

September 2011

THE MESSENGER

THE NEWSLETTER OF SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



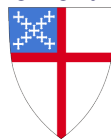
*A letter from the Senior Warden
Martha McDade*

Brothers and Sisters of Saint Mary's,

Three months ago, when Father Pridgen announced his retirement, I told you that we would talk about "what and who is next for Saint Mary's" after we had appropriately and adequately celebrated Blaney's 15 years of Ministry among us. After a bilingual Eucharist, cookout, and sanctuary-packed tribute, that celebration concluded with the youth of our congregation joyfully dunking and heckling a clown-wigged Father Pridgen in a tank of water in the evening hours of Sunday, August 28. I declare that an appropriate and adequate celebration.

Now, here is "what and who" are next for Saint Mary's:

- During its August meeting, the Vestry passed important motions intended to establish a sense of stability at Saint Mary's over the next weeks and months:



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Saint Mary's Episcopal Church, 170 St. Andrews Road, Columbia, SC 29210, 803-798-2776, office@stmaryscolumbia.org
Holy Eucharist: Sun 8:00 am & 10:30 am, Spanish 12:30 pm; Holy Eucharist & Healing Svc Wed 6pm
Evening Prayer: Tues 6 pm Th 6:30 pm; Morning Prayer: M, F, Sat 9:30 am
Parish office hrs: M-Th 9-5, F 9-12, Saturdays by appt.

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Decisions regarding matters of worship and pastoral care have been delegated to Father Roberts, with Father Clements assisting. Frank Ballard, Rita Kester, and Antonio Cardenas will continue in their current job descriptions under the supervision of the Senior Warden and the Vestry.

- The Parish/Community Profile has been completed by the Vestry and is posted on the diocesan web site. All names suggested as candidates for Saint Mary's future Priest-in-Charge have been forwarded to Deacon d'Rue Hazel, the Canon for Discernment and Deployment for Screening.

The Diocese Office for Transition will do all the screening/vetting of those and all other possible candidates. Saint Mary's Screening Committee will begin meeting in early September. The members of the screening committee are: Bill Shirey, Bill Mackie, Heather Jordan, Elizabeth Simmons, Lou Floyd, George Martin, Chip Lyerly, Gwen Longino, Jane Bleckley, Brent Driggers, Louisa Gonzalez, Jack Burdett, Broderick Boone, Mark Kellam, and Martha McDade.

Our lives as a Christian Community continue:

Come out for **Rally Day** on **September 11**, as we renew our life together by learning together in Christian Formation. There is a Sunday School class offering of interest to everyone at Saint Mary's, Wednesday Bible Study, and Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study. Check the bulletin boards and join in.

Bishop Waldo is scheduled to visit Saint Mary's on Sunday, **September 25**. Again, watch the bulletin boards and check your email for more information.

The Screening Committee, Vestry, Clergy, and Staff of Saint Mary's ask that you keep us in your prayers during this time of transition.

May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the LORD's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.

-- Numbers 27:16-17

From the Editor:



The newsletter is up and running again, and I sincerely appreciate the church family of Saint Mary's for tolerating its absence during the month of August. Chisolm and I welcomed a healthy full-term baby girl on July 13, 2011 at 12:39am. We were very thankful to have the thoughts and prayers of our Saint Mary's family before, during, and after the delivery. Due to her quick arrival before the scheduled induction, we were unable to have Father Roberts to bless the delivery; however, we welcomed his visit to the hospital to give a sweet blessing to our new family and baby Lilah. As our family lives out of town, it is very reassuring to know that we have Saint Mary's to count on as our "in-town family."

Like our family, the Saint Mary's family is changing in many ways as we are in search of our Priest-in-charge. One of the changes will include the newsletter, mainly the opening letter usually found in the "From the Rector" section. We entitled this section simply "New Beginnings." In the interim, it will be more dynamic in nature, featuring alternating submissions from Father Roberts and our Senior Warden, Martha McDade. At the time when a Priest-in-Charge is chosen, it may change yet again.

Although we will miss Father Pridgen greatly, we could honor him best by embracing the changes and looking forward to the new beginnings God has in store for us as a church family. Let us look ahead with a renewed start for Saint Mary's.

Katy Beckham,
Editor



Please direct all emails regarding *The Messenger* to:

newsletter@stmaryscolumbia.org

**All articles due by the 15th of each month*

At Home: Saint Mary's News and Events



Saint Mary's Email

New email changes:

Rita Kester: rkester@stmaryscolumbia.org

Frank Ballard: fballard@stmaryscolumbia.org

Katy Beckham: newsletter@stmaryscolumbia.org

Father Roberts: groberts@stmaryscolumbia.org

Father González: agonzalez@stmaryscolumbia.org

Father Clements: ccllements@stmaryscolumbia.org



Are you a good shopper?

