

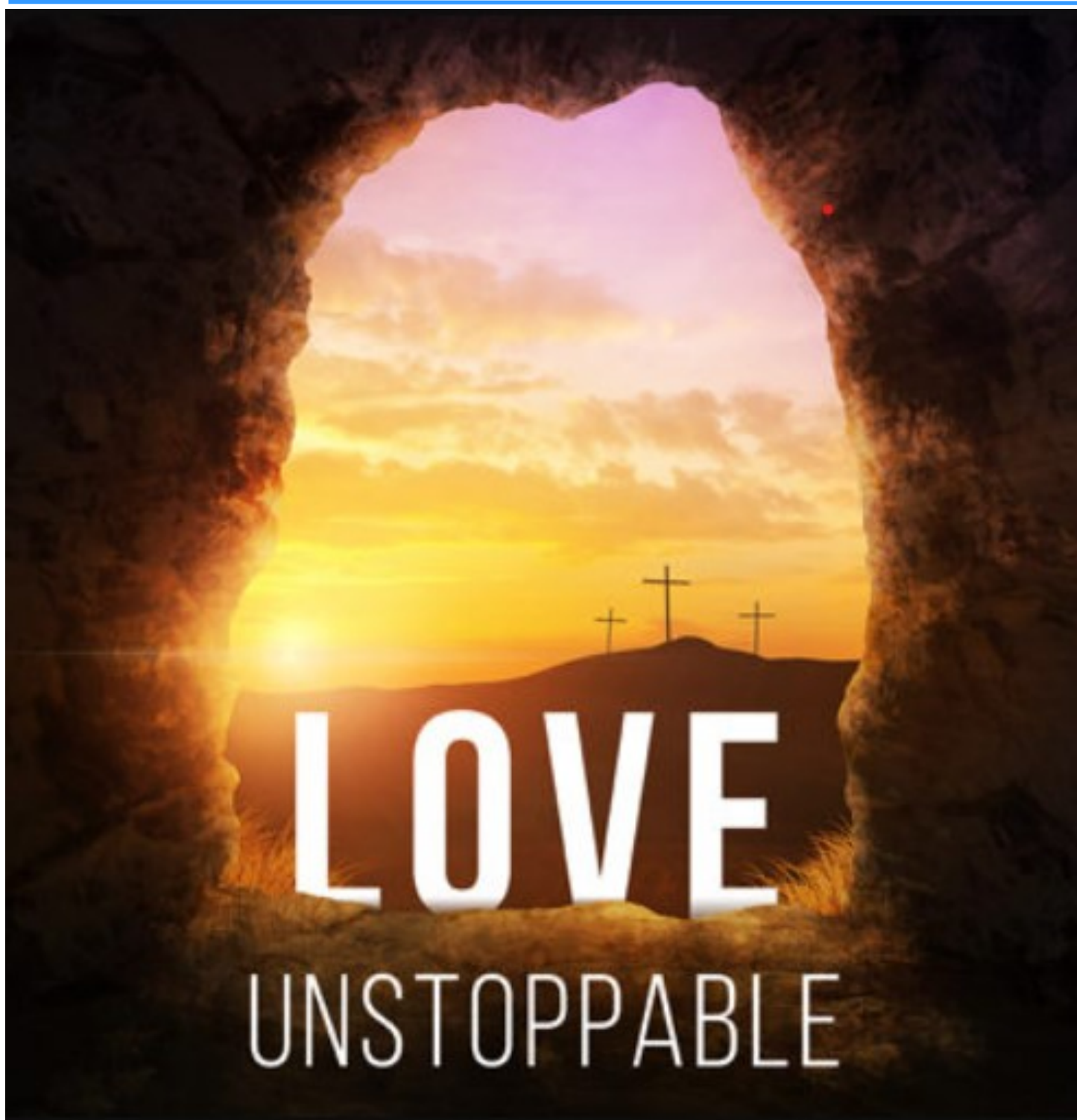


April 2022

*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:  
Serving with JOY!*

# The Bell Ringer

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## From the Rector

Dear Church,

As I write, many in our region and well beyond are excited (and anxious!) about the NCAA men's basketball tournament that will, for the first time ever, feature a match-up between the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) and Duke University... in legendary Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski's last season... in the Final Four. The tournament has fittingly lived into its moniker "March Madness" with all kinds of surprises, twists, and turns. Many of you, I know - you've told me! - have this on your minds (as do I)! I wonder, what if someone who didn't follow basketball at all happened to tune in for this particular game... what if someone didn't know the many backstories of the historic programs and their rivalry, their epic matchups and all-time-great alumni... would they be able to appreciate the game that they watched? Well, we'll have to wait and see what unfolds in the actual game, but certainly, the answer is both yes and no. "Yes," if the game is a good one, any person would be able to appreciate it at some level. But, also "no," because without knowing the journey that led to that particular game, it wouldn't be appreciated nearly as fully as it could be.

