



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.

March 2003

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 to attend St. Mark's Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 4, 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. Please sign up in the Information Center.

Lent

Lent is the season of the church year that runs for forty weekdays 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.

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 on March 5 at 12:00 noon and 6:30 pm.

Worship Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM
and 10:00 AM

Church School 11:00 am

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 AM

Reconciliation and other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

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Lenten Suppers and Programs

St. Mark's will be holding Lenten suppers and programs on five Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning March 12 and concluding April 9. The suppers will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in Langley Hall followed by the program, which will end at 7:30 p.m.

Each week the supper will be coordinated by a different group from the parish. The Education Committee will serve on March 12; the choir on March 19; the athletic teams and the youth on March 26; ECW on April 2; and greeters and ushers on April 9.

Parishioners of all ages are invited and encouraged to attend. Two varieties of soup will be offered as well as a salad and beverage. Participants are welcome to bring a sandwich if they desire. The cost is \$3.00 per adult and \$1.50 for children under 10. For planning purposes we ask that you sign up in the Information Center if you will be able to join us. Childcare will be available starting at 6:00 p.m.

Catechumens

Five St. Markers will be admitted as catechumens on Ash Wednesday, March 5. Please remember them in your prayers: Cheri Boden, Mendy Cumberledge, Peter Campbell, Kathleen McCool, Chris McCool, and Josh Richie.

While the catechumenical process is open to interested persons, it is specifically for those who are exploring confirmation in the faith, reception by the Episcopal Church, or a reaffirmation of the faith.

ECW News

Celebrate spring by attending our card party on Tuesday, March 18. A sign-up sheet is in the Information Center. You get to play cards with friends; eat a healthy lunch; and win super prizes. Where else could you have such a great day for 10 bucks? Delay no longer; put your name on that list now. Mark your calendars for March 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, April 8, we will have a serious meeting, sometimes called a business meeting. Budget, program, officers. We will begin at 11:00 a.m. precisely.

Youth Group News

Our neighbors at Crescent Hill Baptist Church have invited the youth of St. Mark's to the "Battle of The Bands" event on Saturday, March 15. This promises to be a fun-filled event with six local bands performing! It's from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and the cost is \$5.00 at the door. Snacks and soft drinks will be available at a cost of \$.50 each, and bottled water will cost \$1.00. There will be plenty of supervision and even a policeman that will assist with the pedestrian traffic as the kids cross Frankfort Ave. Please plan to attend this fun event and bring a friend!

The Gift of Life

St. Mark's will be sponsoring a Blood Drive in conjunction with the American Red Cross on Sunday, March 23, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Langley Hall. Volunteers are needed to donate blood as well as assist with donor transport, staff the can-teen and help with registration. Please indicate your willingness to support this vital endeavor by signing up on the sheet in the Information Center. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Gill, Parish Nursing Coordinator, at 368-5145. Let's make this drive our most successful one to date.

Cathedral Happenings

Friday, March 7 - Noon Time Performance Luncheon featuring Frank X. Walker, author and poet. A brown bag lunch is available for \$5.00. Please RSVP for your lunch by March 4 with Sam Dorr (587-1354).

Thursday, March 13 - 7:30 p.m. - Bradley University Chorale. Freewill offering.

Friday, April 4 - Noon Time Performance Luncheon featuring Sarah Gorham and Jeffery Skinner, authors and poets. A brown bag lunch is available for \$5.00. Please RSVP your lunch by April 1 with Sam Dorr (587-1354).

Christ Church Cathedral will be offering the service of Compline, Sunday nights at 9:30 p.m. throughout Lent. Compline services are defined as follows: "Darkness and silence greet those who enter Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday nights. The high altar,

illuminated in a sea of candles, serves as the only light. Shortly before ten o'clock, church bells ring, distant and discordant, and then an unseen choir begins to sing." Come experience time stand still.

Workshop Offered

St. Mark's is thrilled to announce that we are hosting a workshop on Rite 13, Journey to Adulthood and Young Adults in Church on Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22. Gregg Morris from Leader Resources in Pittsburgh will lead us in this exciting day-and-a-half workshop.

