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or shopping, we are excited for your participating
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How We Live

Sharon L. Rodgers, Liturgist

The duty of all Christians is to follow Christ; to come together week by week for corporate worship; and to work, pray, and give for the spread of the kingdom of God.

The Catechism, BCP page 856

A friend asked recently why I go to church, do I really get anything out of it? "Oh, absolutely" was my spontaneous response to the second part of her question. My answer to the first part I found upon reflection, is multifaceted. The first part of my response is simple: habit. I remember my grandfather walking me to Sunday School when I was three years old. My parents would have been driving the bishop to one of his visitations, one of my dad's responsibilities as a third year seminarian. Once Dad was ordained there was no question how we would spend Sunday morning. That routine became part of me. I can't imagine at this point that that will ever change.

But worshiping on Sunday morning, while a totally ingrained habit, is by no means rote. Going to church enriches my life in ways that nothing else does. For one thing, corporate worship makes me feel part

of something larger than myself. That sense of connection is really important to me,

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and it doesn't stop with the other people present at St. Mary's on a given Sunday morning. There are certain hymns that transport me back to Trinity Cathedral in Trenton, New Jersey, where I began singing in the choir as a third grader. When we sing the hymns we

stir up not just memories of those services, but of mom and dad themselves. And of course when I hear the Rite I liturgy, I can close my eyes and in my mind's ear, hear my dad celebrating in those same words, though he died thirty-five years ago this summer.

Perhaps the most important reason going to church means so much to me is that I've invested so much of myself in the liturgical life of St. Mary's. This too harkens back to my dad, who emphasized that one only gets as much out of anything, be it school, church, or life itself, as one puts into it. People who come to church and just sit there waiting to be entertained aren't likely to leave feeling very satisfied, he used to tell me. I'm sure that's true. One of the reasons working with the acolytes means so much to me is that I believe it's when people are given a role, a way to contribute, that they start to truly feel a part of something. Whatever they felt about church before, once acolytes walk up the aisle in cassock and cotta carrying a torch, St. Mary's becomes THEIR church, and they're worship leaders in it.

So why do you go to church? Someday your children, or grandchildren, or a friend your own age may want to know. What will you tell them?



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Happenings



Parking Lot Sale 9 AM to 3 PM Saturday, August 18

The sale itself is Saturday, August 18, 9 AM—3 PM.

Please bring your amazing donations to St. Mary's, starting on August 12! Volunteers will be at St. Mary's to **collect donations** Sunday, August 12, 3:30-5:30 PM. We also welcome donations during the whole following week. The money we raise goes directly toward our youth pilgrimages for our Rite 13 and J2A students. We love getting furniture and other home goods, including books, decor, kitchen appliances, dishes and silverware, yard tools, sporting goods, exercise equipment, etc.! Please, no clothing.

In addition to bringing your donations in, we welcome volunteers to help us sort items as they come in the week of August 12. Please call or text Christine Zeller-Powell (541-554-5035) with questions!

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Flower Arranging Workshop 2 to 4 PM Saturday, August 18

Join us in Berkthold Hall as we gather to arrange flowers for the altars, the Mary statue, and around the church in honor of Mary Sunday. Anyone who wishes to join in is welcome. Please bring clippers and any blue or white flowers you want to contribute from your garden or elsewhere.



Mary Sunday August 19

**Special Guest Preacher at all morning services:
The Rev. Betsy (Tesi) Bagioni**

Join us as we celebrate The Feast of St. Mary on August 19. Our former Assistant Priest, the Rev. Betsy (Tesi) Bagioni, will be preaching at all morning services that day. In celebration of this important feast day the 11 AM service will be a Solemn High Eucharist. Solemn High services involve the fuller ceremonial practices of the church, including the use of incense. The Liturgical Choir, which is on summer break, will make a special appearance at the 11 AM Solemn High Eucharist.



St. Mary's Annual Picnic Sunday, August 19 3:30-5:30 PM Lively Swim Park, Shelter B

The above picture captures the joy of fellowship that you can experience at this year's annual picnic. The picnic will be held on August 19, shelter B, Lively Swim Park, 6100 Thurston Road in Springfield from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. The Men's Club will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, the fixings and soft drinks. Parishioners please bring a side dish or dessert.

