



*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.



## News from your Church Leadership

Approximately fifteen years ago, St. Mary's inherited a one-half interest in about 12,500 acres of land from Kitty Nash Groce's estate, known as the WR Nash Ranch. We are co-owners of the property with Hospital Trustees, as named in Ms. Kitty's last will and testament. In recent months, St. Mary's Church and the Trustees mutually decided to sell the property in parcels.

What does this mean for St. Mary's? First of all, it means we can now undertake long-needed repairs and improvements to our buildings and grounds. Your vestry recently approved several such projects, such as new carpet and tile in the church and sacristy, refinished floors and stairs in the upstairs parish hall, and lots of painting. However, the more exciting news is that St. Mary's can seriously consider projects that will benefit the residents of greater West Columbia. The vestry is carefully considering a couple of opportunities to partner with other local churches or non-profit organizations in community projects that fit with Ms. Kitty's wishes and with St. Mary's mission statement to invite all people into a relationship with God and each other in Christ.

How might you be of help? Contact Father Paul, Gwynne, Dan, or Colleen with your ideas or with names of West Columbia Christian organizations that might also benefit from the generous legacy of Kitty Nash Groce.

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

### Summer Scripture Series - Art in the Park

Shyanne Roddy will be leading a missional community program open to the public where Faith and Fire: Elijah by Priscilla Shirer will be studied. The group will meet 9:30 am Wednesday mornings at the West Columbia First Capital Park for the months of June and July. The first gathering will be June 16th. There will be a discussion followed by a Bible journal task that will be 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.



## Flowers for the Altar

For many years, flowers adorned the altar. They were given by parishioners in recognition of a special day, in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. We would like to reinstitute this practice.

If you would like to order flowers there will be a form available in the Narthex. Flowers can be in recognition of a special day such as birthday, anniversary, graduation; in thanksgiving for the birth of a child or grandchild, for the

recovery from an illness, for a new job; in memory of a loved one, or just because.

Donations for each arrangement created by "Flowers by Mary Lee" is \$50. They will be placed on the altar on the Sunday designated on the form and will also be included in the service bulletin.

## Renovations Update

The upstairs classroom, youth room, stairs, sacristy, and Bell Tower have been completed. The carpet on the stairs was removed and the original wood was restored. The wood floors in the classroom and youth room were also restored. The walls and trim were painted and the doors stained.

In the sacristy and Bell Tower, the carpet and flooring which were creating a dangerous hazard, were replaced. The walls, cabinets, doors, and trim were painted.

Make sure and check out all the renovations. You will be amazed.



## OOPS! The Pews are Missing!

The next phase in the renovation project is to restore the pews which have broken seats, large chips, and torn wood. The pews are out being repaired. We will use the Parish Hall chairs for the next three weeks in the Sanctuary. Please note anchor screws remain in the floor and watch your step when moving to your seat. We appreciate your patience and support of our efforts to beautify our church.

## Worship Leaders

Because of COVID, several of our worship leaders are not available. With summer coming on, the availability of parishioners to serve in the different positions 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 know.

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

# Traveling Mary

St. Mary has begun her summer adventures. Check out the following places where she has been. Remember you can join in the fun by picking up a St. Mary available in the Narthex and taking her with you on your vacation or staycation. She folds easily and fits into your, suitcase, purse, pocket, beach bag, backpack, etc. Take a picture of St. Mary at one of your summer activities (yes even the grocery store or gas station) with or without you in the picture. Send the picture to the church's email address (stmaryswc@centurylink.net) or text it to Dani. Who wouldn't want St. Mary as a traveling companion?

with the Mikels at Yellowstone



with Sandy Wood on Southwest Airlines



with Abigail and Trace Roddy visiting Dan and Donna Roddy

The Roddys  
Madeline with Abigail and Trace  
holding St. Mary at the Crater of  
Diamonds State Park in Arkansas



## 4th of July Picnic



Mark your calendars for our July 4th picnic following the service. Hamburgers and hotdogs cooked by the Brotherhood and all the fixin's will be served. There will be a water slide for all ages along with outdoor games. 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!!!**

## Message from Marvin Miller

*Tips from Grammy G ~  
By Jim Gentil*

Don't go where you're not invited.  
Don't talk about what you don't know.  
Don't open the fridge in other people's house.  
Don't call someone after nine o'clock at night.  
Don't visit someone at lunch.  
Don't enter other people's bedroom without permission.  
Always flush the toilet when you use it. (Guys, lid down, please)  
Always, always ~ speak the truth.  
Please & Thank You ~ are good words ~ use them often.  
Love the soul of people, ~ it is what is inside that matters.  
Be kind to your fellow humans & ALL living things.  
Be grateful for what you have.  
Give from the little you have, expect nothing in return.  
Be conscious of your words ~ they matter!  
Wake up & be grateful.  
Pray daily, because prayer brings peace to our heart & soul!



