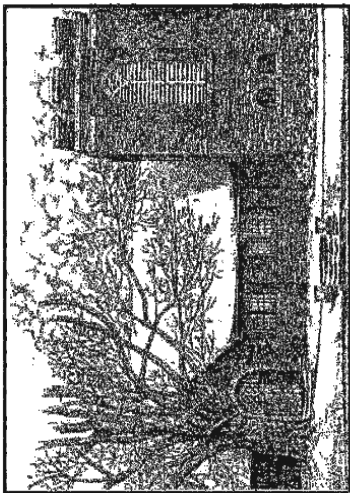


MAY 2009

Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

As we journey through the fifty days of Easter, the Great Fifty Days as the Church says, I pray for your joy and happiness. We struggle so often with so much it is very important to be reminded that joy is both the way and the destination for us. As one of our beautiful Easter collects says, "Grant, O Lord, that we may so live in the Paschal mystery that the joy of these fifty days may continually strengthen us, and assure us of our salvation; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*"

What makes this joy solid and sure is that it does not live by denial or distraction. It receives all suffering and loss, even the deepest, and slowly or suddenly transforms them into deep, lasting, eternal, joy.

Another aspect that makes this joy so firm is its ability to encompass us even when our emotions and spirits are down. No one has to pretend they are always up and happy with this deep joy. If you're down you're down. If you're struggling you're struggling. Our Resurrection, our Salvation, doesn't need us to be bubbly to sustain us.

What our Joy does insist on is faith that It is our destiny...not pain, tears, and loss. The cross is something we have to carry for a season but when it has served its purpose of crucifying our old self all we're left with are the healing wounds and Ageless Rejoicing.

This is good news. Not pie in the sky by and by, but the solid food of our life together in Christ.

So, eat up!

Love,

Rick

FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Thanks to all for your participation in the great liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. A couple of my favorite moments were hearing you sing the "Great Alleluia" back to me three times--at successively higher pitches--after the epistle at the Great Vigil (Easter Sunday morning, dark-thirty), and hearing the great hymn "Now, my tongue, the mystery telling" (*Pange lingua*) sung so beautifully by all of you on Maundy Thursday.

Of course, I am thrilled by the singing of the choir on a regular basis, but the importance and power of the singing of the entire assembly--the "Great Choir"--is not to be underestimated. Our liturgies are designed for corporate participation. Everybody has a part--many parts, in fact. The hymns, service music, and responses are vital to our worship, and the success of a liturgy has much to do with the level of corporate involvement. Aside from evensong, in which the participation of the congregation is largely one of listening and meditating while the choir sings for everybody, our time together must be a time when all are fully engaged in singing and speaking. It is not of primary importance that the sound anyone makes be beautiful; the important thing is that the sound be made!

And so, as usual, I exhort you to participate more and more fully in mass. Rather than putting the hymnal down and looking straight ahead, take a chance and sing!

And, as usual, I encourage anyone wishing to make a contribution to the music program of time, talent, money, or good will to speak with me or any choir member.

Keep singing,
Jim

FROM OUR DEACON

**"Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!
O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!" (Psalm 118: 25).**

During my few months here thus far, I have been learning incrementally about our wonderful Tour of Homes effort, which last year celebrated its 50th year. The aim of the Tour of Homes is fundraising which goes to support the work of local non-profit agencies.

I was delighted to be invited to the April 19 meeting of the various committee chairpersons and co-chairpersons who, together, will lead the 2009 Tour of Homes to success. Using that verse from Psalm 118, all of us at the meeting talked about what "success" would consist of for the Tour. While our tendency is to look at the end result of an activity as the measurement of success, we reminded ourselves of the necessity, instead, of ordering our lives according to the vision of the reign of God. The reign of God calls for us to put human relationship at the center of our ministry. As in all ministry, our relationships with each other are crucial to this Tour ministry. The final outcome for which we hope is a side effect, an outgrowth,

from the bedrock of relationship.

So the question is this: as a committee--and as a church family--how might we begin to support one another, love one another, and join together in this Tour of Homes ministry?

The answer is, of course, prayer. Various people at the meeting spoke of the qualities in themselves which they wish to have, in order to play their part well in this Tour of Homes effort. We asked for such things as wisdom, patience, creativity, and thankful hearts. And we promised to pray for one another. We will keep that promise in the months to come.