I am a sports fan, but that's not what this brief reflection is about. I'm writing to invite you, fully, into the most important time of the church year: Holy Week. There is no doubt in my mind that the Lord's Good News for your life will reach you whenever you accept the invitation to join in offering your life and presence in worship - praise God! So, come to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday only, and that will be a categorically GOOD thing. But my hope for you also is that you will take this year's entire Holy Week (see pg. 5) as an opportunity to walk closely with Jesus, day by day through worship, song, prayer, teaching, humble acts of service, and unique acts of devotion, to more fully appreciate the power of Jesus' resurrection. Each movement along this Holy Week journey offers a distinct perspective on God's love for you and all of creation. A special offering again this year is the Great Vigil of Easter, to be held inside the church on Saturday, April 16 at 7:30pm, with music by Michael Adams. The Easter Vigil is the pinnacle liturgy of the Prayer Book. It concludes the 3-day Holy Triduum service (beginning with Maundy Thursday and including Good Friday) and ushers Easter joy and Christian hope in beautiful and special ways. I pray that you will dive, fully, into this sacred time. May the grace of God's endless love for you, and the joy of Jesus' resurrection, fill your heart this season and always.

Yours in the Risen Christ,

*Tom +*



### Ordination Updates for Greg Smith and Jon Sargeant

It is with great joy that we share the news that Greg Smith has been approved for ordination and will be ordained along with Ashley Simpson, Whit Stroud, and Rhonda Thomas to the Diaconate by Bishop Skirving next month! We are also very glad that this Ordination Day will be held right here **at St. Mary's on Saturday, April 23 @ 4pm and you are all invited!!** Please make plans to join in celebrating this great day for the Church and lifting Greg and the other ordinands in your prayers.



Also, last year, we began holding Jon Sargeant in our regular prayers as he began his program of formation towards being ordained as a deacon. During his studies and prayers, his sense of call has been refined and, after meeting again with Fr. Tom and his local discernment committee, he believes that God is calling him to ordained ministry as a priest. The Vestry of St. Mary's and diocesan Commission on Ministry has supported this change and Bishop Skirving has made him a Postulant towards ordination to the Priesthood. Jon will continue his studies at Sewanee, now with a different focus, and our prayers for him will continue as well.

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## News at St. Mary's



### From the Parish Register

#### Marriage:

Madison Enders & Tripp Elliott  
February 25, 2022

#### Burials:

Diane Fuller & Sofiya Balta ~ *March 13, 2022*  
John Stephens ~ *March 19, 2022*  
Joanne Chapman ~ *planned for Friday, April 22, 2pm @ St. Mary's*



Congratulations to Heather & Marty Fox, and big brothers Bennett and Brody, on the adoption of their daughter (and sister), Mackinsey Kate Fox, on March 1, 2022! Proud grandparents are Susan and Gerry Fox. Please hold this family in your prayers as they begin this new season of life together.

### Pastoral Announcements



We extend sympathies to the Dixon family (Ginger Dixon's father, Virgil), the Glen family (Warren's sister, Georgianna), the Batts family (Holly's husband, John, and her brother, LeRoy), the Moye family (Bill's father, Danny), and the Leake family (Vicki Kennedy's father, Robert) for the losses of their loved ones.

*May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

We are thrilled to have a baptism planned for John "Jack" Shimer IV, son of Kristen and John Shimer III (and brother of big sister Claire) on Sunday, April 24th during the 10:30am liturgy. Proud grandparents are Jessica and Sandy Shimer, and proud uncles are Jesse and Justin. We will renew our Baptismal vows at both in-person and online services that day as well. Please keep Jack, his baptismal sponsors, and his family in your prayers as we welcome the newest member of the household of God!



