



Saint Marker

St. Mark's strives to be a community of healing, fellowship and inspiration, sharing love with joy in Jesus Christ and challenging all to life anew.

January 2009

Outreach

Karen Refugee News from the Church of the Resurrection

Thank you to everyone at St. Mark's who has donated wonderful clothing, toys, and household goods to the growing Burmese Karen refugee population at the Church of the Resurrection here in Louisville. Our donations have provided for the many refugee families who ask Resurrection for help in settling in their new homes. In early December, there were 57 Karen people attending services at Resurrection, a six-fold increase from this summer. Forty-two of these attendees have already expressed an interest in formally joining the church. Many have joined the choir, and there are so many children in the parish now that they have started a children's church service.

Resurrection's newest refugee family arrived in Louisville in November. Hsar Say, a former teacher, and his wife Hsel Ku, a social worker in the refugee camp where they used live, have two children: eight-year-old daughter Ma Ma, a student at King Elementary, and five-year-old son Poe Kwa See. They live in the Buechel area, and Hsar Say has applied for a job as a translator with the Jefferson County Board of Education.

Several St. Marker's, including several members of our youth group, are now involved in the tutoring program for Karen high school students at Crescent Hill Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested in working more closely with Louisville's newest refugee community, please contact the Rev. Anne Vouga. Tutors are still needed at Crescent Hill Baptist, as well as at Resurrection's Saturday morning tutoring program. Resurrection also needs additional volunteers to drive their van on Sunday mornings in order to bring the refugees to and from church. (Are any St. Mark's Saturday-nighters interested in this job?)

The refugees, many of whom speak little English, are often in need of employment opportunities and inexpensive housing. We have been asked to watch for entry-level jobs that do not require an extensive knowledge of English, as well for as homes to rent to extended family groups, so that we can help these families become established in their new country.

Meals at Wayside Christian Mission

A group of 12 parishioners from St. Mark's and the Church of the Advent served Thanksgiving Eve dinner to homeless men at Wayside Christian Mission this November. In the Men's Shelter alone, Wayside serves breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks every day to the homeless. On the night of our visit, over 400 men were served a hot meal.

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Reconciliation and Other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

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ECW News

We would like to continue to volunteer to serve meals at Wayside on a regular quarterly basis. If you are interested in joining a St. Mark's "Wayside team," or if you are interested in coordinating this ministry four times each year, please contact the Rev. Anne Vouga.

Annual Meeting

In the Episcopal Church, a parish meeting is held every year to present financial reports and to elect new persons to the Vestry. This year's meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25, following the 10:00 a.m. service.

The agenda for this year's meeting will include annual reports from the various committees of the parish; the election of new Vestry members; the election of delegates to the Diocesan Convention; and a financial report.

Please plan on attending as we prayerfully conduct the business of the parish.

Acolyte Festival

On Saturday, February 7, 2009, acolytes of all ages are invited to the 3rd Annual Acolyte Festival which will be held at Christ Church Cathedral from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Festival is designed to encourage youth and adults to meet, mingle, and share knowledge with others from around the Diocese. They will learn new things, laugh and play together. Each acolyte will attend workshops and participate in several activities. Lunch will be provided, with donations will be gladly accepted to help defray the cost of the day.

There will be new workshops this year and a special focus on Acolyte Games. Please contact Marti Taber for a registration form or if you have questions.

Altar Flower Delivery

After many years of faithful delivery of altar flowers to our homebound, ill and bereaved Susan and David Gray are taking a well deserved respite. We extend deepest thanks to both of them for participating in this meaningful ministry. We welcome Cheri Boden, Julie and Bryan Hudson and Frank Meier to our de-

livery team for 2009. They join Alice Covell, Fran Dick, Gayle Dorsey, Janie Estes, Frances King and June Richards who continue to serve St. Mark's as devoted volunteers.

Altar Flowers

Because of the changing dates of Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter, we have different dates available this year for the giving of altar flowers. Those dates are: February 15 and 22. (There will be no flowers on the altar during the month of March and April 5 and 12 [lilies for Easter].)

