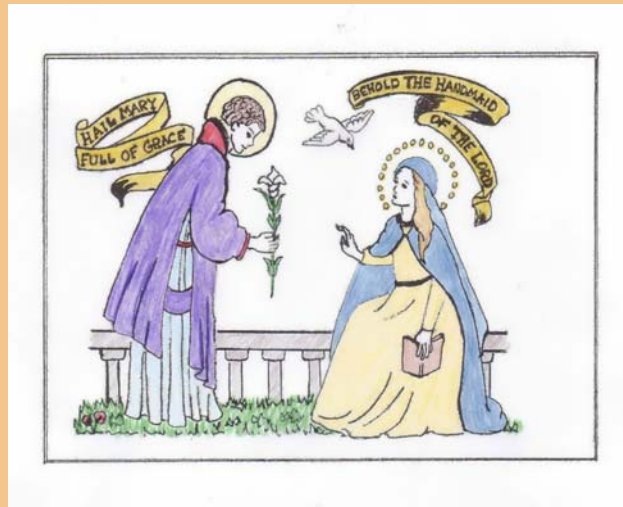


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Saint Mary's Church

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FROM THE RECTOR

Father Brent Norris

This past Spring *Leslie Johnson* and I attended a three day stewardship conference at Montreat. The conference was presented by the Lake Institute which is an organization specializing in research about the financial lives of congregations and the formulation of best practices for building healthy financial foundations which support ministry in the local church.

We learned a great deal about what makes a church financially healthy and about what makes a church financially unhealthy. It was easy for us to see that St. Mary's has some qualities in each of those two categories.

The Lake Institute has found that there are several dependable factors that affect the financial health of a parish. Churches which have strong weekly attendance patterns have strong financial support of the ministry of the church from the membership. Churches where members attended infrequently have weak financial support from the membership. Churches where the members are involved in small groups for ministry, outreach, prayer and fellowship are better off than those who members simply come to worship. Churches where the members are actively involved in discipleship and learning do better than those with low participation in Christian education.

The overarching quality that financially healthy congregations have in common is that the community has moved past an idea of stewardship and financial support for the parish that simply seeks to "pay the bills and keep the lights on" to an understanding of stewardship as an element of spiritual life and faith. Stewardship and giving to the Church are ways of living faith.

The greatest learning for me in that stewardship conference was that while I have been trying to convince people that financial support for the Church is indeed a spiritual practice my unwillingness to know the amount that people pledged or gave was actually saying the opposite. So, based on my experience with this stewardship conference and after consulting with other clergy and lay leaders beginning this year I, as your pastor, will know what you pledge and give.

The purpose of my knowing is not to put pressure on you to give more, it is to allow me as the pastor to see more fully your commitment to St. Mary's and to be more aware of the circumstances of your life. It is about removing barriers.

As this year's stewardship program begins to unfold I will say more about this change in policy. I look forward to hearing how you feel about it.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brent".

OCTOBER 2ND MASSES

Because the floors in the Nave are being refinished,
the Masses on **Sunday, October 2**, will be held elsewhere.

The 8:00 Mass will be in the unfinished Parish Hall of the New Building.

The 11:00 Mass will be in the unfinished Parish Hall of the New Building

(it was previously announce that this Mass would be outside on the new porch but the weather is predicted to be too chilly and this will give you a chance to ride the elevator!).





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 9 4:00 pm

At the front of the Church
or inside in case of rain

Please be sure that all animals are leashed or crated.



**The Episcopal
Church Women**

Tuesday, October 11

6:30 pm

St. Mary's Mercer Hall

All ladies are invited to the next Episcopal Church Women gathering on **Tuesday, October 11**, in Mercer Hall at **6:30 pm**. The guest speaker will be *Deacon Mike Jenkins* from Marion, NC. He will be speaking on an important outreach program in our Diocese, "The Towel Ministry". This is a ministry that helps folks that are in need of home improvement and can't afford it. The program also has a summer camp to train the youth along with the assistance of professionals. It should be an interesting meeting - mark your calendar and come join us! A nice meal will be provided.