Carol Sinclair is hanging up her apron as coffee hour supply shopper after 25+ years! She has attempted to do this previously, but this time she **REALLY** means it! She is looking for someone willing to keep an eye on the supplies for coffee hour in the Hospitality Hall after services on Sunday and go shopping to replace when needed. It is not a difficult or long list, but being able to shop at Sam's Club is helpful. The list includes: coffee cups, small kids cups, napkins, paper towels, and lemonade mix. See, not too bad! The office orders the actual coffee, creamers, and stirrers. All you have to do is let Rita know when those supplies are running low. Carol says she would be happy to train a willing volunteer for this much-needed ministry. Think about it. Is this a way you could give some of your time? **THANKS** a million to Carol for her dedication and a job well-done!

Nursery Services Available

Professional child care for infants, six weeks up through age 3 is available in the new building during Sunday worship hours.



Saint Mary's Youth

By: Father George Roberts



Saint Paul wrote in Romans 12:2, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." We at Saint Mary's are entering a very definitive time of discernment; a period of our common life together where we are to experience change and, potentially, anxiety and fear. Our beloved Rector,

pastor and friend, Father Blaney, is retiring. It would be understandable, maybe even natural, for us to pull back in fear. But that would be contrary, in every sense, to who God calls us to be in community.

Paul challenges us to "discern what is the will of God" above. But he goes on to encourage us to discern, together, what our gifts are and to share those gifts. In Romans 12:4 he tells us that we all have a "function" in becoming the body of Christ and that this function is "gifts that differ according to the grace given" to all of us. For some it is teaching, says Paul, for another it is ministering to (caring for) our fellow humans; for some it is giving (sharing some special skill like music or working with youth); for some leadership and finding a place and way to lead. Paul, perhaps more than anyone else in Scripture, rightly reminds us, constantly, that we are blessed by the free gift of Christ and that gift calls us to action in the world. I encourage everyone to resist the temptation to fear as we go through this time of transition and, rather, to redouble our efforts to build the kingdom of God in this place called Saint Mary's. Our new program year is coming up, with Sunday school and other opportunities. Get involved and feel the joy.

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September Youth Calendar

Saturday, September 10: Car Wash fundraiser, 9am

Sunday, September 11: Sunday School begins

Sunday, September 18: Fellowship, games, and dinner in the Parish Hall, 5:30-7:30pm.

Saturday, September 24: Diocesan event, '24'. Noon Sept 24 thru noon Sept 25 at Camp Gravatt. Contact Father George Roberts for more information.

Sunday, October 3: First Confirmation class of the year, 5pm. Dinner will be served. Be sure to bring your notebooks.

Gravatt Camp & Conference Center

By: Diana Cannon



Begun by the Episcopal Church, Gravatt Camp and Conference Center is now an independently funded non-profit organization, providing "a sanctuary for the ministry of Christian formation and hospitality", under the auspices of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. Gravatt serves churches and other not-for-profit groups of all ages whose purposes include: human-development, character-development, education, and training.

Summer camping sessions offer youth from all faiths opportunities to grow in their understandings of themselves, their community and their God-given gifts.

The Gravatt Environmental Education Program (GEEP) conducts field trips for schools and youth groups, while Gravatt's Adventure and Discovery Center is home to one of the southeast's best ropes courses.

I am involved with planning the auction portion of **Under the Tent 2011**, set for **Friday, September 30**. We hope that you will join us for what promises to be a most festive party!



save the date!



Under the Tent 2011

An Evening Benefiting Gravatt Camp
and Conference Center

September 30th, 2011
701 Whaley • Columbia, SC

7:00 pm
(6:30 Auction Preview)



Mature Adult Ministry

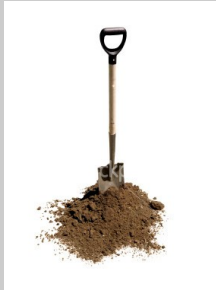
By: Redick Loring

The mission of the Mature Adult Ministry is to provide support for older adults and caregivers through education and awareness of the needs of life's transitions and resources available. Please share your suggestions about education topics, meeting times (day of week and time), support to caregivers, and outreach to older adults who are confined to their homes or living in alternative placements. Please contact Redick Loring, Chair, Mature Adult Ministry, redickloring@sc.rr.com, (803) 351-3157 for more information. Meetings are held on Thursday at 6pm the week before the monthly speaker sessions.

Guardians Needed

Guardians are parishioners who volunteer to fix minor problems with things like plumbing, squeaks, burned out lights and other simple maintenance issues that we would otherwise have to pay to have done, saving the church significant expense. We have guardians "on call" for a month, then they rotate off.

