

THE ANNUNCIATION

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A beautiful morning last Sunday welcoming the newly baptized, Chloe, Alston, and Banks.



In today's Gospel, we hear a story about John the Baptist's interaction with Jesus just

the day after his baptism. John the Baptist *notices* Jesus and he *shares* his experiences with his disciples. And then John *invites* his disciples to follow their new teacher. The passage goes on, following the same order of actions. Andrew and the other disciple *notice* something special about Jesus which leads Andrew to *share* his experiences with his brother, Simon, and to *invite* him to come and follow, too. As I read the gospel, I could not help but notice a pattern that was emerging....a pattern of three simple

actions that caught my eye: notice, share and invite.

Just like John the Baptist and his disciples, we as Christians are called to follow this same pattern: to notice the work God is doing in our lives, to share his unconditional love with others, and to invite others to come and see.

I started to wonder how often in our lives we actually fulfill all three actions. It seems that in our modern world it is becoming more difficult for us to hear this call and to spread the Good News with others. But why? What exactly is holding us back? With our busy schedules and increasing distractions it is easy to forget to stop and notice God among

Welcome!

Welcome to St. Mary's Episcopal Church - we are so glad that you are here! Since the 1870s, God has gathered a beloved community of Jesus to worship and serve here, where all are welcomed. We are committed to provide a holy place for worship, Christian Formation for all ages that is compelling and life-giving, opportunities to reach out in love for those in need, and an enthusiastic hope that all who call St. Mary's their spiritual home can participate in every area of our common life in Christ. The spirit of St. Mary's is grounded in a deep sense of gratitude for God's goodness and love. We give thanks for you and for your life, and we are grateful to God for the opportunity to welcome you!

Weekly reflection continues...

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Little St. Mary's

10 a.m. Sunday School & Confirmation Class in Classrooms

10 a.m. Adult Forum with David May in Parish Hall

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist in New St. Mary's

12 p.m. Cookies & Coffee in Parish Hall

us. As I questioned how we can break this cycle of busyness, one of the many wonderful sayings of Bob Hetherington came to mind: "PAY ATTENTION."

And I think this is exactly where we need to start. We need to pay attention in order to notice all the work of God around us. We need to pay attention to notice the needs of our community. And we need to pay attention to notice what God is calling us to do.

Emily Bruch



Ministry Highlight

This morning at the 9 a.m. service, we commission the Ecuador Mission Team before they head down to Quito, Ecuador from January 20 to 28. They'll partner with Education Equals Hope on the ground to visit our friends at Emaus Episcopal Church to continue to develop relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the wider Anglican Communion. We hope that you will keep Ashley Cameron, Wayne Dementi, Allison and Greg Dunaway, Chris Ritrievi, and Linda Rose in your prayers as they represent St. Mary's on this mission.



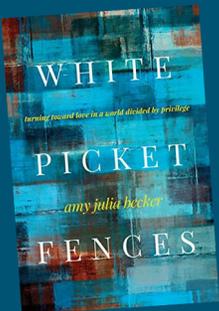
Outreach Opportunity

The Annual GoochlandCares Clothes Closet drive is underway! From now through the end of January, St. Mary's is collecting clean, gently used or new winter items. Specifically, GoochlandCARES is asking for women's socks, women's long underwear, baby clothes for newborn through 2T, men's jeans, blankets, and socks, winter boots, hats, gloves, and underwear for all ages. Collection boxes are located in the Dover Lounge. Thank you for your support!

ST. MARY'S WELCOMES SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

AMY JULIA BECKER

WRITER · TEACHER · AUTHOR



"The real privilege of my life has come in learning what it means to love others, that love involves suffering and sacrifice and sleepless nights and tears and heartache and great gifts." FROM *WHITE PICKET FENCES*



FEBRUARY 21 - 23

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN AT WWW.STMARYSGOOCHLAND.ORG/ADULT



NEW ADULT FORUM SERIES WITH DAVID MAY

Sundays, January 19, 26, and February 16, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

David May is offering a new, three-part adult forum series titled, "How did we get here? Faith and Life in the Episcopal Tradition." Episcopalians worship and think and act and believe in a particular way (some would say peculiar!) for a reason. Our faith and life is anchored in a set of core beliefs that emerged from the churning of the 16th century Reformation in England that set us on a path we are still travelling today. It's not the only way to follow Jesus, of course, but it is our peculiar way! David May begins this story this morning at 10 a.m. to connect us with our past for the sake of the future to which God calls us. Please plan to bring your questions – a very Episcopalian thing to do!

YOUTH GROUP THIS AFTERNOON

Today, 12:30 p.m., Education Building

Youth Group is back this afternoon! All youth (grades 6-12) come hangout after church for games, pizza, and fellowship. Meet in the Education Building from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Friends are always welcome!

