



Welcome home to St. Mary's Episcopal Church

"To build up one another in Christ."

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont, Rector

September 13, 2026

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.



Prelude *Jennifer Reeves, flute*

The Word of the Lord.

Processional Hymn *Earth and all stars* (Hymn 412, vs. 1, 2, 3)

David N. Johnson and Herb Brokering

Acclamation

Celebrant This is the day that the Creator has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The Collect for Purity

All

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (Hymn 390, vs. 1)

Lobe den Herren

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.

Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song, sounding in glad adoration.

The Collect

Celebrant The Creator be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21 *Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis.*

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:8-13 *Lector: 9am: The psalm will be sung responsively by half verse led by the choir.*
11am: The psalm will be spoken responsively by half verse.

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12 *Lector: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn *The Lord is my song*

Jacques Berthier

The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

May the Word, as living water, make everything live.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Leanne Beaumont

The people are invited to observe a moment of reflection.

The Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 358

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped & glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The word 'catholic' means universal or world-wide.*

Prayers from The Season of Creation Liturgy

Stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant

Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures; we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace." **Amen.**

Intercessor

We pray for all communities of faith, their members and leaders; for Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St. Simon's on the Sound, Fort Walton Beach.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Grant wisdom and compassion to all nations and leaders who are responsible for human safety and environmental preservation.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

We ask your healing grace and care for all Creation and the peoples of the earth.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

We pray for those on our prayer list. We hold before the throne of grace all of the human family and species who suffer, and those in any trouble.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

May the departed rest in Light Perpetual. We pray in remembrance for all species who are extinct so that we may join together to protect God's creation.

Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.

Let us pray for our needs and the needs of others.

silence may be kept

Celebrant

Creator God, you call us into being. Inspire us with your extravagant generosity, and sustain us with hope of the resurrection. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Peace with yourself.

Peace with Creation.

Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

All are invited to come forward to receive Communion. Anyone who does not wish to receive is invited to kneel at the rail, cross their arms over their chest to receive a blessing. If you would like the clergy to bring communion to you or someone in the pews, please notify the ushers. All are welcome.

Holy Communion

Offertory Scan this QR code as an additional way to give to St. Mary's.



Offertory Anthem ***The Summons*** (Will you come and follow me?) *Kelvingrove, arr. John L. Bell and Gary Daigle*
St. Mary's Choir and soloist Jennifer Reeves, flute

Presentation of Gifts *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven* (Hymn 410,v.1)
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven: to his feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia, alleluia, praise the everlasting King.

Laude anima

The Great Thanksgiving—Eucharist Prayer B
The people remain standing.

Season of Creation

The Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Creator.

Let us give thanks to our loving God

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy* (Tune: I come with joy, 304)
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please stand or kneel as able.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray;

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Hymn *Eat this bread*

Jacques Berthier

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst.*

*Jesus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hunger.
Jesus Christ, Risen Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.*

Celebrant

This is Living Bread and Wine, given for all Creation. May all who partake share in Christ's Body. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn *Fill my cup*

Richard Blanchard

*Like the woman at the well I was seeking for things that could not satisfy.
And then I heard my Savior speaking: "Draw from my well that never shall run dry."*

*Refrain: Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord! Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.
Bread of heaven, feed me till want no more, Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole!*

*There are millions in this world who are craving the pleasures earthly things afford,
But none can match the wondrous treasure that I find in Jesus Christ, my Lord. (refrain)*

*So, my friends, if the things this world gave you leave hungers that won't pass away,
My blessed Lord will come and save you, if you kneel to him and humbly pray: (refrain)*

Glorify your name

Donna Adkins

*Father, we love you. We worship and adore you. Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name, glorify your name, glorify your name in all the earth.*

Jesus, we love you

Spirit, we love you

Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

All **Holy One, you fed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you, offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as our friend. Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn in Procession into the world *I sing the almighty power of God* (Hymn 398, vs.1,2,3) *Forest Green*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go in peace to love and serve God's Creation. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to our Creator. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Announcements

Shot/Vaccine Clinic TODAY, in the hall until noon.

Episcopal Church Women and Men's Group will meet next Sunday, between services (9/20). All men and women are invited to attend for planning of St. Mary's.

English Tea—Reminder for ticket holders—Saturday, Sept. 26, 1 –3pm.