This workshop is aimed at educating teachers, new and old, to the curriculum; involving interested parishioners and parents whose children are involved in Rite 13, and soon J2A; and bringing together congregations in the Diocese that would like information about or training in the J2A program.

The workshop will be held in the Dreher Room and will consist of an overview afternoon session on Friday, dinner for parents and students, and a full day session on Saturday.

Our current teachers and any interested parishioners will benefit from the strength and wealth of knowledge from someone with years of experience. Mr. Morris can guide us through our current experiences and answer questions on specific levels. We look forward to comparing and discussing the program with other congregations as well.

We are so fortunate to be able to offer this educational workshop and hope that anyone interested will join us. For more information, please contact Becky Blieden in the church office, 895-2429.

Study Course: St. Paul in Greece

The Education for Ministry (EFM) program at St. Mark's is joining with St. George's College in Jerusalem to offer this special study program. The course includes 12 days in Greece, as we visit all the biblical sites in Greece associated with St. Paul. The course is open to the entire parish. For more information, please contact the rector.

Vestry Retreat

The vestry will be on retreat Friday, March 14, to Saturday, March 15. Ms. LaDonna Wind from the diocesan office will serve as presenter and facilitator for the retreat. Please be in prayer for your vestry as they travel to All Saint's Retreat Center in Leitchfield, Kentucky, for this time of education and reflection.

Annual Meeting Recap

David Crone, Barbara Kramer, David McCool and Jimmy Stewart were elected at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 19, to serve three-year terms on St. Mark's vestry. On Sunday, February 2, the new vestry met and elected officers for the year. David Pearson was elected Senior Warden, Paul Gill, Junior Warden, and Dorothy Durning, Clerk. The new vestry was commissioned at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on February 2.

At the Annual Meeting, deepest regards were expressed to the outgoing members of the vestry: June Richards, John McBride, William Carrell II and Ann Davis. A St. Mark mug was given to each of the retiring vestry members.

June Richards and Layne Michler were honored for their service to the parish, being designated "unsung heroes" by the rector. Our unsung heroes each received a St. Mark's plate. The St. Mark's mugs and plates were created for St. Mark's by Louisville Stoneware.

Vestry News

At the February vestry meeting Ellen Eirk resigned her seat on the vestry to join the staff at St. Mark's. Marlene Straughan was elected by the vestry to fill Ellen's remaining two-year term on the vestry.

The vestry for 2003 is David Pearson, Paul Gill, Debbie Glenn, Phil Scherer, Dorothy Durning, Marlene Straughan, Rob Gregor, Dean Rice, David Crone, Barbara Kramer, David McCool, and Jimmy Stewart.

The vestry liaisons for parish committees for 2003 are:

House and Grounds: David Crone
Ushers/Element Bearers: Debbie Glenn
Christian Education: Barbara Kramer
ECW: Dorothy Durning
Heritage Committee: Dean Rice
Endowment: David MacCool
Fellowship: Jimmy Stewart
Worship: Paul Gill

St. Mark's Outreach

As many of you know, one of our rector's goals for 2003 is Outreach. Ellen Eirk will be assisting the rector with this project.

In the February St. Marker, a volunteer information form was included, and we are looking forward to receiving yours in the parish office. If you haven't filled one out or you need another, please contact Ellen in the parish office. There are many needs in our community, and there are many talented people at St. Mark's. Agencies such as Habitat for Humanity, Dare to Care, Hospitality House, Episcopal Church Home and many, many more can use our time and talents. In September, we are hosting a Volunteer Fair. Roll up your sleeves and volunteer!! For more information on Outreach, please call Ellen in the parish office. She's looking forward to hearing from you!

Music News

The Choral Arts Society, with the assistance of the University of Louisville Collegiate Chorale, members of the Louisville Orchestra, the treble choristers of St. Francis in the Fields and Noe Middle School, soprano Olivia Duval, tenor Daniel Weeks, and baritone Christopher Burchett, will present two performances of Britten's War Requiem. The performances will be Friday, March 28, at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, March 30, at 3:00 p.m.