FEAST OF DEDICATION

Sunday, October 23

+ *Commemorates the 97th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone* +



10:00 am

Solemn Mass

The service begins outside with prayers at the Cornerstone

11:30 pm

Covered-dish Lunch

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

At the Annual Meeting of the Parish on **November 13, 2011**, three Vestry position will be filled. Nominations for those positions need to be made to the Rector, in writing by **October 4**. To be eligible one must be: a confirmed communicant in good standing, regular in attendance at worship, over 16 years of age and a giver of record.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

BURIAL: *Elisabeth Bettmann*, wife of *Father John Bettmann*, departed this life September 8, 2011. Her Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's on September 12, 2011.

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Registration Form

Diocese of Western North Carolina



90th Annual Women Gathering & Meeting

October 20, 2011 - St. John's Episcopal Church, Asheville, NC

Theme "Episcopal Church Women in the 21st Century"

9 am - Registration & refreshments

9:30 am - 12:00 - Business Meeting & Program with Keynote Speaker, Katerina K. Whitley, Author

12:15 pm - Eucharist - The Rt. Rev. Bishop G. Porter Taylor, Celebrant

1:15 pm - Lunch - then departure - safe travel back home!

Please fill out the form below and mail to Diane Mance, Treasurer, 105 Poppy Lane, Asheville, NC 28803 - check payable to WNC ECW.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Church/Parish: _____

Deanery: (Circle one) Asheville Foothills Hendersonville Mountain Piedmont Western

(Please invite your rector to attend with you and your women.)

Rector Name: _____

Registration Fee: \$20 - Please mail form with your check by **Monday, October 10, 2011** to Diane Mance.
Fee includes lunch and materials.

Please Note: We ask each person to register on a separate form.
Please invite your rector to be with us on this date.

For more information go to www.episcopalchurchwomen-wnc.org
or contact Mary Ann Ransom, Diocesan President (828.625.8338) or mransom1@bellsouth.net



From the Parish Library by Brian Stanley

This Month's Featured Section: Theology (THEO)

Recommended titles:

Saving Belief: A Discussion of Essentials, by Austin Farrer. A discussion of essential Christian beliefs with reference to the modern challenges to those beliefs. An Episcopal Book Club selection.

Call number: THEO Farr Savi 157 pages

Dynamics of Faith, by Paul Tillich. One of the 20th century's most important theologians reinterprets the meaning of faith for modern people. A good introduction to Tillich's thought.

Call number: THEO Till Dyna 127 pages

Dimensions Of Faith, edited by William Kimmel. An anthology of writings by 19th and 20th century theologians and religious thinkers, including Kierkegaard, Bultmann, Tillich, Barth, and Dostoievksy.

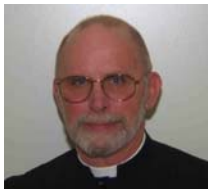
Call number: THEO Kimm 507 pages

Your God Is Too Small, by J.B. Phillips. Debunks common misconceptions of God, such as God as resident policeman, God as parental hangover, or God as grand old man, and replaces them with a more adequate conception of God.

Call number: THEO Phil 124 pages

Christian Letters to a Post-Christian World: A Selection of Essays, by Dorothy L. Sayers. An eloquent modern defense of classic Christianity.

Call number: THEO Saye Chri 236 pages



FROM YOUR DEACON *The Rev'd Deacon Gary Kovach*

Like many of you, I recently took a "tour" of the new building and was just overwhelmed with what I saw. What has been completed to this point is simply awesome! The space is warm, inviting, functional, and it has an elevator! The elevator itself opens up all sorts of possibilities for those who, in the past, weren't able to participate in many parish functions. Imagine, if you will, what it will be like when the offices and parish hall are completed. (Soon I hope!) On one of my afternoon "visits" recently, I heard all this activity in Mercer Hall and was just blown away when I saw all those little bodies in the Charlotte Street After-School program so full of energy and activity enjoying a place to be. That's just one of the many possibilities our new building has and will offer to, not only our parish family, but the community as well! At that point, I wanted to thank someone for all that we have been blessed with; but, maybe like you, I didn't know where to begin. I would suggest that giving thanks to God is a good place to start. After that, the list blurs - all those who contributed time, talent, and treasures, (a lot of each of those) are on my list! So, whoever you are, thank you!

