



THE ANNUNCIATION

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Transfiguration

August 6, 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 is 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. Lemonade and Cake, *New Parish Hall and Terrace*

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A WEEKLY REFLECTION

There is something about a mission trip that changes you. This is true regardless of where, how long, or with whom you go. Whatever the scenario, you return to life slightly different than you left it.

There are many reasons for this. You invariably squeeze a large amount of activity into a short span of time. When you know that your time is limited, you try to maximize every minute of it. You inevitably spend a lot of time in close quarters with other people which forces even the most extroverted of us outside our normal comfort zones. Finally, you get tired, which means you must work harder at being kind, patient, and loving.

Looking at that list of things, you may be tempted to conclude that mission trips are beneficial because they are just plain difficult. That conclusion isn't far from the truth.

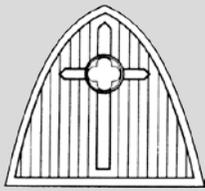
But then you discover the surprise plot twist. Somehow in the difficulty you find joy. In your weakness, you find strength. In the physical discomfort, you find your *soul* comforted. You begin to discover why mission trips leave such an indelible imprint on your life. It's because what you're doing is something beyond yourself.

We all regularly do things for other people. Whether it's volunteering with an organization or just helping out around the house. A mission trip is a service trip, but it is a service with a spiritual purpose. It puts you in a position to realize that in serving you are worshiping God and bringing God's light and love to the world around you.

I had the privilege to participate in two mission trips this summer. I went to the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota with Ashley Cameron, Currie Costen, Jack Deutsch, Ellieblue Gurkin, Addison Hagan, Harrison Holmes, Andy Howlett, Maddy Miller, Carter Payne, Rylan Pearsall, and Annie Stephens. Then I went to Lincoln County, WV with Adam Bailey, Zane Gurkin, Tyler Hagan, Robert Holmes, Jed Johnson, Ethan Snow, and Jack Snow.

Both of those trips and the people on them are now forever a part of me. They have helped shape me, change me, and teach me about God. And I am forever grateful.

Matt Rawls



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OUTREACH GRANT RECIPIENT HIGHLIGHT

St. Mary's Outreach Committee and Vestry are excited to announce that **Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services (GFCFS)** is one of this year's St. Mary's outreach grant recipients. The mission of GFCFS is to provide access to health care and basic human services for Goochland residents who need assistance. **The \$9,900 grant will support the provision of health care services for uninsured, low-income adults. Medical services include disease management and education, procurement of medicines, vision care access, and medical specialist referrals.** In addition to the grant, St. Mary's supports GFCFS by volunteering and holding drives at the church. To find out more about Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services, other outreach partners, the grant application process, and more, contact Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org.

JOIN THE MISSION TEAM TO ECUADOR

This November 1-8, staff member Ashley Cameron and parishioner Chris Ritrievi are **leading a mission trip to Quito, Ecuador** to partner with and work alongside Episcopal Churches. **The deadline to sign up to join this incredible opportunity is Tuesday, August 15.** Please email Ashley for more information regarding cost, lodging, and the team's mission at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org.

SAVE THE DATE – BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Join us **Sunday, September 3 for the final 10 a.m. summer service** of the year. Students and teachers are invited to **bring their back-to-school bags** and new teenage drivers are invited to **bring their car keys** for a special blessing during the service.

This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, August 6, Transfiguration

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

Monday, August 7

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Saturday, August 12

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

Sunday, August 13, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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