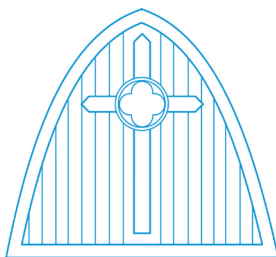


# Living Into Our Faith



ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
The People. The Place. The Work. The Worship.



Dear St. Mary's,

The title for this Ministry booklet, *Living Into Our Faith*, embraces St. Mary's history of traditions and spirit that bind us together ... faith in our daily lives, gratitude, serving others, building community, and seeking God's will.

*YOU ARE INVITED*

We are all invited to grow together in those things *we hold most dear at St. Mary's - The People. The Place. The Work. The Worship.*

In these pages you will learn of the many ways available to us for worship and spiritual growth. You will also read of ways for each of us to become involved. Every page is an invitation.

As you look over this information, please be mindful of opportunities that might appeal to other family members, extended family and friends.

*Scan the QR code on the next-to-last page to volunteer for specific activities, get involved, or just learn more - we'd love to connect with you!*

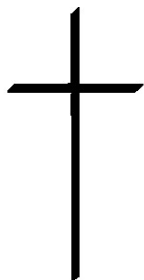
Your brother in Christ,

*Each of you should use whatever gift  
you have received to serve others, as  
faithful stewards of God's grace in its  
various forms.*

*1 Peter 4:10*

# WORSHIP

## ACOLYTES



Assisting the clergy is one of the important ways youth can be involved in worship. Acolytes participate in nearly every part of the service from lighting the candles to leading the processional and recessional and helping to prepare the altar for Holy Communion.

### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Beginning in 5th grade, youth are invited to this meaningful participation in the life of our faith community.
- ❖ Training for new and returning acolytes will be on September 21 at noon (following the 11 a.m. service).

### CONTACT

❖ Director of Youth Formation  
Ed Sloane, [esloane@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:esloane@stmarysgoochland.org)

Acolyte Ministry Leaders  
❖ Stephanie Williams, [stephbishop72@gmail.com](mailto:stephbishop72@gmail.com)  
❖ Owen Conway, [oweningeconway@gmail.com](mailto:oweningeconway@gmail.com)

## ALTAR GUILD



Altar Guild members are primarily responsible for the setting up of Communion and Morning Prayer as well as for preparation for other special services. In addition, members create fresh altar arrangements to enhance the beauty of services in St. Mary's. Whether they be flowers or foliage, they are often composed of plants that grow in members' yards or are cut from the churchyard grounds. Their elegance and simplicity reflect the natural surroundings of St. Mary's. The fellowship we experience by being on Altar Guild is also cherished. Getting together at Easter to "flower the church" and adorning both the grounds and the sanctuaries for Christmas and Advent are joyful times with lots of laughter. The quiet reverence with which the exquisitely cared-for linens and elements of Communion are set out gives those who participate a lovely respite and quiet during an otherwise busy day.

### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Six teams who each take responsibility for two months in the calendar year. Experienced people work with new members, creating a wonderful way to meet and get to know others in this special place.
- ❖ We welcome all of you who may want to become a part of St. Mary's Altar Guild.

### CONTACT

❖ Please contact us through the parish office (804) 784-5678 or via our website contact page to join!

# WORSHIP

## LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

Lay Eucharistic Ministers are a vital part of our worship together. After training, LEMs help the clergy at the altar with the distribution of Holy Eucharist.



### GET INVOLVED

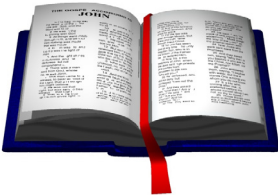
❖ Let our Office Administrator know if you'd like to be notified before the next training takes place. Eucharistic ministers sign up to serve as their schedule allows.

### CONTACT

❖ Training: Lauren Clay, [lclay@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:lclay@stmarysgoochland.org)  
❖ Scheduling: Robin Lind, [robin.lind@hopespringsva.us](mailto:robin.lind@hopespringsva.us)

## INTERCESSORS & READERS

Lay readers and intercessors read the lessons, lead the congregation in the psalm, and lead our weekly prayers. This is a simple and rewarding way to help lead worship at St. Mary's.



### GET INVOLVED

❖ Sunday mornings at the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.

### CONTACT

❖ Lauren Clay, [lclay@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:lclay@stmarysgoochland.org)

## USHERS

Ushers greet people as they arrive to worship, pass out bulletins, bring the bread and wine forward before Communion, collect the offering, and ensure that Communion moves smoothly. They also are there to assist worshipers with anything they might need. Serving as an usher is a great way to participate in worship at St. Mary's.