Let's ALL of us at St. Mary's join together in prayer for this year's Tour of Homes on Friday, July 24. Let's pray that its fundraising efforts for outreach ministry meet with success. And let's play our parts well, whatever they may be. Please be sure to pray that our relationships with one another will have been deepened and strengthened by our work together.

Sincerely,
Melissa Eggers

FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR

Spring is here, and I, for one, would like to say a hearty "Amen" to that. We are planning some upcoming outdoor activities like camping, night hikes, and scavenger hunts. When the weather is good here in the Blue Ridge Mountains, it is really, REALLY good! So we will be doing what we can to take advantage of it while it lasts.

The Easter Egg Hunt was so fun, and I appreciate all the Jr. and Sr. High students' help with dying and filling eggs. They were so creative, and did an amazing job with what was a pretty big undertaking...200 plus eggs in all. Thanks especially to Ian Turnbow for helping me hide all those eggs! Our Easter egg hunters made out like bandits on Sunday morning, and there were smiles all around.

The summer will be a bit less eventful from the youth group. Our kids are off in so many directions, with summer camps, family trips to the beach, visiting colleges, and working part-time jobs, that it is much more difficult to get them together. We are hoping to have a few big activities, like a Sr. High camping trip, and a white-water rafting trip for the Jr. High. But the regularly scheduled EYC and WeeYC meetings will be put on hold until school starts again. I will miss these events, and look forward to starting with a lot of participation and energy as summer ends!

Blessings to you all,

Katy



AROUND THE PARISH

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

(Note: These appear after the minutes are approved. Complete minutes are posted in the Parish Hall.)

March 16, 2009

Father Rick welcomed members of the Stewardship Committee. Kay McCloskey gave an overview of the changes made, including the use of credit cards in paying pledges, to the "Gift Policies and Processes" draft presented to the Vestry in February, and the draft was approved.

Treasurer's report: 127 pledges have been received for 2009 for a pledged amount of \$352,466. 28% of the pledged amount has been collected, which is ahead of schedule.

SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Prayer	7:20 AM
Holy Eucharist (Incense, May 24)	8:00 AM
Adult and Children Sunday School:	9:00 AM
Holy Eucharist (Incense, May 24)	10:10 AM
1st Sunday - Unction (anointing with oil for healing) follows both services.	
Evening Prayer	5:00 PM

MID-WEEK SERVICES

Monday-Thursday	Morning Prayer	8:30 AM
Monday- Wednesday	Evening Prayer	5:00 PM
Thursday	Evening Prayer	4:45 PM
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist and Unction	12:00 PM

SPECIAL SERVICES

Daughters of the King Installation Service - Sunday, May 3, at the 10:10 AM Service

Senior Day - Sunday, May 17, at the 10:10 AM Service

Children and Family Eucharist - Sunday, May 17, at 2:30 PM

Evensong - Sunday, May 31, at 5:00 PM

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Workday - Sunday, May 3, following the 10:10 AM Service

EYC Dinner - Sunday, May 3, at 5:30 PM

ECW Meeting - Tuesday, May 5, at 6:00 PM

Stewardship Committee Meeting - Monday, May 11, at 5:30 PM in the Barrett Room

Executive Committee Meeting - Wednesday, May 13, at 3:45 PM

Senior High Study Break - Wednesday, May 13, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Parish Leaders' Budget Requests - Due by Friday, May 15

Paint Your Wings (3rd - 5th Graders) - Saturday, May 16, at 1:30 PM

Vestry Meeting - Tuesday, May 19, at 5:30 PM

Wee-YC - Tuesday, May 19, at 3:00 PM

Prom Night - Saturday, May 23 (Prayers for a safe and happy prom)

Junior High Lock-In - Friday, June 5, at 8:00 PM
Safeguarding God's Children Workshop - Saturday, June 6, at 4:00 PM, at St. Mary's

2009 Ministry and Mission Conference - Saturday, June 6, at 9:00 AM, at First Baptist Church, Asheville

Planned Giving Forum - Sunday, June 7, at 12:30 PM

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING INSTALLATION

Kim Cozort Kay will be welcomed into the Order of the Daughters of the King during the 10:10 AM Service on Sunday, May 3.

A reception honoring Kim is planned at a later date.

SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY

Join us at the 10:10 AM Service on Sunday, May 17, as we congratulate and thank our graduating high school seniors. Please keep them in your prayers. They are: Kim Cornella, Spenser Hallmark, Megan Lawler, Elizabeth Miller, Austin Williamson, Ian Turnbow, David Wilson, Houston Sherrill and Ann Hyatt.

LAST SUNDAY SCHOOL SUNDAY IS MAY 31

Our last Sunday School Sunday of the 08-09 year will be Sunday, May 31st, the Feast of Pentecost.

PARISH PEOPLE

CONGRATULATIONS...

To **Alecia Jackson**, who was promoted to Associate Professor at ASU.

To **Sarah Jordan**, who was promoted to FULL Professor at ASU.

To **Natalie Bovino** who is graduating from Nursing School.

MEET LYNN AND GREG!

If you were able to attend the wonderful Easter Morning Breakfast, you might have noticed two people who stayed late to help get the Parish Hall ready for Coffee Minute. Actually, they were the last to leave after helping to put up all the tables and chairs and vacuuming the carpet. They are newcomers, **Lynn Searfoss and Greg Rhoads**.

Lynn teaches English, and Greg teaches Math at ASU. Greg jokingly says, "Please don't hold this against us." And, yes, Lynn and Greg are, in fact, married, even though Lynn retained her own family name. Lynn says there was some initial concern within the extended family that this was a sign of some insecurity regarding the likely duration of their marriage; however, Lynn and Greg are happy to be celebrating their 16th year of marriage this May.

It's interesting to note that Lynn was a musician in



what Greg calls her “former life” and spent many years as a church pianist and organist, which gave her a great opportunity to experience a range of devotional styles. She enjoyed providing music for a United Church of Christ congregation in Indiana, a Methodist church in Ohio, and a Southern Baptist church, also in Ohio.

They say that Sunday morning is the highlight of their week. “Hearing Father Rick's and Melissa's messages has nourished us spiritually, and we love the music and the artwork that enhance the worship. The Lenten book study and Holy Week services made this Lent perhaps the most meaningful of our lives. And, not least, we feel truly welcomed and at home in this parish family.”

We're so glad to have you at St. Mary's, Lynn and Greg!

THE MINISTRIES

The Youth

Episcopal Youth Community Dinners

Our last EYC Dinner will be **Sunday, May 3.**

Dinner for everyone 6:30-7:00 PM

Jr. and Sr. Highs will split into groups 7:00-8:00 PM

You are *ALWAYS* welcome to *BRING A FRIEND!*

Children's Eucharist

The next Children's Eucharist will be held on **Sunday, May 17, at 2:30 PM.** Please bring your Pre-K to second grade children for this fun activity with Katy and Fr. Rick. We always have a great time!

Senior High Study Break

Do you need something fun to break up the routine of your school week? Do you need an excuse to step away from the homework for a few hours? Well, we have the solution!! The Sr. High Study Break takes place once a month. Katy and Alice will provide snacks of both the healthy and junk food variety, and we will do something fun! In May we will be going ***RETRO BOWLING*** Wear your most retro attire, from the 60s, 70s or 80s, and come knock down a few pins! Bring a friend or two!
Wednesday, May 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Wee-YC Schedule of Events

May 19 - Because Avery and Will Devereux have asked so nicely (and persistently) for the past few weeks, we will be **MAKING COOKIES** and then playing in the Blowing Rock Park. Please bring your child(ren) and friends...these activities are always a lot of fun! We will start at 3:00 PM, and usually we end by 4:30 PM, but this event may go a little longer since it is our last Wee-YC meeting until August.

End-of-the-School-Year Junior High Lock-In

Back by popular demand, the Jr. High Lock-In has been resurrected for one final appearance this spring! Friday,

June 5, we will meet at the Parish Hall at 8:00 PM, and you should plan on picking up your child(ren) at 8:00 AM the next morning. Bring a friend or two, bring \$10 per person, and bring something to sleep in/on. We will be inviting the Junior High youth who attend Rumble Presbyterian to join us, so also bring your most welcoming smiles! PLEASE RSVP if you are attending so we can purchase the perfect amount of food and avoid waste.

PARENT CHAPERONES DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

May 16 - Paint Your Wings: I need one adult chaperone to come with me and the third to fifth grade youth to CiCi's Pizza and then to Paint Your Wings pottery studio from 1:30 PM until 3:30 PM or so.

