



Saint Mark

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.

February 2001

Lutherans and Episcopalians Come Together

Excerpts from a sermon by the Most Reverend Frank T. Griswold, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church in the USA in celebration of full communion of the Episcopal Church in the USA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Delivered at Washington National Cathedral, Epiphany, January 6, 2001.

We have come together this morning as Lutheran and Anglican Christians, along with members of other households of faith, to celebrate the fact that, through baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ, we are limbs and members of Christ's risen body, the Church. Knit together in the communion of the Holy Spirit, which is to share God's own Trinitarian life, we are as unable to say to one another, as an eye is to say to a hand, "I have no need of you" (1 Corinthians 12:21), without doing violence to the integrity of the body.

As we are rooted and knit together by the Spirit in fellowship and full communion, we are called to common mission; and the mission we share is none other than mission of Christ and the mission of Christ's body, the Church. According to the Catechism in the Book of Common Prayer, "The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ."

How right it is that as we come together to affirm our call to common mission as two households of faith within the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, we do so within the context of the Eucharist. "In partaking of this sacrament, all self-seeking love is rooted out. It gives place to that love which seeks the common good. In the sacrament we become united with Christ, and are made one body with all the saints," observes Luther. All self-seeking love is rooted out. Is it? Or do we tend to emphasize our singularities in order to define ourselves over against one another...and cry out with the tax-collector in the Gospel, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people, other traditions." Christ in the Eucharist says, "No," as we "all partake of the one bread" and drink from the "cup of blessing" (1 Corinthians 10: 16-17) which are the signs of Christ's boundless and deathless, reconciling love.

Worship Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM

Holy Eucharist 10:00 AM
First, Third and Fifth Sundays

Morning Prayer 10:00 AM
Second and Fourth Sundays

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 AM

Reconciliation and other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

- ◆ There will be two Ash Wednesday Services February 28: 12:00 pm and 5:30 pm.
- ◆ Upcoming youth activity: Rock Climbing. Details inside.
- ◆ Adult Education classes for February will be led by Charles Hawkins. Details inside.

Changes to Our Sunday Routine

Beginning in February, there will be two minor changes in our Sunday morning routine.

First, the Christian Education classes will begin as soon after church as possible. Having our church school classes begin a little earlier will allow more people to take advantage of our Christian education program and yet, fellowship can still continue because coffee and doughnuts will be served in the adult class. After church, make your way to the Dreher Room, invite a newcomer to join you, and visit with your fellow parishioners over a cup of coffee until class begins. Children will go immediately to the art room where they will also have refreshments, while the youth will go to the youth room for refreshments and their class. Classes for all ages will be dismissed fifty minutes from the time church lets out, and all ages can then meet in Langley Hall for those wishing additional time for fellowship.

Secondly, members of the parish will be asked to assist occasionally with our Sunday morning coffee ministry. This is a ministry because over a cup of coffee or juice we learn about the joys and concerns in each other's lives, welcome a newcomer, or embrace someone who has not been around for a while. For many months, your faithful vestry has been diligently providing this service to the church. Let's say thank you to them as we try a new approach.

We are asking for at least two people to help serve coffee and doughnuts and clean up afterwards each Sunday. This will allow shared responsibility, and hopefully some shared enjoyment. Responsibilities mainly include serving coffee (already made) and doughnuts (already provided) and cleaning up afterwards—easy tasks to fulfill! A sign up sheet entitled *SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE* will be posted in the church hallway. Please sign up and you will be contacted and sent a set of simple instructions. Your assistance will be appreciated.

“Dead Serious...About Life”

“Dead Serious...About Life” is a musical written and performed by teens for teens about issues that many teenagers face. It is performed by Mishpachah, Inc., an auditioned group of high school students from the Central Ohio area, and it is coming to Louisville in April. Our teens want to

be an active part of bringing this group of young people to town to perform but need the help of the entire parish to make it a reality. We need volunteers to help with the following:

Housing: We need 6 homes to host 12 students for the weekend of April 20-22. For safety, the students are housed in pairs. They do not necessarily need beds because they bring their own sleeping bags. Host families will be responsible for transportation for them from Maple Grove Baptist Church around 10:30 pm on Friday, April 20. On Saturday, April 21, they will need food, transportation to Barret Middle School by 10:00 am, and to be picked up again at 9:45 pm, after the performance. Sunday, April 22, they will need food, to join the host families at services, and to be dropped off at Barret by 1:00 pm.