### GET INVOLVED

❖ Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. services throughout the year.

### CONTACT

❖ Lauren Clay, [lclay@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:lclay@stmarysgoochland.org)



# SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

## ADULT FORUM



This integral part of Sunday mornings September through May is led by clergy, staff, and other speakers during the 10 a.m. hour. Adult Forum provides education, spiritual formation, and fellowship to enrich our faith and community.

### GET INVOLVED

❖ Sundays at 10 a.m.  
Join us in the parish hall between services and enrich your faith!

### CONTACT

❖ Amelia McDaniel,  
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stmarysgoochland.  
org  
❖ Daniel Reeves,  
dreeves@  
stmarysgoochland.  
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## LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY



During the program year (September-May) this Bible study meets every Wednesday in the library with an option to join via Zoom, and focuses on the lectionary readings assigned for the coming Sunday. It's a wonderful space to learn, dive deeper into the Scriptures, and ask questions.

### GET INVOLVED

❖ Wednesdays at 10 a.m.  
Anyone who is interested is invited to attend and participate in this vibrant discussion.

### CONTACT

❖ Call the church  
office at (804)  
784-5678 for Zoom  
information.

## BOOK GROUPS



Two book groups meet for three- to five-week sessions throughout the year. The Tuesday Book Group selections vary between fiction and non-fiction while our Friday Book Group typically focuses more on non-fiction, memoir, and theological literature. During the summers the groups combine for a one-session study.

### GET INVOLVED

❖ Look for schedules to be announced in  
September and January.

Tuesday Book Group - 1:30 p.m. in the parish hall  
Friday Book Group - 10:30 a.m. in the library

### CONTACT

❖ Amelia McDaniel,  
amcdaniel@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org

# SPIRITUAL FORMATION AND ADULT EDUCATION

## MEN'S SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Men's Spiritual Practice invites men of all ages to participate in a spiritual practice on Tuesday mornings. This Zoom offering is a one-hour time of silence, reflection, sharing, and prayer that focuses on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.



### GET INVOLVED

❖ Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. via Zoom

### CONTACT

❖ Harry Baldwin,  
HBaldwin1@comcast.net

## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND CENTERING PRAYER

We offer Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing at 12 noon each Wednesday in Little St. Mary's. This 30-minute service uses an abbreviated liturgy and includes a short homily. Following the communion of the people, prayers for healing are offered.

On Thursdays at 2 p.m. we gather in the narthex of New St. Mary's for Centering Prayer, the ancient spiritual practice of directing the intentions of one's heart to God in silence for 20-30 minutes.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Join us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing at 12 noon each Wednesday in Little St. Mary's.
- ❖ Join us at 2 p.m. Thursday for Centering Prayer in the narthex (lobby) of New St. Mary's.

### CONTACT

❖ Daniel Reeves,  
dreeves@stmarysgoochland.org

## SACRED GROUND

Sacred Ground is the Episcopal Church's dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 11-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories.



### GET INVOLVED

❖ Please contact us if you are interested in a future class.

### CONTACT

❖ Henly Deutsch,  
henlydeutsch@gmail.com

# MUSIC

## ADULT CHOIR

The St. Mary's Choir includes singers ranging in age from high school to senior adults upholding a tradition of anthems and service music in the Anglican style. We prepare a wide variety of music for the 11 a.m. worship services each week, from Byrd to Bach to Bairstow and beyond. Highlights of the fall choir season include the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols, following the traditions set by the King's College Choir in Cambridge, England, and a Choral Eucharist on All Saints' Sunday.



### GET INVOLVED

❖ The choir remains open to new volunteer singers. The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m., and sings at the Sunday 11 a.m. service from September through late May or early June, as well as at the Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week services. Interested singers should ideally have some previous musical experience, whether choral or instrumental, as the choir maintains a brisk rehearsal pace.

### CONTACT

❖ Ryan Tibbetts,  
rtibbetts@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org

## SPECIAL LITURGIES

Throughout the year, St. Mary's Choir blesses us with beautiful music through special services including Choral Evensong and Lessons and Carols.



### GET INVOLVED

❖ Fall Evensong on Sunday, October 19, at 4 p.m. in New St. Mary's and Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 7, at 5 p.m.