Guardian Schedule



September	_____	_____
October	Jim Hooten	407-7427
November	Jim Hooten	407-7427



Christian Formation Ministry

By: Barry Sharrock

Vacation Bible School: Tracey Roberts, as Director of Saint Mary's Vacation Bible School, did a fantastic job of planning, recruiting, and executing a most successful VBS this year. Sixty children enrolled, with an average attendance of fifty-five. The week was planned around five learning activities in which all children participated. In addition to the children participating, we had 33 adult volunteers and 20 youth volunteers actively involved in making the week a success! The children (and adults) are most grateful to members of the Parish who donated all the refreshments for the week!

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Sunday School Rally Day: September 11 is the date for our Rally Day to begin the 2011 - 2012 Sunday School. Please plan to come together at 9:00 for a breakfast and introductory meeting before we go to separate classes. We are excited about using a new curriculum and welcoming new teachers into this ministry!

The children and youth will be using a new curriculum, "Feasting on the Word." This curriculum is based on the revised lectionary and will cover lessons in both Old Testament and New Testament! One adult class will use this curriculum, as well. We will continue to offer The Circle Class taught by Fr. Chris Clements, where he leads in a discussion of the gospel lesson for the following Sunday. Brent and Ingrid Driggers will lead a class studying the lives of Christian saints and including a study of the Gospel of Matthew. One adult class will use the "Feasting on the Word" curriculum. The Daughters of the King will offer a class, as well. Study/discernment classes run from **September 11 to December 11**. There are twelve lessons led by various members of the Order. Karen Lumpkin is the contact person for this fall round of classes (cell: 261-2858, email: akmgj@bellsouth.net).

We are most excited to have the following people teaching in Sunday School this year:

- **Preschool:** Michele Lyerly and Karen Topinka
- **Grades 1 – 3:** Leslie Buzzell and Marti Hooten
- **Grades 4 – 5:** Tracey Roberts and Barbara Coleman
- **Middle School:** Grace Mugo, Valerie McClure, and Jon Buzzell
- **High School:** Bill Shirey and Steve Hirsch
- **The Circle:** The Rev'd Chris Clements
- **Study of the Saints and Matthew:** Brent and Ingrid Driggers
- **Feasting on the Word for Adults:** Barry Sharrock, Carol McGinnis Kay, Kenny Standley, and others
- **Daughters of the King:** Karen Lumpkin, Coordinator

We look forward to your presence and participation in the Sunday School of Saint Mary's Parish!

ALL TEACHERS TAKE NOTE:

The teachers for Sunday School 2011-2012 will meet on Tuesday, September 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Hall.



Parish Life



Children's Gospel Experience Volunteers Needed: Each Sunday, during the sermon, children ages 4-7 depart and go to the chapel off the narthex for a lesson/activity relating to that day's readings. The number of volunteers has become quite small and we could use your help. Please consider adding your name to the rotation for leading a Children's chapel time. There is not a lot of prep involved and we are always working to find ways to make the time even more fruitful for leaders and the children. Contact Fr. Roberts at the church office or Ingrid Driggers at 749-5983 or ingriddriggers@yahoo.com if you are interested.



WANTED:

Saint Mary's is looking for a director for a church golf tournament in 2012. Although you will be the director, many will help. With experienced helpers who have done this before, you won't have to reinvent the wheel, just steer. If interested, call Rusty Applegate for information at 798-5236 H or 730-0931 C. Saint Mary's hasn't had a golf tournament for the past couple of years, even though it has been a well-attended event in the past. We just need a leader to step forward.



Parish Nursing Ministry

Parish Network is the way the parishioners of Saint Mary's take care of each other in times of need. There are eleven teams, each with two leaders. When there is a sickness, hospitalization, or death in your family, you are asked to call the parish nurses and/or the church office and they will notify the parish nurses. We also want to know joyous news such as the birth of a child. The parish nurses notify the team leaders for that month and they call members of their team to help with a meal, or even something as simple as a card or phone call.

The only way we will know to reach out is if you notify the parish nurses. We want to show our support and let you know that your church family cares about you.

Network Lists for 2011 are posted on a bulletin board in the Hospitality Hall.

New parishioners will receive a letter informing them of which team they are on, and the names of their team leaders. (If you are NOT on one of the teams, please let Terry Henshaw know. Terry makes the network lists and the parish nurses and team leaders implement the ministry.) Again, please remember to call with the good and not-so-good news. That is the only way we can help each other.

Parish Nurses:

Sue Netzloff suenetzloff@gmail.com cell: 917-3886 home: 957-8926 church: 798-2776

Jody Davidson jodydavidson1@gmail.com cell: 917-3887 home: 957-8926 church: 798-2776



Contribute to the beauty of Saint Mary's *By: Peri Tibshrary*

Did you know that you can contribute to the beauty of Saint Mary's Episcopal Church? In addition to being present for our worship services, you may want to make a dedication and contribute to the flower fund via the flower calendar. Information on the cost and envelopes are available adjacent to the flower calendar located on the bulletin board, which is the last bulletin

board on the left in the Hospitality Hall.