## Community Assistance

In May, the committee approved two requests; groceries for one family and one week rent at a local hotel for one individual.

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

# Baptism and Confirmation with the Right Rev. Andy Doyle, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas



Baptism of Johnny Landon



Bishop Doyle with the parents and Godparents



Confirmation of Braylee Schill



Confirmation of Amber Prater



Confirmation of Brayze Schill



Bishop Doyle with Brayze, Braylee, and Amber

Amber Prater, Braylee Schill, and Brayze Schill were confirmed by The Right Reverend Andy Doyle, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas on Sunday, May 30th.

Maddie Lane graduated from Texas A&M University on May 19th.

Shyanne Roddy graduated with honors from Western Governor's University with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies K-8. She has accepted a first grade teaching position with Bess Brannen Elementary in Brazosport ISD.



Braylee Schill received the All About Heart athletic award, All As for the year award, Leader and Citizenship award, and the National Junior Honor Society service award during the end of year ceremony held at West Brazos Junior High.

Abigail Roddy received the A Honor Roll award, the 0 Conduct Marks for the year award, and the Music award during the end of year ceremony at West Columbia Elementary.

Johnny Landon, son of Megan Hussey and Michael Landon was baptized by The Right Reverend Andy Doyle, Bishop of the Diocese of Texas on Sunday, May 30th.

Jacey Hussey completed first grade and will be advancing to second grade in the fall.

Trace Roddy received the A-B Honor Roll award and Top Mileage Boy for the Year award during the end of year ceremony at West Columbia Elementary.

Luke Davidson received the A Honor Roll award for the 2020 - 2021 school year.



## 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 St. Mary's Episcopal Church,

I greatly appreciate your kind prayers and generous gift in Celebration of Armed Forces Day. It is my honorable pleasure to serve our country so that our liberties to worship and serve our living God are protected. May God Bless the St. Mary's Episcopal Church and thank you again for your kind prayers and gift.

Best Regards,  
Brandon Davidson

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Special thanks and gratitude to

- Theata Miller, Dani Mikel, Wendy Hankins, Travis Prater, Shyanne Roddy, David Mikel, Marvin Miller, Jennifer Schill, Brayze Schill, Gwynne Olson, AJ Mikel, Abigail Roddy, Dan Roddy, Tracy Lane, Braylee Schill, Adam Schill, Colleen Matocha, Aaron Mikel, Jennifer Mikel, and Sherry Wehner for serving as Worship Leaders during the month of May.
- Amber Prater for setting up the Livestreaming on our Facebook site, monitoring the feed during the service, and responding to those viewing on-line.
- Gwynne Olson, Bill Olson, Donna Roddy, Dan Roddy, Theata Miller, Marvin Miller, Dani Mikel, AJ Mikel, Jennifer Schill, Adam Schill, Brayze Schill, and Braylee Schill for their work during the two church cleanup days, for setting up the celebration after the Baptism and Confirmation, and for cleaning up afterwards.
- Dan Roddy, Gwynne Olson, and Father Paul for overseeing the renovation projects.

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.

June 6 - Brotherhood (7:30 a.m.)

June 6 - Sunday Service

Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)  
celebrant - the Reverend Paul Wehner  
Christian Formation  
Adult/Youth - Bible Study (10:00 a.m.)

June 13 - Sunday Service

Holy Eucharist: Rite II (9:00 a.m.)  
celebrant - the Reverend Paul Wehner  
last Christian Formation  
Adult/Youth - Bible Study (10:00 a.m.)

June 13 - Vestry Meeting (11:00 a.m.)

June 16 -Summer Scripture Series

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

June 20 - Father's Day

June 20 - Brotherhood (7:30 a.m.)

June 20- Sunday Service

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

June 21-23 - Church office will be closed.

June 23 -Summer Scripture Series

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

June 27 - Sunday Service

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

June 30 -Summer Scripture Series

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

## June Birthdays

Carol Jones - June 21

John Cole - June 29

## June Anniversaries

Dani & AJ Mikel - June 6

Rachel & Jason Davidson - June 9

Wendy & Kurt Hankins - June 10

Jennifer & Adam Schill - June 12

Theata & Marvin Miller - June 13

Doris & George Grosvenor - June 16

## 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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