### CONTACT

❖ Ryan Tibbetts,  
rtibbetts@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org

## HANDBELL CHOIRS

Handbell choirs are available for everyone ages 5 years old and up! We have children, youth, and adult groups. No music knowledge is needed - just a desire to worship through music.



### GET INVOLVED

❖ We contribute to worship events throughout the year. Rehearsals vary by group for time and day of the week. Please reach out for information about the specific group(s) you are interested in.

### CONTACT

❖ Dena Vandagriff,  
denavandagriff@  
gmail.com



# PASTORAL CARE

## PASTORAL CARE TEAMS



At St. Mary's we are all one family and we find joy in taking care of one another. St. Mary's pastoral care teams provide compassionate and caring support to parishioners in times of joy and sorrow. Our teams send cards to parishioners, visit the homebound and sick, arrange meals for those who need a break from cooking, and celebrate those who have been married or welcomed a child.

### GET INVOLVED

❖ There are four pastoral care teams, and each meets once a month to pray and plan for our congregation's needs. We welcome new members throughout the year and encourage anyone who is discerning whether they are being called to this ministry to drop by a meeting.

### CONTACT

❖ Kilpy Singer,  
ksinger@  
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org

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



The Prayer Shawl Ministry knits, weaves, or crochets shawls while praying for God's blessing on those in need of pastoral care. The end product is not only a lovely source of warmth, but also a tangible comfort. Each shawl represents the loving witness of prayer offered by the St. Mary's community. Anyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting, regardless of skill level, is welcome to take part.

### GET INVOLVED

❖ We meet once a month on the 4th Thursday of the month September through May at 10 a.m. in the library.

### CONTACT

❖ Connie  
Martenstein,  
conniemartenstein@  
gmail.com

## FUNERAL GREETERS & USHERS; PARKING MINISTRY



Funeral greeters and ushers serve in the essential role of welcoming and guiding guests to funerals and memorial services at St. Mary's. This ministry of care and hospitality is especially important for guests who are unfamiliar with St. Mary's.

An accompanying Parking Ministry adds support during funeral services.

### GET INVOLVED

❖ Funeral greeters welcome guests to funerals and memorial services and guide them to the church where services will be held.  
❖ Funeral ushers also welcome guests, as well as provide bulletins and help seat people.

### CONTACT

❖ Lauren Clay,  
lclay@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org

# PASTORAL CARE

## MEN'S MEAL MINISTRY

The Men's Meal Ministry is responsible for cooking and freezing meal components that can be delivered by the Pastoral Care Ministry to parishioners in need.



### GET INVOLVED

❖ We gather in the kitchen about once a quarter to cook and enjoy our fellowship together from 3-5 p.m., typically on a Tuesday.

### CONTACT

❖ Geoff Simril,  
[geoffsimril@gmail.com](mailto:geoffsimril@gmail.com)



# PARISH LIFE

## FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

The Fellowship team provides one of the best and most important ministries of all: food! This important ministry feeds the parish by providing monthly breakfasts and suppers from October to May, as well as assisting with other special events.



### Fellowship Meal

#### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Attend a meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. There are varied opportunities for all skill levels:
- ❖ Chop vegetables and put together salads
- ❖ Help serve and clean up
- ❖ Work alongside cooks to help prepare a meal
- ❖ Schedule volunteers
- ❖ Set up the serving area
- ❖ Create simple flower arrangements for tables
- ❖ Grab a partner and plan a meal

#### CONTACT

- ❖ Susan Welk, sb@welk.us
- ❖ Bruin Richardson, bruin.richardson3@gmail.com

## WELCOMERS

We are a fun group working together to help make St. Mary's an even more welcoming community to worship, learn, and serve. We connect with new members and make everyone feel like a part of the St. Mary's community. We have a great group and would love for you to serve with us!



#### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Our committee meets the last Wednesday of each month at 5 p.m. in the parish hall. Each member serves as a contact for visitors for one month. Join the team if interested in helping newcomers connect to the St. Mary's community.

#### CONTACT

- ❖ Patsy Simril, patsysimril@gmail.com
- ❖ Barbara Tavenner, btavenner1@gmail.com

## PARISH BREAKFASTS & SUPPERS

All members are invited to attend parish breakfasts and suppers throughout the program year. They are a wonderful opportunity to meet new faces or catch up with old friends.



#### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Parish breakfasts occur on the second Sunday of each month beginning in October from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
- ❖ Parish suppers are held on the third Wednesday of each month beginning in October from 5:30 - 7 p.m.
- ❖ Lenten suppers are on four Wednesdays in Lent from 5:30 - 7 p.m. and include a program by a guest speaker.