VESTRY NOMINEES & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, February 2, 10 a.m., New St. Mary's

St. Mary's is excited to announce its four Vestry Nominees for the Vestry Class of 2023! They are Jill Aveson, Wayne Dementi, Missy Roberts, and Robin Lind. St. Mary's will elect four new Vestry members on Sunday, February 2 at 10 a.m. at the Annual Parish Meeting. Please plan to gather with your sisters and brothers in the Beloved Community of Jesus and listen to celebrations of ministry from St. Mary's Rector, Senior Warden, and other leaders of the parish.

"I WASN'T READY FOR THAT!" PRESENTATION

Saturday, February 1, 10 a.m., Parish Hall

As part of Adult Education, Eldergarden is pleased to offer a series of presentations called "I Wasn't Ready for THAT!" Each series is open to adults of ALL ages and will address being prepared for issues not only associated with aging and end of life, but with life in general when it comes at you fast! The first in this series will be offered on Saturday, February 1 from 10-11:30 a.m., and the topic will be Dr. Armistead Talman's notes on lectures that he gave during his lifetime about End of Life Considerations. It will be presented by Peggy Talman and her son, Ros Bowers. It's a timeless gift of wisdom that Armistead left for us. So, please save the date to join us!

SAVE THE DATE FOR CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday, February 10, 4 p.m., New St. Mary's

On Sunday, February 9 at 4:30 p.m., the St. Mary's Choir will offer a service of Choral Evensong. Repertoire will include Stanford's Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C-major and contemporary British composer Jonathan Dove's "Seek Him That Maketh the Seven Stars," among other works. A prelude recital at 4 p.m. will feature organ music for the seasons of Christmastide and Epiphany by Daquin, Bach, Buxtehude, and more. If you enjoyed the sung Morning Prayer on Choir Appreciation Sunday or Advent Lessons and Carols, you won't want to miss this beautiful service of prayer and song.

SUNDAYS AT ST. MARY'S

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Little St. Mary's
10 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Forum
11 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Morning Prayer in New St. Mary's*

*We have first, third, and fifth Sunday Holy Eucharist at both services. Second and fourth Sundays will have Morning Prayer, except during Advent, Lent and Easter.

NURSERY

Nursery is offered for infants - 3 year olds every Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. As a part of nursery time, the toddlers will hear a Bible story, sing, and play games.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School is offered for children 4 years old - 12th grade at 10 a.m. Each week the children and youth deepen their understanding and connection to our shared story of faith.

ADULT FORUM

Adult Forum gathers every Sunday in the Parish Hall during the 10 o'clock hour. All adults are welcome! Forums range from guest speakers to panel discussions to hearing from St. Mary's clergy.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

During the 11 a.m. service, children (ages 4 years old - 5th grade) are invited to come forward during the Gospel hymn and go to the Block Room together. There, they hear the Gospel story, talk about it, and sing together. They return to the service during the Peace.

OCCURRING WEEKLY

MEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Office

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Library

HOLY EUCHARIST WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Wednesdays at 12 p.m. in Little St. Mary's

NEW BEGINNINGS

Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Education Building (open A.A. meeting)

*Events are subject to change. Please visit www.stmarysgoochland.org for updates.

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This Week at St. Mary's

Sunday, January 19

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum: "How did we get here? Faith and Life in the Episcopal Tradition" Pt. 1, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew, 10 a.m., *Library*
 Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Classrooms and Education Building*
 Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
 Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*
 Youth Group, 12:30 p.m., *Education Building*

Monday, January 20

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 21

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*
 Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

Wednesday, January 22

Pastoral Care Team 4, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*
 Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*
 Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

Thursday, January 23

Centering Prayer, 11 a.m., *Narthex*
 Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., *Choir Suite*

Saturday, January 25

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

Sunday, January 26

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*
 Adult Forum: "How did we get here? Faith and Life in the Episcopal Tradition" Pt. 1, 10 a.m., *Parish Hall*
 Bible Study: Gospel of Matthew, 10 a.m., *Library*
 Sunday School and Confirmation Class, 10 a.m., *Classrooms and Education Building*
 Morning Prayer, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
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Contact Us

New Here? Be sure to fill out a welcome card located in the pews and in the narthex. Place it in the offering plate or bring it to an usher or clergy to learn more about the life and ministry of St. Mary's.

Need to Reach Someone? Please call the Church Office at (804) 784-5678. Or visit www.stmarysgoochland.org/staff to find contact information.

Want to Learn More? Please visit St. Mary's website for the most up to date information: www.stmarysgoochland.org

A PART OF OUR STORY...



St. Mary's is so grateful for the two beautiful receptions in honor of Bob Hetherington last Sunday as we said goodbye.

A THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for a wonderful send off. Special thanks to the Vestry for the gift to the Westminster Canterbury Foundation in my honor. My thanks to all of you to for the generous purse. The St. Mary's ministry has progressed over the past four years into a glorious new place. You have wonderful spiritual leadership, a great parish staff, and a strong Vestry. Of course, what makes St. Mary's special is all the people who make up the parish family. As I keep in touch with you from afar, I will be curious to discover where God's spirit leads you next. So for one last time: Show up! Pay attention! Lean in! Stay strong! I believe when you do, good things will happen.

Blessings to you all!

Bob Hetherington



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