**Habitat**  
for Humanity®  
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[The Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne](#) is continuing to make progress on its special project, Lenoir County Build 2022, to benefit a Hurricane Florence-impacted family. Be sure to join your St. Mary's family for our upcoming scheduled workday on **Wednesday April 6th**. Workday shifts are 8-11:30am and noon-3:30pm. Volunteers can serve at either or both shifts and lunch will be provided. Please contact [Fr. Tom](#) if you're interested.



# News at St. Mary's



## Mary's Kitchen Food Drive & Quarterly Service Date

We have had an overwhelming response in the past year with our loaf bread drive for Mary's Kitchen! We offer thanksgivings for this valuable ministry and

those people who serve and are served. **As we approach our next Quarterly service date (Saturday, April 16th)**, our congregation has been asked to donate cans of fruit instead of bread in response to the current needs of the Kitchen. As before, donate as an individual, family, or pick a ministry group -- such as ECW, EYC, Men's Prayer Breakfast, Parish Staff, etc. Please drop off your items to the church during business hours the week of April 4th-8th, or bring it to the morning liturgy on **Palm Sunday, April 10th**. The items will be carried to the Kitchen that Monday, April 11th. Please contact Audra Haddad if you would like to volunteer for this date.



## Soles 4 Souls Shoe Drive

Soles4Souls helps turn unwanted shoes into opportunity by keeping them from going to waste and putting them to good use – providing relief, creating jobs, and empowering people to break the cycle of poverty. **Through April 24th**, St. Mary's will be collecting new and gently used shoes for our Soles4Souls. Gently used and new shoes collected will get funneled to places where there is great need. **All shoes will be packed up on Sunday, April 24th at 9:30am, right after breakfast.** We hope that you can join us!



The Parish Office will be closed on **Good Friday, April 15th, 2022**. The staff of St. Mary's pray you have a blessed Holy Week and Easter.



**A BLOOD  
DONOR  
SAVED  
MY  
LIFE**

## Blood Drive

St. Mary's will host a Blood Drive on **Monday, April 25th, from noon-4pm** in Moseley Hall. Walk-ins are always welcome but reservations ([www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or 1-800-REDCROSS) will make your time go more smoothly.



## Easter Lilies on the Altar

Contributions in honor or memory of someone will be used by the Altar Guild to decorate the church for Easter before the flowers are shared with members of our community as a sign of God's love. You may make a [contribution online \(indicating the special purpose in the memo section\)](#) or send a check by mail. Please email Sherry Tanner at [tanner@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:tanner@stmaryskinston.com) for any questions. To ensure your honorarium or memoriam is included in the Easter Sunday bulletin, please submit your information **by 4:30pm on Tuesday, April 12th**.

## Sabbatical

Sabbatical leave, which is different from vacation, provides an opportunity for pastors to step away briefly from the persistent obligations of daily parish life and to engage in a period of intentional renewal and reflection. It is created for spiritual exploration and reflection, for drinking again from God's life-giving waters, for regaining enthusiasm and creativity for ministry. At its March meeting, the Vestry gave its full support for planning a time of sabbatical leave for Fr. Tom and his family in the summer of 2023. Please hold these plans in your prayers and feel free to ask the Sabbatical Planning Committee (Jess Edwards, Vicki Kennedy, Pam Mazingo, & Jo Parrott) any questions you may have.

# Holy Week Worship



**PALM SUNDAY** - Palm Sunday, April 10th, begins with the Holy Eucharist at 8am. Breakfast will be served in Moseley Hall at 9am, and throughout the morning, palm crosses will be made. A few minutes before 10:30am, we will gather outdoors (weather permitting) for a blessing of the Palms before processing into the church, recalling Jesus' entry into Jerusalem before His Passion. In the event of inclement weather, we will begin our procession in Moseley Hall.

**MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY** - Noon AOC community services (See details on page 6)

**MONDAY** - Monday, April 11th, will be a youth-led worship liturgy beginning at 7:00 pm.

**TUESDAY** - On Tuesday, April 12th at 7:30pm, there will be a service of Tenebrae (Latin for "Darkness" or "Shadows"). Tenebrae includes music from Taize and spoken word from the Psalms and other passages that foretell Jesus' Passion. This beautiful service, located in the Nave, offers a meditation upon, and a prelude to, the events of our Lord's life between the Last Supper and His Resurrection.

