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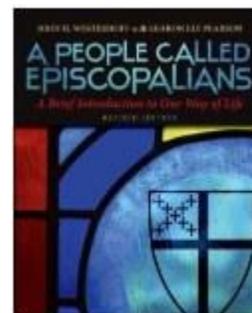
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## *What's Happening at St. Mary's*

*May 2016* *Bill Haines, Editor*

The Introduction of "A People Called Episcopalians", the book Fr. Gorman and the Adult Forum will be reading and discussing begins with the Collect for the Unity of the Church (BCP, p 255). "Almighty Father, whose blessed Son before his passion prayed for his disciples that they might be one, as you and he are one: grant that your Church, being bound together in love and obedience to you, may be united in one body by the one Spirit, that the world might believe in him whom you have sent, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen." We celebrated Pentecost, the Church's birthday on Sunday. Pentecost, the day the third person of the Holy Trinity is revealed to the Apostles, fulfilling Jesus' promise, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." May God continue to bless St. Mary's.

Adult Forum meets between Sunday services from 9 to 9:40 and all are welcome. Topics we will read and discuss are Episcopal Identity, Episcopal Authority, Episcopal Spirituality, Episcopal Temperament, Episcopal Polity and "Conclusion." You don't need the book to join our discussions, however books are available if you want one.



### ***Spring Concert!***

On Sunday, May 22 at 3 pm at St. Barnabas Church, Villas, our Music Director, David Condo along with guest Ryan McAteer, Tenor will present an organ recital and a selection of arias and art songs. The recital will feature works by J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn and Leon Boellmann. Admission is free and a light reception will follow. It a wonderful way to spend a Sunday afternoon.



### ***Wednesday Soup Lunches***

Wednesday, May 18 will be the last day St. Mary's will provide soup for lunch at The Branches until October. Many thanks to all who provided soup, juice, fruit, cookies, and their presence to this much needed outreach mission. The presence of all the Episcopal churches that participated is greatly appreciated.



### ***And coming up ...***

While most churches slow down for the summer, St. Mary's shifts into a higher gear.

Our joint picnic with St. Barnabas will be held on June 5 at 10am at the Cape May County Park. St. Mary's is asked to bring Salads and Desserts.

Dina Ziemba and the Church School kids & parents are planning to participate in Lutheran-Episcopal Great Adventure Day on Saturday,

June 18. A flyer with details is on the parish hall bulletin board. Please contact either Dina or the parish office if you'd like to join in the fun.

Cynthia and Lou Schweickhardt are chairing our 2nd annual Strawberry Festival on Sunday, June 19 from 6:30 till 8:30 pm in the parish hall. All you great bakers get out your favorite strawberry dessert recipes. A signup sheet is on the parish hall bulletin board.



Marion Myers has all the talent committed for Thursdays on the Lawn with the first concert scheduled for July 7th.

### ***Do you know Cynthia and Lou Schweickhardt?***

Cynthia and Lou both grew up in Arlington, Virginia, but at opposite ends of the county. Cynthia attended Washington & Lee High School, while Lou attended arch rival Wakefield. After high school, Cynthia attended Madison College in Harrisburg, Virginia. Lou majored in Electrical Engineering at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg.

As the saying goes, "Love is blind," but for the Schweickhardts love was a blind date. Mutual friends arranged the date after Cynthia and Lou completed their freshman year. The romance blossomed and they were married in an Episcopal church in July, 1961 after Lou graduated from college and Cynthia completed her dietetic internship at Aetna Insurance Company in New Haven, CT. Cynthia is a cradle Episcopalian and Lou came by the church through marriage. They are blessed with three sons, two "wonderful" daughters-in-law and five grandchildren. Lou said the youngest son seems to be a confirmed bachelor.



Lou worked in Long Island, North Jersey, Houston, TX, and Norfolk, VA before settling down in Moorestown, NJ with the Navy Department in

1970. Their three sons were born in 1962, 1964, and 1967. Cynthia was a full time mother and part time dietitian.

The family attended St. Peter's in Medford for thirty-five years where Lou served on the Vestry and Cynthia and Lou coordinated the church Lobster Fest where they cooked outside and sold fresh lobsters. One of Lou's fondest recollections was leading a team of parishioners in painting the interior of the church's Sunday School wing. Lou played on St. Peter's senior softball team for twenty years, well after he retired to Stone Harbor. The Schweickhardt's bought a summer home in Stone Harbor in 1986 and attended St. Mary's or St. John's in Avalon when they were in the area. They converted their summer cottage into a beautiful year round home in 2005 and became full time, active members of St. Mary's. They are both involved with Parish Life and chair the Strawberry Festival. Lou served on the Vestry, coordinates the 10 AM usher group, is St. Mary's representative on our joint activities with St. Barnabas, our picnic and Christmas luncheon. Cynthia was a member of the ECW, sings in the choir, and tries out new recipes for our covered dish dinners. Cynthia is President of the Stone Harbor Garden Club and they both participate in community events. By the way, they both exercise regularly. What do you do when you retire to Stone Harbor?

Asked what has St. Mary's done for you, they replied it is a very welcoming church allowing them to continue their worshipping together that started so many years ago as a young married couple.

Have you remembered St. Mary's in your will!

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