



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.

February 2002

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the day on the liturgical calendar forty-six days, or forty days other than Sundays, before Easter and marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday follows Mardi Gras, "Fat Tuesday," or Shrove Tuesday. The name Ash Wednesday derives from the traditional rite of that day in which the celebrant makes the sign of the cross on the foreheads of worshipers, using ashes made from palm leaves left over from the preceding Palm Sunday celebration. This year we will conduct Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 noon and 5:30 pm on February 13.

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the day immediately before Ash Wednesday, named for the "shriving," or confessions and absolutions, performed traditionally on that day. It is also known as Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," for those who prepare for Lent by making sure they have sins of which to repent.

Make plans now for St. Mark's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. Your Vestry will be doing the cooking under the supervision of Liz Crone. Come and enjoy bacon, sausage and pancakes with all the toppings. The cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children. A sign-up sheet is in the Information Center.

Worship Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 AM

Reconciliation and other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

- ◆ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- ◆ Ash Wednesday Services
- ◆ Lenten Programs

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 This is an important question because many people have a will tucked away someplace, one that is so outdated it may be practically worthless. In some situations, an outdated will can cause more problems than not having one at all.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 dependents 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 fireproof 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.

Candlemas

The Evening Women's Group cordially invites you, your family, and your friends to join us for the celebration of Candlemas on Wednesday, February 6, at 7:00 p.m. The service will begin in the Parlor and process into the Church for liturgy and Communion. Light refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

The 174th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Kentucky

Diocesan Convention

will be held jointly with the Diocese of Lexington at Church of the Ascension in Frankfort, Kentucky on February 21-23, 2002. The lay delegates from St. Mark's are Rose Basham, Becky Blieden, and Shirley Elmore. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday (Feb. 21), and the Opening Eucharist will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by a reception at the Capital Plaza Holiday Inn. The Diocese of Lexington and Diocese of Kentucky will conduct separate business sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Friday. Teaching sessions will be held that afternoon followed by a banquet. Business meetings will resume Saturday morning until lunch time and adjournment. Charles Hawkins will address convention happenings during his sermon on February 24th in an effort to fully inform St. Mark's of the proceedings.

ECW is ALIVE and THRIVING!!! Having read the recent

Episcopal Church Women

article in the January issue of the Episcopal News about the executive board of the Episcopal Church Women of the diocese voting to disband, we felt compelled to respond to the women of St. Mark's regarding this matter. Rest assured that the ECW of St. Mark's continues to not only function, but is also thriving and will continue to do so...Good Lord willing!

Having just had an extremely successful Christmas Bazaar, ECW is currently planning our next budget with several projects here at St. Mark's in mind.

In lieu of a February meeting, our group will go to The Tem-

ple for the Interfaith Program on February 4. Please be at St. Mark's at 9:00 a.m. if you would like to carpool. Reservations are necessary, so please sign up in the Information Center. Fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m.; the program is at 10:00 a.m.

We are having another card party and lunch on March 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet for this event can be found in the Information Center.

It is hoped that all women of St. Mark's will become involved in some way with either the daytime ECW Group or the Evening Women's Group and will join us in our mission as stated in our mission statement from the 2002 annual report:

ECW's mission is to promote fellowship (both spiritual and social) among St. Mark's women, to support our rector and provide service to the parish and community.

ECW meets the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted. COME JOIN US!!!

World Day of Prayer will be held at St. Mark's on Friday,

World Day of Prayer

March 1, 2002, at 10:00 a.m.

World Day of Prayer (WDP) is an international event that unites Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women and men in 179 countries. Spoken in hundreds of languages and dialects, we strive to bring "informed prayer and prayerful action" (WDP motto) to life in our communities.

This year, Romanian women invite us to become better informed about their country and their way of worship. They want to share with us their current political, economic, social and moral struggles.

We invite you, your families, your community of faith to join us in prayer and support of this women's ecumenical movement working to bring about peace and justice. The offerings enable the ongoing work of the WDP International Committee, as well as that of Church Women United, the national committee for WDP.

Education Committee

The next Education Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the parlor. Please come with questions, comments and suggestions for the New Year.

St. Mark's will be sponsoring a BLOOD DRIVE in conjunc-

Blood Drive

tion with the American Red Cross on Sunday, February 10, from 8:30-12:30 in Langley Hall. Volunteers are certainly needed to donate blood as well as assist with donor transport, staff the canteen and help with registration. Please indicate your willingness to support this vital endeavor by signing up on the sheet in the Information Center. Questions?? Contact Paul Gill, Parish Nursing Coordinator, at 368-5145. Let's make this drive our most successful one to date!

Area hospitals no longer notify local churches when parish-

Reminder

ioners are hospitalized. We request that family members or friends alert the parish when a parishioner is hospitalized so that prompt pastoral care can be administered.

