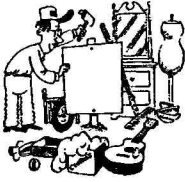


St. Mary's Messenger



St. Mary's Courtyard Sale!

Saturday, November 6.
Time: 8 AM to 4 PM

If you can come help, please contact Patti Nabors for more information.



**Annual Meeting Part I
and Pot-Luck Lunch;**
Sunday, November 14th at
11:15 AM in the Parish
Hall.



**All Saints' Sunday,
November 7th.**



YOUTH GROUP-- every
Wednesday in November at
First Presbyterian Church, 6:00
to 8:00 PM

Community Thanksgiving Service at
First Presbyterian Church, Monday,
November 22, 7:00 PM.

1st Steve Birdwell,

7th Reg Hyer, Tony Lester,

8th William Hill, 9th Jerry

Worthy, 22nd Steve

Lancaster, 25th Steve Campbell, 27th Wayne
Burns.



1st Mike and Inez McGee, 15th Wayne and
Kay Burns, 22nd The Rev. Barbara Kirk
Norris and Bill Norris, 24th Raymond and
Diane Harrison, 30th Rocky and Barbara
Harris.

The St. Mary's cross pendant is not
in stock at the church. If you are
interested in ordering one as a
Christmas gift, the order deadline
is no later than December 10th. Please call
the church office (267-8201) and place your
order.



Order
your
Poinsettias

Poinsettias for Christmas--If
you are interested in giving a
poinsettia this year, come by
the church office for a card or
look in the church pews
beginning November 21th. The Poinsettias
are \$20.00 each. Orders must be in by
December 12th.

VETERANS DAY



NOVEMBER 11TH

[We give thanks to those who
have served and are serving
their country.]

**St. Mary's Operating Fund/Profit & Loss Budget
vs. Actual/September 2010**

<u>Income</u>	
Interest income	0.32
Plate offerings	330.00
Pledge income	9,335.16
Special offering	25.00
<u>Unpledged income</u>	<u>550.00</u>
Total income	10,240.48
<u>Expense</u>	
Audit	1,000.00
Christian Education	238.00
Hospitality	62.41
Insurance - casualty	877.58
Insurance - health & life	685.00
Office supplies	457.52
Payroll tax	265.07
Repairs	-905.67
Salary - baby sitting	80.00
Salary - organist	634.18
Salary - rector	1,500.00
Salary - secretary	1,080.00
Salary - sexton	639.00
Telephone	374.60
Travel	333.32
Utilities	1,536.00
<u>Total expense</u>	<u>8,857.01</u>
Net income	1,383.47

THE VESTRY AT A GLANCE

You've no doubt seen the bumper sticker, "I'm not from Texas, but I got here as soon as I could." Well, that describes what happened back in 1979, when my late husband, Frank Crawford's job transferred him to the Big Spring VA Medical Center. What adventures we had along the way as we drove more than 2,000 miles across the country from Massachusetts to Big Spring! We fell in love with the friendly people and climate of West Texas and became firmly ensconced in the membership of St. Mary's, and quickly found activities, civic and social groups to enjoy. Frank and my two sons are cradle Episcopalians. I was Baptized in the Greek Orthodox Church (my Dad's Church) as an infant, but attended the Episcopal Church (Mom's Church) while growing up, as the Greek Orthodox Church at that time did not recognize the English language for services. In 1982, when my two sons were confirmed, I was officially received into the Episcopal Church. I am currently the Treasurer of St. Mary's, and in the past have served on the Vestry, in the Choir, ECW, and various committees. I thank you for your confidence in me to be part of the office administration.

Sophia Crawford

CHOIR

A special thank you goes to our youth for the anthem that they sang on October 24. We look forward to hearing this fine group of young singers again soon!

Our Parish Choir is busy preparing our St. Andrew's Day anthems. We rehearse every Sunday morning at 9:15 A.M. If you are unable to sing in the choir on a regular basis but would like to sing for St. Andrew's Day, please contact Linda Hill. Anyone who would like to participate is very welcome.

ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Plans for our ninth annual St. Andrew's Day Celebration have been finalized and many in our Parish are hard at work on this event. This year our St. Andrew's Day festivities will be held on November 21 at 7:00 P.M. This year's Celebration will be the first in a series of events being held to commemorate St. Mary's 125th Anniversary. Consent was given by the Bishop in November of 1885 for the organization of the Mission of St. Mary the Virgin. Our year-long 125th Anniversary Celebration will conclude with St. Andrew's Day in 2011.