On another note, we are again scheduled to partner with Congregation Beth HaTephila for the MLK Blvd. cleanup in October. As of press time we didn't have a firm date. But, as soon as we do I'll make announcements to let everyone know. On our last pick-up day, the fellow I walked with from the Temple and I pretty much solved all the problems of the world! (Had you noticed?) Trash is to be picked up, conversations ensue, and new friendships are a definite possibility. I hope you'll join us in this ministry!

Your servant in Christ,
Deacon Gary

SERVING IN MINISTRY IN OCTOBER

Ushers 11:00 am

October	2	Robin & Leslie Johnson
	9 & 16	Meredith & Brian Stanley
	23 (10:00 am) & 30	Hugh Koontz & David Moltke-Hansen

Lectors

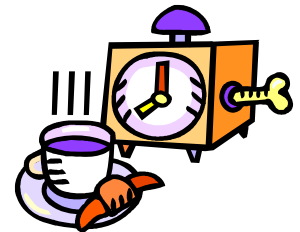
8:00 am

11:00 am

October 2	<i>Vince Ross</i>	<i>David Moltke-Hansen</i>
October 9	<i>Julien Mercier</i>	<i>Harold Cole</i>
October 16	<i>Cindy Norris</i>	<i>Roger Watson</i>
October 23	xxxxxxx	<i>10:00 am: Pat Wooten</i>
October 30	<i>Vince Ross</i>	<i>Michelle Rippon</i>

Coffee Hour (following 11:00 am Mass)

October	2	Michelle Rippon
	9	Diana Watson
	16	
	23	Feast of Dedication Covered dish Lunch
	30	ECW Soup Lunch



NOTICE

+++ The deadline to submit articles for the November 2011, newsletter will be October 20 +++

FOOD COLLECTION IN OCTOBER: Canned Vegetables

FROM THE REGISTER ATTENDANCE REPORT

	8:00 am	11:00 am	Total
September 4	21	87	108
September 11	20	77	97
September 18	18	97	115
September 25	14	61	75

SERVING IN MINISTRY IN OCTOBER

Date	Day	Time	Position	Name
10/01/11	Saturday			
10/02/11	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	
		11:00 AM	Server/Crucifer	Roger Watson
10/03/11	Monday			
10/04/11	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	
10/05/11	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
10/06/11	Thursday			
10/07/11	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
10/08/11	Saturday			
10/09/11	Sunday	8:00 AM		
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Ryan Bullock
			Server/Crucifer	Roger Watson
			Torch	RJ Miquel
			Torch	Scott Amaranto
10/10/11	Monday			
10/11/11	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	
10/12/11	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
10/13/11	Thursday			
10/14/11	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
10/15/11	Saturday			
10/16/11	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Ryan Bullock
			Server/Crucifer	Tom Naomi
			Torch	Ruthie Scruggs
			Torch/Chalice	Eileen Cole
10/17/11	Monday			
10/18/11	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi
10/19/11	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
10/20/11	Thursday			
10/21/11	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
10/22/11	Saturday			
10/23/11	Sunday			
		10:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Tom Naomi
			Server/Crucifer	Ryan Bullock
			Torch	Scott Amaranto
			Torch/Chalice	Roger Watson
10/24/11	Monday			
10/25/11	Tuesday	5:15 PM	Server/Chalice	Tom Naomi
10/26/11	Wednesday	7:30 AM	Server/Chalice	
10/27/11	Thursday			
10/28/11	Friday	12:05 PM	Server/Chalice	
10/29/11	Saturday			
10/30/11	Sunday	8:00 AM	Server	
		11:00 AM	Thurifer/Boat	Ryan Bullock
			Server/Crucifer	Eileen Cole
			Torch	Destiny Penland
			Torch/Chalice	Ruthie Scruggs
10/31/11	Monday			