**WEDNESDAY** - On Wednesday, April 13th, we will conclude our Wednesday evening Lenten program as Dr. Jay Barker guides us through worship and a Passover Seder. The meal and program will begin at 6pm in Moseley Hall.

## THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM (Thursday - Saturday Evening)

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

On Thursday, April 14th, at 7pm, our Maundy Thursday liturgy begins the Paschal Triduum as we recall the institution of the Last Supper and Jesus' humble act of washing His disciples' feet. This part of the Triduum ends with the stripping of the altar and worshippers may spend time in prayer throughout the night at the Altar of Repose in the Chapel. Join us for a special time of prayer and meditation, inspired by the question asked of all of us by Jesus - "Could you not watch with me one hour?" This time of prayer ends when the Reserved Sacrament is shared the following day at the Good Friday liturgy. All are invited to sign up for the vigil on the door to the Chapel.

### GOOD FRIDAY (A day of fasting for the church)

The second portion of the Triduum is the Good Friday liturgy, held on Friday, April 15th at noon in the Nave. The liturgy includes a homily, Solemn Collects, Veneration of the Cross, and Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The Way of the Cross (Stations) will also be offered in the Nave at 5:45pm, ending the Good Friday observance.

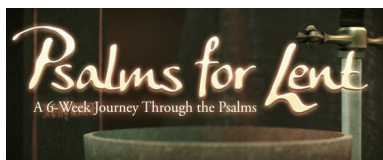
### THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

The Triduum concludes with the Great Vigil of Easter, taking place in the Nave of the Church. The Lenten observance officially ends on Saturday evening with this liturgy, one of the most ancient and exciting services of the Christian Church - the celebration of the transition from the darkness of Holy Saturday into the light of Christ's Resurrection Victory. The liturgy begins at 7:30pm, will last about an hour, includes the lighting of the New Fire, hymns & spiritual songs, renewal of baptismal vows, sharing of communion, and will be followed by delicious cinnamon rolls!

### EASTER DAY

On Sunday, April 17, the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord continues with the Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 8am. The 10:30am service is a Festal Holy Eucharist with full choir, flowering of the cross, and all the glory of Easter Morning! There is also an Easter Egg Hunt for children following the service (*EYC will help hide the eggs*). Children are asked to bring their Easter baskets for the hunt.

# Christian Formation



## Christian Formation During Lent: The Psalms

Adult Christian Formation continues its study of the Psalms, taught by Randy Spaugh who will spend the time speaking of why and how he fell in love with the book. We will see the Psalms as the prayer book of Jesus and His hymnal as well. Please plan to join us during Lent for this wonderful Christian Formation in Moseley Hall **each Sunday at 9:30am through Palm Sunday.**



**The Way of the Cross** continues each **Friday evening at 5:45pm throughout Lent.** As we move to each of the fourteen markers throughout the church, a different event of Jesus' Passion is remembered. This is an especially powerful way "that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby [God] has given us life and immortality," to quote the Prayer Book's collect for Palm Sunday. Please consider travelling the Way of the Cross at least once this Lent.



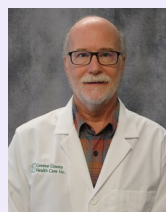
## Wednesday Nights During Lent

Make plans to join us **each Wednesday in Moseley Hall through April 13** for our Lenten Wednesday Night Programming. Beginning at 6:00pm with a shared meal, hymns and prayers begin at 6:20pm, followed by a Lenten program that concludes at 7:15pm. (Nursery opens at 5:45.) Each week, members of our community will explore and share topics during this season of fasting, prayer, and preparation. All are invited to attend and share in this sacred time together during this Holy season. Our scheduled topics and guests speakers for April include:



**April 6th**

"Too Much Stuff - Simplifying our Homes and Minds" with Peggy Barnes



**April 13th**

"Worship and Fellowship through the Passover Seder" with Jay Barker

We are excited to introduce a new pastoral care ministry at St. Mary's which goes hand in hand with our April 6th Lenten program addressing the abundant items we own, and what to do with them all. Our very own, Alexandria Delman has spent decades offering her passionate expertise as a volunteer to older members of her communities who have needed assistance deciding what to do with special things, even spending three years handling the entire contents of a Roman Catholic convent in New Jersey. Alex would love to offer this ministry for members and friends of St. Mary's, with the partnership of her friends Suzanne Wooten and Holly Warren. With utmost care, Alex can help organize, research value of items wished to be sold, and facilitate donations to charities of choice. Contact the church office for more information.