For those people who may not have been to this park before there is a wonderful covered eating area at the shelter, an excellent play structure, rest rooms, and plenty of grassy areas for lounging or yard games. Parishioners are encouraged to invite guests. Sign up at the table outside the Guild Room by August 15 or email Louise@saint-marys.org ask to be added to the sign up.

Questions? Call John Pfanner (541-852-3529) or Bob Hart (541-686-8916)

News about our Music Staff

After five extraordinary years on our music staff, Paula Ward has retired. Her most recent ministry at St. Mary's was as the Director of the Joyful Noise Choir. We are pleased to announce that Linnae Eckley will be taking over as director. Linnae joined St. Mary's staff a year ago as the new Cherub Choir Director. Prior to that, Linnae taught music in the Salem-Keizer School District. Paula will be helping with the transition. Paula is an amazing gift to St. Mary's and we are thrilled to be able to bring in an equally exciting new director. St. Mary's is blessed with talented musicians.

An Introduction from our new Librarian!

Peace and Grace to you, St. Mary's Family!

My name is Kristyn Dodge. For those who don't know me, I attend the 11 AM service. I just graduated from Northwest Christian University with a bachelor's degree in History and Christian Ministry. (See announcement on page 11.) I am also the new Parish Librarian. I am honored to have been asked to serve my parish and to relieve Tom Beckstrand after so many years of loyal service. I am looking forward to spending time promoting what has been a lifelong love for books!

As I just said, I really love books. I consider myself to be a Book Dragon as opposed to a Book Worm. My late grandmother taught me to read when I was 2 and was reading me chapter books by the time I was in kindergarten. Between literature and opera, my grandmother was one of the biggest influences in my early childhood. I always walk around with two books on my person and my headboard is covered in my "to read" section. I enjoy historical fiction, classical, horror, fantasy, and the occasional mystery novel. In my spare time, I tinker with a historical fiction novel I have been working on for the past few years and I write Downton Abbey fanfiction. I am a tea snob, a theology nerd, a history nerd, and a hardcore Tolkien fan. Those who know me can attest that I live a shamelessly Hobbit lifestyle.

I'm excited to be offered the opportunity to bring this love of literature to you. I will be working to make our great collection even better. If you have suggestions or requests, please let me know! I look forward to meeting all of you and to discussing books. Soon I will set up hours so I can be on hand to assist in any way I can. If you have a question or need assistance outside of my hours, email me at kristyndodge@gmail.com. I am happy to help. Until then, I look forward to seeing each of you explore exotic lands, mysterious pasts, and breathing in the sweet perfumes of wisdom and knowledge! To quote my favorite historical figure and patron saint: *"The more one learns about that which one knows nothing of, the more one gains in wisdom"* ~St. Hildegard von Bingen

Yours in Christ. Kristyn.

The Rev. Christine Marie, Small Group Ministry Developer

Small Groups: Making a Big Church Smaller

At St. Mary's our goal is to support you in finding a small group where you can be known and know others, where you can listen for God's movement in your life through your connection to other people.



Photo credit: Christine Marie

I have been speaking to people who have had life-giving experiences in small groups at church. I asked them why they liked being in a small group and why they would encourage others to do the same.

One man and his wife were in a small group at their former church that met for nearly five years. Recently they ran into a man from the group in Costco. They were amazed at how deeply they were connected, even though they had not seen one another for many years. All the closeness they had shared in Christ came right back. All the joys and sorrows they had shared were immediately available, as though it had been only yesterday. They marveled at the power of their connection and experience, and long for such a group here.

One woman spoke of her experience of connection, community, and caring in a small group, which created a safe place to risk being known and knowing others. She believes this kind of deep knowing is for the glory of God, that we are more powerful in community to bring about heaven on earth.

Another man described the life-giving experience of a small group, hearing amazing stories, and the increasing willingness of members to participate in whatever way would provide emotional and spiritual support in building community.