Lent is the season of the church year that runs for forty week-

Lent

days and six Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter and is a special season of preparation for Easter. The liturgical colors are purple or the natural color of unbleached linen. The penitential tone of the season is reflected in the prohibition of the singing of the Gloria in Excelsis during Lent. Many people observe Lent by undertaking special programs of study; many practice self-denial. The purpose of Lent is not self-punishment but preparation for Easter through concentration on fundamental values and priorities.

This year St. Mark's will be joining with Christ Church Cathe-

Lenten Program

dral for their Lenten Program. Each Wednesday from February 20th-March 20th we will gather at the Cathedral. A light soup supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. (\$3.00 per person) followed by class from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

The topic for February 20 is "Mysteries of the Faith" and will be led by Keith Marsh. February 27 will be led by Mark Feather and the topic is "Opening the Prayer Book/Theology of Worship." For March 6 either Cyndi Banks or Larry Handwerk will be discussing the topic of "The Practice of Prayer." On March 13 Polk Culpepper will lead "Christian Social Witness/Ethics After Easter." And finally on March 20 all Clergy will lead Holy Week and Easter Vigil Preparation, and there will be a tour of the renovated Cathedral. Please join us during this time of preparation for Easter.

We hope that many St. Markers will choose to participate in these special evenings. For your convenience interested parishioners can meet at the Church and we will carpool downtown. You are asked to indicate on the sheets in the Information Center if you would like to be a "passenger" or a "driver," as well as if you will be eating dinner at the Cathedral.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held on January 27th following the 10:00 service, but due to publication deadlines the February newsletter had to be delivered to the printing company prior to that date. Therefore, we will include full information from the meeting in the March newsletter. We can, however, report at this time that pledge payments for 2001 were \$5,000.00 ahead of budget, and we finished the year with a small surplus. Also, the Endowment Committee reported that it was able to disperse \$25,000.00 during the year 2001.

St. Mark's expresses deepest thanks to the retiring members of the Vestry: Joe Conway, Liz Wilson Crone, Ron Mack and Bob Shober. These persons also served as members of the nominating committee.

Parish Life

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 Gossmann	February 7
Herbert Miller	February 8
Charles Helm	February 8
Jacob Blieden	February 9
Cynthia Mack	February 9
Mary Rondi	February 13
Ellen Joy	February 14
Alice Taveirne	February 14
Marjorie Vogt	February 14
Mary Eitel	February 15
Richard Murphy, Jr.	February 15
Dorothy Durning	February 16
James Speed	February 16
Robert Shoher	February 18
Lucy Crittenden	February 24
Ron Mack	February 25

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.

Kennedy Helm	Nell Helm
Mary Jane Gossmann	Carol Ronay
Dorothy McCaffrey	Marjorie Carter
Louis Cook	Nancy Henderson
Ed Shannon	Lettie Shawler
Barbara Mayhugh	Richard Gibson
Dick Day	Judith Bloor
Steve Howard	Jim Speed
Gloria Helm	Margaret Dick
Frances Lockett	Betty Collins
Ann Lamberton	Gordon Caldwell
Cleo Story	Perry Collins
Susan Fox	Cleveland Fraser
Judith Semonin	Jane Wilson
Mary Deetsa	Bob Scherer
Joan Bickel	Mason Bennett
The Babcock Family	Diana Estes
Janice Wood	Bobby Townsend
Margaret White	Nina Radford
Vera Wallace	Jennifer Miller
Bill Gossmann	Mary Virginia Bickel
Jean Fairleigh	Frances Blackshear

Anniversaries

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bickel	February 4
Mr. and Mrs. James Richards	February 4
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Taveirne	February 6
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shoher	February 24

Parish Prayer List

◆
Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Church of Ceylon
The Episcopal Church of The Sudan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Holy Trinity Church, Brandenburg
The Rev. James Wilson, Vicar

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of February 3

◆
Claudia Shaughnessy
Lettie Shawler
Elizabeth Sherrill
Annette Sivori
Judith Sochor

Week of February 17

◆
Bob Shober
Gayle Shober
Reid Shober
Sara Sladen
Harry Sladen

Week of February 10

◆
Tutt Snodgrass
Edna Snodgrass
Henry Solomon
Katherine Solomon
Steven Spears

Week of February 24

◆
Lyle Spalding
Lola Spalding
James Speed
Ann Speed
Carter Strickler

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.

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Honor and Glory of God...

February 3, by Jane Tate in grateful thanks to The Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins and all St. Mark's parishioners for their prayers.

February 10, 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.

Candles

The Eucharistic Candles for February are given to the honor and glory of God by Mr. Reed A. Martin, Jr. in loving memory of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Reed A. Martin, Sr., and his grandparents, Rose and Edgar Cason and Lillian & Calvin Martin.