If you are interested in providing flowers on one of these dates, please contact Barbara Rich in the parish office.

ECW News

There will be no January meeting of ECW. The next meeting will be the Annual Interfaith Coffee held on Monday, February 2, at The Temple. Coffee and cakes will be served at 9:30 a.m. with the program beginning at 10:00 a.m. If you plan to attend, please sign-up in the Information Center by January 26.

Many thanks to all who in some way contributed to the 2008 Holiday Bazaar. The Bazaar was a huge success.

Youth Lock-In

Mark your calendars – All Rite-13 and J2A are invited to a special lock-in on January 16. We will go to Extreme Bowling at Rosewood. Please sign up in the Information Center. If you have any questions, please call Marti Taber.

Office Closing

The office will be closed Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Henry Fairleigh and his family on the death of his sister.

Adult Education

Beginning in January, we will once again have three offerings for adults during the Church School hour. The Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins will continue his year-long Introduction to the New Testament class, based on videotaped lectures by well-known New Testament scholar, Bart Ehrman. The Rev. Anne Vouga will continue to lead the Journey Class for adults interested in Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal in the Episcopal Church. We will also have a wide variety of Coffee Hour speakers, including a special Lenten Series on Ageing.

St. Mark's Coffee Hour Calendar Spring 2009

JANUARY 4: Jonathan Bennett, Seminary Intern, "Following a Star: Looking up in our Journey with the Divine."

"They looked up, and saw a star." But what did they see? We will explore this text and whether the night sky can provide us with a way to draw near to Christ in this season of Epiphany.

JANUARY 11: EPIPHANY BAPTISM RECEPTION, NO CHURCH SCHOOL

JANUARY 18: Blood Drive and Health Fair

JANUARY 25: ANNUAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 1: The Rev. Dick Humke, "A Brief Look at Those 'Other' Religions of the Middle East," Part 1.

An introduction to the less well-known religious groups that play a role in the dynamics of the Middle Eastern world, such as the Zoroastrians, the Alawites, the Druze, and the smaller branches of Christianity that still exist.

FEBRUARY 8: The Rev. Dick Humke, "A Brief Look at Those 'Other' Religions of the Middle East," Part 2.

FEBRUARY 15: Deborah Eck, Registered Dietician, "How do we talk about food with children?"

We will discuss how the language that we use about food influences our children and what our role as adults should be when feeding our children.

FEBRUARY 22: We will begin a 5-part Sunday Morning Lenten Series on Spiritual and Practical Issues concerning Ageing. No matter what our age, we watch beloved parents, friends, and grandparents face the many changes involved in getting older. How can we support them in their journey and how can we be prepared for our own ageing and death?

Session 1: Dr. Jane Thibault, clinical gerontologist and author of *A Deepening Love Affair: The Gift of God in Later Life*, will speak to us on the spirituality of ageing.

MARCH 1: (first Sunday of Lent) A report on Diocesan Convention by St. Mark's Convention Delegates.

MARCH 8: Lenten Series

Session 2 on "The Impact of Care-giving on the Caregiver." Cecy Grisham King, Associate Administrator of the Episcopal Church Home, will speak to us on the joys and struggles of caring for the ageing.

MARCH 15: Lenten Series

Session 3 on "Living wills, power of attorney, and other age-related legal questions." Attorneys Turney P. Berry, partner, and C. Carter Ruml, associate, from the law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP, will be here to explain the legal issues associated with ageing and care-giving.

MARCH 22: Lenten Series

Session 4 on “Planning your Funeral.” The Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins and a representative from Pearson’s Funeral Home will talk to us about funeral planning and will help us to make decisions about our own funerals.

MARCH 29: Lenten Series

Session 5 on “Medical Ethics and Issues concerning Ageing” with Professor Dr. Scott Williamson, Robert H. Walkup Professor of Theological Ethics at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

APRIL 5: PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 12: EASTER

APRIL 19: The Rev. Dick Humke, “Church and State.”