Listeners: At the end of each performance, youth attending the play will have the opportunity to come forward and talk to “Listeners.” We need adult volunteers to be some of those Listeners, and it would be great if some of those people were trained counselors.

Publicity: We will be provided brochures about the performances and will need help distributing them to the community. Our teens will be taking posters to their schools and writing letters to schools, TV and radio stations, and other media outlets.

Tickets: Tickets for the performance are \$8—if you could donate the cost of a ticket, you will send one or more of our youth to the performance at no cost to them.

Sign up sheets will be on the tables in the halls. For more information or to volunteer, contact Debbie Glenn at 893-8564 or 874-8574.

Is your will up to date?

Do you have a will to ensure that your wishes will be followed after you are gone? That means not only taking care of your family but your church as well.

You might begin by asking yourself some questions:

1. Is my will up to date? This is an important question because many people have a will tucked away someplace, one that is so outdated it may be practically worthless. In some situations, an outdated will can cause more problems than not having one at all. Updating your will is not a costly or time-consuming process, and it will allow you to take advantage of the recent tax developments as well as the new techniques

in estate planning.

2. Does my will represent my wishes? Your family situation may have changed over the years so that you no longer have dependants at home. Perhaps your estate has grown beyond your earlier estimates. Maybe you have changed your mind about some of your bequests. The more time that passes and the more changes that occur in your life, the more you should consider bringing your will up to date.
3. Is my will valid? Have you moved to a different state since creating your last will? The laws may differ and your old will might be invalid. Or maybe you prepared your own will and missed something of vital importance, like proper signatures or a notary seal.
4. Is my will safely stored? Where do you keep your original copy of your will? Is it safely tucked away in a fire-proof home safe? (Who has the combination?) Or is it in a shoebox under the bed? This precious document, which is your last words to those you love, should be safely stored in a bank safe deposit box, with your attorney, or with your personal representative.
5. Does my representative know? After selecting a safe place to store your will, tell your personal representative, the person who used to be called your executor, where it is located. Besides informing this person of the location of your will, it is a good idea to let them know about funeral instructions and any other last wishes that you might have.
6. There is a sixth question that you might consider: Have I included my parish in my estate plan? Your church can accomplish so much with a gift from you in your will. As your parish home, they have nurtured you, fed you, and been a community of believers for you. Are they not worthy of being carried forward so that the next generation can also benefit?

Whenever you receive a mailing about planned giving from your college, university, fraternity, sorority or a secular charity, remember that your parish can use the same types of gifts.

Social Action Ministry

As Christians we are called to seek and serve Christ in all persons; strive for justice and peace among all people; and respect the dignity of every human being.

The Social Action Committee is given the task of being the primary vehicle for giving the parish community the opportunities for living out these callings of our baptismal

covenants.

To accomplish this task, the Social Action Committee strives to educate the parish of the many needs facing those less fortunate in our community, and encourages parishioners to participate in making our community a better place. Our mission is to help you help others.

Food Pantry

Remember to support the UCHM food pantry by depositing canned goods, paper products, or soap into our Food Pantry collection baskets located by each entrance to the church. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

“Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Episcopal Church Women

There will be an ECW meeting and luncheon February 13 at 11:00 am in Langley Hall. We will begin with a business meeting at 11:00 am, then there will be lunch at 12:00 pm, and that will be followed by a speaker at 1:00 pm. The speaker will be a representative from the Masonic Home who will give information and to answer questions about the nursing facility and apartments for seniors. For more information, please contact June Richards at 895-9113.

Evening Women's Group

In the fall of 1998, a group of women in the parish met for the first time to create what has become known at St. Mark's as the Evening Women's Group. These women wanted to be active in the spiritual and social life of the parish, but because of professional or family responsibilities, could not attend the daytime meetings of the current ECW organization. The need for an outlet for social and spiritual fellowship for these women was recognized and with the support of ECW president June Richards and the Rev. Libby Wade, a new ministry was born.

