

THE ANNUNCIATION

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Welcome!

Members of the mission team, serving with ASP, showing off their completed projects of new flooring and drywall.



During the week of July 18, four youth and one adult led by the Rev. Deacon Kilpy Singer drove down to Wise County, Virginia to

participate in a week of mission work with the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). In a recent reflection, Kilpy shared how ASP's founder believes that a week with ASP is a time and place to "accept people right where they are, just the way they are." Two of the team members, mother and daughter, Rebekah and France McKay, share their own experience of this relationship ministry.

Rebekah writes: Appalachia Service Project likes to call itself a relationship ministry with construction on the side, and I saw that vividly on that final Friday morning. It had been 24 years since I had traveled to Wise County, Virginia with my childhood

youth group to participate in ASP. Now I was back with my teenage daughter on her first trip. Most of my memories of ASP are of friends, evening talent shows, and seemingly impossible projects that my group leaders handled, while giving us "character building" tasks on the job site. Now I was in the group leader position, and while it was important to complete our task of laying new flooring and installing drywall, it was just as important that we make a connection with the community we were serving and our homeowner. I realized on that last morning, while I had been preoccupied with power tool safety and making sure the angles on the baseboards were correct, the girls had been doing their own ministry of love and connection with our homeowner and each other.

However, that morning of our last workday, I got my opportunity to make a community connection. We stopped at a local coffee shop as a treat

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 providing 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**

10 a.m. Morning Prayer in
New St. Mary's

11 a.m. Cookies and Lemonade
in the Parish Hall



Coming Up at St. Mary's

Sunday, August 14

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

Tuesday, August 16

Men's Spiritual Practice, 8 a.m., *via ZOOM*
Staff Meeting, 10 a.m., *Parish Offices*

Wednesday, August 17

Noonday Prayer, 12 p.m., *Little St. Mary's*
Pastoral Care Team 3, 5 p.m., *Library*

Thursday, August 18

Centering Prayer, 11 a.m., *Narthex*

Friday, August 19

Church Office closes at noon.

Sunday, August 21

Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m., *New St. Mary's*
Cookies and Lemonade, 11 a.m., *Terrace*

CLERGY AND STAFF

Ashley Cameron, *Director of Communications and Parish Life*

Lauren Clay, *Office Administrator*

Harrison Higgins, *Deacon Associate*

David H. May, *Rector*

Amelia McDaniel, *Lay Associate for Christian Formation*

The Rev. John E. Miller, Ph.D., *Rector Emeritus*

Paul Pace, *Sexton*

Kilpy Singer, *Associate Rector*

Elizabeth Starling, *Executive Director, Church Operations*

Ryan Tibbetts, *Director of Music*

Tyrell Wilkins, *Assistant Sexton*

VESTRY

Missy Roberts, *Senior Warden*; Wayne Dementi, *Junior Warden*; Joe Cheely, *Treasurer*; Fran Jones, *Register*;

Jeff Allende, Jill Aveson, Ashley Barlow, Sam Bruce,

Ros Bowers, Owen Conway, Linda Hyslop, Robin

Lind, Jesse McCoy, and Barbara Tavenner.



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Weekly reflection continued...

for a successful week. On our way out, we were stopped by a gentleman who had obviously noticed our coveralls and inquired about what we were up to. I spent the next half hour learning about his 30 plus years in the once prosperous coal industry. I could have spent much longer, but remembering we had a project to wrap up, we said our goodbyes. As we walked out of the coffee shop, the girls said they were proud of me for making a friend.

Francie shares: At the beginning of the trip, I didn't know what to expect. I was traveling to an unknown place with unknown people, and I felt vastly underprepared. However, to my surprise, friendships and trust began to grow between our group. And soon enough we were laughing and joking like old friends. I learned so much over those few days about how thankful we should be for what we have and I cannot wait for another opportunity to go back.

Francie and Rebekah are looking forward to returning next summer with more experience and more to gain. They would love the opportunity to speak with any youth or adults that are interested in learning more about the ASP mission and experience.

Rebekah and Francie McKay

GUEST ORGANIST FOR THIS MORNING

Welcome Ray Chenault this morning!

Please welcome Raymond Chenault, who continues as our guest organist this morning while Ryan is away on vacation! Ray graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University with degrees in organ performance and sacred music, received a Master of Music degree in organ performance from the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, and was a Fellow in church music at the Washington National Cathedral. From 1975-2018, Ray and his wife Beth served as co-organists and choirmasters at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Atlanta and were choral directors at The Lovett School. They perform regularly together as an organ duo, and have commissioned dozens of works for organ duet. Now retired, they split their time between Atlanta and Fredericksburg while maintaining an active performance schedule.

JOIN THE ECUADOR MISSION TEAM!

Partner with Education Equals Hope from November 9-16, 2022

Consider joining the Hope on the Ground Short-Term Mission Experience with Education Equals Hope (E=H) to Quito, Ecuador this fall. This experience gives you the opportunity to become the "hands and feet" of Education Equals Hope. As E=H says, "Our Short-Term Missions Experiences give participants a chance to develop a deeper level of compassion and servant hearts." The dates are November 9-16, 2022. If you would like to say 'yes!' to this experience, email Ashley Cameron at acameron@stmarysgoochland.org or call at (804) 784-5678 to learn about next steps and more details.

DO YOU PLAY THE GUITAR?

Searching for a player to help start Sunday School time each Sunday.

Amelia McDaniel is looking for guitar players to come help start off Sunday School time each week at 10 a.m. with some music. The songs are simple and we have low expectations! The children of St. Mary's just love having music be a part of their Sunday School. Please email Amelia McDaniel at amcdaniel@stmarysgoochland.org if you are interested or would like more information.



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