A small group can make a "big church small," as one man put it. We love gathering for Sunday services to worship; that is where we experience the "bigness" of church and the gift of our larger community. A small group can be a place where you are able to get closer to others, so that worship in the big group becomes even more meaningful.

Jesus had small groups, his closest friends, and the larger small group of his disciples, and because of those relationships, his ministry in the world was more effective. If Jesus behaved in this manner, we can be confident that this is God's way. As Jesus said, "I pray that they may be one in us, so that the world may believe that you sent me. I have given them the glory you gave me that they may be one, as we are one." (John 17:21-22)

Questions? Contact me at christine@saint-marys.org.

2018 IRA Charitable Rollover

Have you taken your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for 2018? If you are 70½ or older, you can make a contribution to St. Mary's directly from your Traditional IRA simply by instructing the plan administrator to make the transfer directly to St. Mary's. You are allowed to transfer up to \$100,000 a year to the charities of your choice. To learn more about making a donation from your IRA, call Lana Johnson at 541-343-9253 or email Lana@saint-marys.org

Rewards Programs "How To" Part 3

There are many ways to help St. Mary's earn money. Over the next few months, we will highlight some tips and tricks that will help St. Mary's contributions grow.

We have three fundraising programs.

- 1) eScrip
- 2) Fred Meyer
- 3) Amazon Smile

This article is about Fred Meyer.

You can earn donations for St. Mary's by shopping at **Fred Meyer** and using your Fred Meyer Rewards Card. Each quarter the company donates funds to nonprofits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. All you need to do is link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to St. Mary's. Then the church will receive a percentage of your purchase - at no extra cost to you. Follow these easy steps:

- ⇒ Go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards
- ⇒ Sign in to your account – or create a new Fred Meyer Rewards account
- ⇒ Click on [Link your Rewards Card Now](#)
- ⇒ Enter St. Mary's code 91979, hit search – St. Mary's will come up - click to save

It is that **simple!**

In the first half of 2018 we had 26 households shop at **Fred Meyer** for a total donation of \$196.77. Let's set a goal and bring that number up to \$500 for the year!

For more information contact Kate or Laurie! We welcome questions and are happy to help! Kate Beckstrand at ktbecks@comcast.net or Laurie Strother at lauriestrother@comcast.net

Giving Statements Schedule to Change

We can no longer send our giving statements via bulk mail, which significantly increases our postage cost. For the next year we will do a trial of three statements per year instead of the four that we have been doing. The next statement that you receive will be in September, and then again in January. Our Finance and Records Manager, Lana Johnson, will continue to send you a statement at any time upon request. Lana Johnson welcomes any questions, comments, or concerns at 541-343-9253 or Lana@saint-marys.org.



The roofing over the north side of our building - from the sanctuary to the Guild Room - is 10 years past its lifespan and must be replaced in order to avoid any further damage to the building. Our building committee, with the approval of our vestry, hired water infiltration experts to assess the best options for replacement. We reviewed bids from reputable roofing companies and accepted the best offer. This project will include new roofing with a 40 year warranty and new gutters as well. **Construction begins August 6!**

We SO CLOSE to having this entire project covered. If you haven't given yet or want to give again, there's still time! You can give online at www.saint-marys.org/give. Other giving options are available. Contact our Finance and Records Manager, Lana Johnson, at 541-343-9253 or Lana@saint-marys.org

Cost: \$200,000

Raised: \$183,184

We are 92% towards our goal!

Join us in protecting St. Mary's ministries - worship, education, fellowship, outreach, and pastoral care - for the next 40 years!

**Ministry Happens Under Our Roof.
Lives Are Changing Under Our Roof.
Let's Keep It Up by Raising the Roof!**

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Children, Youth, and Families News



We had so much fun hiking Spencer Butte for our July Journey Fellowship/Family Field Trip! Can't wait for our next adventure!

Mark your calendars and join us in September for a "RAINBOW" of festivities for our 2018 Sunday School year!

I have set my rainbow in the clouds and it will be a sign of the promise between me and the earth.