Episcopal Church Women (ECW) News

By: Jeroa Applegate

Upcoming Events:

September 18 - Planning meeting, 4:00 p.m.

September 18 - UTO Fall Ingathering, all services

September 22 - Fall Branch Meeting & Salad Supper, 7:00 p.m.

September 27 - Saint Margaret's Guild, 10:00 a.m.

November 1 - Cookbook recipe submission deadline

December 3 - Bake Sale @ Seven Oaks Park



Facebook: Our ECW Facebook page is in place! Check it out to find more information of all things going on with the ECW.

Cookbook: Collection of recipes has been underwhelming so far, so we are extending the collection date to **November 1**. Please take a few minutes to fill out one separate form for each recipe submitted (no others accepted) and put them in the purple folder in the ECW mailbox in the office work room, or you can email Gwen Longino for the form at glongino@live.com and then send it back to her. Look forward to a spring debut for the final product. We will be taking advance orders for them.

Fall Branch Meeting & Salad Supper: Our semi-annual branch meeting will be on **September 22, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker is **Cherie Nettles**, who is a comedienne and gifted speaker. She is an ovarian cancer survivor and walking miracle. Please plan to come hear her heart-warming testimony of God's healing and renewed hope, and you will experience a night of laughter and a glimpse of God's amazing power! This would be a great time to bring a friend. Sign up on the bulletin board and bring a salad to share. Thanks to Carol McGinnis Kay for the speaker suggestion, the great poster, and sign-up sheet!

Garage Sale: It has been suggested several times that we consider having a Spring Garage Sale instead of one in the fall. So we are doing just that, late April of 2012. So when you are cleaning out, save the good, clean items to donate to ECW.

We are always open to new ideas so come to our planning meetings. Everyone is welcome.



Saint Mary's Sunday Servants

Sunday Servants		Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
USHERS	8:00	Joe Benedetto	Rick Malka	Buzz Purcell	George Stankus
		Brian Smith	Richard Strobel	Bill Shirey	George Martin
USHERS	10:30	Bruce Bondo	Billy Miller	Tommy Painter	Tom Sponseller
		Bill Carrion	Phil Morris	Thomas Sponseller	Kenny Standley
		Eric Deahl	Rick Jackson	Abe Henry	David Tarpley
		Patrick Mugo	Bob Rike	Bart Norwood	Mitchell Tibshrary
Greeters	8:00	Julie Blanchette	Terriann Smith	Lynn Shirey	Patti Gambill
Greeters	10:30	Marie Rubeiz	Laura Ferry	Henley Ellis	Barbara Coleman
		Jody Davidson	Mary Balbach	Lessie Bailey	Sandra Burdett
Jr. Greeters	8:00				
Jr. Greeters	10:30	Thomas Pickett	Olivia & Chloe Roberts	Ellis Children	Emily & Harry Coleman
		Christopher Williams			
COFFEE	8:00	Cherry Stokes	Enid Conner	Nancy Graham	Ann Forest
		Karen Topinka	Cathy Strobel	Nikki Barnes	Pat Martin
COFFEE	10:30	Betsy Spriggs	Pat Stout	Wanda Tarpley	Peri Tibshrary
		Lauren Sponseller	Cecile Strait	Becky Taylor	Pam Vazquez
		Bonnie Standley	Teri Tankersley	Margaret Thomas	Jennifer Winchell



Saint Mary's Sunday Servants

Sept 2011		4	11	18	25
Lectors	8:00	Steve Hirsch	Curt Rone	Leonard Stokes	Richard Strobel
	10:30	Cindy Burdett Richard Lahan	Hoyt Wheeler Kathy Gettys	Jane Bleckley Eric Deahl	Duan Sinclair John Ritner
Intercessors	10:30	Arthur Lumpkin	Mary Balbach	Anne Buzzell	Peggy Davis
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00	John Siemers Curt Rone	Steve Hirsch Leonard Stokes	JP Wright Adrith Schrauger	Chuck Floyd John Siemers
	10:30	Arthur Lumpkin Pat Carrion Liz Wheeler Hoyt Wheeler	Barbara MacWilliam Bill Beckham Redick Loring Arthur DeGennaro	Birch Cannon Diana Cannon Brent Driggers Cindy Burdett	John Ritner Duan Sinclair Karen Lumpkin Bill Carrion