#### CONTACT

- ❖ Susan Welk, sb@welk.us
- ❖ Bruin Richardson, bruin.richardson3@gmail.com

# PARISH LIFE

## WEDDING MINISTRY

The committee is responsible for attending the wedding and ensuring the wedding party and guests are all presented with the best of St. Mary's in a welcoming, helpful, and beautiful environment. The chair of the committee meets with the bride and family approximately three months prior to the day. All the details and requests are discussed so the day of the wedding is all that the couple wishes it to be.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Meeting dates to be announced.

### CONTACT

- ❖ Ann Lagos,  
adl4online@gmail.com

## WEED ON! MINISTRY

The WEED ON! team is an informal group under the umbrella of the Grounds Committee. We meet every month or so on a semi-random Saturday morning to clean up the church grounds, weed, prune, and plant. Sometimes we are only a handful, but on lovely days if busy schedules permit, maybe a dozen folks will gather.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Reach out if interested in joining us.

### CONTACT

- ❖ Kitty Williams,  
kittywilliams.potter@gmail.com
- ❖ Sue Thompson,  
sue.tuckahoe@gmail.com

## ELDERGARTEN

The Eldergarten Ministry was formed several years ago by some senior members of the church who had this thought: "If we have Kindergarten for young folks, why not Eldergarten for the elders?" Eldergarten sponsors programs of interest to this age group.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ October 19 at Sunday's Adult Forum:  
"Let's Love Our Longevity" by Dr. Amy McConnell
- ❖ October 26 at Sunday's Adult Forum:  
"Thriving Amid Loneliness" by Vic Malloy of the  
Virginia Institute of Pastoral Care

### CONTACT

- ❖ Suzanne  
Munson Jernigan,  
suzmunson01@gmail.com

# OUTREACH AND MISSION

## OUTREACH MINISTRY



St. Mary's works to support and strengthen our relationships with community partners by providing parish-wide volunteer opportunities to make a meaningful difference by serving others in need in the greater Goochland and Richmond community and beyond. Together with our partners, we work to ensure access to shelter, food, education, healthcare, medicine, supplies, and care. We hold food or supply drives, prepare meals for a local shelter, gather Christmas gift cards for families, make special holiday wreaths, and provide volunteers at sites as needed.

Currently, partners include CrossOver Healthcare Ministry, CARITAS, Education Equals Hope and Hope 2 Others, Gateway Homes, Goochland YMCA, GoochlandCares, Peter Paul RVA, St. Andrew's School, Liberation Veteran Services, Richmond Hill, and Silver Warrior Cafe. Each spring we go through a formal grant process in order to help support these organizations financially so they may continue to serve people needing help.

### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Pray for our partners.
- ❖ Read our newsletter for upcoming outreach donation and volunteer opportunities.
- ❖ Check out the outreach page on the St. Mary's website to connect with coordinators at partner sites and inquire about their volunteer opportunities.
- ❖ Meet the second Sunday of the month after the 11 a.m. service at GoochlandCares for clothes sorting.
- ❖ Become a member of the outreach ministry and help lead this work; we meet monthly on Thursdays at 4 p.m.

### CONTACT

❖ Linda Rose,  
tjcarose@aol.com

## BBQ & BREWS



On Friday, October 24, 2025, St. Mary's will host its 5th Annual BBQ & Brews, a night of food, fellowship, and fun to benefit our outreach partners and the people they serve. Plan to join us for live music, wine and bourbon raffles, delicious barbecue, an open bar, and great conversation. A special event you don't want to miss!

### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Please reach out if you'd like to serve on one of our planning committees. We have numerous opportunities that will suit your time and interest. Become a sponsor; various levels are available.

### CONTACT

❖ Katie Howlett,  
katiehowlett@gmail.com  
❖ Janice Nolan,  
jrnolan1@gmail.com

# OUTREACH AND MISSION

## MISSIONS

Join a group of St. Mary's missionaries departing Richmond January 26-February 2, 2026, for the sixth trip to Quito, Ecuador. Walk beside our partners through Education Equals Hope, including Emmaus Episcopal Church. This is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Another mission is being planned tentatively departing March 4, 2026, to participate in the groundbreaking for a community well in Motoset, Kenya, which St. Mary's helped to fund. This will be the second St. Mary's mission there, where we will visit and serve at schools where we have established relationships and explore how to be disciples of Christ out in the world.

## MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Sign up for the mission to Ecuador now! An organizational meeting will be held in September.
- ❖ Consider joining the mission to Kenya in March.

### CONTACT

- ❖ Ecuador: Allison Dunaway, [allison.dunaway@gmail.com](mailto:allison.dunaway@gmail.com)
- ❖ Kenya: Wayne Dementi, [dementi@aol.com](mailto:dementi@aol.com)

## YOUTH MISSION TRIPS



On a mission trip, we are exposed to the rhythms of a life lived in service to, and immersion in, the lives of others. We visit unfamiliar places, each an integral part of God's good creation. We encounter people, all made in God's image with inherent dignity and worth, whose lives might look different from our own.

During summer 2025, St. Mary's youth ventured on two mission trips. High-school students went to Alderson, West Virginia, serving with Appalachia Service Project to learn about the Appalachian region, build relationships with homeowners, and participate in home repair projects alongside other volunteers from across the country.

Middle-school students returned to the Eastern Shore of Virginia where they partnered with the organization Harvest of Hope to learn about hunger and food insecurity, work on farms, and help out at other community serving organizations.

We hope you will join us Summer 2026!

### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Attend the mission trip interest meeting October 15 at 6:15 p.m. to learn about upcoming mission trips and how to sign up.
- ❖ Participate in a local service opportunity with youth group.

### CONTACT

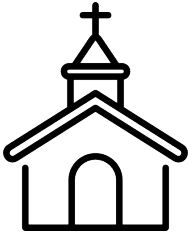
- ❖ Ed Sloane, [esloane@stmarysgoochland.org](mailto:esloane@stmarysgoochland.org)



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## SPECIAL WORSHIP EXPERIENCES AND EVENTS

Special worship experiences and events are integrated throughout the year for St. Mary's children. Events are based around important church seasons and days including Advent, Christmas, and Easter. There are opportunities for the children to participate and parents to volunteer.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Christmas Pageant December 21, 2025, at 5 p.m.
- ❖ Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning, April 5, 2026

### CONTACT

❖ Amelia McDaniel,  
amcdaniel@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children ages 4 through fifth graders are invited to attend one of our Sunday School classes. Each week the children have the chance to explore Bible readings. There are special programs inserted throughout each month including storytelling and special art projects. Our younger members who aren't quite ready for class time are invited to the nursery, where the nursery staff is ready to care for infants through children aged 4.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Four-year-olds through fifth graders gather for Sunday School at 10 a.m. If the temperature is 55+ degrees and the weather is dry, we hold Sunday School outdoors on the nature trail at the back of the campus, near the Youth Education Building. If it is chilly or rainy, we will gather in the Block Room before breaking into smaller groups.
- ❖ The nursery opens at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings and runs through the end of the 11 o'clock service.
- ❖ Volunteer with us! We need parent volunteers who are willing to check kids in, pass out snacks, and guide kids from a big group setting to a smaller classroom. These volunteer roles require no preparation and are flexible around your availability.

### CONTACT

❖ Amelia McDaniel,  
amcdaniel@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Children ages 4 through rising 3rd graders are invited to come and enjoy fellowship, fun, and learning. VBS registration opens online the Monday after Easter.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ June 8-11, 2026, 9 a.m. - noon.
- ❖ We will need volunteers to shepherd children and lead activities.

### CONTACT

❖ Amelia McDaniel,  
amcdaniel@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org

## VBS ON-THE-GO

Vacation Bible School On-the-Go is a four-day camp for rising 4th and 5th graders. Each day the campers go out into the community and work with our outreach partners in hands-on service.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ June 8 - 11, 2026 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- ❖ Participate by signing up as an adult chaperone.

### CONTACT

❖ Amelia McDaniel,  
amcdaniel@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org



# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## CONFIRMATION

Members of the parish who are in 8th grade or above are invited to join this year's confirmation class. This is an opportunity to grow in faith, learn about the Episcopal tradition, and develop meaningful connections with peers and church members.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ St. Mary's confirmation process lasts throughout the year with class on select Sundays from 2:30 - 4 p.m. beginning in September.
- ❖ Youth and parent information session on Sunday, August 24, at 11 a.m. following the 10 a.m. service.

### CONTACT

- ❖ Ed Sloane,  
esloane@stmarysgoochland.org

## HIGH SCHOOL FAITH FELLOWSHIP

High-school students are invited to gather from noon - 1 p.m. over donuts for fellowship and faith sharing. We will read and reflect on the upcoming lectionary readings and discuss how Scripture can speak to us in our lives today.



