

# St. Mary's Messenger

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As the earth moving equipment continues to rumble and beep on the plowed up earth of 4th Street beside our Sanctuary, and the temperature hovers above 100 degrees, I am thinking of how we are called to prepare our hearts and lives for the coming of the Lord. May we be as persistent and careful as the road crew outside, in living as Jesus would have us live, despite the conditions of the road we are on. Your sister in Christ, *Susie*

## SEPT 1-7

### Sunday, Sept 1, 2013

8:00 AM - Rite I  
9:00 AM - Adult Formation  
10:00 AM - Rite II

#### Celebrant

Rev. Susie Comer+

#### Eucharistic Minister

Bill Archie

#### Altar Guild

Haynie/Bozeman

#### Usher

Brian Williams

#### Acolyte

Eric Williams

#### Vestry Person of the Day

Abel Turner



## Upcoming Events and Activities

### Road Closing -

St. Mary's continues to feel the impact of the street and drainage project on 4th Street. Part of our sidewalk has been removed; it will soon be necessary to enter the front of the church through the handicap ramp, rather than the front steps. We bet that many buttons, coins, and other miscellaneous items that our parishioners have dropped over the years have been uncovered by the workers!

**His Kids** - St. Mary's will be provide a pizza supper on Monday, **Sept. 23 for His Kids**. Please check the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall for what you can do to help.

**Enjoy an Evening Out!** **St. Mary's Potluck Supper is Wednesday, Sept. 4.** We start with Evening Prayer at 6:00, then adjourn to a GREAT dinner and fellowship together in the Parish Hall. Often we

have a speaker or presenter to entertain or enlighten us. Come - and bring a friend (*you won't have to do the dishes...we promise!*)

### Ministry Opportunities -

St. Mary's needs several people to help occasionally in the Nursery and Godly Play rooms during the 10am service. Two adults are needed at all times. Contact the church office if you are interested.

### Lampasas Mission Needs

**Supplies** - The Mission could use laundry soap, toothpaste, tooth-brushes, and other things that Food Stamps won't buy. Drop items off in the Parish Hall (a box/tub is there). If you prefer to make a cash donation, they'd love that too - drop your check/cash off in the office. Thank you!

## LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE: September 2013

Week	EM	Altar	Usher	Acolyte	Vestry
Sept. 1	Bill Archie	Haynie/Bozeman	Brian Williams	Eric Williams	Abel Turner
Sept. 8	Jack Newsom	Linda Joseph	Judy Lansford	Abbie Carson	Ann Gilmore
Sept. 15	Kathleen Woodby	Lansford/McGee	Robert Oliver	Catie Johnson	Sue Faulkner
Sept. 22	JudithAnn McGee	Barbara Racino	Jan Denson	Eric Williams	Linda Joseph
Sept. 29	Richard Hammett	Jane Westerfield	The Westerfields	Abbie Carson	Tom Hart

## ULTREYA COMING SOON!

### ST MARY'S IS HOSTING

St. Mary's will be hosting Ultreya for the Austin Convocation of the Diocese on Sunday, September 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Ultreya is sponsored by the Cursillo Community and is held monthly in our Austin Convocation with different congregations serving as Host. There will be a featured speaker, music, fellowship, and of course, since we are Episcopalian, there will be food! An Ultreya is not just for those having attended a Cursillo, all are welcome and encouraged to attend.



## THE BIERBOWER WINDOW

Although the golden-hued window in the south wall of St. Mary's nave may not readily attract the attention the more dramatic figural windows do, it is worthy of note both for the artistry of its glass and for the man to whom it is dedicated: Dr. James Culver Bierbower (1838-1891).



The window features a hand holding a torch, symbolic of Christ as "the light of the world," and suggests the time-honored imperative of Matthew 5:16, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Words that surround the torch, "The Lord is My Light," are the first words of Psalm 27.

The window also provides evidence of Dr. Bierbower's service "for many years warden of this church." He is credited as well on St. Mary's historical marker as being among those who were instrumental in getting the church completed in 1890. He died the next year.

