

THE BELLS OF SAINT MARY'S



AUGUST 2016

Mission Statement

“Celebrating God’s Love Found in The Word, People and Creation”



The next Parish Fellowship Meal will be held on Sunday, August 21st after the morning worship service. The theme is “Potluck” which means anything is welcomed. There is a signup sheet at the entrance to the church. The vestry is supplying the paper products and drinks. This is a perfect opportunity for our church family to gather. Do not feel like you have to bring something to attend. Everyone is welcomed including visitors. The more the merrier.



Back to School Supply Drive

Saint Mary's is once again collecting school supply items for West Columbia Elementary. A basket has been placed at the entrance of the church from July 31st to August 14th for all donations. An attachment was emailed out with this newsletter containing the supply list for the elementary school. Additional copies were placed in the Sunday worship program and are available at the entrance of the church.



Update on Peter

Peter continues to show improvement and has even been able to ride his three wheel bike. The physical therapist has added more difficult exercises to challenge his coordination and balance. He will go for an x-ray to see how the lungs have progressed and appointments are being made for a neurologist and ENT.

Honoring Our Military



For Veteran's Day, we would like to honor those listed on the military prayer list by sending them a gift card. A basket will be set out the first Sunday of each month (June – November) at the entrance to the church for donations. We also need the addresses and updated information on the following **JOHN BROCKWAY, SHANE CASE, JUSTIN HUSSEY, KYLE LEDLIE, JASON LEWALLEN, ALEX MOLNAR, & RICKY WALLACE**. If you know this information or have a military person you would like included in the prayers please let Dani Mikel know.

Praying With Beads

The DOK is sponsoring a program "Praying with Beads" by Reverend Nann Doerr on August 4th from 10:00 – 12:00 with fellowship to follow. This program is open to all women and girls age 8 or older. The book Praying with Beads by Nann Doerr will be available for purchase or can be ordered through Amazon.com. During the program, the participants will have the opportunity to make their own prayer beads for \$20. (Colorful plastic beads will be available for less than \$20.)





Worship Leaders

We have many opportunities to serve Saint Mary's, including greeters, altar guild, readers (adults and children), Prayers of the People, acolytes, children's ministry, children's choir, youth activities, and the vestry. Some of these positions require "Safe Guarding God's People" and/or "Safe Guarding God's Children". There will be a "Safe Guarding God's People" training on August 28th at Saint Mary's. If you are interested in serving in one of these areas or attending the training, please let Karen Logue or Dani Mikel know.



Community Assistance

In 2015, the vestry, being inspired by Miss Kitty's will, established the community assistance committee to aide citizens of West Columbia. The committee can utilize up to \$1000 a month to provide a one-time donation to individuals or groups of individuals in need. If you know of an individual that would benefit from the program, please contact committee members Karen Logue or Tracy Lane. All requests remain confidential and are submitted by the committee to the vestry for final approval. In the past, the committee has provided food for the Backpack program at West Columbia Elementary, contributed to citizens with health issues, provided food for the food pantry, and arranged temporary shelter. Future projects include backpacks and lice kits for West Columbia Elementary.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 2 – DOK (9:30 am)
August 4 – Praying with Beads (10:00 am)
August 7 – EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
August 14 – Brotherhood (7:30)
August 14 – Vestry meets
August 14 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
August 21 – Blessing of the Backpacks
August 21 – Parish Fellowship Potluck
August 21 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)
August 28 – Brotherhood (7:30)
August 28 – Safe Guarding God's People – Conference Room after the service
August 28 - EYC meets at Holy Comforter (5:00)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Sue Davidson – Aug. 1

Holly Cantrell – Aug. 8

Joe Craig – Aug. 9

Craig Landreneau – Aug. 10

Heather Mikel – Aug. 12

Donna Roddy – Aug. 21



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| Rector | Peter Conaty |
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| Jr. Warden | Dan Roddy |
| Clerk | Marvin Miller |
| Treasurer | Dani Mikel |
| Organist | Kathy Molnar |

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