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Sundays at noon
- ❖ Parent volunteers welcome.

### CONTACT

- ❖ Ed Sloane,  
esloane@stmarysgoochland.org

## MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

St. Mary's youth group is an all-are-welcome community for youth grades 6-12 to experience God's abundant love. Throughout the year, we meet for a variety of activities, outings, and service projects. We generally will alternate between large group gatherings and the church's monthly family worship and potluck. No matter where we are or what we are doing, youth group events are always a fun and meaningful time of connection!



### GET INVOLVED

- ❖ Youth Group Kick-Off is September 14, 4 - 6 p.m.
- ❖ The youth group meets twice a month from 4 - 6 p.m. on the 2nd Sunday of the month and from 5 - 5:45 p.m. before the potluck on Family Worship Sundays.
- ❖ Youth group meets in the Education Building at the back of the campus. All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to our youth events - as are their friends!

### CONTACT

- ❖ Ed Sloane,  
esloane@stmarysgoochland.org

# YOUTH MINISTRIES

## YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER



All of us are called to ministry, to share our gifts with the world! Youth Ministry leaders (YML) are high school students who serve as mentors and role models to middle school students. They help to plan and lead middle school events. YML will attend a leadership retreat and gather for fun team-bonding events.

### GET INVOLVED

❖ High-school students (grades 9 - 12) can attend Youth Ministry Leaders info session Wednesday, September 17, from 6 - 7 p.m. to learn more.

### CONTACT

❖ Ed Sloane,  
esloane@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org

## SERVICE DAYS



During service days, we will support the ministries of our outreach partners, learn about social issues, build friendships, and have fun, while serving those in need. We will meet at St. Mary's and then travel together to a service site where we will spend the afternoon learning and serving!

### GET INVOLVED

❖ Stay tuned for more information and dates.

### CONTACT

❖ Ed Sloane,  
esloane@  
stmarysgoochland.  
org



Scan the QR code to volunteer for specific activities, get involved, or just learn more—we'd love to connect with you!



# CHURCH LEADERSHIP AND STANDING COMMITTEES

## VESTRY

In the Episcopal Church, the vestry serves with the rector to have oversight and care for the spiritual well-being of the congregation as well as responsibility for the temporal affairs of the parish. With the rector, the vestry is responsible for discerning God's call for the parish in its mission and ministry, and for determining and communicating the policies and goals of the congregation.

\* The rector presides at meetings of the vestry and the congregation.

\* Vestry members serve three-year terms.

\* Nominations are made by a committee of the vestry and by the parish at-large.

\* Nominees to vestry election must be confirmed communicants in good standing in the parish.

\* We elect a new class of four vestry members each year at the annual parish meeting.

We draw our leaders from across our parish spectrum and encourage anyone interested in serving or suggesting a potential nominee to speak with one of the members of our vestry.

## BUILDING COMMITTEE

The St. Mary's Building Committee continues to quietly keep our buildings and grounds in the best shape that they can be. Our buildings have a lot of board and batten wood siding that loves to be painted, our grounds have a lot of brick sidewalks that want cleaning and attention, and our attics have 23 HVAC systems to monitor and maintain. The committee strives to stay on top of our normal "wear and tear" so that all can enjoy their time here at St. Mary's, as well as prepare the church for the costs of maintenance that lies ahead of our wonderful property. The Building Committee is fortunate to have a dedicated group that embraces all these challenges and takes on each project with a sense of ownership.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

The Children's Ministries Committee works to support the children, parents and all those who work with the children of St. Mary's. This committee meets regularly to plan the events and programs that are offered to our children and families. Members serve in two-year rotations and focus on one area of our ministry for that term. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact Amelia McDaniel.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee works with the Executive Director for Church Operations, rector, vestry, and accountant to ensure St. Mary's remains in stable financial health.

## GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The Grounds Committee is composed of a dedicated group of parishioners who work with the Executive Director for Church Operations. They offer their time and expertise to help maintain the grounds and landscaping of St. Mary's.

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee of St. Mary's is a group of individuals who lead the Annual Giving Campaign each year. They are charged with creating a campaign theme, developing educational materials on pledging and generating an enthusiastic spirit of giving at St. Mary's. It is a vital role to ensure that St. Mary's has the means to carry out its ministry and mission.

## YOUTH MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

The Youth Ministries Committee works with the Director of Youth Formation to plan, implement, and evaluate the overall youth ministries of St. Mary's.





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