

Birthdays: Louis Bevier, Ashlyn Kelley

Anniversaries: Barry & Ann Stocker, John & Lull Chapman

Friday's Calendar

7:00 a.m.	AA "Hour of Power"
9:00 a.m.	A Way Out
9:30 a.m.	Life Group
10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
8:00 p.m.	Friday Night Young Peoples' AA

Today's Ministry: Choir

Saturday, August 18

Psalm 108 *My heart is confident in you, O God; no wonder I can sing your praises with all my heart!* (v.1 NLT)

When one of us senior citizens looks back over his or her life, we marvel at all the answers to our prayers, rescues by our Heavenly Father, and the goodness and mercy He has sent our way. No family escapes every kind of pain or sorrow; we all have to lean on the Lord. But as we recount our blessings, we can definitely sing God's praises—building our trust in the Lord as we face an uncertain future. "My heart is confident in you, O God" and that is great good news!

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for all the times You have rescued and helped me.

Judges 16:1-14; Psalm 107:33-43; Acts 7:30-43; John 5:1-18

Birthday: John Donaphon

Saturday's Calendar

7:00 a.m.	AA "Hour of Power"
9:00 a.m.	Shepherd Group
9:30 a.m.	AA Step Study for Women
5:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
6:30 p.m.	Nar-Anon "Kleen N Crazy"
8:30 p.m.	Nar-Anon "Not Alone"

Today's Ministry: Coffee Hour Ministry

By Jacqueline Littleford

Used with permission from the BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP
PO Box 380, Winter Park, FL 32790
www.biblereading.org



"Growing into Jesus - Reaching out with love"

The Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Todd L. Cederberg, *Rector* - frtodd@stmarys-stuart.org
The Rev. Christian S. Anderson, *Assistant Rector* - christian@stmarys-stuart.org
The Rev. Steve Fregeau, *Retired Assisting* - frsteve@stmarys-stuart.org

Lay Staff

Pat Channing, *Praise Band Director* - pat@stmarys-stuart.org
Kim Collins, *Nursery Care Ministry* - kim@stmarys-stuart.org
Debbie Flerx, *Facilities Director* - debbie@stmarys-stuart.org
Kelly Garner, *Children's Ministry Director* - kelly@stmarys-stuart.org
Brandon Glick, *Music Ministry Director* - brandon@stmarys-stuart.org
Sheryl Konen, *Office Manager* - sheryl@stmarys-stuart.org
Phillip Lindecamp, *Sexton* - phil@stmarys-stuart.org
Alexis Stuckey, *Youth Ministry Director* - alexis@stmarys-stuart.org
Hernan Welch, *Parish Administrator* - hernan@stmarys-stuart.org



St. Mary's Episcopal Church
623 SE Ocean Blvd. | Stuart, FL 34994
Phone (772) 287-3244 | www.stmarys-stuart.org

St. Mary's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Growing into Jesus - Reaching out with Love

Good News Daily

Volume XVIII August 12 August 18,, 2018 Number 32

Sunday, August 12

Psalm 67 *May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.* (v.1 NIV)

Truly God has blessed us. We live in a free country where we can worship God without fear of our homes or businesses being destroyed or ourselves being thrown into jail or killed—threats many of our fellow Christians face daily in some places.

Our response should be to pray daily for persecuted believers throughout the world and contribute to their aid—never neglecting to praise God for the blessings He has given us.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, please protect our brother and sister Christians wherever they are. Keep them safe from harm.

Judges 11:1-11, 29-40; Psalm 66; 2 Corinthians 11:21b-31; Mark 4:35-41

Birthday: Jane Anthony

Sunday's Calendar

	REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT SUNDAY
7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Contemporary Family Worship Service
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II
	Coffee Hour - Smith Hall after 10:30 A.M. Service

Today's Ministry: Backpack Buddies

Monday, August 13

John 3:1-21 *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.* (v.16 NKJV)

Nicodemus, a Pharisee, comes to Jesus at night to ask some important questions. Jesus tells him that he must be born of water and the Spirit. He also explains that God sent His Son into the world to save it.

It is always a thrill for me to see a sports fan holding up a sign at a sporting event that says John 3:16. I'm told it is the most quoted passage of Scripture, and is also known as "the gospel in a nutshell."

May we each share the gospel message with those in our world—how God loves you and wants you to have eternal life in Jesus. Truly, that is good news for everyone!

Prayer: Thank You, Father God, that You sent Jesus into our world to save us.