The Rev. Humke will lead us in a discussion of the relationship between religious faith and patriotism in the United States.

APRIL 26: ST. MARK’S DAY RECEPTION

MAY 3: The Rev. Anne Vouga, “The Story of St. Mark the Evangelist.”

Who was St. Mark, for whom our parish is named? Was he Peter’s faithful interpreter or the young man who fled naked from Gethsemane? Why is he represented as a lion? Come and explore the legends and scriptures concerning our important namesake.

MAY 10: Presentation by the Youth for Youth Sunday

MAY 17: RECEPTION FOR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Catechumenate Class: Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal

What is Baptism? Baptism is the rite of full initiation, by water and the Holy Spirit, into membership in the Christian church.

What is Confirmation? Confirmation is the rite in which we express our faith and commitment to Christ, and through prayer and the laying on of hands by the Bishop, receive strength from the Holy Spirit to continue a life of faith and commitment. Confirmation preparation consists of a period of study and the reaffirmation of baptismal vows.

What is Reception? Reception is the rite of affiliation with this part of the body of Christ (the Episcopal Church), by the public affirmation of faith and the laying on of hands by the Bishop, for those who have previously received the sacrament of confirmation in another part of the body of Christ.

What is Renewal? Renewal is the rite, for those who have been Baptized and Confirmed, in which we express a renewed commitment to the Baptismal vows. Renewal is signified by a public affirmation of the Baptismal vows, prayer, and the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

Anyone, youth or adult, who is interested in confirmation, reception, renewal of baptismal vows, or baptism by Bishop Gulick on St. Mark’s Day (April 26) or at the Cathedral’s Easter Vigil (April 11) should plan on joining this year’s Catechumenate Class.

Youth (usually in grades 8 and up) are invited to join a Sunday evening Confirmation Class with the Rev. Anne Vouga. Classes will meet from 5-6 pm, beginning on Sunday, February 8 and ending on Sunday, March 29. Anyone interested in this class should call the Church Office to sign up by January 18.

Adult Catechumens are invited to join the Journey Class on Sunday mornings in the Parlor during the Church School hour, beginning on January 4. Classes will include an overview of the history of Anglicanism and of the Episcopal Church, as well as a

look at the Book of Common Prayer, the Sacraments, and the Baptismal Covenant.

Thanks...

To all who selected angels from the Angel Tree; who knitted scarves for the seamen; who decorated the Mitten Tree; and who gave money for Kroger gift cards to be used by UCHM.

To the singers and musicians; the altar guild; Marti Taber, her staff and the children and youth; and to everyone who had a part in making the Christmas services at St. Mark's so very special.

From the rector and staff to those who remembered them during the holiday season.

Hospital Notification

As a reminder, please note that area hospitals no longer notify the church when a parishioner is admitted. Therefore we depend on family and friends to alert us so that we can provide excellent pastoral care which is our goal.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dottie and Norm Berry on the recent arrival of their granddaughter.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Magan Irvin	January 1
Sam Lord	January 2
Ken Schueler	January 3
Gwen O'Dea	January 3
Charles Hawkins	January 4
David James	January 4
Tom Walthall	January 5
Frank Meier	January 5
Margaret White	January 6
Jennifer Smith	January 6
Virginia Miles	January 7
Jeff Tafel	January 8
Josh Fraser	January 10
Elizabeth Mitchell	January 13
Katie O'Dea	January 14
Emily Holeman	January 14
Mason Ramsay	January 14
Bob Micou	January 14
David McDaniel	January 15
Malcolm Kelly	January 16
Sue Hazelip	January 16
Al Gustafson	January 17
Nell Helm	January 20
Phil Scherer	January 21
Lori Stewart	January 22
Jeraldine Kramer	January 22
Leanne Bennett	January 25
Dan Holeman	January 27
Anne Shafer	January 28
Amber Moore	January 28
Rob Mitchell	January 30
Marti Taber	January 30
Ann James	January 30
Erick Tafel	January 30

