



August 2022

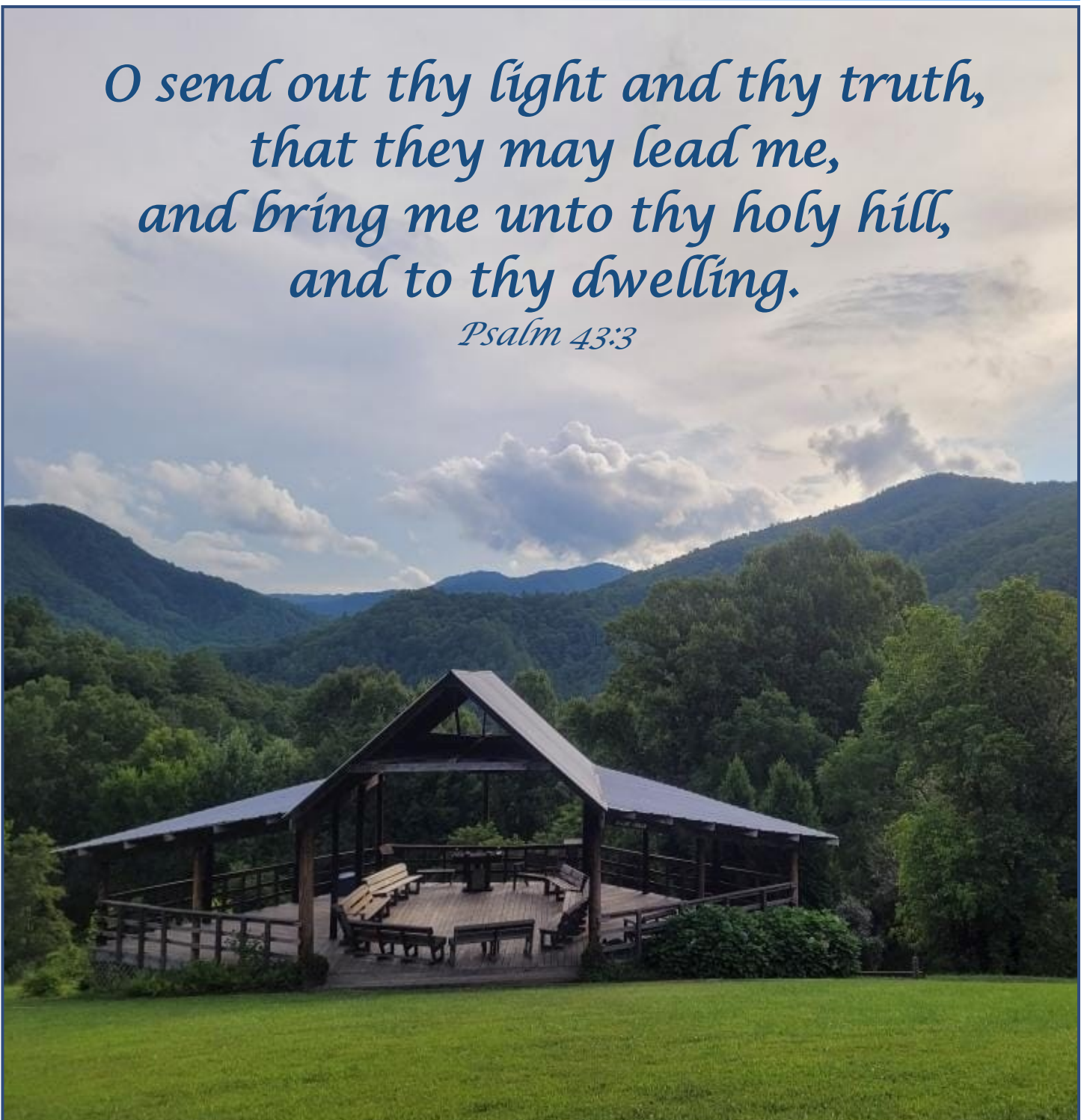
*St. Mary's Episcopal Church:  
Serving with JOY!*

# The Bell Ringer

Online at [www.stmaryskinston.com](http://www.stmaryskinston.com)

*O send out thy light and thy truth,  
that they may lead me,  
and bring me unto thy holy hill,  
and to thy dwelling.*

*Psalm 43:3*



## From the Rector

Dear Friends,

In just a few short weeks, many of us will be shifting our rhythms of life from what was possible during the summer time to make way for school and work in a new year. While the church calendar starts anew in Advent and the Gregorian calendar used in most of the world starts over again on January 1, the feel of the new school year or program year that begins in late August/early September is impossible to miss for most households! In the coming days, you will be sorting out many various activities that are vying for your and your family's time and attention, and I pray that we will all see this new season to be the incredible gift that it is to grow and enrich our spiritual lives and community of faith.