St. Mary's Vestry will meet Tuesday, Sept. 29th 5:30pm, in the rectory.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS AT ST. MARY'S

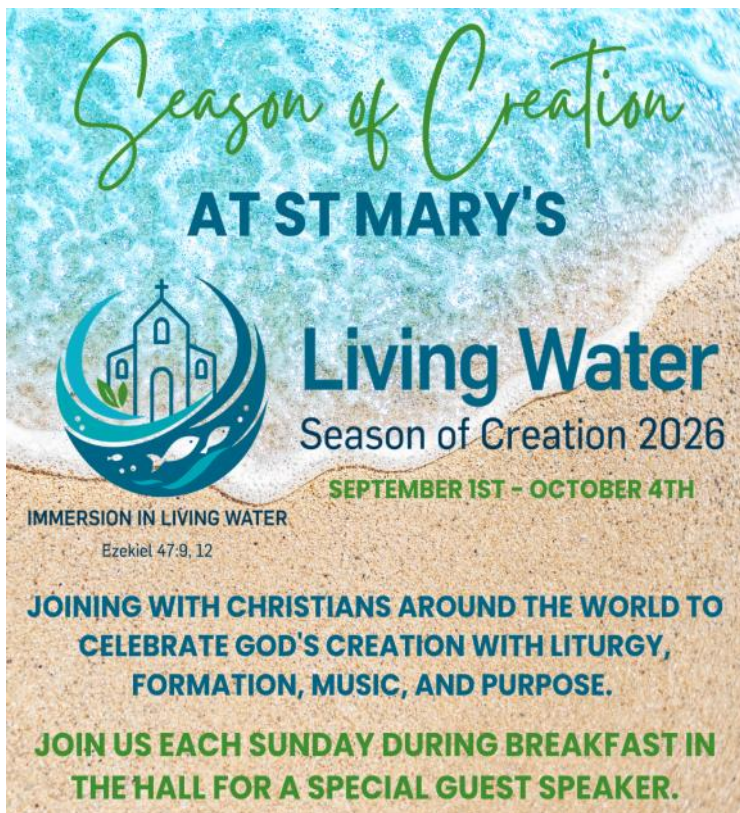
TUESDAYS

Food Pantry Volunteer time—9am—join us in the Parish Hall as we gather to help unload, sort and bag food in preparation for the Wednesday distribution. Anyone is welcome to help!

WEDNESDAYS

St. Mary's Food Pantry— the food distribution is every Wednesday, from 8am to 9am. Volunteering is a blessing and much needed on distribution day at 7am.

Volunteers are welcome Monday & Tuesday at 9am. Please contact the office. 850-623-2905.