OCTOBER PRAYER CYCLE

Daily Prayers for: Diocese, Anglican Communion, Religious Communities

1	Incarnation, Highlands Diocese of St. Albans (Canterbury, England) Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Sewanee	16	Grace, Morganton St. Stephen's, Morganton Diocese of Tasmania (Australia) Sisters of the Order of St. Helena, Augusta, GA
2	Good Shepherd, Haysville Diocese of St. Asaph (Wales) All Saints' Sisters of the Poor, Catonsville, MD	17	St. Mary's, Morganton St. Paul's, Morganton Diocese of Temotu (Melanesia) The Community of Taize
3	Grace, Robbinsville Diocese of St. David's (Wales) Sisters of the Community of the Holy Spirit, New York	18	St. James, Lenoir Diocese of Tennessee Brothers of St. Gregory's Abbey, Three Rivers, MI
4	Grace, Waynesville Diocese of St. Edmundsbury (Canterbury, England) Sisters of the Community of St. Francis, San Francisco	19	St. John's, Marion Diocese of Texas Brothers of the Servants of Christ Priory, Phoenix, AZ
5	St. Agnes & St. John's, Franklin Diocese of St. Helena (Southern Africa) Sisters of the Community of St. John the Baptist, NJ	20	St. Paul's, Wilkesboro Diocese of Thoothukudi-Nazareth (South India) Sisterhood of the Holy Nativity, Ripon, WI
6	St. Cyprian's, Franklin Diocese of St. Mark the Evangelist (Southern Africa) Sisters of the Community of St. Mary, Greenwich, NY	21	Lake Logan Center Diocese of the Arctic (Canada) Sisters of Charity, Little Britain, Ontario
7	Messiah, Murphy Diocese of Sunyani (West Africa) Sisters of the Transfiguration, San Pedro, DR	22	Bishop Henry Center Diocese of the Gulf (Pakistan) Sisters of St. John the Divine, Toronto
8	St. Andrew's, Canton Diocese of Swansea & Brecon (Wales) Sisters of St. Mary, West Province, Mukwonago, WI	23	Holy Spirit, Mars Hill Diocese of the Murray (Australia) Brothers of the Society of St. Francis, Mt. Sinai, NY
9	St. David's, Cullowhee Diocese of Swaziland (Southern Africa) Sisters of the Church, Oakville, Ontario	24	Cathedral of All Souls, Asheville Diocese of Thika (Kenya) Brothers of St. John the Evangelist, Cambridge, MA
10	St. Francis, Cherokee Diocese of Sydney (Australia) Sisters of the Transfiguration, Cincinnati, OH	25	Trinity, Asheville Diocese of Tirunelveli (South India) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Port-au-Prince
11	St. John's, Sylva Diocese of Tabora (Tanzania) Brothers of the Holy Cross, West Park, NY	26	Grace, Asheville Redeemer, Asheville Diocese of Toamasina (Indian Ocean) Priests of the Society of St. Paul, Palm Desert, CA
12	St. Mary's College & St. Augustine's College, Raleigh Diocese of Taita-Taveta (Kenya) Sisters/Brothers of Julian of Norwich, Waukesha, WI	27	St. George's, Asheville St. Mary's, Asheville Diocese of Tohoku (Japan) Sisters of Teachers of the Children of God, Tucson, AZ
13	University of the South, Sewanee Diocese of Taiwan Sisters of St. Anne, Bethany Convent, Arlington, MA	28	St. Luke's, Asheville St. John's, Asheville Diocese of Tokyo (Japan) New Vocations
14	Ascension, Hickory St. Alban's, Hickory Diocese of Tamale (West Africa) Sisters of St. Anne, Ascension Convent, Chicago, IL	29	Valle Crucis Conference Center Diocese of Torit (Sudan) Religious Communities in Anglican Communion
15	Epiphany, Newton Diocese of Tanga (Tanzania) Sisters of the Society of St. Margaret, Boston	30	Kanuga Conference Center Diocese of Toronto (Canada) Oblates of Religious Orders
		31	National Episcopal Church Diocese of Toungoo (Myanmar) Community of Taize