The Kinston-Lenoir County Association of Congregations  
**Holy Week Worship & Lunch**  
 Noon Daily

The Association of Congregations will be hosting services & lunch during Holy Week at noon at the following churches: Monday at Queen Street UMC, Tuesday at Spilman Baptist, Wednesday at St. Augustus AME



# Children, Youth, & Families @ St. Mary's



## April

### **EYC @ NLHS Grease Play**

Friday April 1st - 6:45-9pm

*ALL EYC students and ALL families are invited to join us to see "Grease" together at NLHS. We have some students who will be in this production!*

### **Family Park Day @ Neuse Nature Center**

Saturday April 9th - 10-11:30am

*Join us for all or some of our day at the park. We will provide drinks and snacks.*

### **EYC leads Holy Week service**

Monday April 11th - 7pm

*ALL are invited. If your student would like to participate please let Liz Hengst know.*

### **EYC Easter prep**

Saturday April 16th - 10am-12pm

*EYC students are invited to come help us get ready for all the Easter fun!*

### **Kids' Sunday School**

April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th @ 9:30am

*All kids pre-K to 5th grade*

### **EYC Sunday Formation**

April 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th @ 9:30am

*All 6th-12th graders*

### **EYC Coffee with Liz**

Each Wednesday in April

@ 4:00-5:30pm ~ Middle Grounds Coffee  
All EYC

### **EYC Wood Ducks Game**

Saturday April 30th - 5-8pm

*EYC students are invited to join us at the game. Limited seats available. Contact Liz Hengst to reserve a spot.*

## PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Every month we will have a "parents only" event. Most of them will happen on the first Sunday (or weekend) of the month. Join us this month (Sunday April 3rd) at Mother Earth Brewing from 4:30-6pm. We will provide snacks. Join us for fun, fellowship, and discussion. If you need to be connected to a wonderful babysitter let Liz Hengst know!



Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School this summer hosted at St. Mary's on June 6th-9th from 4-7pm. The theme this year is "Food Truck Party..."

On a Roll with God!" More details and registration link coming soon!

*DownFast WoodDucks*



### **ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS!!!**



SCAN ME

The EYC is raising money to benefit our service projects (including Glory Ridge) by asking for any donated amount in exchange for box seat tickets (6 seats) to Down East Wood Ducks games!!! Mark your donations "EYC" or "Wood Ducks tickets" and drop them off during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Then be sure to sign-up for your preferred date(s) through this link [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eacad23a6fec07-wood](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4eacad23a6fec07-wood) or by accessing the QR code above.

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Now through **Saturday, April 16th**, St. Mary's is seeking donations of candy and plastic Easter eggs for our annual Easter Morning Egg Hunt!!! The plastic eggs may be prefilled, or we will fill them with candy that is donated. Please drop off items to the church office. Contact Liz Hengst for more information.

#### **REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**8:00 am (Online) - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 (Spiritual Communion)**

posted to [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)

**8:00 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 1 in the All Saints' Chapel**

**9:00 am - Breakfast served in Moseley Hall**

**9:30-10:15 am - Christian Formation for all ages**

**10:30 am - Holy Eucharist: Rite 2 in the Church**

**Morning Prayer: Tuesdays & Thursdays at 8:30am in Chapel**

*We recognize that the pandemic situation is evolving. Regarding face coverings at St. Mary's, the familiar Anglican phrase (usually referring to private confession) applies: All may, some should, none must. While all are welcome to wear a face covering at any time, we affirm the CDC recommendations regarding when it is advised that face coverings are to be worn indoors while other people are present. No one is required to wear a face covering at St. Mary's.*

#### **ST. MARY'S VESTRY**

2022	2023	2023
John John	Skip Greene	Clifton Carey
Scott Turik	Audra Haddad	Jess Edwards
Dee Warner	Vicki Kennedy	Jo Parrott
Harry Wooten	Pam Mazingo	Ginny Wade
Senior Warden – Vicki Kennedy	Clerk – Audra Haddad	
Junior Warden – Harry Wooten	Treasurer – Jon Sargeant	