



St. Mary's Episcopal Church

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Adult Forum

Sundays, 9-9:45am in the chapel

It started this past Thursday: the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. As those conventions go, it takes us back 233 years. Coincidentally, the Adult Forum's topic this Sunday (9-9:45am) is Marianne Mick's "What is the Church" (that's church with a capital C). Ahead of the convention, the Pew Research Center (July 2) listed 5 facts about us Episcopalians: 1) More presidents have been Episcopalian – 11 – than any other Christian denomination; 2) Roughly 1% of U.S. adults now identify as Episcopalians; 3) Compared to the general public overall, Episcopalians are older. For example, 35% of Episcopalians are ages 65 or older, compared with 18% of U.S. adults; 4) Nine-in-ten Episcopalians are white (Just 4% of Episcopalians are black.); 5) Most Episcopalians are supportive of gay rights. Back to Marianne Micks. She's interested in what the creed says about the "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church." I would argue that those Pew facts might make us unique, but not what the creed would champion us to be. For that I suggest Augustine's dictum: "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, freedom; and in all things, charity." We have a lot to talk about in this morning's Forum (including the Convention). Whether it's our small group, or the hundreds of our sisters and brothers meeting in Austin, Texas, all of us need genuine and mutual discernment concerning our shared life. Loyalty to what we agree is essential; open-mindedness to our diversity; and charity toward one another. In that spirit, I encourage you to join us. Ken Gorman



GENERAL CONVENTION 2018 Visit the General Convention information portal for all things General Convention including Blue Book reports, Calendars, Resolutions and other legislative information. <https://www.generalconvention.org/>

SUNDAY JULY 15 - 9 AM SERVICE, TOWN HALL MEETING & BRUNCH

The Rt. Rev. William Stokes will celebrate with us next Sunday, July 15, at 9 AM. There will be only the one service. A Town Hall meeting which represents the first step in our process of discernment to call a Priest in Charge when Fr. Peter's time with us ends in October, 2019, will follow the service along with a potluck brunch. A sign up sheet for the brunch is on the bulletin board in the parish hall. Please plan to be at this important meeting with Bishop Stokes.

SWEEP You read above about "the five facts of Episcopalians." Those facts are how *others see us* as a church. There are five 'facts' of how *we see ourselves* as a parish church: social action, worship, education, evangelism, pastoral care. We may not be able to change the former, but we can the latter. SWEEP is built on two words: trust and collaborate. To respond to current realities and move toward the future, we need to solve problems and be adaptive. SWEEP meets this Wednesday in the parish hall, 6:30-7:30 pm. If this is of interest to you, consider this an invitation. Ken Gorman

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This week at St. Mary's, July 8, 2018

TODAY 9 am Adult Forum

MON 11 AM Eucharist The Branches
5:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

TUES 8 PM AA meeting

WEDS 12 noon Music & Lunch

5:30 pm Choir

6:30 pm SWEEP meeting, parish hall

THURS 7:30 to 9 pm Thursdays on the Lawn— Snake Brothers!

FRI 10 am Alanon

SAT 5 pm Worship at the 101st St. Beach Pavilion

SUN 9 am One service followed by Town Hall meeting and brunch



THURSDAYS ON THE LAWN

This Thursday, the Snake Brothers will rock the church! Join us on the lawn, 7:30 to 9 for a great concert!

COME AS YOU ARE and join us for worship at the 101st St. Beach Pavilion at 5 pm, Saturdays. All are welcome to join Fr. Peter and guitarist Tom Werkheiser for a relaxed worship service in a beautiful setting!





Music
is to the soul as
food
is to the body.

Come join us for both

Wednesdays at 12 noon
July 11th, July 18th & July 25th

bring a bag lunch
beverages and dessert provided

UPCOMING SUMMER EVENTS

at St. Mary's—Join us for ...

Thursdays on the Lawn continues on July 12th with The Snake Brothers!

The summer line up is posted on the parish hall bulletin board along with a sign up sheet if you would like to help with hospitality.

St. Mary's Summer Music Concert Series continues our Thursday music program in the church on August 16th David Condo, Organist August 23rd Ryan McAteer & Cheyanne Shaud, Duet August 30th Peter Stube, Baritone

Pamphlets are available in the church narthex with summer event details. Please help yourself.

Birthday Blessings to Jeffrey Tobias & Jayson Weider on July 10th, Janet Kowalski on July 11th, Gary Walton & Henry Schellenger, III on July 13th, and Stephen Mihalek & Kimberly Bond on July 14th



SUNDAY PARKING The Borough exempts us from use of meters on Sunday mornings. They include the meters in front of the Church, Sturdy Bank, and on the other side of 95th St. Sturdy Bank lot, & Fred's parking lot may also be used. Fred's does ask that cars be moved by 12 noon.



Welcome to Our Church

Are you new or visiting with us? We're glad you are here! We would love to be able to welcome you more personally. If you would like that as well, please ... Fill out a welcome card. These are located in each of the pews. You may place it into the offering plate or hand it to any of our ushers, greeters, or liturgical assistants. Also, please take a welcome packet & sign our guestbook on your way out of church. **Holy Communion** Here at St. Mary's, everyone is welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Consecrated grape juice and gluten-free hosts are available. Please tell our Eucharistic Minister when you come to the rail. Should you wish to receive a simple blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms across your chest.



ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE begins now. We are collecting supplies for local students along with donations to purchase school uniforms. Envelopes are in the pew for your use. Supplies may be dropped off in the parish hall or church office. Copies of the list of items needed are available in the parish hall for you to have when shopping. We will be blessing the supplies on August 18 at 10 AM at St. Barnabas, Villas. Help will be needed from 9 AM to organize the supplies until about 10:30 when the supplies are picked up by the schools. Please let Dina Ziemba (ziels@comcast.net) know if you can help on Aug. 18th.

2018 School Supply list

- Large glue sticks
- Crayola brand colored pencils
- Crayola crayons 24 pack
- Jumbo Book Socks
- Plastic Pencil Boxes
- Marble composition books
- Black Sharpie markers
- Erasers (pencil top and rectangle erasers)
- Plain plastic folders (they hold up all year)
- Fiskars Scissors
- Highlighters
- Nylon Zipper pencil cases
- Pencils
- Elmer's glue
- Scotch tape
- 4x6 index cards
- rulers
- 1 subject notebooks (we need only about 25 of those)
- Crayola thick washable markers
- Protractors
- Crayola thin washable markers

Tissues
Baby wipes
Children's (boys and girls) underwear- sizes 4/5, 6/6x, 7-8, 10-12, 14-16 *Most in need of smaller sizes