Oct 2011		2	9	16	23	30
Lectors	8:00	Adrith Schrauger	Chuck Floyd	Bill Shirey	Donna Rone	JP Wright
	10:30	Carol McGinnis Kay Pat Stout	Diana Cannon Barry Sharrock	Jan Jernigan Lizzie Smith	Karen Lumpkin Elizabeth Mugo	Bruce Bondo Elizabeth Simmons
Intercessors	10:30	Emily Simmons	Leslie Buzzell	Brent Driggers	Susan Elwood	Peri Tibshrary
Eucharistic Ministers	8:00	Curt Rone Steve Hirsch	Leonard Stokes JP Wright	Adrith Schrauger Chuck Floyd	John Siemers Curt Rone	Steve Hirsch Leonard Stokes
	10:30	Peggy Davis Sue Netzloff Richard Lahan Leslie Buzzell	Arthur Lumpkin Pat Carrion Liz Wheeler Hoyt Wheeler	Barbara MacWilliam Bill Beckham Redick Loring Arthur DeGennaro	Birch Cannon Diana Cannon Brent Driggers Cindy Burdett	John Ritner Duan Sinclair Karen Lumpkin Bill Carrion



Saint Mary's Acolyte Program

What are acolytes? Those young people you see in church wearing either white robes or red cassocks and white surplices.

What do they do? They participate in a long-time Episcopal tradition of assisting in worship as crucifers and torchbearers by carrying the processional crosses and torches. They help with the reading of the Gospel and the presentation of the bread and wine and the offering of the gifts of the people. The Senior Acolyte carries the Gospel book and assists in the preparation for communion.

Who can be an acolyte? Young people in grades six through twelve are invited and encouraged to participate.

Whom should I contact if I am interested? Mrs. Peri Tibshrary, Acolyte Advisor, at 803-790-9714 or ptibshrary@sc.rr.com.

Sept Acolytes	Sept 4	Sept 11	Sept 18	Sept 25
8:00 Crucifer	Tab Hirsch	Brody Boone	Josh Fields	Hannah Hirsch
10:30 Sr. Acolyte	Lizzie Smith		Lizzie Smith	
Crucifers First	Zach Standley	Nick Marsh	Daniel Roberts	Lettie Woods
Clergy	Isabelle Cooper	Lettie Woods	Tanner Matthews	Zach Standley
Torchbearer	Janie Lynch	Sarah Marsh	Caroline Burdett	Alex Wyatt
Torchbearer	Katie Burdett	Elizabeth Buzzell	Katie Burdett	Adam Wyatt

Religious Pilgrimage to Italy in 2012 for Members of Saint Mary's

By: Ernie Pollock

Plans are being finalized now for members and friends of members at Saint Mary's to visit many of the most famous and religiously important cities in northern and central Italy. For a number of years, Ernie Pollock, Professor of Religion at Midlands Tech in Columbia, has sponsored similar tours for students. Interest in a tour for adults has grown due to the unique pricing that is now available. Travel to Italy offers remarkable insight into the life of the early Church and the traditions which helped shape doctrine, worship, music, art and architecture which affects us today. The tour will extend over 13.5 days, (including flights), and will include visits to Venice, Florence, Assisi, Pisa, Sorrento, and Pompeii, ending with five days and four nights in Rome. The cost of the tour will include airfare, hotels, train into Tuscany and ground transportation. Meals will include breakfast and an authentic Italian dinner each day. Tickets to the primary venues to be visited including the Doges Palace in Venice, the Acadame' in Florence, (home of Michelangelo's David), Pompeii and the Vatican Museum in Rome are included as well. Based on hotel preferences, (single, double to triple occupancy accommodations), the cost of the tour will run between \$3,800 and \$4,200, including all of the above. Similar, individually designed tours easily cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000 per person, making this trip far more affordable and reasonable.

Based on availability and pricing, the tour will begin the last week in May through the first week in June. The Itinerary is designed to offer visits to the primary churches, basilicas, and museums having historical, religious and spiritual significance. Visiting the Basilica and tomb of Saint Francis in Assisi, the Catacombs and primary Basilicas in Rome, as well as many venues off the beaten (tourist) path in Venice, Florence and Pisa will provide a breathtaking and unforgettable experience. While this tour is paced for adults, younger travelers 15-18 may be included if accompanied by a parent or guardian. Ample personal time is built into the itinerary for shopping and personal exploration.

Arrangements can be made to pay for the tour through installments between now and April 2012. Interested travelers should contact Ernie Pollock, now, for a detailed itinerary and to sign up. The sooner arrangements are finalized, the lower the cost per person. Because smaller groups are able to travel more easily and access some venues more quickly, space will be limited to 20 travelers. Pre-travel meetings and education will be provided in order to insure a wonderful experience for everyone. Call Ernie at 803-791-3317 or write to Relprofessor@aol.com for information or to make a reservation.



Are your neighbors hungry?

For over 30 years, Harvest Hope has fought the battle against hunger and grown beyond anything we truly want to see. Today we provide food to 20 counties in South Carolina, serving over 40 million pounds of food per year. Our food distribution center operates over 20 vehicles and distributes through 475+ food pantries, soup kitchens, and shelters. In addition to our food distribution center, we also house an emergency pantry, which is located on Shop Road in Columbia, SC and serves 400 - 700 families per day. It is remarkable that our operational budget has remained only 2 percent.

