

THE BELLS OF SAINT MARY'S



JULY 2017

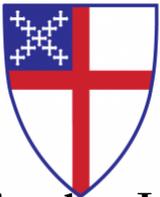
Mission Statement

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



APPRECIATION BRUNCH

As many of you already know, Doc and Debbie Burns will soon be moving to Richmond, Texas to start a brand new chapter in their lives. In appreciation for their years of dedication to St. Mary’s, we are hosting a Brunch, this Sunday, immediately following the 9:00 service. Everybody at St. Mary’s has been touched in a special way by this dear couple, so join us this Sunday, July 2nd, as we pay tribute to them for their many years of love and faithful service to our church and parish family.



Search Committee

The search committee met with The Reverend Francene Young on Sunday, June 25th. Based on the parish survey results and the congregational meeting, the committee developed questions that they can use during the interview process for a new priest. They also ask that the congregation keep them and St. Mary’s in their prayers as they proceed through the search process. The following is a prayer in the Book of Common Prayer.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Outreach



Donations for the Military

In our parish hall there is a container by the door for donations to the West of the Brazos Military Support Group. Rees Sweeny, a member of our congregation, is involved in this organization. This organization supports all military branches and sends packages throughout the year to our service personnel overseas. Each month we will list specific items to purchase. The items for July are:

Gold Bond Foot Powder, baby wipes, small packages of Q-tips, dental floss, individual sized hand sanitizer

You can leave the items in the container at church and Rees will pick them up. Let's make this an ongoing [outreach program](#) for our church.

First Responders' Breakfast

Saint Mary's is hosting their first ever First Responders' Appreciation Breakfast on Thursday, July 20th. Employees from the West Columbia EMS, Police, and Fire Departments have all been invited to attend this come and go breakfast which will be served from 7-9:00 am. The men of The Brotherhood of St. Andrews will be cooking eggs, sausage, biscuits and all the trimmings for these hard working men and women. Come on out, enjoy a cup of coffee and start your day with fellowship and a hearty breakfast!



Community Assistance

During the month of June, we were able to provide assistance to a family in need by aiding with their utilities and rent. We also were able to help another family with medical expenses. If you know of anyone in need, please contact Karen or Tracy.



News from the Vestry

The vestry met Sunday, June 25th, after the Sunday service.

Senior Warden's Report: Karen Logue

Karen reported on the Community Assistance Committee requests for June. The vestry approved the recommendations from the committee. She also reported on the progress for the Appreciation Brunch for Doc and Debbie Burns on Sunday, July 2nd. She also gave an update on the church's website and facebook page. Kevin and Carol from the diocese are helping with these projects.

Jr. Warden Report: Dan Roddy

No report was given.

Attendance: Dani Mikel

The average Sunday attendance for May was 27 people.

Financial Report for May: Dani Mikel

Disbursements

General Expenses: \$3023.74

Supply Priests: \$719.88

Total: \$3743.62

Income

KNG Fund: \$0

Disability Insurance: \$4285.80 (last check)

Offering Plate/Pledges: \$2428.50

Interest (bank): \$3.27

Total: \$6717.57

Old Business

The First Responders Appreciation days were discussed. The date for the first breakfast will be Thursday, July 20th. The Brotherhood has taken this outreach project. The vestry voted to allot up to \$100 each month from the Community Assistance fund to cover the cost of the breakfasts.

New Business

1. In the fall, we will be organizing a church workday under the leadership of our junior warden. If you would like to head a work group, please contact Dan.
2. The vestry discussed plans to organize a visitation committee to visit shut-ins and those seeking visitation or communion.
3. The vestry voted to have Dani Mikel look into purchasing a new printer for the office.

More details about the vestry meeting can be found in the minutes posted on the bulletin board.

Our Sharing Faith Dinner was held in the Parish Hall on June 1st. Eleven of us gathered in the spirit of fellowship for a delicious meal followed by our Bible Study where we culminated our study of Ephesians.



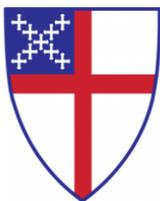
Acts Bible Study

(information from Karen Logue)

When we read the descriptions of the early church in the Book of Acts- the miracles, the sharing and generosity, the fellowship- we may wish we could have been a part of this “perfect” church. In reality, the early church had problems just as we do today. Our study of Acts continues and there’s always room at the table for you. Everyone’s welcome! Join us Thursdays at 6pm in the Parish Hall.

Music and Hymnals

The church has purchased a copyright license to over 300,000 hymns, which means we are not limited to the hymns in The Hymnal or Come Celebrate. If you know a hymn you would like included in the worship service, give the name to Dani. She will check to see if it is on the copyright list and try to get a copy of it to print for Kathy and the congregation. Please try to make it a hymn others would know or you may be singing a solo. Let’s make a joyful noise unto the Lord.



What Do They Mean

In the Episcopal Church there are many specific terms. The **thingamajig** that the ushers carry up to the altar and give to the acolytes has a name as does the **pretty cover on the altar** or the **rope** around the acolytes' waist. Here is a list of terms in ordinary use in the Episcopal Church. Each week, new terms will be presented. The list is neither exhaustive nor definitive. See how many of these words you know.

Ante-Communion: the first part of the Communion service ending with the Creed

Apocrypha: Biblical books constituting a section between the Old and New Testaments (Anglican churches use them but do not grant them equal status with the Old and New Testaments.)

Apostle: One "sent" or "commissioned", particularly one of the twelve Apostles (Saints Peter, John, James the son of Zebedee, Matthew, Jude, Thomas, Phillip, Bartholomew, James the son of Alpheus, Andrew, Simon, Matthias chosen to replace Judas; Saint Paul is also classified as an Apostle.)

