



# St. Mary's Messenger



**ST. MARY'S**  
Episcopal Church

Our church on the corner of  
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## DECEMBER

*Jesus said to his disciples, "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."*

Matthew 24:36

**REVEREND**  
Joe Boyles

**SR. WARDEN**  
DALE STONE

**JR. WARDEN**  
Brenda Newman

**CHURCH  
SECRETARY &  
BOOKKEEPER**  
Liz King

**ORGANIST**  
Helen McCain

**VESTRY**  
Dot Bacot  
BJ Curtis  
Kaye Ersch  
Julie Pries  
Dale Stone

**DEACON IN  
TRAINING**  
Joanie Cruce

*We are looking for  
photographs, please  
send to:  
liz@stmarysofmadison.org*

*Due date: 23<sup>rd</sup> of month*

**Vicar's Voice**  
By: Father Joe Boyles

November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the church year. In the three-year rotation of the Revised Common Lectionary, we enter year A. This means that our featured Gospel will be from Matthew. At various times during the year, we'll use other Gospels, but the feature will be Matthew's first Gospel. This is especially important because he was one of the chosen twelve Apostles and is a first-person account (like the Gospel of John).

We are given the choice of using either purple or blue during this season because Advent is a season for penance as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

St. Mary's uses the blue color. Because it is a season of penance, the third Sunday is a break from our fast and we will use the rose color on the altar and vestments. You'll also notice this color scheme with the Advent wreath.

The last Sunday of Advent (December 18) we will decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. This is called the Greening of the Church and St. Mary's traditionally celebrates this event with a soup and sandwich luncheon. Our Christmas Eve service on Saturday December 24 will begin with caroling at 7 followed by the Holy Eucharist at 7:30. We will not be holding a Christmas Day service, but I will be available to meet anyone at the church who desires to meet and pray. Please join us for these events and lessons this month. God Bless St. Mary's and all of our faithful Christian community.

### **St. Mary's says goodbye...**

On Sunday November 20<sup>th</sup>, the congregation said a good-bye to long time organist Helen McCain. Helen is a long standing member of First United Methodist Church of Madison, a faithful member of the church from Sunday school to United Methodist Women. Helen has given the last eight years to playing organ for St. Mary's. Helen is moving to Bartow with her family. She will be forever in our hearts and prayers. As a thank you, the congregation celebrated her and said goodbye with a luncheon and cake.



If you can't make it to church, you can watch it Zoom, just go to this link and you can see service every Sunday at 10am.

If you haven't ever zoomed, go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us) and sign up, its FREE.

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# December Birthday's & Anniversaries



- 5 Kathy Purdon
- 7 Lisa Friedman
- 17 Courtney Bailey  
Melissa Bailey
- 18 Mary Lu Pfeil
- 31 Helen McCain

*Happy Anniversary!*

15 Fidel & Debbie Iglesias

**CHOIR**

If you would like to sing with the choir, they practice at 930a on Sunday morning before our 10a service

**MISSION BOARD MEETING**

Our next mission board meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2022.

**ECW**

Next meeting is December 4, 2022.

**SHEPHERDS HAND'S**

No clinic this month at First Baptist Church.

The next clinic for Greenville United Methodist will be December 15 from 530-730p.

**Hanging of the green**

December 18 we will meet for hanging of the green and soup/sandwiches, immediately after service.

**UTO**

Our fall UTO total amount collected was \$228.17



**Bazaar**

This year's bazaar was a huge success, between selling items and raffle tickets we took in a total amount of \$ 4,817.70

**Operation  
Christmas  
Child**

This year we sent 23 boxes for boys and girls.  
Thank you all that participated.



Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Light up Madison on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3p – 7p, one hour or what you like. This year's Christmas card is "Love Came Down on Christmas"



Call the church office at 850-973-8338 or call Brenda Newman.

SUNDAY	MON	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 Light up Madison
4 ECW meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 Mission board	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 Hanging on the green	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve @ 7p
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



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