With a 2 million dollar deficit, Harvest Hope is facing new challenges. What has contributed to this deficit?

- A 91% increase in needed food assistance due to harsh economic conditions, job losses or medical catastrophes.
- A consistent increase in fuel costs, along with increases in truck maintenance, insurance and transporter salaries.
- A substantial decrease in monthly contributions to Harvest Hope. Some of our past contributors are now our clients.

Here are some specific things you can do to help us feed your neighbors who are hungry and have nowhere to go. As a faith community, sponsor a truck a month, or quarter or even per year. The cost to run one truck, round-trip, per delivery is \$500. Can you and your faith family commit to sponsoring a delivery per month?

- For most congregations it would take each member committing \$1.50 per person per month.
- Can you donate to Harvest Hope more frequently, or increase the amount you currently donate?
- Can your Vacation Bible School, youth group, and other groups help by collecting money as their Outreach Mission for the month, quarter or year?

Everything counts, and we appreciate all that is gifted. Please make check payable to:

Harvest Hope Food Bank

Please note **Faith Support** at the bottom of your check

PO Box 451

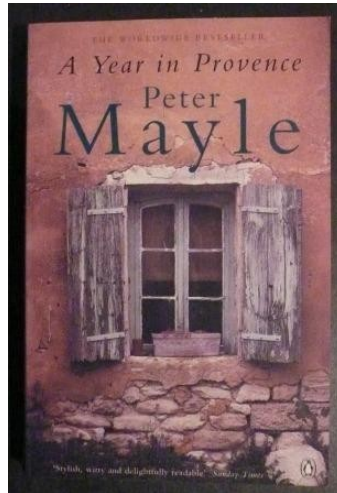
Columbia SC 29202

Kay Reardon, Inter-Faith Volunteer (803) 407.3011; Denise Holland, CEO (803) 254.4432 ext. 1129



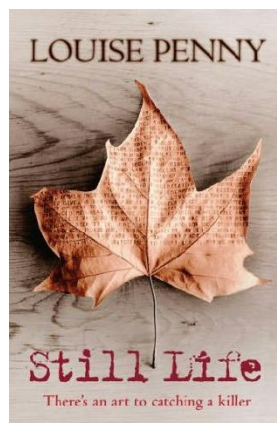
Saint Mary's Book Club

By: Jane Bleckley



The book club met Sunday, August 14, and enjoyed a lively discussion of *A Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle. The review scored a 3.27 out of a possible 5 by those who had read it and could therefore vote. The primary reaction was pure enjoyment of an entertaining read and especially appreciation of the descriptions of good French food and wine. Most at the meeting had visited France and could relate to and appreciate the characterization of some of the local acquaintances of Mayle as he and his wife went through the agonies and comedies of restoring their house. Everyone especially enjoyed the wonderful refreshments, all hinting back to the gastronomic tales in the book.

The next meeting will be Sunday, **September 11** at seven o'clock. We were delighted to welcome two new attendees at the recent meeting and hope to see more each month. The book for September is *Still Life* by Louise Penny. Food and drink will be offered by Martha and Mary. Summer is over, so give the book a try and come enjoy an hour of spirited conversation and good treats to eat.





Saint Mary's Finances

Saint Mary's Finances
As of July 31, 2011

Income	July	Year To Date	Budget YTD
Current Year's Pledge	\$50,330.85	\$308,719.95	\$324,984.95
Flowers	\$ 808.55	\$ 1,701.55	\$ 1,516.70
Interest – Operating Account	\$ 66.98	\$ 656.21	\$ 1,166.70
Loose Plate Offering	\$ 1,039.96	\$ 8,180.41	\$ 8,750.00
Other Income/Donations	\$ 5,708.00	\$ 18,100.04	\$ 26,250.00
Prior Year's Pledge	\$ <u>0.00</u>	\$ <u>616.00</u>	\$ <u>583.35</u>
Total Income	\$57,954.34	\$337,974.16	\$363,251.70
Expenses			
Total Expenses	\$53,772.49	\$354,312.93	\$367,041.92
Net	\$ 4,181.85	-\$ 16,338.77	-\$ 3,790.22

Building Loan Balance: \$1,241,229.00

Church Directories

The Parish Development Ministry is in the process of discussing a new directory for Saint Mary's. Decisions will be made soon and details will be made available as plans are finalized. In the meantime, updates for our current directory will continue to be made. If you have **not** received Directory Additions updates since Christmas, please get one from me. Also, if you have become a part of the Saint Mary's family and have not had your picture made, please let me know. (When I get 4 pictures, I make a new page.) If any of you need another spiral directory, just ask me.

We have so many new faces and want everyone to get to know each other. Please wear your nametags to Hospitality each Sunday in order to facilitate this process. If you have lost your nametag and need another, let me know by e-mail.