This great masterpiece intersperses the Latin text of the Requiem Mass with poems by Wilfred Owen, a World War I British soldier who died on the battlefield less than one week before the armistice.

"My subject is War, and the pity of War.
The Poetry is in the pity...
All a poet can do today is warn."
Wilfred Owen

With over two hundred performers (the score calls for both a full orchestra and a chamber orchestra), this 90-minute work is a tour de force on the basis of size alone.

Tenor Steven Paul Spears is the soloist in this same work on April 9 in Carnegie Hall, New York, with the Juilliard Chorus and Orchestra.

United Crescent Hill Ministries

The spring of 1974 brought one of the worst disasters in Louisville's history. The tornado that swept through the eastern part of Jefferson County devastated neighborhoods, homes, and lives in the Crescent Hill, Clifton, and Clifton Heights communities. When the area's churches responded in a cooperative way to the desperate needs of these areas, United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM) was born.

While the first efforts of this new joint endeavor were directed toward the physical, emotional, and financial damage wrought by a destructive tornado, the years to follow saw the work of UCHM evolve and grow in response to the problems facing the individuals and families of these communities. For hundreds of youths, families in crisis, and senior adults, UCHM is a source of help, comfort and support. Whether it is providing social contact and support for aging citizens, aid for families in crisis, or tutoring for "latch-key" children and youth, UCHM has been a welcome presence in the area for over twenty-five years.

The Current Programs

UCHM successfully provides significant, meaningful ways to support and improve the lives of the residents of Crescent Hill, Clifton, and Clifton Heights communities. The current programs include:

Senior Program - The largest and oldest UCHM program, the Senior Program offers a wide range of services and assistance to meet the physical, social, and emotional needs of older adults. Included are "Meals-on-Wheels," group meals, crafts, exercise and nutri-

tion classes, group travel, and “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” with home and yard maintenance. More than 750 seniors benefit from these programs each year.

Emergency Assistance - The “Dare to Care” and emergency financial assistance programs administered by UCHM help more than 250 families each year. Support for struggling families facing desperate situations is provided through donations of dry and canned food and through financial help for housing, utility and medical expenses.

Youth Program - In its third year, the program serves ten percent of middle school youth in Clifton and offers services to those in Crescent Hill and Clifton Heights. With a dedicated mission to at-risk youth, the UCHM program provides after-school care, mentoring, recreation and summer youth camp experiences for ten- to fourteen-year-old, middle school youth. In addition, the Youth Program coordinates volunteer opportunities for interested youth among the Senior, Emergency Services and Neighbors Helping Neighbors programs.

UCHM has a capable and professional staff and they are supported in their work by a dedicated group of volunteers. Office and program space is currently donated by Third Lutheran Church.

UCHM’s Current Challenges

Through the years, UCHM has become a trusted friend to the residents of these communities. As its visibility and reputation have grown and program offerings become more varied, the number of people served each year increases. Despite the number of individuals and families benefiting from these programs, there continue to be residents who cannot participate because of space limitations and/or difficulties with accessibility to the office and program space.

The congregation of Third Lutheran Church has generously continued to provide space for the growing programs of UCHM in its fellowship hall and parsonage. However, this space is limited, and, therefore, UCHM’s programs are also limited. UCHM’s ability to fulfill its current program needs is restricted because of:

- Limitations in handicapped accessibility to the offices and dining areas;

- Difficulties of food handling for the “Meals on Wheels,” and “Dare to Care” programs;
- Inadequate privacy for client interviews; and
- No designated space for the after-school program for middle school youth.

These four problem areas restrict UCHM and its staff as they try to serve the communities’ residents. For a caring staff and dedicated volunteers, denying people access to UCHM’s programs presents a difficult and frustrating situation.

The City Offers a Solution

UCHM was offered the opportunity to join with two other non-profit organizations in purchasing the former Benjamin Franklin Elementary School. The property available to UCHM is a two-story masonry building with 15,000 square feet of highly usable, hand-capped accessible space.