Anniversaries

Tom and Jeanne Murrell	January 20
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Prayers for Healing

Prayers are offered for a portion of the following list at each service on Sunday and the entire list at the Healing Eucharist on Tuesdays:

Tom and Lois Dick, Cameron Harper, Daniel, Roy Rouse, Dott Berry, Jennifer Ebendorf, John McBride, Durbin Oldham, Ken Kleinsteuber, Harriet (Happy) Jett, Jim Taveirne, Layne Michler, Elisabeth, Belinda, Neville Caudill, Sally Lambert, Bob Gregory, Marye Mendel, Sarah Dudley, Mark Miller, McHenry S. Brewer, Craig Kingsbury, Faith Schmidt, Leslie Hammon, Donna Coliz, Kim Moore, Howard Rodgers, Susanna Moran, Diane Kircher, Lucia Bryant, Evie Day, Laura Eagle, Nancy Martin, Rebecca Shain, Anne, Tom Pardue, Kala, Eleanor Bosen, Carol Royer, Dorothy McCaffrey, Daniel, Sue Hazelip, Kit Davis, Meme Smith, J.C. Leonard, Lynn Lewis, Jim Leason, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Pat Young, Tom Vogt, Rita Gildehaus, Virginia Wynn, Stacy Harvey, Janie Kall, Henry Bickel, Dick Day

Parish Register

Baptism

Josie Rene Olliges
(December 6, 2008)

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

January 4 - Pray for the Diocese of The Arctic (Canada)
January 11 - Pray for the Diocese of Guyana (West Indies)
January 18 - Pray for the Diocese of Connecticut (United States)
January 25 - Pray for the Diocese of Birmingham (Canterbury, England)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. James' Church
Shelbyville, KY

Parish Partners

St. Frances of Rome, Our Covenant Parish
The congregations of United Crescent Hill Ministries,
especially
Beargrass Baptist Church

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of January 6

◆
David Crone
Liz Crone
Carlile Crutcher
Mendy Cumberledge
Gary Davenport

Week of January 13

◆
George Davis
Ann Davis
Elizabeth Davis
John Dawson
Mary Jane Dawson

Week of January 20

◆
Dick Day
Evie Day
Herbert Delegal
Melissa Dick
Gayle Dorsey

Week of January 27

◆
James Dendy
Elizabeth Dendy
Paul Dendy
Cissy Dendy
Laurie Duesing

Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth,
and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far
off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may
seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold;
pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming
of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

At Morning Prayer each weekday, we pray for the Church around the world including members of our parish. If you are unable to join us for Morning Prayer, please remember those listed above in your personal devotions this month.

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January Altar Flowers and Candles
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Honor and Glory of God...

Flowers

January 4 by Jack and Barbara Kramer in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Hackney; Anne Hackney Wells; and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kramer

January 11 by Mrs. Bernard F. Sams in loving memory of Lewis and Virginia Southwick and their infant sons; Elnora and Bernard Sams; Dr. Wilbur Helmus; and Bill Gibson

January 18 by Doreen Fraser and children in loving memory of and thanksgiving for the life of their husband and father, Cleveland Fraser

January 25 by Debbie and John Freeman in thanksgiving for their daughter, Laura; their nieces, Jordyn and Riley Graham; and their friends' children, Gracyn Carlton, Sabrina Ferry, Amelia Moore, Adam and Sarah Butler, Zoe Polle, and Evan and Ellie Alfes.

Candles

Eucharistic Candles by James W. Atkins, Jr., in loving memory of Mr. James W. Atkins, Sr.; Mrs. Mary Boatwright Atkins; Frank A. Atkins, Sr.; Anderson Swope; and C. Benjamin Allen

Five Branch Candles by Virginia Hower in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Barker and Dr. and Mrs. Frank B. Hower

Christ Candle by Shirley Elmore in loving memory of her parents, Irvin and Sallie Crouch, and her husband, Donald C. Elmore.