This BellRinger offers many such opportunities for you to consider. Some will be familiar to you, others will be new offerings and you'll have questions! Some may be ministries that you've engaged in personally, or witnessed from a distance, or felt the blessings of more directly. There's even an offering called The Path that is designed to help individuals in their personal process of discernment for God's call on their lives. I am confident that the Lord is calling each and every one of us into meaningful and life-giving purposes each and every day. The St. Mary's Church family is called to be a community that facilitates this sort of discernment and accompanies folks in their living out the life of faith. This gives us great JOY!

I am holding you, dear friend, in my prayers as this new season begins. And please reach out to me or any of the ministry leaders noted with any questions you may have.

Yours in Christ Jesus, 

### Coming Wednesday Evenings This Fall Beginning September 7!

Alpha is a casual exploration of the Christian faith.

We start with food and community.

We watch a short talk on video.

We talk about it.

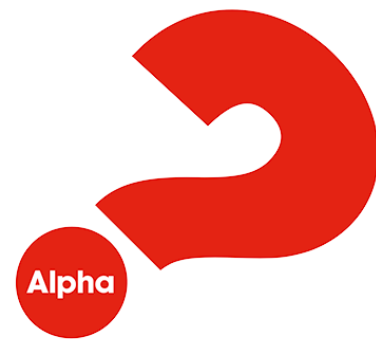
Every opinion matters & every perspective is appreciated.

Be yourself. Explore. Ask questions.

No pressure. No strings attached.

Childcare is provided and Youth Alpha will also be offered

More details to come. Questions? Contact Jon Sargeant ([jonsargeantattorney@gmail.com](mailto:jonsargeantattorney@gmail.com))



### The Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 28th

10:30am liturgy

Join us for a special time of prayer to mark the beginning of a new school year. All students, lifelong learners, and educators are invited to bring your bag of choice for a special blessing during this service!

## The Episcopal Church

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### In the Anglican Communion

A global community of 80 million Anglicans in 38 member provinces/churches.

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A community of 1.9 million members in 118 dioceses in the Americas and abroad.

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### In the Diocese of East Carolina

A community of more than 15,000 communicants in 70 churches.

Founded in 1883.

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Parish Administrator	<a href="#">Mrs. Lori Kelly</a>
Ministry Coordinator (Youth/Families)	<a href="#">Mrs. Liz Hengst</a>
Organist & Choirmaster	<a href="#">Mrs. Sharon Veitch</a>
Communications Director	<a href="#">Mrs. Sherry Tanner</a>
Mary's Kitchen Executive Director	<a href="#">Mr. Jim Godfrey</a>

## News at St. Mary's



### From the Parish Register

#### Marriage:

Susan Hines & David Gill

June 18, 2022

#### Burial:

Pauline "Paula" Marie Sousa

July 8, 2022



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### Linda and Billy Page

307 John Wesley Rd.

Greenville, NC 27858

### Pam and Raelynn Sheffield

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Congratulations to the following families:

- † Tory and Wes Hazelgrove on the birth of their twin sons, Jackson Martin Hazelgrove and Preston Douglas Hazelgrove, born on June 7th. The joyful family includes Kim & Doug Hazelgrove (grandparents), Vicky & Tim Barnes (grandparents), and Bob Bright (great-grandfather).
- † Emily and Pat Exum on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Elvie Blanche Hoffman, born on June 29th to proud parents, Emily and Riley Hoffman. The joyful family includes Wendy and Thomas Riley (grandparents).
- † Barbara and Richard Crumbacker on the birth of their great-nephew, Asher Hayes Sanders, born on July 10th to proud parents, Breanna McWilliams-Gosnell and Tyler Sanders. The joyful family includes proud cousins Katelyn Miller, Richard Crumbacker, Jr., and Marissa Lewis.

Please hold these families in your prayers as they begin this new season of life together.



### Lemonade on the Lawn



This relaxing, refreshing time together on the breezeway continues through September 4th. Join us **each Sunday morning immediately following the 10:30am liturgy**. We offer thanksgiving for this time of fellowship and for the individuals and/or families who have hosted!



# News at St. Mary's

## neighborhood BLOCK party



St. Mary's is so excited to host our Annual Neighborhood Block Party (for the first time since 2019!!!), planned for Wednesday, August 3rd from 6-8pm! Join us as WE host an evening of fellowship with the members and neighbors of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Please plan to bring a dish/side/dessert to share AND meet members of the neighborhood to offer hospitality, share time in fellowship, and grow relationships with one another. Randy Holton & Ron Albertson are getting the grills ready for the pig pickin', a bounce house has been ordered, and many other plans are underway! Music will be in the air, provided by the Skip Walker Band that recently released a new album definitely worth your attention by going to <https://skipwalker.bandcamp.com/releases>.