The Franklin Property

The former elementary school building has an institutional kitchen, food storage areas, including a walk-in refrigerator and freezer, plus space for a large community dining/meeting room on the ground level. Reception areas, client interview room, administrative and program offices are planned for the first floor.

The second floor, accessible by elevator, offers classrooms for a variety of uses including meeting rooms, a computer lab and study area, exercise, health and nutrition activities and classes. In addition, the second floor will house the Youth Program with dedicated space for the after-school-care program and a youth lounge and recreation area.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Houston Jones	March 2
Doris Berry	March 2
Ellen Eirk	March 3
David Pearson	March 3
Cara Kirven	March 4
James Atkins	March 5
Hill Walthall	March 6
Penny Pearson	March 7
Ann Carrell	March 9
Madeleine Denley	March 9
Fred Grimm	March 10
John Velten	March 12
Norman Berry	March 13
Linda Wood	March 13
Billy Cogswell	March 14
Edna Snodgrass	March 18
Connie Jaquith	March 20
Rebecca Kimball	March 20
Langley Scherer	March 20
Bruce Cunningham	March 21
Finnegan Schad	March 21
Hadley Schad	March 21
Virginia Peterson	March 21
Anita Poynter	March 21
Adam Boone	March 22
Joan Bickel	March 23
Claire Morris	March 25
Judy Semonin	March 25
Liz Cobb	March 25
Cindy Velten	March 27
Anne Taber	March 30

Anniversaries

Fred and Stacy Grimm	March 3
Chuck and Ellen Eirk	March 25

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.

Bill Gossmann, Wilma Brandes, Connie Wells, Virginia Peterson, Deroy Scott, Katherine Covell, Betty Potts, James Altieri, Thom Holmes, Dennis Carlton, Kennedy Helm, Marjorie Carter, Ed Shannon, Lettie Shawler, Richard Gibson, Steve Howard, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Betty Collins, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Susan Fox, Cleveland Fraser, Judy Semonin, Jane Wilson, Mary Deetsa, Bob Scherer, Joan Bickel, Mason Bennett, The Babcock Family, Janice Wood, Nina Radford, Vera Wallace, Marian Calvert, Dorothy Leason, Hallie Wilson, Henry Bickel, Nancy Carlisle, Dick Day, Julie Jordan, Richard Dame, Lillian Yeager, Opal Cook, Sally Dupree

Parish Register

Transfers In

Julie Potter
A.J. Potter
(from St. Luke's)

Transfers Out

Elizabeth Ellen Brooks Forrest
(to St. Paul's)

Jessica Lynn Callahan
(to St. Paul's)

Patricia Gordon Michael
(to St. John's, Saginaw, MI)

Parish Prayer List

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

March 2 - Anglican Church in Mexico
March 9 - Province of Episcopal Church of Rwanda
March 16 - Church of Ireland
March 23 - Church of England
March 30 - Church of South India

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Luke's Chapel, Louisville

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of March 2

◆
Terrence Koontz
Rennie Koontz
Barbara Kramer
Jack Kramer
Jeraldine Kramer

Week of March 9

◆
Ann Lamberton
Norma Lawrence
Dorothy Leason
Nancy Levy
Frances Luckett

Week of March 16

◆
Judy Lewis
Elizabeth Scherer Lewis
Frank Lorimer
Jean Lorimer
Elise Lykins

Week of March 23

◆
David MacCool
Nancy Urbscheit
Christopher MacCool
Kathleen MacCool
Leola MacDonald

Week of March 30

◆
Ron Mack
Caryl Mack
Kim Marchegion
Erik Marvin
Sara Marvin

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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are given to the
Honor and Glory of God...

March

March 2 by Babs Moore in loving memory of her husband, Harry K. Moore, Jr., and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Forney.

Candles

The Eucharistic Candles for March 2 by Judy Semonin in loving memory of her parents, Paul F. and Virginia R. Semonin, and Charles and Eileen VanWinkle.

The Five Branch Candles for March by Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fairleigh in loving memory of her aunt, Helen Humphrey.