Terry Henshaw

September Birthdays

9/1 Walter Stephens
Harold Sinclair
Jeff Schrauger

9/2 Blake Moore
David Perkins
Christopher Davis
Burton Kotti
Rachel Kotti
Lauren Gambill

Ryne Longino
9/3 Stewart Mungo
Edward McLeod
Katherine Vazquez

9/4 Joseph Ross
Bonnie Bolt
Theodore Clyburn
William Fernandez-King

9/6 Anida Mims

9/7 Jane Baylis
Mitchell Tibshirany
Nikki Barnes
Martha Hooten
James Causey

9/9 Richard Lahan
Laura Kellam

9/10 Nicholas Marsh

9/11 Pauline Callahan
William Mackie
Judith Head
Benjamin Thomas
Leslie Parker

9/12 Philip Kerr

9/13 William Beckham
Avery Olds

9/15 Geraldine Hayden
Anne Buzzell
Henry Graham

9/16 Cherry Stokes
Marilyn Becker

9/17 Carl Lundgren
Andy Koch
Olivia Cooley

9/18 Diana Nagoda
John Gasque

9/20 Edward Byorick
Michael Wachowski
Tamara Bingenheimer

9/21 Pamela Vazquez
Leslie Buzzell
Christa Skeen Dixon

9/22 Stienkie Seales
Terry Henshaw
Karen Bromwell
William Burn
Kimberly Minton
Jake Truesdale

9/23 Nicole Verner

9/24 William Head

9/25 Marjorie Stephens
Jonathan Withington
Beverly LaLiberte

9/26 E. J. Dennis
Sherilyn Jordan
Sydney Carothers

9/27 Scott DeRidder
Joe McDonald
Monita White

9/28 Jerry Dunn
Ashley Latiff

9/29 Weesie Skinner
Sara Lynch



Prayers of the People

We remember these people in prayer:

<i>Skip Gains</i>	<i>Lora Dunn</i>	<i>Chris Barrie</i>
<i>Marsha Lorick</i>	<i>Pat and Ken Matthews</i>	<i>Zhang Zhang Ma</i>
<i>Cyndi Smith</i>	<i>Alice Whitehead</i>	<i>Linda Hoffman</i>
<i>Jane Baylis</i>	<i>Allie Tinsley</i>	<i>Jeannie Funderburk</i>
<i>Tom Hayden</i>	<i>Teri Tankersley</i>	<i>Rachel Miller</i>
<i>Faye & Peter Rasmussen</i>	<i>Emma Woroby</i>	<i>Robert Hughes</i>
<i>Loren Carlson</i>	<i>John Brumbaugh</i>	<i>Emily Jones</i>
<i>Julie Gardner</i>	<i>David Hadden</i>	<i>John and Amy</i>
<i>June Turbeville</i>	<i>Carl Rimmer</i>	<i>Roger Springett</i>
<i>Frankie Benedetto</i>	<i>Hope and Sandy Craver</i>	<i>Patricia Jones</i>
<i>Jennifer Leary</i>	<i>Pat Carrion</i>	<i>Chase MacWilliam</i>
<i>Candice Williams</i>	<i>Bill Lumpkin</i>	<i>Patsy Jones</i>
<i>Jody Spruill</i>	<i>Robert Squires</i>	<i>Hunter Berry</i>
<i>Ellen Phillips</i>	<i>Connie Brantley</i>	<i>Will Rose</i>
<i>Lynn Sawyer</i>	<i>William Perry</i>	<i>Gary McElveen, Jr.</i>
<i>Lynn and Billy Mayfield</i>	<i>Osborn Family</i>	<i>Allen Williams</i>

We pray for Barack Obama, our President, and those in the Armed Services, especially:

Billy Schaefer, Marilyn Jenkins, Stephen McDaniel, Alston Middleton, David Bland, Edgar Martin, John Burdett, Jim Blanchette, Jonathan Withington, Eric Aliffi, Robert S. Gonzalez, Mallory Rebecca McKendry, Marc Fowler, Clint Hundley, Greg Vaughn, Jonathan Guillerault, David Gray, Samson Chastain, John Nethercutt, Wiley Alford, Matthew Brooks, James Guillerault, Joshua Chastain, David Weinke, Quentin Parker, Talcott Nichols, Gene Limehouse, William White, Jasper Varn, Stan Sheftall, Kyle Beaver, Kurt Love, Michael Graham, Jeremy Russell, Jay Kirkland, Carl Garris, Chris Meador, Cameron Fitzgerald, Johnathon Wallace, Brick Bailey, Cyndie Duckett Burdett, Kevin McClure, J. S. White, Ann Marie Marcellino, Al Farrarr, Geoff Reeves, Jerry Anthony Harris, Jamie Hooten, Lee Shelton, Michael McLeod and Philip Lohret.