For those who don't know Skip, in addition to being an accomplished musician and teacher, he is also a priest in the Episcopal Church, currently serving as Associate Rector at St. Paul's in Greenville. [We invite you to consider signing up here for some of the tasks to help make this beautiful event such a success!](#) Please keep this event in your prayers, invite a friend, and see Holly Warren ([holly3799@hotmail.com](mailto:holly3799@hotmail.com)) with any questions.



## Fr. Tom's Time Away

Fr. Tom will be away for vacation from **Monday, August 8th through Monday, August 22nd**. He will return to his Church Study on Tuesday, August 23rd. In the event of a pastoral care need during this time, please contact our Pastoral Care Chair, Pam Mazingo (252-939-6350; [pmazingo@mac.com](mailto:pmazingo@mac.com)), who will be able to reach our on-call clergy, Canon Mollie Roberts.



We are collecting new or gently used towels to replenish the House of Hope, a beautiful transition house for women. You may drop off donations to the Library at St. Mary's. Contact Audra Haddad for more information.



## Back-to-School Supply Drive

Throughout the month of August, we will be collecting school supply items to benefit our Hand-In-Hand partnership with Northwest Elementary School. Our supply list includes: **backpacks, black and white composition books, WIDE-rule loose leaf paper packs, 1-subject spiral notebooks, wooden No. 2 pencils, 16 or 24 count Crayola crayons (regular and large sizes), glue sticks, folders with pockets, blunt-tipped student scissors, Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Lysol spray.** No donation is too small!!! Drop off your donated items in the bin in the Narthex on Sundays, the Vestry Room during weekday

business hours, or on the front porch of Laury Sargeant's home (1105 Margaret Lane, Kinston) at other times. Thank you!

# Worship

The Music Ministry of St. Mary's has many different ways to praise our Lord, from those who provide musical offering to those who serve as committee members. Read more about these various ways to enhance our corporate worship and consider participating in any (or ALL!) of these Music Ministry offerings! The Fall 2022 rehearsal schedule is being planned now. Please contact Sharon Veitch, Organist/Choirmaster by email at [sveitch@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:sveitch@stmaryskinston.com) or text/call at 910-548-6836 for questions or if interested.



## Choral Scholars Program

St. Mary's has been blessed with the talents of students fulfilling the role of a Choral Scholar. What is a Choral Scholar? The Choral Scholar is a paid position filled by someone who will learn the Anglican tradition of music, read music, lead the singing in Sunday worship and sectional rehearsals in the choir, and is of good character. We have an opening in our Choral Scholars Program for the 2022-2023 school year as our current Choral Scholar, Michael Adams, returns to her studies at the University of North Carolina Greensboro. If you know someone you think would be a good candidate to fulfill the role of a Choral Scholar, please have them contact Sharon Veitch by email at [sveitch@stmaryskinston.com](mailto:sveitch@stmaryskinston.com), or by text/call at 910-548-6836.

## Music Opportunities

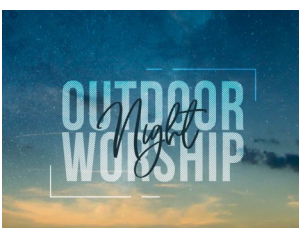
There are many opportunities to be involved in the ministry of music at St. Mary's, and you do not need to be a professional to join. All you need is a heart to sing and/or make music in any way! The current opportunities available are Chancel Choir (Teen-Adult), Handbell Choir (Teen-Adult), Children's Choir (Tweens and younger), and instrumentalists to accompany worship music, or offer a solo (instrumental or vocal) during the liturgy.

## Music Task Group

The Music Task Group has gleaned the hymnbooks for favorite hymns from all seasons of the church year and created a list of these hymns. This list of favorite hymns and hymns that are thought to be singable for most people will be revisited on occasion by the Music Task Group. The hymns we sing during our weekly worship are chosen from this list. Communion hymns are sung for several weeks and then rotated so that the words and tune become second nature, and build our congregational comfort with a growing number of hymns. If you are interested in being a part of the Music Task Group, please be in touch with Fr. Tom or Bonnie Holton ([bonnie.holton@gmail.com](mailto:bonnie.holton@gmail.com)).



We are thrilled to have a baptism planned for Benjamin Minshew, son of Andrea Nuñez-Minshew and Caleb Minshew, on **Sunday, August 28th, during the 10:30am liturgy**. Please keep Benjamin, his parents, and his baptismal sponsors in your prayers. Please make every effort to join us that day as we welcome the newest member of the houseful of God and renew our own Baptismal vows at all services that day.