The Evening Women's Group meets in the Parlor at 7:00 pm on the first Monday of the month, unless it is a holiday.

Our activities in the past have included decorating the Children's Art and Music rooms, making bookmarks for the Prayer Books and Hymnals, staffing the kitchen for our Church Bazaar, and sponsoring a contemplative Eucharist. Some of our past social outings have included potluck picnics to "Music In Brown Park," trips to the Speed Museum, and our Annual Holiday Gathering at the home of Joyce Martin.

We would like to invite all women in the parish to join us for our events and activities. Our schedule for the next few months is as follows:

February 5	Candlemas Service 7:00 pm
February 27	Decorating Langley Hall for Shrove Tuesday Dinner
March 12	Mending Party where we sort and mend costumes from the Christmas Pageant
April 2	Mending Party Part II (if necessary)
May 7	Post Derby Potluck Supper

Candlemas

The Evening Women's Group cordially invites you, your family, and your friends to join us for the celebration of Candlemas on Monday, February 5, at 7:00 pm. The service will begin in the Parlor and process into the Church for liturgy and Communion. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

Adult Education

The Adult Education classes for the month of February will focus on the Book of Revelation and will be led by Charles Hawkins.

- February 4:** "The Whys of the Book of Revelation"
February 11: "Most Everything You Want to Know About the Book of Revelation in 50 Minutes"
February 25: "The Letters in the Book of Revelation—More Than You Probably Wanted to Know"

Youth Activity

February 18 the youth will go rock climbing at "Rock Sport" on Plantside Drive from 1-3 pm. However, we will

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have lunch at 12 pm before we leave. For more details please call Nancy Urbscheit at 897-0520.

Prayer Partner

If you are regularly available on Wednesday and Friday at 9:00 am and are willing to spend about 1/2 hour per week praying with the rector, then you could be the rector's prayer partner. Please let Charles know of your availability and willingness.

Pastoral Visits

Our rector is paying pastoral calls to homes in the parish and he will need help in scheduling these visits. A sign-up sheet with available dates and times is posted in the parish hall on the bulletin board. Please sign up for a time that is convenient for you.

United Crescent Hill Ministries

Senior Center Services is looking for people to provide entertainment during the upcoming months. Specifically, they would like someone to play the piano once per month for a sing-along time, and persons who could teach classes (such as a crafts class). They also need volunteers who could visit with seniors, or provide transportation to various places.

February 8, the senior center is hosting the Lifeline Stroke and Osteoporosis Screening Program from 8 am to 5 pm. Screenings are by appointment only.

February 16, there is a trip planned to THE MUSIC PALACE in Cincinnati, OH and then to the Vanity Fair Outlet Mall in Carrollton, KY. This day tour features music played on a gigantic Wurlitzer Pipe Organ so be sure to bring a list of your favorite songs since the maestro takes requests! Lunch will be a buffet that has a salad bar, soups, entrees, side dishes, and something sweet to eat for dessert. On the return trip, there will be a short stop at the Vanity Fair Outlet Mall for some shopping. Cost for the day is \$39 and includes lunch, entertainment, and charter bus transportation. Payments are requested by February 9. The bus will leave from Crescent Hill Methodist Church at 9:30 am and will return at 5 or 5:30 pm. The snowdate in case of bad weather is February 23.

Music for Our Heart, Mind, and Soul

Our Music Director, Jan Ward, will lead us in a special musical experience as we explore a new dimension in our worship through music. Please plan to join us during the Church School hour on February 18 and bring along a list of your favorite hymns as we explore our musical interests during this time of sharing, singing, and fellowship.

Discerning Our Spiritual Gifts

This seminar will be presented by The Society of St. John the Evangelist from Cambridge, MA on Saturday, February 3 at St. Francis in the Fields located at 6710 Wolf Pen Branch Road. Those persons seeking the tools to uncover their spiritual gifts and ways in which to live these gifts out in their everyday lives should plan to attend. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the seminar concludes at 2:30 pm. For more information or to register you can contact St. Francis in the Fields at 228-1176 or visit their website: www.stfrancisinthefields.org

Diocesan Annual Meeting

The 173rd annual convention of the Diocese of Kentucky will be held at Grace Church in Hopkinsville, KY, February 23-24. Registration will begin Friday at 1 pm (central).

