

THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Day of Pentecost

June 4, 2017

Welcome!

Whether it is your first Sunday at St. Mary's, or your 401st, we're glad that you're with us. Please feel free to introduce yourself to a greeter, usher, or a clergy member, and **consider filling out a welcome card**. We invite you to join us on future **Sundays at 10 a.m.** for Eucharist or Morning Prayer, on **Wednesdays for Noonday Prayer at 12 p.m.** in beautiful and quaint Little St. Mary's, or for many of our other fellowship and outreach offerings. **Little St. Mary's** is also **open Monday through Friday** between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and available to you for prayer and reflection. Flip the page over to get a sense of what we have going on around St. Mary's.

Nursery

Our nursery is available for **infants through 4-year-olds** from 9:45 a.m. until 11:15 a.m. The nursery is located in the Preschool and Sunday School Building. Nursery Director Meg Zehmer and Cassie Vestal will be happy to help you get your child settled into the nursery.

Worship bags

We provide worship bags that contain a coloring page based on the Gospel reading of the day. They also have a wonderful parent-focused message on the back to help you talk about the day's reading with your child. Worship bags are in the front of Little St. Mary's and in the wood bins near the entrances to New St. Mary's.

Sermons available

Find past sermons available in hard copy in the narthex of New St. Mary's, or visit stmarysgoochland.org/sermons to hear audio and download print versions.

Connect with us

We would love to learn more about you! If you are a visitor, please pick up a **welcome card** from one of our ushers or in the back of a pew.

Would you like to write for us? Contact Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org to learn more.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite Two, *New St. Mary's*

11 a.m. Cake and Lemonade, *Café and New Parish Hall*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

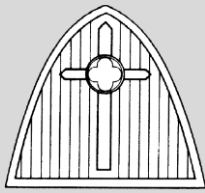
When I was 16, I participated in my first international mission trip—to Honduras—which shook my entire world view. From that point on, I was hooked; three more trips to Honduras, as well as missions and learning tours to Sierra Leone, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Guatemala have solidified my love of experiencing other cultures and my passion for helping to effect positive change in developing countries. Additionally, I now serve on the Board of Ten Thousand Villages, a fair trade store in Carytown, which has taught me the importance of avoiding the *Toxic Charity** model; in other words, staying away from “mission” work that fosters dependence from or belittles others. Despite my museum background, my heart is wholly in mission work, which is what ultimately led me to St. Mary's.

Last Tuesday through Friday (May 23-26), I had the pleasure of traveling to Camp McDowell in Nauvoo, Alabama and participating in the Global Episcopal Mission Network (GEMN) annual conference. Represented at GEMN were clergy members, parishioners, and missionaries from the U.S., England, Kenya, Canada, Uganda, Swaziland, Haiti, and more. I learned of Episcopal Church-sponsored projects aimed at facilitating racial and cultural reconciliation around the world. I was inspired by the growing mission trend of “Asset-Based Community Development”—of doing *with*, rather than *for*, others; of recognizing the resources and spiritual gifts of those a mission is serving; of understanding that everyone has something to offer the world, and that mission trips can be beneficial for everyone involved.

As each day that passes brings increasing media coverage of violence, discrimination, and pain, I too often find myself dwelling on the negative, feeling helpless. But how encouraging it is to spend my days here at St. Mary's, surrounded by wonderfully kind, generous, good people; and how encouraging it was to spend the week engaged in discussion with the wider Episcopal network. As a lifelong Methodist I am, admittedly, very new to the Episcopal Church, but I am convinced that Episcopalians get it right. Despite my short time here thus far, I can tell that St. Mary's is full of world changers—a congregation of friendly, welcoming, accepting people with enormous hearts for God and others, and an unending desire to make the world a little better, one step at a time. I left the GEMN conference with 60+ new friends and hundreds of ideas, and I am so very honored to have the opportunity to be even a small part of St. Mary's local and global mission work now and in the future.

Elizabeth Baker

**Toxic Charity* by Robert Lupton



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David Rose, **Tom Slater**, and **Russell Wyatt**

PARISH BRUNCH NEXT SUNDAY!

A parish brunch in honor of organist and choirmaster **Dwight Graham** is next Sunday, **June 11 at 11 a.m.** We will be serving the cinnamon rolls that are Dwight's favorite. Though rehearsals have prevented him from attending parish breakfasts, choir members have been hand-delivering the cinnamon rolls for years! **Dwight's last Sunday is June 25.**

VOLUNTEER AT ST. PETER'S

St. Mary's parishioners are invited to participate in **St. Peter's Bible study** and volunteer at their **food distribution** on **Wednesday, June 7 at 8:30 a.m.** Meet at St. Peter's to **read and reflect on the week's Gospel with community members, unload the truck from the food bank, and prepare grocery bags.** Please come for an hour or two, whichever works best with your schedule. We look forward to **building relationships and supporting St. Peter's in their mission and ministry.** Please contact Ashley Cameron at (804) 784-5678 or acameron@stmarysgoochland.org to RSVP and, for those who are interested, to carpool.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, June 4, Day of Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Cake and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*

Monday, June 5

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*
 Stewardship Committee, 4 p.m., *Education Building*

Tuesday, June 6

Staff Meeting, 2 p.m., *Rector's Study*

Wednesday, June 7

St. Peter's Bible Study and Food Distribution, 8:30 a.m., *St. Peter's Episcopal Church*
 Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Saturday, June 10

A.A., 10 a.m., *Education Building Classroom*

Sunday, June 11, First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite Two, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Parish Brunch in Honor of Dwight Graham, 11 a.m., *New Parish Hall*

Coming Up

Monday, June 12

Pastoral Care Team 2, 5 p.m., *Rector's Study*

Tuesday, June 13

Church Office Closed – Staff Retreat, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., *Richmond Hill*

Sunday, June 25, Third Sunday after Pentecost

Morning Prayer Rite One, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Cookies and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *Café and New Parish Hall*