## Monthly Outdoor Worship & Hootenannies

St. Mary's offers summer evening outdoor worship services on the last **Sunday of the month - the final one planned being August 28th at 7pm** on the West Lawn. Dress comfortably, bring a blanket or chair, **BRING A FRIEND**, and let's have a great time watching the summer fire flies dance as we worship the Lord!



## Christian Formation



### A New EfM Class Begins

Education for Ministry is a rich and wonderful opportunity for diving deeper into your life of faith. You can be a part of a new class that joins with others who are continuing their EfM experience this Fall. Visit <http://efm.sewanee.edu/> to learn more about EfM, and feel free to email Jon Sargeant ([jsarg4@suddenlink.net](mailto:jsarg4@suddenlink.net)) to ask any questions. The new EfM season begins this fall.



### Sacred Ground: A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race and Faith

Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. To learn more about this series, go to <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/>.

This series will be offered on Sunday afternoons in the fall. Start date and time will be announced soon. Please see Pam Mazingo ([pmazingo@mac.com](mailto:pmazingo@mac.com)) with any questions.

### Path Discernment Retreat 2022

The East Carolina Diocese Commission on Ministry is offering the annual Path Discernment Retreat at Trinity Center on **September 23-24**. This retreat is for **anyone** sensing a shift in their call to serve Christ. Participants will journey inward to more fully and authentically align their purpose with God's vision for their lives. Interested persons should talk with their clergy or wardens and, upon recommendation, may register at <https://dioec.regfox.com/path-2022>. The retreat is offered at no cost, but space is limited. Email John Pollock at [rector@StAndrewsMHC.org](mailto:rector@StAndrewsMHC.org) for more information.



## ECW

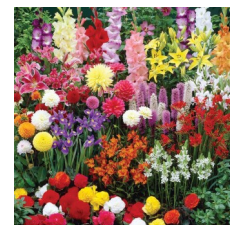


Thanks to so many who continue to serve the Women's House of Hope! Please look for information in the upcoming months about our continued ministry and outreach to this beautiful home and those who live there. The current needs include: paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, and Clorox.

Our recent BUNCO Party was a huge success! Thanks to Amy Albritton and the many hands who helped with this joy-filled event.

As the temperatures cool down, look for ECW fall festivities full of fun and fellowship! Be on the lookout for more information on:

- Starry Night Movie Night
- Faith Friends
- Annual ECW Bulb Sale.



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



## St. Mary's Annual Block Party

Wednesday, August 3

6-8 pm

All Church Event!!!

Join your St. Mary's family as we extend a warm welcome to our surrounding community! Invite your friends for an evening of food, games, music, and fellowship!

## Youth Confirmation Class Meeting

Sunday, August 7

11:45am-1pm

Join us for a Confirmation Class Hang-Out while we play games, ask questions, and get to know each other.

## EYC Coffee with Liz

Thursday, August 11, 18, 25

4:00-5:30 pm

All EYC

(at Middle Grounds Coffeehouse)

## Park Day

Saturday, August 13

10-11am

Our kids ministries (ages birth-5th grade) are invited to join us for snacks and play time.  
(at Pearson Park in downtown Kinston)

## CRAFTernoon

Sunday, August 28

3:30-5pm

**ALL** are welcome to join us at church for an afternoon of snacks and crafting!

## From the Desk of Liz ~

Hi families!

In August, we begin the transition from the summer routine to the school life routine. I am so excited for all of our children and students at St. Mary's who are beginning their new school journeys later this month or at the very beginning of next month. Please let us know how we can help and pray for your family during this transition time.



Also, a few reminders: please fill out your Kids Ministry and EYC Registration Forms for this curriculum year if you have not already done so. Be sure to check your email and our Instagram pages for special events this month!



Lastly, if you are an adult and would like to get involved with Kids Ministries and EYC, please



consider coming to our planning meeting on Sunday, August 28, 11:45am-1pm (food provided!). Contact me for dates and details.

**With Thanks and Blessings,**  
**Liz**

**St. Mary's Episcopal Church**  
**800 Rountree Street**  
**Kinston, NC 28501-3655**

## ***DownEast Wood Ducks***



### **Wood Ducks Box Seats EYC Fundraiser**

The EYC is raising money to benefit our many service projects by asking for any donated amount in exchange for box seat tickets (6 seats) to DEWD games! Mark your donations "EYC" or "Wood Ducks tickets" & drop them off during office hours or on Sunday mornings. 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).

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP SUMMER 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**

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

**11:30 am - Lemonade on the Lawn (Breezeway)**

**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	