Backpack and Teacher Blessing Sunday, September 9

All students are asked to bring their school backpacks to be blessed at our 9:30 AM service. We will also have a special blessing for teachers who are working hard out in our community's schools as well as all of our Sunday school teachers who are volunteering for the 2018 - 2019 school year.



Children and youth helping bless backpacks in 2017.

Open House & Registration Sunday, September 9

Our Sunday school open house and registration will be right after the 9:30 service in Berktold Hall. We will have an informational meeting with guardians and parents while the children are downstairs singing and doing a rainbow activity.

Rainbow Connection Friendship Assembly Sunday, September 16

We will have a combined Sunday school assembly to start making our Rainbow Connections! When God showed the rainbow to Noah, God was making a promise to all of us. Let's talk about how this promise is important, and the many ways we can honor it here at St. Mary's!

BBQ for Families with Young Children Saturday, September 15, 4:30-7 PM

All families with young children (elementary aged and younger, older siblings are welcome of course!) are invited to the annual start-of-year BBQ dinner at Bingham, Christine, Averly, Elizabeth Grace, and Mani's house. Entrée and desert will be provided. Bring a side to share.

Journey to Adulthood Chili Cook-Off Sunday, September 30 at 6 PM in Berktold Hall

Families with students in middle and high school are encouraged to join us for this Chili Cook Off! Bring your best family recipe to share and maybe even win a prize if your chili is best! We will also talk about the upcoming year for the Rite 13 and J2A classes.
RSVP: Email Carolyn Williams carolyn@saint-marys.org

Combined Summer Sunday School Continues

Throughout the summer - including Labor Day weekend - all children pre-K through 5th grade are invited to meet at the beginning of the 9:30 AM service for a combined Sunday school class. The children join their families in the church for the Eucharist.

Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, August 18, 9 AM to 3 PM

We want your amazing donations. See page 3 for details. In addition to bringing your donations in, we welcome volunteers to help us sort items as they come in the week of August 12! Call or text Christine Zeller-Powell (541-554-5035) with questions!

Sunday School Teacher Meeting and Dinner Sunday, August 26, 6 - 7:30 PM at St. Mary's

All Sunday School teachers Pre K to 12th grade are invited to attend an organizational meeting to review our classroom routines, curriculum, and upcoming events.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) News

Ministry for the women of St. Mary's, by the women of St. Mary's. No membership required.

TRIENNIAL MEETING IN AUSTIN, TEXAS

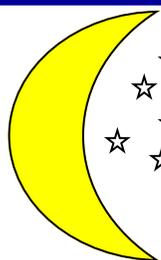
Contributed by Deacon Nancy Crawford

While clergy and laity gathered together in Austin, Texas this past July for the General Convention of The Episcopal Church (TEC), over 200 women from our world-wide church gathered for the 49th Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Triennial Meeting. I was pleased to attend as one of three delegates from our Diocese of Oregon. Three years ago I attended as President of the ECW Board and was responsible for presiding over the meeting. What a joy it was to be back with the delegates, listening, laughing, and learning about the work accomplished in the past and planned for the future.

There was a time, prior to 1970, when women had no voice or vote at the General Convention. The ECW Triennial Meeting was essential to women's voices being heard, if only through the walls that separated the two gatherings, or in the hallways when the men of the General Convention and the women of the Triennial Meeting crossed paths. Thankfully, things are different now, and so many people question the need for a women's gathering. Yet the work of ECW continues. At this gathering we were inspired by the words of many hardworking, spiritual people, most especially for me, the Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston, former bishop of Alaska and a member of the Choctaw Nation in Oklahoma. He never comes with a script but speaks as he is led by the Holy Spirit. I also was impressed by the girls of The Girls' Friendly Society and their announcement of a new chapter forming in Delaware. These intelligent, faith-filled girls are most definitely a part of the future of our church.

We learned about, and contributed to, the Shower Ministry at Trinity Center, Austin. This private and secure program allows homeless women a place to shower without fear of having their personal items stolen. And we learned about, and contributed to, Community First! Village, a conclave of tiny houses and RVs in Austin. This is a supportive community that allows its residents to have "my own place."

