Paul Wehner**

July 9 - Hospitality and Fellowship (10:00 - 10:30 a.m.)

July 16 - Brotherhood (7:30 a.m.)

**July 16 - Sunday Service - Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend Paul Wehner**

July 16 - Hospitality and Fellowship (10:00 - 10:30 a.m.)

**July 23 - Sunday Service - Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend Paul Wehner**

July 23 - Hospitality and Fellowship (10:00 - 10:30 a.m.)

July 30 - Brotherhood (7:30 a.m.)

July 30 - Sunday Service - Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend Mark Crawford

July 30 - Hospitality and Fellowship (10:00 - 10:30 a.m.)

No Newsletter in July

There will be no newsletter in July. Emails will be sent out periodically to all parishioners with important information and upcoming events. If you receive an email from St. Mary's, please open it. For those who do not have an email address, you will be notified by mail or telephone.

St. Mary's Leadership

Vestry

Rector: the Reverend Paul Wehner

Sr. Warden: Gwynne Olson

Jr. Warden: Dan Roddy

Clerk: Colleen Matocha

Outreach Chair: Jackie Walker

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