



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY'S

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday, May 26

8:00a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Church)

9:00a.m. - Informal Holy Eucharist (Great Hall)

10:00a.m. - Forum (Parish Hall)

11:00a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Church)

Wednesday, May 29

12:00p.m. - Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

Thursday, May 30

7:00p.m. - Centering Prayer (Miller Common Room)

MUSIC ACADEMY RECITAL TONIGHT

St. Mary's Music Academy will present two recitals featuring piano, violin, and guitar students. The first recital begins at 5:30 pm and will showcase students from the studios of Yulia Roubtsova, Naiara Sanchez, and Annah Oh.

The second recital, scheduled for 7:00 pm, will feature talented students from the studios of Margaret McDonald, Laura Blankenship, Ranara Rahimova, and Mike Connors.

These recitals are open to the public without charge.

UTO INGATHERING THIS SUNDAY

UTO Sunday, May 26, is this Sunday! Donations can be made at any service in the envelope that will be placed in your bulletin. Although UTO is a national and international effort, our own diocese recently was a recipient of UTO dollars. All Saints Episcopal Church in Concord, NC received a grant of \$31,681 in 2018. Their proposal was entitled "Training for Racial Justice and Reconciliation." The granting focus for 2018 was "Becoming Beloved Community: Racial Healing, Reconciliation. The focus for 2019 is "Go: Crossing Boundaries created by race, culture, and economics to create communities that listen deeply and learn to live like Jesus." In 2018, the UTO ingathering amounted to \$1.5 million! Our dollars from St. Mary's contribute to this worthy effort. For 2018, our donation was over \$2000. Thanks to everyone that donated in 2018. Please consider your many blessings as you plan your contributions for 2019. If you plan to be away for Memorial Day weekend, donations can be brought by the church and given to the reception volunteer or Shannon.

MEMORIAL DAY - CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED

The church offices will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday.



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN COORDINATOR

Our resident Lemonade on the Lawn Coordinator, Lorna Brown, after many years of serving this ministry has decided to retire and pass on the reigns to someone else. We appreciate her faithful dedication over the years! We are in need of an individual who can

organize folks to serve lemonade during the summer months when we do not have Coffee Connection. This is a pretty simple job and would not require much of your time. If you are interested in taking on this ministry, please contact Shannon in the church office at admin@stmarysepisc.org or 336-886-4756. Lemonade on the Lawn is scheduled to begin on May 26.



CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

INTERGENERATIONAL PENTECOST PARTY

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, we will hold an Intergenerational Pentecost Party at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall of the Main Building. There will be cake and Pentecost crafts as well as a Pentecost lesson from Godly Play. Please plan to join us as we celebrate the birthday of the church!

IT IS FLAMINGO SEASON!

Surprise your friends and family with a lawn full of bright pink flamingos and support the youth of St. Mary's Episcopal Church on their mission experience to Washington, DC!

Flocking season will begin May 13 and end June 23.

Protect your house today by purchasing Flock Insurance which is good for ONE

(1) year from the date of purchase and can be secured for the low price of \$50.

One Flock \$30 (12 Flamingos) or Two Flocks \$50 (24 Flamingos) To book your flocking, please speak with Amy Campbell, call the Flamingo Hotline at 336-410-1039 or email Amy at amyc@stmarysepisc.org

VBS: ABUNDANT LIFE GARDEN!!!

Calling all kids, ages 4 and up, we will hold VBS this year with an environmental theme: there will be experiments, crafts, music, games and more as we learn stories from the Bible and explore God's wonderful creation. We are looking for volunteers and helpers to make VBS a success. No experience necessary! [To register as a participant or volunteer please use this link.](#) Dates for VBS are June 24-27!

NEWCOMER'S LUNCHEON

On June 2nd, after the 11 o'clock worship we will have our next Newcomer's Luncheon for anyone interested in learning more about St. Mary's, our folks, and our ministries. Whether you've just started visiting or have been visiting for months, we'd love to have the opportunity to get to know you. Have some food, meet the staff, some fellow parishioners and get a tour of the campus.



CENTERING PRAYER

The method of Centering Prayer is both a relationship with God - and a discipline to foster that relationship. Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active kinds of prayer into a receptive prayer of **resting in God**. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to **communion with Christ**.

The St. Mary's Centering Prayer group meets each Thursday evening, from 7:00 - 8:00, in the Common Room. We first sit in Centering Prayer, then share our experiences and support one another in our prayer practice.

We would like to get feedback on our meeting time by offering a choice. Please take the following poll and let us know what your preference would be if you would like to join us.

God's peace, Diane Popalis, *group facilitator*

SERMONS

For sermons, visit St. Mary's YouTube Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJ9osAC2J9PnSXygNCygakA>