Resolutions are often dull with too much discussion of where to place a comma. This Triennial Meeting was no exception, but real work was accomplished. Term limits for board members were expanded. Yes, I am now eligible for a 3rd term, but don't expect any groundbreaking on my part! An attempt to reduce the number of vice presidents on the board was tabled for 3 years. We agreed to contribute to a Women's Reading Room at the planned expansion of the Episcopal archives in Austin. This will take the ECW archives out of the boxes and place them in room where they can be viewed and where women can come to better understand the long history of women's ministry in the church. The most contentious resolution concerned the ever-changing relationship of ECW and United Thank Offering. While once sister ministries begun by the Emory sisters in the 1800s, UTO is now overseen by TEC, while ECW needs only



ECW Presents NIGHT AT THE MOVIES SLIDING DOORS

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you made a different choice along the way? In **Sliding Doors**, a London woman's love life and career both hinge on whether or not she catches a certain train. We see it both ways, in parallel. Stars Gwyneth Paltrow.

Damascus Classroom

Third Thursday - August 16

6 PM to 7 PM - BYO Dinner

Movie Starts Promptly at 7 PM

All Are Welcome!

Contact: Deacon Nancy Crawford

Church Women United North West CWU Region Event

**"REACHING FOR
WHOLENESS"**
Our Passion is Moving
Us Forward



All women are invited to attend the NW CWU Region Event Friday – Saturday, September 14-15 at Gresham United Methodist Church, 620 NE 8th St., Gresham, OR. Registration forms and information packets can be found on the ECW bulletin board. You may also contact ECW- CWU Representative Katharine Hunt for more information keehunt@gmail.com or 541-607-0106.

TEC signoff on elections and other business. A task force was created to work on our relationship moving forward. In my opinion, if ECW can reorganize itself for the work of the 21st Century, then we can move forward to aid in women's spiritual, outreach, and leadership skills so intensely needed by our church and by the world.

St. Mary's Outreach Ministry Council

The next meeting of the Outreach Ministry Council will take place on Friday, August 17 at 9 AM. You are invited to join others interested in supporting St. Mary's outreach ministries. Come and find out how we are involved in ministry within St. Mary's and in the wider community.



That's My Farmer

**Two Fundraisers for the
Low Income Fund –
August 10 & September 17**

See the article about the movie *Wasted! The Story of Food Waste* in the Earth Stewards report (in the next column). Join us for that movie and for the September benefit dinner for the TMF Low Income Fund.

**That's My Farmer Low Income Fund Benefit Dinner
Monday, September 17 at 6 PM at
Party Downtown 64 W 8th Alley, Eugene**

Party Downtown will cook up a fantastic meal with farm fresh meat and produce contributed by That's My Farmer (TMF) members such as Winter Green Farm, Good Food Easy, Camas Swale, Laughing Stock Farm and others.

Reservations may be made now (\$50) with \$30 of that going to the TMF Low Income Fund. This fund subsidizes Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Food Share boxes for those unable to afford them.

Make your check out to That's My Farmer and send it to Winter Green Farm, 89762 Poodle Creek Rd., Noti, OR 97461 Attn: That's My Farmer. No tickets will be issued. You will be placed on the reservation list when payment is received. Include your email or phone number on the check and you will be notified.

Questions? Contact Katharine Hunt, St Mary's TMF representative at 541-607-0106 or keehhunt@gmail.com That's My Farmer is a coalition of local faith communities and CSA farms.

St. Mary's Refugee Committee Refugee Resettlement Coalition of Lane County

Wednesday, June 20 and Saturday, June 23 saw members from St. Mary's along with hundreds of others from Eugene and Springfield celebrate World Refugee Day. Thank you for participating and supporting these events organized by Refugee Relocation Coalition of Lane County. Interested in joining our committee? Contact Katharine Hunt keehhunt@gmail.com.

Earth Stewards

Paul Hawken's book *Drawdown* presents solutions to reverse the global warming trend. These solutions are ranked by the "total amount of greenhouse gases they can potentially avoid or remove from the atmosphere." Number three is food waste, something that we all can work on.