Heavenly Father, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women in our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils that beset them; and help them to know that none can pluck out of your hand those who put their trust in you.

We pray for all expectant mothers, especially:

Buffy Berry, Karen Broyles, Ingrid Driggers, Miranda Ritner and Jennifer Clyburn McMaster.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose blessed Mother knew the joy of anticipation as well as the fears of childbirth: Grant me the grace of a quiet mind during these days of waiting, and the strength and courage that I shall need when the time of delivery is near. And may the child that shall be born to me bring blessing, and be a blessing always.





In the Community: Saint Mary's Local Outreach



September Charity Sunday: LRADAC Women's Community Residence "The Oaks"

"Womens Community Residence" is a program designed with a securely nurturing environment to prepare women in recovery from chemical dependency for community living. For more information, visit <http://www.lradac.org/womens-community-residence/>.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ST. ANDREWS

Adventures in Learning

Fun and Fellowship for Folks 50+

Fall Session meets every Tuesday,

September 20 through November 15, 2011

9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

New Classes:

- **An Inside Look at American Politics**, Dr. Don Songer, Professor of Political Science, USC;
- **BrainWorks: Its Foundations, Fundamentals, and Frustrations**, Dr. Kathleen Kirasic, Associate Professor of Developmental Psychology, USC;
- **How our Bible Came to Us**, JoAnn Swanson;
- **In the News**, USC Professor Emeritus John Spurrier;
- **Pamper Me**, coordinated by Joan Van Leuven;
- **Readers' Circle**, coordinator by Ida McCaskill;
- **The Majesty of English Cathedrals**, Dr. Carol McGinnis Kay, Professor of English Emerita, USC;
- **U.S. Armed Forces—Then and Now**, coordinated by Chuck Sovick;
- **What's my Line?** coordinated by Leslie Foster.

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PLUS, Our Always Popular Continuing Classes:

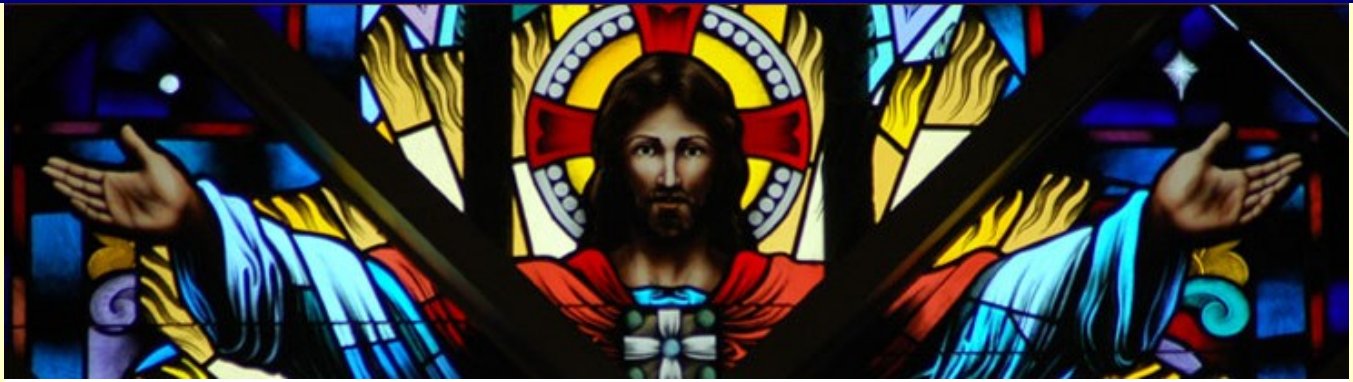
- **Art** with Marty Allen
- **Bridge** with John McFarren
- **Classic Movies and Great Stars** with Marcia Hendrix
- **Creative Writing** with Dr. Lisle Mitchell
- **Line Dancing** with Lynda Mixon
- **Quilting** with Catherine Ebling
- **Spanish, Beginners** with Dr. Rita Gardiol
- **Spanish, Advanced** with Dr. David Hill

12:30 p.m.: Lunch with guest speakers and entertainers

Cost of Session: \$25.00

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Web Resources

- The Book of Common Prayer (online): <http://www.bcponline.org/>
- Saint Mary's Episcopal Church: <http://www.stmaryscolumbia.org/>
- Forward Movement Publications: <http://forwardmovement.org/>
- Out of the Darkness: <http://www.outofthedarkness.org>
- Missionary Flights International: <http://www.missionaryflights.org>
- Mission Aviation Fellowship: <http://www.maf.org>
- Sistercare: <http://www.sistercare.com/>
- York Place Episcopal Children's Home: www.yorkplace.org
- The Gravatt Center: www.bishopgravatt.org



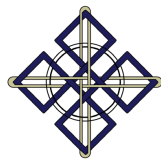
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