June 5 - Jr. High Lock-In: We need a male chaperone to stay with us in the parish hall while we are sleeping, from approximately 2:00 AM until 8:00 AM. We need two adults to accompany us bowling and to the Blowing Rock Elementary School gymnasium, from 8:00 PM to approximately 1:00 AM.

If you are interested in volunteering, please e-mail Katy at junebugnc@gmail.com or call her at 828-719-8742.

Episcopal Church Women

ECW meets on the first Tuesday of the month with a social half hour and dinner and program. Our next meeting will be on May 5, at 6:00 PM. Jill Landers, Director of Development for the Hospitality House, will present the program. She will show a video about the Hospitality House organization and update us on their capital campaign to build a new facility. She also hopes to bring a resident of Rock Haven along to talk with us about her experiences. Please join us for a night of fellowship and an opportunity to learn more about this vital service organization in our community. If you don't drive after dark and need a ride, please call Susan Morgan at 262-8230, and she will be happy to give you a ride.

Many thanks to all who helped make the luncheon at First Baptist during Holy Week and our own Easter Breakfast such successes.
(From Christine Anderson)

Tour of Homes Update

The Tour of Homes continues to be a “work in progress.” It will be **Friday, July 24**, and the hours will be slightly different from last year...**9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** Tickets will again be \$25. The last van will depart from the church at 2:00 PM or shortly thereafter. The hours for the Silent Auction will remain the same...bidding can begin as soon as it is set up (8:30-9:00 AM) and end sharply at 3:00 PM.

The Hayes Performing Arts Center has graciously agreed to allow us to use their parking lot off of the 321

bypass as a staging area, and transportation will be provided from that site to the church to begin the Tour.

The Patron's Party will be at the home of Bill and Sharon Battaglia. This is a beautiful new home exquisitely decorated to have a warm mountain feel. It will be 6:30 – 8:30 PM. on Thursday, July 23. Tickets will likely be available for purchase by mid-May.

We currently have four homes for the tour. The four homes on the Tour reflect the best of "old" and "new." "Timbertops" is an older home, built and owned originally by the Broyhill family, (Richard Nixon once stayed there!), that is being updated and redecorated by the new owners. It has spectacular long-range gorge views. The second home is newly renovated as a weekend retreat with new kitchens and bathrooms, all with an updated "Mountain House" look. The third house is a new house decorated in a "mountain style" with a mixture of antiques and reproductions. It's a house on three levels with five bedrooms and baths. The wall decorations reflect the owners' passions for art and hunting. A fourth home has been secured but a description is not yet available.

Those taking responsibility for the various areas include the following:

Advertising Supplement: Judy Domer, Chair, working with Betsy Klein, Nancy Hutcheson, Judy Gloster, Pat Fountain, Lynn Hubbard, Susan Little

Bake Sale: Greta Wilson, Chair, and Jane Milner, co-Chair

Docents: Betty Green, Chair

Drivers: Gary Gloster, Chair, Sterling Hutcheson, Co-Chair: with able assistance from Joe Raulerson and Alex Hallmark

Flowers: Joyce Gibson, Chair, Alice Roess, Co-chair

Hostesses: JoAnn Hallmark, Chair

House Selection Committee: Will Merrill, Joellyn and Bill Gibbons

Lunch: Susan Morgan, Chair

Silent Auction: Helen Fabry, Chair

The Golden Needle: Iris Caldwell, Chair, Pam Ayoub and Annie Hellen Thomas, Co-chairs

Tickets: Beth and Craig Church

We are grateful to the folks at The Best Cellar who have agreed to donate the lunch. It will be available for purchase in the Parish Hall for \$10. The menu has not been finalized.

Call to volunteer your services for any of the above areas, or contact one of the following Tour of Homes leaders. Judy Domer (828-963-7507), domerje@charter.net, Chair, Nancy Hutcheson (828-898-9427) and Judy Gloster (828-295-4086), Co-Chairs.

Stewardship

STEPPINGSTONES

I am happy to announce that at the March meeting the Vestry approved the new updated 'Gift Policies and Processes' proposal. This document was approved with the changes that were recommended by the Vestry at the Feb-

ruary meeting. The 'Gift Policies and Process' document will be available upon request in the church office, along with a 'Protocol' for implementation by May 1. We hope that many parishioners will take advantage of the benefits offered to them with a wide variety of giving options. It is important to also stress that donors should consult with a legal and/or tax advisor in all matters pertaining to estate and gift planning. We are also putting the final touches to a "brochure" which introduces and gives a brief description of the options in the document. This brochure will be made available to all parishioners. I am truly grateful to Bryan Brooks for all his help in bringing this project from an idea to a reality.