"A third of the food raised or prepared does not make it from farm or factory to fork... The food we waste contributes 4.4 gigatons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year." So what does this number really mean? "Ranked with countries, food would be the third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases globally, just behind the United States and China." (Quotes from the book *Drawdown*)

Some things to consider. Grocery stores throw away imperfect, but still edible produce. Restaurant meal servings are often too large. Sell by and Best by labels are unregulated designations and relate mostly to taste rather than the safety of eating the food.

Think about your food buying and using practices. Are there areas you could change? Could you order differently in restaurants or make sure you get a take-home box? Do you need help in learning how to cut down on your food waste?

Help is on the way! Come view the film *Wasted! The Story of Food Waste* on August 10. And thanks to you as you begin to reduce food waste and carbon dioxide emissions.



**See the film *Wasted! The Story of Food Waste*
August 10 at 7 PM at Central Lutheran Church**

The film *Wasted*, sponsored by Eugene Interfaith Earthkeepers, will be shown at Central Lutheran Church. The film features several chefs, including the late Anthony Bourdain, and shows new ways to buy, cook, eat, and recycle food that will help create a more secure food system and help reduce carbon dioxide emissions. The show starts at 7 PM with popcorn served starting at 6:30. Admission is free, but donations for the That's My Farmer Low Income Fund are appreciated.

News of the Family

Rector's Closing Thoughts

Our own Deacon Nancy Crawford received the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Distinguished Woman of Oregon award! Distinguished Woman recognition is given at every ECW Triennial Meeting. Dioceses are encouraged to select one woman for this honor whose Christian principles are lived out in both her secular and sacred communities. The Distinguished Women for the 2015-2018 triennium were recognized at a luncheon on July 8 in conjunction with the General Convention in Austin, Texas. Our own Katharine Hunt was honored as the Distinguished Woman of Oregon in 2015 and our own Dorothy Powell was honored as the Distinguished Woman of Southwestern Virginia in 2009.



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Rosie graduated from Madison Middle School on June 14. Rosie will be a 9th grader at Sheldon High School and Academic Achievement Center this fall.

Kristyn graduated Magna cum Laude from Northwest Christian University on May 12 with a B.A. in History and Christian Ministry: Pastoral. Kristyn is pursuing a calling at St. Mary's, serving as librarian and ECM Assistant Chaplain. She is also writing a book on Disability in the Church.



Jack graduated from the University of Oregon with a Masters in Accounting. He received the program's highest honor: the Federation of Schools of Accountancy Student Achievement Award. He was also on the Dean's List and a Graduate Teaching Fellow. Jack has accepted a position with Moss Adams in Portland starting in October.



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Betsy Halpern and John Bredesen were married on June 2, 2018.

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David Jensen, Miriam Whiteley, Jacob Armas, and Suzanne Taylor were confirmed; and John Challen and Margaret Petrochenkov were received into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Michael Hanley during his June 24th visit to St. Mary's.

I recently spent three weeks back at Virginia Seminary for my doctoral studies. It was an intense session with classes every morning, most afternoons, and even some weekends. One of the classes I took was about the theology and psychology of human development. We studied the way that we develop from infancy through adulthood from psychological and theological perspectives, from what is ideal to what can go wrong. It was one of those fascinating courses in which we explored so much, that I know I will keep revisiting concepts the rest of my life.

One of the things in the readings for this class that really caught my attention is friendship.

Friendship

is the Face of God on earth

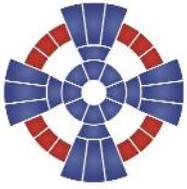
Psychologically, friendship is vital to our well-being. It is even critical to our physical health: people with close friendships are physically healthier than people who are isolated and live longer and

healthier lives. Unfortunately, despite all of the "friends" we have on Facebook, close friendships are declining in America.

Theologically, friendship is an important part of our faith. Jesus called us friends. Augustine imagined friendship as being related to the *imago Dei*, the image of God, making friendship sacramental: an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. Brother John of Taize, who recently visited St. Mary's, once wrote that friendship is the Face of God on earth. The most famous Christian treatise on friendship is from the 12th century English monk, Aelred of Rievaulx. He envisioned friendship as the way we embody God's love on earth.