Judges 12:1-7; Psalm 89:1-18; Acts 5:12-26

Birthdays: Sidney Bogenrief, Jackson Branden

Anniversaries: Fred & Jackie Burkey, Jim & Jenny Bowdish

Monday's Calendar

7:00 a.m. AA "Hour of Power"
10:00 a.m. Apples to Apples Group
5:30 p.m. ACA Families

Today's Ministry: Bell Choir

Tuesday, August 14

Acts 5:27-42 *But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."* (v.29 ESV)

Peter and the apostles have been arrested for preaching and teaching about Jesus. A Pharisee named Gamaliel, who was respected by all, spoke in their defense before the Council and convinced them to let the apostles go free. Then they went right back preaching and teaching about Jesus.

Too often these days, we want to be politically correct or not "hurt anyone's feelings" so we keep quiet about our faith. We need to have the courage of Peter and the apostles—like the Christians who drive around with the bumper sticker I love: Christians aren't perfect, just forgiven! That is truly good news.

Prayer: Lord, help me be proud of my faith and to obey You rather than men.

Judges 13:1-15; Psalms 97, 99, 100; John 3:22-36

Birthdays: Jacob Anderson

Anniversary: Nicholas & Randall Gerbino

Tuesday's Calendar

7:00 a.m. AA "Hour of Power"
12:10 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Healing
2:00 p.m. Jane's Group
5:30 p.m. Soul Care
6:00 p.m. Overeaters' Anonymous

Today's Ministry: Women's Cursillo

Wednesday, August 15

Psalm 109 *For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.* (v.30)

While writing these devotions I've been watching several specials on the life of Princess Diana on the 20th anniversary of her death. She used the pain of her own life (her mother leaving the family when Diana was only 6 years old, and Diana's husband loving another woman) to lead a life of service to crippled children, the homeless, and AIDS patients. (Her sons and daughter-in-law continue her acts of charity today.)

May Jesus use our hands and hearts to reach out to the needy in our world. Most churches have programs that can make a real difference—like feeding the homeless, after-school programs for needy children, providing clothing to the poor, and job training for the unemployed. Get involved!

Prayer: Dear Jesus, guide me where you want me to help the needy in my community.

Judges 13:15-24; Psalm 101; Acts 6:1-15; John 4:1-26

Birthdays: Barbara Godfrey, Wyatt Menendez

Wednesday's Calendar

6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
7:00 a.m. AA "Hour of Power"
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
1:00 p.m. Journaling 101
4:45 p.m. Mary's Kitchen
5:30 p.m. AA "Daily Reflections"
6:00 p.m. Life Groups
8:30 p.m. Nar-Anon "Klean and Crazy"

Today's Ministry: Capital Campaign

Thursday, August 16

John 4:27-42 *Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did."* (v.39)

After Jesus asks the Samaritan woman for a drink of water and engages her in conversation, she returns to the village and tells the people to come and meet the man who "told me everything I ever did; can this be the Messiah?"

Even though she has a bad record for marriages and has to come to draw water at noon (when the other women come early in the morning), the people listen to her testimony and come to hear Jesus. They even ask him to stay longer.

We can give that same invitation to our neighbors, friends, and relatives: Come and meet Jesus at my church. He is the Messiah and that is truly good news!

Prayer: Dear Jesus, give me the courage of the Samaritan woman to invite others to meet you.

Judges 14:1-19; Psalm 105:1-22; Acts 6:15—7:16

Birthdays: Jack Godfrey, Kathy English, Brenda Bright, Christine Carlo, Marissa McLendon, Lulu Marsh

Thursday's Calendar

7:00 a.m. AA "Hour of Power"
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. ACA Men's Group
7:00 p.m. Al-Anon "Stepping Stones"

Today's Ministry: Children's Choir

Friday, August 17

John 4:43-54 *So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live."* (vv.52-53)

The government official's little boy was dying, and he came to Jesus for help. Jesus said, "Your son will live" and the man believed and started home. His servants met him with the great good news.

At our Healing Service every Tuesday evening, we pray for healing that can be seen now and healing that we will receive later, by faith. There have been wonderful miracles of healing of cancer, depression, ALS, family dysfunction, etc. (physical, spiritual, and mental healing). So, just like the father in today's reading, bring your needs to Jesus and know that he will help.

Prayer: Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you heal today just like during your earthly ministry!

Judges 14:20—15:20; Psalm 102; Acts 7:17-29