Apostolic Succession: the line of ministry of the Church, which is continued from age to age by the laying on of hands of bishops

Archbishop: chief bishop of a province (The term is not used in the American Episcopal Church but is used in most other parts of the Anglican Communion.)

Message From Marvin Miller

A Matter of Perspective

(From the book "Our Daily Bread")

*(You) do not know that you are wretched, miserable,
Poor, blind, and naked. –Revelation 3:17*

One of my favorite stories is about the Texas rancher who was doing agricultural consulting for a farmer in Germany. He asked the German farmer about the size of his property, to which he replied, "About a mile square." When the German asked the Texan about the size of his ranch, the rancher explained that if he got in his pick-up truck at dawn and drove until sunset, he would still be on his ranch. Not to be outdone, the farmer replied "I used to have an old truck like that!"

All joking aside, it's important to have the right perspective. Unfortunately, the Christians in Laodicea had the wrong perspective about wealth (Revelation 3:14-22). By all appearances, they were rich. They had plenty of earthly goods, and thought they needed nothing – not even Jesus. But Jesus had a different perspective. In spite of their material prosperity. He saw that they were "wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked" (v.17). So He invited them to become truly rich by seeking what only He could provide: purity, character, righteousness, and wisdom.

Let's not make the Laodicean mistake. Instead, let's keep our perspective right about what it means to be rich. True wealth is not measured by what you have, but by who you are in Christ.

*In Christ, we are rich beyond belief
With wealth the world cannot see
We have new strength and character,
New righteousness and purity*

The poorest person is he whose only wealth is money



The History of Saint Mary's Handmade Kneelers

The kneelers used in the church were made by a group of dedicated parishioners who spent countless hours on stitching the intricate and inspiring designs. The kneelers, each with their own special design and meaning, were dedicated on April 2, 2000. The following information was taken from the service bulletin of the Dedication Service.

COMMUNION RAIL KNEELERS

SEASONS

**Advent Wreath represents
Annunciation**

Stitched by Venita Harang

**Christmas Rose represents
Nativity**

Stitched by Helen Roemisch

**Crown of Thorns represents
Crucifixion**

Stitched by Georgette Hosford

Contributors: Bill and Georgette Hosford

In celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

**Butterfly represents
Resurrection**

Stitched by Cecile Johnson

**Flames represents
Pentecost**

Stitched by Venita Harang

Contributors: Venita Harang and Helen Roemisch

In memory of Paul Harang and David Roemisch

**Crown represents
All Saints Day**

Stitched by Harriette Wilson

**Trinity represents
Trinity**

Stitched by Georgette Hosford

*"And now these
three remain:
FAITH, HOPE & LOVE
But the greatest
of these is
Love."*
1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



Camp Allen Event

There are many events that take place at Camp Allen. When the church office receives information about an event, it will be posted on the bulletin board. If you are interested in something posted, let Dani know and she will get you more information.

Upcoming events in July

July 28 – 30: Summer Camp for Moms



St. Mary's Website

The website is undergoing some awesome changes and is moving into the 21st century. We are continuing to use the old website until the new one is complete. Many of the sections will include pictures of the various parts of our worship service and different parish activities. Please have patience as we take these pictures and be willing to pose if necessary for staged pictures. If you have pictures you would like included on our website, send them to the church email at stmaryswc@centurylink.net. The site is a continuous work in progress, so if there is anything you would like to see added, please let Dani know. We want visitors to our site to see the specialness of St. Mary's.



Join the Altar Guild

At present, there are only 4 members of the Altar Guild. It only requires 15 – 20 minutes on Saturday to set up the altar and then clear the altar after the service on Sunday. On Sunday, several people help with this task. You also would clean the linen if needed. There are written instructions and 4 others who are willing to guide you. If you would be interested in joining this group please let Charlotte or Dani know.

Reesie Cantrell completed her second year of the West of the Brazos Swim Team.

Aaron Mikel competed at the 7 on 7 State Tournament with the Sweeny High School Team. He also was elected Vice President for WIT at Sweeny High School.

Haley Cantrell won first place in Beginner Open Solo at the state twirling completion in Dallas.

Brayze Schill won the Bareback Riding event at the first rodeo of the series, Texas Bronco Riders Association in Clifton, Texas. He also placed 1st in the first summer series at BCFA Youth Summer Series in Chute Dogging.

Maddie Lane will serve as the Varsity Cheer Captain at Columbia High School during the 2017 -2018 school year.

Braylee Schill placed in the top 10 in Barrels at BCFA Youth Summer Series #2



There are several items that we would like to have at St. Mary's. If you would like to donate any of these items, you can bring them by the church office or leave them in the parish hall.

1. large white dry erase board for the office
2. photo albums with individual sleeves for achieving project



Hospitality

Don't forget to sign up to host our hospitality hour. The sign-up sheet is located at the entrance to the church. We have many summer dates available.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 2 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)
July 2 – Appreciation brunch for the Burns
July 4 – DOK (9:30 am)
July 6 – Bible Study (6:00 pm)
July 13 – Bible Study (6:00 pm)
July 16 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)
July 20 – First Responders' Breakfast (7–9 am)
July 20 - Bible Study (6:00 pm)
June 23 – Vestry Meeting
July 27– Bible Study (6:00 pm)
July 30 – Brotherhood (7:30 am)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- Ally Lane – July 2
Shyanne Roddy – July 2
Roy Weisinger – July 8
Lou Crutcher – July 9
Tracy Lane – July 9
Jim Burns – July 16
Mary Stewart – July 22



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JULY ANNIVERSARIES