St. Mary's Church

October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 am Al-Anon
2 PENTECOST XVI <i>Proper 22</i> 7:45 am MP <u>Green</u> 8:00 am Mass in parish hall new bldg 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass/parish hall new bldg 12:45 pm Handbells	3 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	4 Francis <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u>	5 Wm. Tyndale (tr) <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	6 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	7 FERIA <i>(Fr. Weissman)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Green</u>	8 10:00 am Al-Anon 10:00-3:00 pm Preaching Workshop at Padelford House
9 PENTECOST XVII <i>Proper 23</i> 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells 4:00 pm Animal Blessing	10 <i>Parish Office closed for Columbus Day</i>	11 Philip <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>White</u> 6:30 pm ECW in Mercer Hall	12 FERIA <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>Green</u> 12:00 pm Clergy Lunch 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	13 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	14 Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky <i>(Fr. Bettman)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>White</u>	15 9:00 pm Confessions 10:00 am Al-Anon 10:00 am Altar Guild training and lunch 4:30 pm Wedding
16 PENTECOST XVIII <i>Proper 24</i> 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells 12:45 pm Vestry	17 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	18 ST. LUKE <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>Red</u>	19 Henry Martyn <i>(Fr. Norris)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	20 10:00-12 Noon MAIF Meeting Mercer Hall 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	21 FERIA <i>(Fr. Weissman)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Green</u>	22 10:00 am Al-Anon
23 ST. MARY'S FEAST OF DEDICATION 10:00 am High Mass <u>Best Blue</u> 11:30 pm Covered Dish Lunch 3:00 pm Nursing Home Service	24 <i>Rector's Day off</i>	25 ST. JAMES (tr) <i>(Fr. Edwards)</i> 5:15 pm EP 5:30 pm Mass <u>Red</u>	26 Alfred the Great <i>(Fr. Woggon)</i> 7:30 am Mass <u>White</u> 6:00 pm Rosary 7:30 pm Choir	27 3:30-5 pm After School Ecumenical Atrium 6:30 pm EFM	28 ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE <i>(Fr. Bettman)</i> 12:05 pm Mass <i>(Rite I)</i> <u>Red</u>	29 10:00 am Al-Anon
30 PENTECOST XX <i>Proper 26</i> 7:45 am MP 8:00 am Mass <u>Green</u> 9:45 am Atrium 9:45 am Forum 11:00 am High Mass 12:45 pm Handbells	31 <i>Rector's Day off</i>					

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CLERGY

The Rt. Rev'd G. Porter Taylor _____ Bishop of Western North Carolina
The Rev'd Brent Norris _____ Rector
The Rev'd Gary Kovach _____ Deacon
The Rev'd William Austin _____ Priest Associate & Prison Missioner
The Rev'd O. C. Edwards _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Stephen Weissman _____ Priest Associate
The Rev'd Harry Woggon _____ Priest Associate

VESTRY AND OFFICERS

Tom Naomi _____ Senior Warden
Roger Watson _____ Junior Warden
Harold Cole _____ Treasurer
Meredith Stanley _____ Clerk of the Vestry

Michael Ashmore _____ Class of '12
Bob Wysong

Tom Naomi _____ Class of '13
Roger Watson

Ryan Bullock _____ Class of '14
Patricia Crenshaw
Leslie Johnson

STAFF

Mary Alice Nard _____ Parish Administrator
Virginia McKnight _____ Organist/Music Director
Brian Stanley _____ Librarian
Harvey Johnson _____ Sexton
Kay Shockley _____ Nursery
Mica Waters-Carter _____ Charlotte Street Kids
Erin DeBruyn _____ Charlotte Street Kids