The friendships we form at church are vital. Friendship is not something you can force, but it is something you can foster. There are many techniques, but one of the critical and foundational ones is simply showing up to each other. You cannot make friends if you are not in close proximity to others on a regular and consistent basis. (This is one reason it is easier for kids to make friends than adults: they are in such close proximity to their classmates day in and day out.) So, where do friendships form? Over a round of Bocce Ball at the annual picnic, while enjoying a cup of coffee after church, side-by-side serving potatoes and eggs at Saturday Breakfast, sorting items together for the Parking Lot Sale, studying Scripture with someone in a Bible Study. Friendships are good for our emotional and spiritual health. Show up, form friendships with each other, and see the Face of God in the process.

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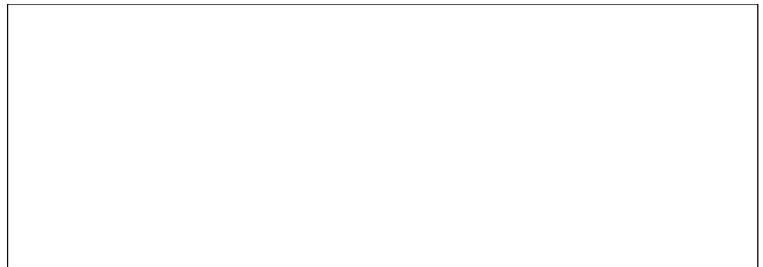
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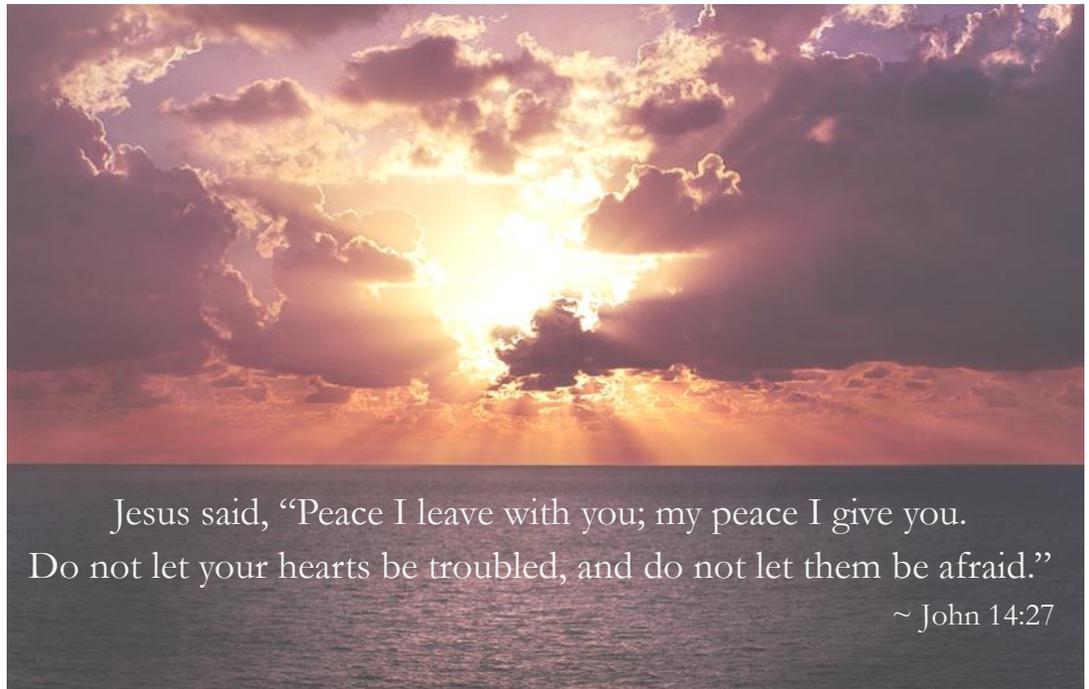


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Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."
~ John 14:27

All are welcome at St Mary's, no matter what age, ethnicity or race, gender identity, sexual orientation, or economic and social circumstances.