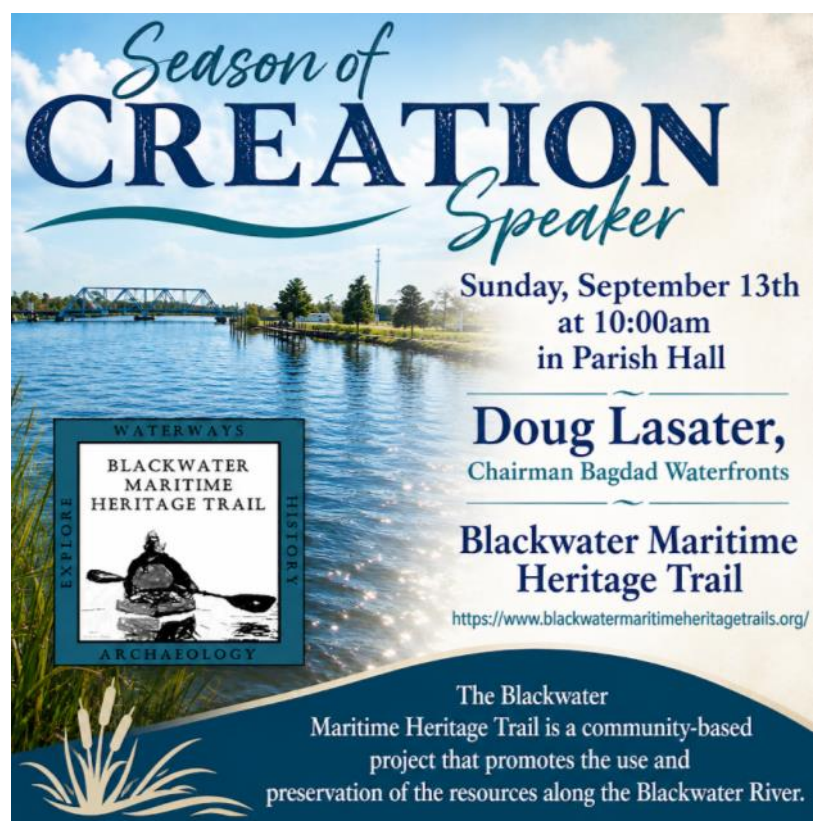
Season of Creation
AT ST MARY'S

Living Water
Season of Creation 2026
SEPTEMBER 1ST - OCTOBER 4TH

IMMERSION IN LIVING WATER
Ezekiel 47:9, 12

JOINING WITH CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD TO
CELEBRATE GOD'S CREATION WITH LITURGY,
FORMATION, MUSIC, AND PURPOSE.

JOIN US EACH SUNDAY DURING BREAKFAST IN
THE HALL FOR A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER.



Season of
CREATION
Speaker

Sunday, September 13th
at 10:00am
in Parish Hall

Doug Lasater,
Chairman Bagdad Waterfronts

**Blackwater Maritime
Heritage Trail**
<https://www.blackwatermaritimeheritagetrails.org/>

WATERWAYS
BLACKWATER
MARITIME
HERITAGE TRAIL
HISTORY
ARCHAEOLOGY

EXPLORE

The Blackwater
Maritime Heritage Trail is a community-based
project that promotes the use and
preservation of the resources along the Blackwater River.



This week's breakfast is provided by **ECW**

Join us for breakfast at 10:00am!

Next week's breakfast will be *potluck*



POTLUCK BREAKFAST

Potluck breakfast feast! Bring your favorite dish. Let's celebrate together with good food and company!



SHOT CLINIC

Protect Yourself. Protect Your Community.

Stay Up to Date. Stay Protected.

DATE: Sunday, September 13th, 2026

TIME: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM or later if needed!

LOCATION: 6850 Oak St Milton, FL 32570

WHAT TO BRING: Insurance Card, Photo ID, Vaccination Record (if available)

SHOTS AVAILABLE: COVID-19, FLU, HEP B (Hepatitis B), HPV (Human Papillomavirus), PNEUMONIA, SHINGLES, TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis)

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Get together

The MEN

All the men of St Mary's come for food and fellowship

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 1:00PM

at

BEARDLESS BREWHAUS

• 5139 ELMIRA STREET, MILTON •



Men, drop your ladies off at the English Tea & head over to the Beardless Brewhaus for an afternoon out! Go Dutch with lunch and enjoy fellowship together—bring a friend along!

Wednesday Mornings at St Mary's

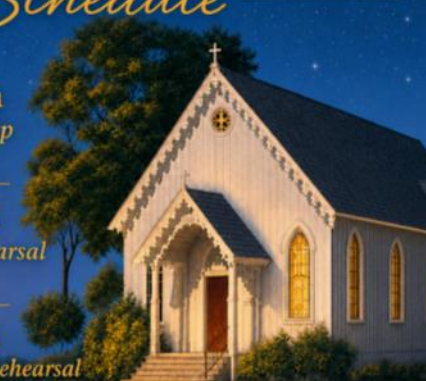
- 10:30am** Centering Prayer (Church)
- 11:00am** Bible Study (Rectory)
- Noon** Worship Service (Church)



Everyone is Welcome!