In her *Stories of Lampasas*, Prima Baker Moses wrote that Dr. Bierbower was a popular dentist of the 1880s and that his office was on the second floor of the old Elks Opera House which once stood at the corner of Third and Main Streets where the Old City Hall building now stands. Apparently the opera house was in back of the building, and shops and offices fronted Third Street. Mrs. Moses also mentioned that the Bierbower home, a large two-story rock structure, was south of Sulphur Creek, near the present intersection of U.S. Hwy. 190 and Key Avenue.

Dr. Bierbower was a native of Tennessee and the son of a coach maker. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the 10th Kentucky Cavalry, one of several Union regiments that were organized in that border state. The dentist and his wife Mary were married in 1868. They came to Lampasas between 1880 and 1884 with their three sons, who grew up to be leaders at St. Mary's. At least two of them were veterans of the Spanish-American War.

The Bierbower brothers' names frequently appeared in the social news of Lampasas, including one party that was held in the home of John and Harriet Manuel (also Episcopalians). The historic Manuel house is now owned by present day parishioners Jim and Pat Anderson.

Charles Gerrard Bierbower, oldest of the three brothers, attended the University of Texas at Austin, became an attorney, and served as District Clerk and City Attorney for Lampasas.

Charles and both his brothers eventually moved away, but their mother remained in Lampasas and died here in 1927. She was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Lampasas, as were her husband, her three sons, a daughter-in-law, two granddaughters and sister-in-law, Fannie Bierbower.

**Mary Halvorson's Pillowcase Dresses and Teeshirt Britches** (and baby caps) on Sept 7 at 10am. Come have *fun*!

**St Mary's ECW "Kick-Off" Brunch** and First Meeting on September 1.

**Diocesan "Invite Someone To Church"** on September 15 (Link: <http://www.epicenter.org/event/2013-09-15-invite-someone-to-church-sunday/>)

**Prayer Requests?** Let [St. Mary's Messenger](#) know and we will get the prayer chain going! You can tell the office or email [hart76550@gmail.com](mailto:hart76550@gmail.com).

**News/Updates/Photos/Editorials/Opinions that you want to share?**

Please send to St. Mary's Messenger ([hart76550@gmail.com](mailto:hart76550@gmail.com)) by the 15th of each month.

**Boy Scout News?** We'd love to advertise what your group is doing. Just let us know.

John Cole ..... September 2  
Kylee Watson.... September 4  
Abbie Carson....September 5  
Tia Sheehan....September 6  
Jim Halvorson....September 10  
Catie Johnson....September 17  
Emily Sitters....September 19



Janie Turner....September 19  
Tate Carson.... September 20  
Barbara Racino....September 20  
Robert Gradel....September 25  
Taylor Smith....September 26  
Mary Raring-Hart.... Sept 30

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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Rite 1 @ 8am Adult Form @ 9am Rite 2 @ 10am  ECW Brunch & Mtg @ 9am	2	3	4 Potluck @ 6:00pm (actually, short service at 6pm, then dinner @ 6:30)	5 AA/AIAnon 7pm	6	7  Renaissance Coffee 9am At Coffee Beanery (next to Alfredo's)
8 Rite 1 @ 8am Adult Form @ 9am Rite 2 @ 10am	9	10 Holy Eucharist 11am AA/AIAnon 7pm	11	12 AA/AIAnon 7pm	13	14 Renaissance Coffee 9am At Coffee Beanery (next to Alfredo's)
15 Rite 1 @ 8am Adult Form @ 9am Rite 2 @ 10am Potluck Lunch @ 11:45am Vestry Mtng @ 1:00pm	"Bring a Friend to Church Sunday"		17 Holy Eucharist 11am AA/AIAnon 7pm	18	19 AA/AIAnon 7pm	20 21 Renaissance Coffee 9am At Coffee Beanery (next to Alfredo's)
22 Rite 1 @ 8am Adult Form @ 9am Rite 2 @ 10am	23	24 Holy Eucharist 11am AA/AIAnon 7pm	25	26 AA/AIAnon 7pm	27	28 Renaissance Coffee 9am At Coffee Beanery (next to Alfredo's)
29 Rite 1 @ 8am Adult Form @ 9am Rite 2 @ 10am	30 His Kids @ 5:30					