I hope many of you took advantage of the Financial Seminar which was sponsored by our committee for the community on April 28. Looking ahead, **Sunday, June 7**, the stewardship committee is hosting a forum on **Planned Giving**, immediately following coffee minute. This is an opportunity to hear firsthand from our own Orian Carter on how parishioners of St. Mary's can take advantage of a Planned Giving Program which is supported by the Episcopal Church Foundation for all parishes. Please do join us for what should be an informative and helpful session. *(Kay McCloskey, for the stewardship committee)*

Outreach

OUTREACH MOMENT...

During 2008, St. Mary of the Hills gave a total of \$6,250 to WeCAN. WeCAN is an acronym for Watauga Crisis Assistance Network, A Faith-Based Ministry that is a component of Hospitality House.

A few years ago, Hospitality House provided a summary of the WeCAN program, and the following comments have been taken primarily from that summary:

"The mission of WeCAN is to help our neighbors in crisis in a respectful and compassionate manner through the coordination of resources from the faith community and other service agencies." This is done by:

- Providing a clearinghouse for immediate resource referral and financial support
- Providing guidance in overcoming recurrent situations
- Connecting clients to our partners in the faith and human services communities
- Developing a sustainable base of support and resources
- Providing education to the community through programs and the media
- Advocating on behalf of those in crisis

This mission has been on-going since late 2002. As a Crisis Ministry, WeCAN responds to crisis situations such as preventing eviction, assisting the homeless with permanent housing solutions, preventing the cut-off of electric service, assisting with heating needs, assisting with needed prescriptions when no other funding source is available, and assisting with transportation-related expenses necessary for employment or for medical-related

needs.

During 2007, WeCAN had 861 client contacts (571 new and 290 repeat) and provided or arranged over \$124,233 in Crisis Assistance. Assistance was arranged through additional sources, including the Salvation Army, which helped with heating fuel and rent, Department of Social Services Assistance, High Country Women's Fund, Holy Cross and the Carrie Phipps Fund.

Considering the current economic environment and the hard winter that we have had, these numbers are only going to be on the increase. WeCAN is a critical support ministry in our community and deserves every bit of support we can muster. Much of the support provided from St. Mary's comes from Tour of Homes dollars. Thus, we need everyone's help in the parish to make the Tour of Homes as successful as possible! Volunteer today!

SECOND HARVEST

During the month of March, volunteers from St. Mary of the Hills have delivered **3915** pounds of salvage food from the Blowing Rock Food Lion and **55** pounds of salvage food from Woodlands Barbeque to Hospitality House.

Environmental Concerns



BREAD OF LIFE I

What we have available or choose to eat has fairly significant environmental, health, and social impacts: how foods are grown; the time, distance and mode of transportation to market; wages, prices, and working conditions provided to individuals along the "food chain;" and what's made available locally. All have profound effects from peasants working the

fields to inner cities where grocery stores with fresh fruits and vegetables are at best few and far between. At each step, ethics and costs are involved in a complex but generally unequal *pas de deux*. This is the first of an intended series on natural and human environmental aspects of food, and the focus here is on Fair Trade.

"Fair Trade" is recent, but it stems from the efforts of churches in North America and Europe in the late 1940s to help poverty stricken communities by directly acquiring handicrafts at an honorable price in poorer parts of the world and selling them here and in Europe. By the late 1980s the same ethical principles and procedures spread beyond religious groups and began to involve the trade of luxury food items such as coffee and chocolate. Fair Trade certification requires fair prices and decent working conditions for producers, minimal changing of hands between producers and markets, and sustainable agricultural practices. Now some basic food items such as rice and

vegetables are involved, although harder to find than FT coffee and chocolate.

As an example, prices paid to coffee producers in February averaged \$1.08 worldwide, but Fair Trade minimum is set at \$1.25 plus additional \$0.20 for organic and a \$0.10 premium to the local cooperative for scholarships, sanitation, etc. as determined by the cooperative. If world prices rise above the FT minimum, then FT prices must leap-frog above them. (You paid more than \$1.08 in February because we pay for coffee + markups for each handler + shipping + roasting + packaging, etc.)

