

# THE ANNUNCIATION

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One morning, Allison Dunaway and the team taught kids in an Ecuadorian community about creation care and recycling.



## 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!



*Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if*

*we do not give up.* - Galatians 6:9

When called to serve on the Vestry in 2017 I felt I had little to contribute. I considered my prior leadership roles to be humble and too many years in the past. But the words of Bob Hetherington rang in my ears – “show up...lean in.” It was time for me to show up. And I'm so glad I did.

We all know that 2017 to 2019 was full of transition and some surprises. We'd established our vision for St. Mary's through discernment,

but our path took some unexpected twists and turns. But I feel certain we are in a good place, heading in the right direction. Never be satisfied and trust the process.

I've learned from my time on the Vestry that we can all contribute, and so many do, in ways that are not always apparent when we arrive on Sunday morning. Far too many to name in this space, it's the people of St. Mary's who've made our transition a success, with new programs, expanded hospitality and fellowship, a resurgent youth program, a financial plan, and so much more. The people of St. Mary's did not give up; rather by leaning in and recommitting, we've begun to reap a humble harvest.

*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.** Annual Parish Meeting in New St. Mary's

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

**12 p.m.** Cake & Coffee in Parish Hall

As for my time on the Vestry, I was challenged and rewarded by serving on the Rector Search Committee that called David. The committee spent countless hours patiently listening. I remain inspired by the team's ability to listen and find common ground. From there my principle responsibility, besides showing up, was to organize the talents of our congregation to ensure that the church's landscape and yard maintained its beauty and tranquility. And we supported the staff in reestablishing our plans and the requisite paperwork and documentation for the churchyard.

I can't fully express my appreciation and admiration for our Vestry leaders during my three years. Their time and commitment knew no bounds. And their skills, simply amazing; each adapting their strengths and focus to the needs of the church at their appointed time. Al Rider—the brilliant strategist and diplomat. Tracey Ragsdale—so passionate for our mission and inclusive in her leadership. Karen Huennekens is as thorough and organized as they come, with no task too small, all with a sweet smile. I was blessed to work with them and watch them lead. I'd follow them anywhere.

So, my Vestry time helped me to understand how the church works, the perspectives of my fellow parishioners, what we need to continue our mission, and where I can help. It's all about tilling the soil, planting the seeds and picking the weeds, so that St. Mary's reaps the full potential of the harvest. I pray for each of you to have the same experience.

Kim O'Shea, Vestry Class of 2020



## Ministry Highlight

This morning St. Mary's elects four new Vestry members, which means four Vestry members are rotating off: Karen Huennekens, Kim O'Shea, Doug Pera, and Russell Wyatt. If you see them in church over the next few weeks, please thank them for their role and leadership in this vital ministry over the past three years. And a special thanks to Karen Huennekens who served as Senior Warden and Scott Stephens as Junior Warden this past year. Their leadership was a gift.

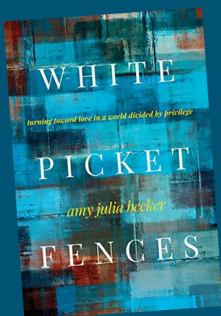


## Outreach Opportunity

St. Mary's Church is part of a community-wide coalition of faith communities organized by CARITAS who take turns providing emergency shelter for a week at a time for homeless men, women, and children in our area. In 2020, our week is March 28 - April 4 and our guests will be women. The committee is beginning to come together and plan. If you're interested in becoming a member of this group, please contact Seth Schaeffer at [sethschaeffer@gmail.com](mailto:sethschaeffer@gmail.com) or Charmaine Trice at [nesting7800@yahoo.com](mailto:nesting7800@yahoo.com).

## 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*



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Contact Ashley Cameron at  
[acameron@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:acameron@stmarysgoochland.org)  
to learn more.

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## VESTRY NOMINEES & ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**This Morning, 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 this morning at 10 a.m. at the Annual Parish Meeting. This morning at our Annual Parish Meeting, we will say, 'thank you, God' that we are sisters and brothers of the Beloved Community of Jesus.' Please plan to gather at 10 a.m. in New St. Mary's 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. If you cannot attend, please pick up a copy of the 2019 Annual Report.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH SUNDAY

**Sunday, February 9, 11 a.m., New St. Mary's**

Help us show our appreciation for our amazing children and youth members who will be leading a majority of the worship service on Sunday, February 9 at 11 a.m. Children and youth will lead as ushers, greeters, readers, and more. Also, Jack Ireland, an 11th grader, will preach the sermon at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. We hope you will be present to say 'thank you, God,' for these young people and their ministries here at St. Mary's.

## CHORAL EVENSONG NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday, February 9, 4:30 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.

## PARISH BREAKFAST NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday, February 9, 9:30 a.m., Parish Hall**

Monthly Parish Breakfast is served on Sunday, February 9 beginning at 9:30 a.m. but service is rolling so come anytime before 10:30 a.m. It's always a delicious meal! All are welcome!

## ADULT FORUM SERIES WITH DAVID MAY

**Sunday, February 16, 10 a.m., Parish Hall**

David May concludes a three-part adult forum series titled, "How did we get here? Faith and Life in the Episcopal Tradition." Our faith and life are 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 traveling today. It's not the only way to follow Jesus, of course, but it is our peculiar way! David May concludes this story on Sunday, February 16 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!

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## 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.

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## 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

### CENTERING PRAYER

Thursdays at 11 a.m. in New St. Mary's

### NEW BEGINNINGS

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

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\*Events are subject to change. Please visit [www.stmarysgoochland.org](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org) for updates.

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## This Week at St. Mary's

### Sunday, February 2

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
 Annual Parish Meeting, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
 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*

### Tuesday, February 4

Men's Spiritual Practice, 7:30 a.m., *Parish Office*  
 Fellowship Committee, 9 a.m., *Parish Office*  
 Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Rector's Study*

### Wednesday, February 5

Lectionary Bible Study, 10 a.m., *Library*  
 Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*

### Thursday, February 6

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

### Friday, February 7

Pastoral Care Team 1, 10 a.m., *Library*

### Saturday, February 8

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

### Sunday, February 9

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m., *Little St. Mary's*  
 Parish Breakfast, 9:30 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*  
 Children & Youth Sunday: Holy Eucharist, 11 a.m., *New St. Mary's*  
 Cookies and Coffee, 12 p.m., *Parish Hall*  
 Choral Evensong, 4 p.m., *New St. Mary's*



## 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](http://www.stmarysgoochland.org/staff) to find contact information.

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## A PART OF OUR STORY...



St. Mary's Ecuador Mission Team on the ground with our friends from Education Equals Hope, Roberto, Cameron, and Jorge Luis. Come see more pictures and listen to stories on Wednesday, February 19 during Parish Supper.



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### CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Ashley Cameron, *Director of Communications and Parish Life*  
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### VESTRY

Karen Huennekens, *Senior Warden*; Scott Stephens, *Junior Warden*; Joe Cheely, *Treasurer*; Fran Jones, *Register*; Harry Baldwin, Christy Gurkin, Anne McCoy, Kim O'Shea, Doug Pera, Ann Ramsey, Seth Schaeffer, Patsy Simril, Danny Williams, and Russell Wyatt.



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