Our special guest musicians this year will be EJ Jones, Great Highland Bagpipes; Lyric Todkill, Great Highland Bagpipes; and Stephen Cameron, drums. Our Parish Choir will once again be joined by our friends from St. Nicholas' Episcopal Church in Midland and special friends of the Choir from Big Spring. Dr. Keith Graumann will serve as conductor. Darryl Knapp of St. Nicholas will be the organist for this event. Other special guests will include Rocky Harris, trombone; Samuel Hale, trumpet and French horn; and Joseph Dawes, alto recorder.

Help is still needed in several areas. Please contact either Cynthia Marshall or Linda Hill if you are able to lend a hand. Everyone's help is needed in publicizing this popular event. Please plan to attend and help us spread the word!

Linda Hill

St Mary's Vestry Minutes/October 11, 2010

Attending: Rev. Barbara, Becky Henry, Rhonda Campbell, Brian Jensen, Ben Rubio, Q.T. Coats, Sophia Crawford, Tootsie Grantham, Gloria Bain and Patti Nabors Absent: Mary Dingus

1. Rev. Barbara called the meeting to order and Rhonda Campbell opened with Psalms 107.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Brian Jensen made the motion to accept the September minutes as written and Patti Nabors seconded the motion - all approved.
3. The Vestry reviewed the past and future events listed on the agenda.
 - a. Pictures of The Blessing of the Animals from last Sunday were in the Big Spring Herald newspaper thanks to Lyndel Moody
 - b. QT Coats updated the Vestry on sales of the GLUE t-shirts. The first order of shirts has been sold and a second order has been made with the new color of Bishop Purple being added to the choices of colors. Shirts are \$20.00 each and anyone wanting to order a tee shirt can contact QT Coats.
 - c. Gloria Bain gave a report on the preparations for Come Celebrate Fund-raiser scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2010. 300 invitations have been hand addressed and should be sent out by tomorrow. Expenses are down due to volunteering and donations. Items for the Silent Auction are still needed. If you have something to donate contact the Church, QT Coats, or Gloria Bain.
 - d. St Mary's will participate in the Trunk or Treat this year; however, due to the added activities for the 125th Anniversary this year any other Halloween activities will be suspended until next year.
 - e. Annual Committee Reports are due in the office Thursday, October 21st so they can be ready for the Annual Meeting on November 14th.
 - f. Rev. Barbara will be on Look-up and Live on KBST 95.7 the week of October 18th – 22nd
 - g. On October 24th, we will have a Baptism and this will also be Stewardship Sunday
 - h. .Reminder that St. Mary's will be hosting the Tri-Youth Group for each Wednesday in the Month of October. The Vestry took care of the dinner on October 6, 2010; Rev. Barbara will take care of dinner on October 13, 2010 and she would appreciate any volunteers to help; EFM is scheduled to take care of dinner for the youth on October 20, 2010 and we are still needing a group to take care of dinner on October 27, 2010.
 - i. The ECW Courtyard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, November 6, 2010. Patti Nabors asked that any individual items be priced. Clothing, books, DVDs and VCR tapes do not need to have prices on them. Tootsie Grantham made a motion to add the table that was in the library and another folding table to the sale; QT Coats seconded the motion and all approved.
 - j. The Annual Meeting and Potluck is scheduled for November 14, 2010; we would like to see everyone wear their GLUE t-shirts that day.
 - k. St. Andrew's celebration will be on Sunday, November 21, 2010 at 7pm. This will also be the kick-off for our 125th Anniversary Celebration.
 - l. This year, St. Mary's will be part of a multi-congregational Community Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7pm.
 - m. Rev. Barbara will be starting SignChiDo Classes in November Mondays at 5:30pm.
 - n. Daily Grind is every Wednesday at 10:00am in the Parish Hall – everyone is welcome
4. Fifty-Second Diocese of NWTX Convention Report:
 - a. Dominican Republic is now our Companion Diocese
 - b. We will need to establish a United Thank Offering (UTO) Representative for St. Mary's; anyone interested needs to contact Rev. Barbara.
 - c. Camp Quarterman has developed a new program to help young adults that have turned 18 years old and are no longer allowed to stay in the Foster Care system. Many of these youth have not