Environmental ramifications? Producers are small-scale peasant farmers who must implement composting, terracing, and reforestation. Monoculture is off-limits, and 80% of the coffee and most cocoa must grow under natural forest canopy. Over 60% of FT coffee in the US is organic, and toxic applications on the rest must meet strict limitations.

More information is available at www.transfairusa.org. High quality FT coffee and chocolate are available in several local stores.

Here is a partial list of local stores that have Fair Trade products; if you know of or find others, please let me know and they'll be added:

Bald Guy Brew Coffee Roasting Co., Boone

[exclusively FT products]

Bare Essentials [chocolate, coffee, sugar]

Beanstalk, Boone [Bald Guy coffee]

Conrad's Coffee Co., Boone [some of the coffee]

Earth Fare, Boone [chocolate, coffee]

Espresso News, Boone [some of the coffee]

Jimmy's Java, Boone [some of the coffee]

Tucker's on Main Street, Blowing Rock [some of the coffee]

I haven't checked any supermarkets.

Editor's Note: Whole Foods Market in Winston-Salem has some FT woven purses in all shapes and sizes. They are absolutely beautiful and unique.

Missions

FROM LYNN COULTHARD IN DURGAPUR

The Visitor

Yesterday I went to the little basti (slum) down the street from the diocesan compound to check on a sick baby. When I entered the basti, several children came running up to me telling me excitedly that a monkey was in the village. That excited me too, and I wanted to know where it was. It didn't take long to find out. As I was talking to the mom about the baby, the monkey appeared. He very casually planted himself at my feet and became very interested in what I had in my hand. This is not a small monkey. He looked up at me and said something, which I did not understand (but that is not unusual for me in India), revealing lots of very sharp little teeth. I told him he would not like what I had, so I eased around him, and the mom and I went into the little room and shut the door. After a few minutes I went out to make sure the stuff in

my basket was still there, and the monkey was sitting on the ledge of the house next door. When the door opened, he hopped down from his perch and came into the room. Those of us in the room moved out the other door and watched to see what he would do. Well, he made himself quite at home. He went on the "stove." Remember the food is cooked campfire style on the ground, so it is just the right height for this visitor to have a look-see. He lifted the lid off the pot, and I tell him "No!" He replied with his little grunt and showed me his teeth. Well, maybe he won't eat too much.

The grandmother came into the room with a tin plate, scooped some rice from another pot onto the plate and set the plate in front of the monkey. Lunch was served.

The monkey ate from the plate for a few minutes and then grabbed a handful of rice, went to the door and propped his legs up on the door frame and continued to eat.

He left this little hut and went to visit some other folks. When I was leaving, lots of people were gathered at the entrance to the basti. The monkey had decided to rest a spell on the porch of what used to be the school room before the eviction notice arrived. A man was also resting there, but that didn't bother the monkey, and it didn't seem to bother the man. I was watching from the walkway and chatting with folks when the monkey decided to come and check out my bicycle. He acted like he wanted to climb up on it, but he was content to fool around with the wheels and the pedals. I cautiously made my way to the front of the bike, still holding onto it while he made his way around the back and to the spot where I had been.

Then he was finished. He left the basti and headed toward the little tea stall down the road.

Of course my camera was back at my house. Twice now I've missed great pictures of monkeys because I haven't wanted to lug my camera around. This event was just too cool and even without the pictures, I am not likely to forget it.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Cragin Greene
Kati Lemyre
- 4 Robin Enterline
- 5 Bill Battaglia
Jim Buchanan
Beth Postlethwait
Emma Silverman
- 6 Hunter Hallmark
Richard Howe
- 7 Debbie di Santi
Blair Sudderth
- 9 Mary Galke
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Bonnie Setzer

- 16 Leslie Temple
Maylin Miller
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- 18 Frank Thomas
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- 19 Tara Allen
Phoebe Nelson
- 20 Susie Greene
- 24 Louis Dessaint
Andy Heath
Harrison Williamson
- 26 Jennie Robinson
- 27 Louise Cone
Claudia Heath
Sam McDonald
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Avery, Lily and Will Devereux
Elizabeth Miller
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COMING IN JUNE...



Who are the wonderful people who keep St. Mary's nursery?

Look for the article in the June Newsletter.



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