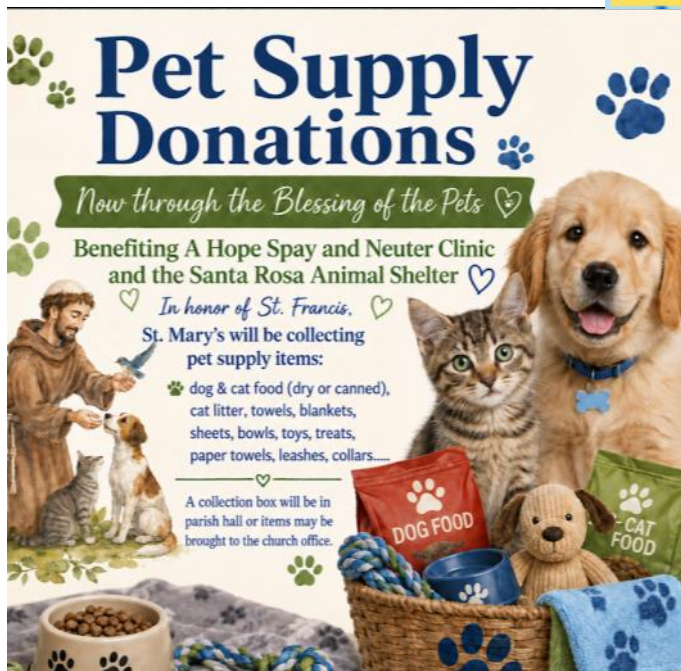
St Mary's Wednesday Evening Schedule

- 5:30 pm** Youth Group (Rectory)
- 5:30 pm** Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 6:30 pm** Bell Choir Rehearsal (Church)



Thank you to the Wayne Keen for providing a wonderful dinner for the Youth last week! If you would like to volunteer to provide 1 meal a month for the Youth Group, please call the office or speak with Mother Leanne. Meals can be pizza, fried chicken, tacos, subs, or something yummy you bring from home. **THANK YOU!**

YOUTH GROUP—Youth, ages 12—18 yrs, meet every Wednesday evening, in the Rectory from 5:30 to 7pm. We are currently discussing Season of Creation. Invite a friend to youth! All are welcome!



Sunday Ministers in Service.

September 13—ECW Host Breakfast

Eucharistic Ministers:(9am) Ann Cole (11am) Julie Hotmer-Drao

Acolytes:(9am) Neil Rowe (11am) Wayne Keen

Lectors:(9am)Heather Lindsay (11am) Daniel Savage

Intercessors:(9am) Mimi Hamilton (11am) Heather Lindsay

Ushers:(9am)Charles & Adam Willis-Meche (11am) Wesley McCray/Angel Zandikarimi

September 20— Potluck EWC & Men's Group meetings

Eucharistic Ministers:(9am) Ann Cole (11am) Heather Milliron

Acolytes:(9am) Neil Rowe (11am) Wayne Keen, Liam Zandikarimi

Lectors:(9am) Heather Lindsay (11am) Wesley McCray

Intercessors:(9am) Cheryl McCray (11am) Angel Zandikarimi

Ushers:(9am)Joel & Mimi Hamilton (11am) Vicki Whitfield/Daniel Savage

Rector: The Rev. Leanne Beaumont—prieststmarys@gmail.com

Vestry Sr. Warden: Heather Lindsay—dragonflypuma@gmail.com

Vestry Jr. Warden: Joel Hamilton—jhamilton237@gmail.com

**Lift Every Voice and Sing* (LEVAS), one of two supplemental hymnals of the Episcopal Church.

**Songs for the People of God* (SFPOG), a popular supplemental hymnal used in many churches.

**With One Voice* (WOV), supplemental hymnal of the Lutheran church.

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Prayer Requests

Family

Angeline Grillo
Beth & Emma Reeves
Bev Younce
Beverly Samuelson
Carol Culton
Cassandra Long
Charles Lertch
Christina MacNeil
Chris & Kendall Taylor
Craig Jackson
Deanna H.
David Manassa
Eileen Lowery
Harold Whalen
Janette Cusack
Jim & Julia Longshore
Jesse & Jennifer Reeves
Jim Johnson
Ken & Kristi Odom
Kolby & Brittany Odom
Linda Rayner
Lorraine Whalen
Mary Brewer
Mary & Eric Benson
Melissa Rowland
Merrill Keen
Phillip Odom
Robert Lenzo
Sam Klauss
Scott DeLoatch
Scott Boulton
Susan Armstrong
Sylvia Stern
Teddy Taylor
Vicki Blackmon

Our Friends

Jerry Scarbrough
Lauren Drake
Liz Ohlhorst
Mariah Shontz
Steve Harpert
Rachel Kaiser

Military

Bradley James
Cade Campbell
Colin Cline
Gabriel Bustillo
Caleb Parks
Edward Estrada
Fischer Morgan Lay
Gage
Kevin Murphy
Lena Ryan
Leo
Lou Andrade
Joshua Krause
Nick Rinaire
Phillip Holmes
Taylor Emerson
Tyler Hart
Tom Ryan

For victims of crime and violence throughout the world.

For inmates, officers and their families at Coffee County Jail, New Brockton Alabama.

The prayer list is read at the Wednesday Noon service.