Afternoon workshops will be held in two locations: Grace Church and the Aaron McNeil Multipurpose Community Center. There is adequate parking at both sites.

Opening Eucharist will begin at 5:30 pm at the First Christian Church. The first business meeting will immediately follow the service, and dinner will be at 7:30 at Grace Church. Saturday events, including Morning Prayer, business sessions, and a boxed lunch, will all be held at Grace Church. Participants can choose whether to have breakfast at their motel, a restaurant, or fruit and muffins will be available at the church.

"The various events involve four locations, but rest assured that the distances are not great and parking will not be a problem anywhere," said the Rev. Dr. Garnett Smith, rector of Grace Church. "With a little attention, things should go smoothly." A map and directions will be sent in February.

Birthdays

David Boone	February 2
Sara Davis	February 2
Mildred Langley	February 2
Robert Webb III	February 2
Lawrence Gambill Hoyt	February 3
Brooks Hower	February 4
Walter Wood	February 5
Mary Jane Gossman	February 7
Herbert Miller	February 8
Charles Helm	February 8
Cynthia Mack	February 11
Mary Rondi	February 13
Ellen Joy	February 14
Marjorie Vogt	February 14
Mary Eitel	February 15
Richard Murphy, Jr.	February 15
Dorothy Duming	February 16
James Speed	February 16
Robert Shober	February 18
Lucy Crittenden	February 24
Ron Mack	February 25
Bob Breeden	February 28

Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bickel	February 4
Mr. and Mrs. James Richards	February 4
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shober	February 24

Prayers for Healing

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

Polly Wood	Cleveland Fraser
Vera Wallace	Ruth Jagers
Nina Radford	Perry Collins
Edith Dame	Richard Gibson
Kay Stewart Helm	Cleo Story
Bobby Townsend	Gordon Caldwell
Louie Vimont	Jane Lee
Janice Wood	Mary Deetsa
Diane Estes	Betty Collins
Jane Swope	Jane Tate
The Babcock Family	Judy Semonin
Bob Scherer	Margaret Dick
Ron	Gloria Helm
Joan Bickel	Jim Speed
Elizabeth Chandler	Frances Luckett
Dodey Shifley	Judith Bloor
John Gray	Muriel O'Brien
Jane Wilson	Carol Kaiser
Bob Coburn	Dick Day
John McBride	

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
The United Churches of Bangladesh, North India,
Pakistan, and South India

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville
The Very Rev. Keith Marsh, Dean

Parish Partners
St. Francis of Rome, our covenant parish
The congregations of Crescent Hill United Ministries,
especially Third Lutheran Church

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of February 4

Janet Breeden
Ann Breeden
Ethel Briney
Jerald Brinley
Christine Brooks

Week of February 11

George Calvert
Jean Calvert
Marian Calvert
Alex Campbell
LaForrest Campbell

Week of February 18

Peter Campbell
Alex Campbell, Jr.
Patricia Campbell
Mark Carlisle
Nancy Carlisle

Week of February 25

Sarah Elizabeth Carlton
Michael Carlisle
Rhonda Carlisle
Tiffany Carlisle
William Carrell II

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. *Amen.*

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.

Parish Life

Deaths
Nona Piltcher Sykes

Transfers Into the Parish
Alice Covell from
St. Matthew's Episcopal

Baptisms
Alice Taveirne
Jack Gill

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Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers and Candles
are given to the
Honor and Glory of God...

February 4, by Debra Rollins in loving memory of her mother, Barbara H. Rollins; her grandmother, Adeline E. Hibbitt; her aunt, Mabel Rollins; her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. W.E. Rollins; and a dear friend Bobby Sohm.

February 18, by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Shober in celebration of Robert and Gayle's 11th wedding anniversary.

February 25, by the Rev. Charles Hawkins and Katherine Kingren in loving memory of Rebecca Hawkins.

Candles

The Eucharist Candles for February are given by Mrs. Reed A. Martin, Sr., and Reed A. Martin, Jr., in loving memory of husband and father, Reed A. Martin, Sr., and her parents, Rose Jouett and Edgar B. Cason.

The Five Branch Candles for February are given by Michele Craig in loving memory of her grandfather and in thanksgiving for her family.