



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.



July 2021 Edition

Message from Gwynne Olson, Senior Warden

Our 4th of July church picnic was graced with perfect weather! The waterslide we originally rented needed repair, so the rental company upgraded us to a double slide monstrosity! It was awesome! We had lots of good food and company for a relaxing, fun day to share with our church family. We hope to continue an annual summertime picnic as a tradition for years to come.

In other business, continue to consider ways that St. Mary's can utilize our growing financial resources to bless and support the community of West Columbia. If you have an idea, contact Father Paul, Gwynne, Dan, or Colleen - we will be happy to listen.



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Sowing Seeds in the Community...

School Supplies Drive

No, it is not time for school to begin. There is still several weeks of summer fun. Walmart is stocking their shelves with pencils, paper, notebooks, etc. which is a great reminder to set out the basket to collect donations for school supplies benefiting the students at West Columbia Elementary. Beginning Sunday, July 11th, the basket will be placed in the Narthex. Also in the Narthex are lists with the supplies needed and envelopes for those who would like to leave a monetary donation. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, August 15th, Backpack Sunday. Together let's help the students and teachers get started on a wonderful new school year.

Supply List

1. dry erase markers
2. paper towels
3. ear buds
4. Zip Lock baggies – variety of sizes
5. new children's socks – variety of sizes
6. new children's underwear – variety of sizes

Summer Scripture Series - Art in the Park

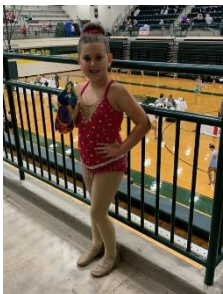
Shyanne Roddy is leading a missional community program open to the public where Faith and Fire: Elijah by Priscilla Shirer will be studied. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Wednesday mornings at the West Columbia First Capital Park for the months of June and July. There is a discussion followed by a Bible journal art task that is completed together. There will be an independent activity for children who come, as well as the playground for them to play on. All art materials will be provided.



Hospitality

Hospitality and Fellowship, a time to visit and enjoy a special treat, has returned to the Parish Hall. Come over after the service to catch up on the latest news, swap a story or two, and enjoy the company of our St. Mary's family.

If you would like to provide a small snack or treat for our Hospitality time, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. It does not need to be a great feast. Just something simple and enjoyable.



Traveling Mary

St. Mary didn't travel as much during June. Remember to take her with you during any of your summer activities. You can fold her and place her in your purse, suitcase, carry-on bag, beach bag, or pocket. Take one picture and email it to the church (stmaryswc@centurylink.net) or text it to Dani. That's all there is to it.

Message from Marvin Miller

CHILDREN NEED

By Jim Gentil

Here is what children need:

1. Children need a mother and a father who respect each other and work together as a team.
2. Children need a bicycle, neighbors, and cousins.
3. Children need a grandma to bake with and a grandpa to take em fishing.
4. Children need a church, a Sunday School Class, and a truth telling Pastor.
5. Children need a dinner time with home cooked food, prayer, and conversation.
6. Children need Sunday afternoon football and fried chicken.
7. Children need books and coloring pages.
8. Children need summers at the beach and bazooka bubble gum.
9. Children need hotdogs and Fourth of July Fireworks.
10. Children need fire pits, smores, ghost stories, the drive in, and real popcorn.
11. Children need discipline from their parents.
12. Children need chores, a job, a way to earn what they want.
13. Children need education that recognizes mama and daddy as the authority, God as the creator, and the Bible as the roadmap.

This is not about some agenda, this is about our children. Get back to basics: faith, family, & good ole fashioned fun.



Community Assistance

In June, the committee approved four requests; rent for three households and one night hotel stay for one individual.

If you know of anyone needing assistance, please contact Tracy Lane or Jackie Walker.



2021 Flower sign up

The forms to sign up for 2021 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](tel:979-345-3456).

Hayden Culbreath was recognized as Number 2 in Tidehaven's 2021 7th Grade Class.

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

Brayze Schill placed 3rd at the Texas High School Rodeo State Finals in Bareback Riding and qualified for the National High School Rodeo Finals in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Abigail Roddy received a first in one baton, fifth in two baton, fourth in military, tenth in basic strut, and fifth in show twirl at the Texas State Twirling Competition. She also earned a Regina Moxley Memorial No Drop pin.

Kendy Hankins made the A team for the summer league junior high volleyball team.



Camp Allen Events

Labor Day Family Camp 2021 - September 3-5

This is a retreat in the piney woods for the entire family. Package includes two-night hotel stay, six buffet meals, and activities such as rock climbing, canoeing, zipline, swimming, horseback riding, family movie night, fishing, and much more. There will also be a Sunday worship service.

Needlepoint Retreats - September 8-10, December 8-10 - Join fellow crafters in the Piney Woods of Camp Allen for a three day, two night needlepointing retreat. Bring your own projects and acquire some new skills.

Contact the office or go to the Camp Allen website: campallen.org.



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 Card

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you all for being warm and welcoming yesterday during our visit to your sweet church community. It warmed our hearts so much. We look forward to visiting with you again.

In Christian Love,
Steve and Glenda DeLeon

Steve DeLeon is a Bagpipe Major who played at St. Mary's on June 27th.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Special thanks and gratitude to

- Theata Miller, Dani Mikel, Colleen Matocha, Shyanne Roddy, Abigail Roddy, Wendy Hankins, Gwynne Olson, Marvin Miller, Sherry Wehner, Travis Prater, Maddie Lane, David Mikel, Bill Olson, Braylee Schill, Jennifer Schill, Dan Roddy, Kendy Hankins, and AJ Mikel for serving as Worship Leaders during the month of June.
- Amber Prater for setting up the Livestreaming on our Facebook site, monitoring the feed during the service, and responding to those viewing on-line.
- Dan and Donna Roddy, Marvin and Theata Miller, Bill and Gwynne Olson, and Wendy and Kendy Hankins for providing treats for our Hospitality.

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.

Dates to Remember

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

July 4 - Brotherhood (7:30 a.m.)

July 4 - Sunday Service

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

July 4 - Picnic (10:30 a.m.)

July 7 - Summer Scripture Series

Art in the Park (9:30 a.m.)
West Columbia First Capital Park

July 11 - August 15 - School Supplies Drive

July 11 - Sunday Service

Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend James Morgan

July 14 - Summer Scripture Series

Art in the Park (9:30 a.m.)
West Columbia First Capital Park

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

July 18 - Sunday Service

Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)
celebrant - the Reverend Nan Doerr

July 21 - Summer Scripture Series

Art in the Park (9:30 a.m.)
West Columbia First Capital Park

July 25 - Sunday Service

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

July 28 - Scripture Series

Art in the Park (9:30 a.m.)
West Columbia First Capital Park

July Birthdays

Ally Lane - July 2

Shyanne Roddy - July 2

Amber Prater - July 6

Lou Crutcher - July 9

Tracy Lane - July 9

Bill Olson - July 9

Madeline Roddy - July 17

Mary Stewart - July 22

July Anniversaries

John & Bonnie Cole - July 18

St. Mary's Leadership

Vestry

Rector: the Reverend Paul Wehner

Sr. Warden: Gwynne Olson

Jr. Warden: Dan Roddy

Clerk: Colleen Matocha

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