



ST. MARY'S

Episcopal Church

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A Monthly Insight into St. Mary's Episcopal Church of Madison, FL



*Beloved, pray for us.
1 Thessalonians 5:25*

What is our history?

By: Liz King

Most of you know that I am not a member of St. Mary's, even though I work here. A few of you know me personally or have gotten to know me, and know I am Baptist. We do attend church and I have volunteered my time for years with the three and four year olds, to help lay a foundation of knowing Jesus and what he did for us.

I admit, I don't know much about the Episcopalian church, but as I've worked here and prepared the bulletin and newsletters every month, I have learned more about the traditions and beliefs. Then, this week in the mail was information about the EWHP, so I decided to research more and see if anything would fit into our newsletter.

You see, with this whole COVID19 pandemic going on, people have felt anxious about many things, people are behaving differently than usual, we are lost, we are focused on our own selves. One thing I've learned about St. Mary's is we are a church of caring, thoughtful people. As I researched about the women of the Episcopal church, I was inspired to write an article, to see if what our women's impact has been at St. Mary's.

We've spent several months going through the beautiful stain windows in the church and the why behind them. So now, why not discover our church's history of the women behind the church, how they have impacted generations that have attended our church and been part of our community.

If you would like to share your story, email me to be added to a future newsletter.

Vicar's Voice by Father Joe

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus warns us that while there is much to do, the workers are few: (9:36-38) When He saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest."

How do we each fulfill Jesus' will to be a faithful laborer in his harvest? It begins with open practice of our faith. Yes, this means attending weekly services. For the past six months, we have made this process easier by "Zooming" our weekly service to your home. You can appear in person or via the internet. The important thing is to join in and look for a personal message, in scripture; in the liturgy; in the music; or from the homily that will guide and sustain your faith. It is an opportunity to use the Holy Spirit actively to energize or recharge your faith. This is something we all need. From this inspiration, ministry and practice will follow. God Bless each of you.

"We have an obligation to ourselves and the church as a whole to clarify if we are women interested in history or historians interested in women's history," cautioned Joyce Howard of Washington DC.

Our Church's Stained Glass

Several months ago we started visiting the history of our stained glass. We will continue until we have covered all 12 stained glasses. So far we have covered 9. November will wrap up our stain glass history.



Angel

This window is dedicated to the memory of William Allen Waldrop, husband of 54 years to Susan H. Waldrop, father of Craig, Steve, William A. Jr. (Bill), Thomas and Linda, and father-in-law of Marie. His favorite flower was a red rose. The rays of sunshine symbolize our belief that he is looking down on all of his family from heaven – a far better place since he suffered greatly before he passed away on My 11, 2001.

Given by Craig and Marie Waldrop in gratitude for God's goodness towards us.



Crown & Cross

Larry Kabat came home from the great Pacific War and married my older sister Sarah. I had just returned from the European Theater of Operations. Larry had no brother and I had no brother, so over the years we have become blood brothers. The Crown & Cross refer to the Knights of Malta of which I (Jules) am a member. I went through the York Rite Masons and identify with the Crown and Cross. Every Christian should reflect his belief and give honor to the Supreme Being.

Dedicated by Jules & Dot Bacot and Larry Kabat in honor of their families and in memory of those no longer with them.



The Flame

The Flame is symbolic of the Holy Spirit. The caption, "Come Holy Spirit", is the start of the prayer, "Come Holy Spirit kindle in us the fire of your love," and should be a reminder to us to offer this invitation to the Holy Spirit to be with us in all we do.

Given by Bob and Eleanor Aranda.

October Calendar



3 Sarah Dawkins
11 Ricky Lyons III, Ian Naehring
19 Bobbi Breo
20 Linda Boyles
21 Bill Pfeil
28 Diana Reynolds

Church calendar

11 Mission Board meeting
27 Shepherds Hand clinic

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Whatever image we choose, we engage in the Episcopal Women's History Project out of two kinds of motivation: one that is personal and one that is institutional. We need to know who we are. And beyond us, our church needs our story. It is up to us to complete the mosaic, to find the wool to make the threads for the tapestry. And what a tapestry or mosaic it will be! Thanks be to God. Joanna Gillespie, President, 1982



2020 Annual Church Picnic @ Trinity Farm

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