

**St. Mark's
Episcopal Church**

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.

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 p.m.

Sundays

Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Monday through Friday

Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Healing Service at 10:00 a.m.

**by Appointment with the
Clergy**

Reconciliation and Other
Sacraments

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St. Marker



Lent

March 2010

**St. Mark's, St. Andrew's, and Church of the Advent
Present a Joint Lenten Retreat on the Psalms of Lament**

During Lent, we are invited to spend time in "self-examination and repentance." As we turn inward to examine our own hearts, we are helped by the poetry of the Psalms, especially by



St. Mark's in the snow.

the Psalms of Lament, typically read in worship during Lent and Holy Week. In worship, study, quiet, and response, we will spend time with four different Psalms of Lament, as we allow their imagery to speak to our own minds, hearts and souls.

The Rev. Anne Vouga will lead sessions on the Psalms on March 7, 8, and 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Each evening session will include time for worship, led by the Rev. Ben Maas and the Rev. Tim Mitchell.

Sunday evening, March 7,

we will meet at the Church of the Advent, 901 Baxter Avenue at Cherokee.

Monday evening, March 8, we will meet at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2233 Woodbourne Avenue.

Tuesday evening, March 9, we will meet at St. Mark's, 2822 Frankfort Avenue.

In addition, Anne Vouga will preach on a Lenten Psalm during the Saturday night Eucharist at St. Mark's on March 6 at 5:30 p.m. Ben Maas and Tim Mitchell will celebrate.

Wednesday Lenten Dinners and Program: "You and Your Spiritual Gifts"

Evenings will begin with a light supper at 5:45 p.m. in Langley Hall. Soup, salad, and a beverage will be served (bring your own sandwich, if you wish). Cost of the dinner will be \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00

for children under age 10.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude by 7:30 p.m., with a short service of Compline.

Youth are invited to join

the adults in examining their spiritual gifts, and elementary school children are encouraged to explore their Christian "Spirit of Adventure" with a series of classes based on the movie, "Up".



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Lenten Fish Fry

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will prepare a parish Fish Fry every Friday during Lent through March 26th.

Fish, Cole Slaw and French Fries will be served from 5 'til 7 p.m. for Dine In (in Langley

Hall) or Carry Out.

Proceeds will be used to help support St. Mark's Outreach Programs.

Centering Prayer Workshop, Take 2

On March 13, 2010, St. Mark's will host an Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. This workshop has been rescheduled from the original February 6 date due to snow. Sally Lambert, our workshop leader, has led numerous retreats and workshops on Centering Prayer and is on the Leadership Committee of Contemplative Outreach of Kentucky.

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplation: the experience of God's

presence within us. Centering Prayer traces its roots to the mysticism of the Desert Mothers and Fathers in the earliest days of Christian tradition. It emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and a movement beyond conversation with Christ to Communion with Him. In combination with the other types of prayer more commonly known to Christians, it helps to build communities of faith and bond the members together in mutual friendship and love.

This introductory work-

shop will be the first of seven presentations about Centering Prayer. The six follow-up presentations, which will each last about an hour to an hour-and-a-half will be scheduled at the conclusion of the workshop at a time or times that are convenient to those wanting to go forward with this practice.

For more information, please contact either the Rev. Anne Vouga at 502-895-2429 (avouga@gmail.com) or Sally Lambert at 502-552-5812 (shlnamaste@insightbb.com).

Welcome to the Al-Mahdi Family

St. Mark's was recently contacted by Kentucky Refugee Ministries, due to an unusual number of refugees arriving in Louisville in late February. We are happy to announce that we are able to help by co-sponsoring a

refugee family, the Al Mahdi's. They are a Palestinian family of 4, coming from Iraq through Episcopal Migration Ministries: The husband, Saabah Al Mahdi, and his wife Raafat Rajeh, have two adult children -- son

Aabdulmalik and daughter Hanan, both in their 20's. Abdulmalik reads, writes, and speaks some English as well as Arabic which is the family's first language. Saabah has been a salesman and shop owner. Raafat is a seam-

Welcome to the Al-Mahdi Family (continued from page 2)

stress, and Abdulmalik has done contract work for the US Army, painting vehicles. They come to us from the Al Waleed Refugee Camp, located in the desert along the Iraq-Syria border, where they fled after being attacked by Shiite militias and where living conditions are very difficult. This

family is enrolled in Kentucky Refugee Ministries' ESL program, and together we will work toward finding employment for them. They have an apartment on Elderwood Way, near Churchill Downs. **Diana Church**, an active member of St. Mark's Outreach Committee, is the contact per-

son for organizing our ministry to this family. If you are interested in helping welcome them (going shopping with them, taking them to appointments, showing them around Louisville) please contact Diana @ 345-9719 or dchurch@cesfoundation.com



Coffee Hour Speakers for March and April

Sunday Morning Lenten Series: Praying with Jesus. During four Sundays in Lent, the Rev. Anne Vouga will explore with us the language of Jesus' own prayers in the New Testament. According to Eugene Peterson, Jesus' prayer language is a far cry from our own often pious platitudes and gossipy talk to God. In examining how Jesus prays for us and with us in his 2008 book, *Tell it Slant*, Peterson hopes that we can learn to pray "after the manner of the Master." We will use Peterson's book as a foundation as we examine our own prayer lives this Lent.

MARCH 7: Lenten Series, Praying with Jesus (Part 2): Jesus Prays in Thanksgiving (Matthew

11:25-26)

MARCH 14: Lenten Series, Praying with Jesus (Part 3): Jesus Prays for Us (John 17)

MARCH 21: Lenten Series, Praying with Jesus (Part 4): Jesus Prays in Gethsemane and from the Cross.

MARCH 28: NO CHURCH SCHOOL: PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 4: NO CHURCH SCHOOL: EASTER

APRIL 11: The Forgotten Children. Sharon Reveur, archivist for the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky, will share with us her research on finding the names of the unmarked graves of children buried in Cave Hill who died at the Home of the

Innocents at the turn of the twentieth century. Just behind one of the newly discovered plots is the grave of Sister Emily Cooper, the first Episcopal Deaconess who managed the home for 25 years, reflecting the love and care she provided her young charges.

APRIL 18: St. Mark's: Who do we want to be? As we approach St. Mark's Day 2010, join the Rev. Anne Vouga as we conclude our fall study of the past, present, and future of our parish. We will examine our completed Time Line and share our hopes for the future.

APRIL 25: NO CHURCH SCHOOL: ST. MARK'S DAY POTLUCK

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O’Shea’s Monday Fund Day

On Monday, February 1, O’Shea’s Irish Pub hosted a special fundraiser to benefit St. George’s Community Center. On that day, from 11:00 a.m. to midnight, 100% of food and drink proceeds were

given to St. George’s in support of the summer and after-school enrichment programs designed to help youth fall in love with reading, increase self-esteem and generate positive attitudes toward learn-

ing. O’Shea’s will be presenting a check in the amount of \$1220.00 to St. George’s! Many thanks to the numerous St. Markers who patronized O’Shea’s that day.

Annual Meeting Recap

At the parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 31, the following persons were elected to the Vestry: Harry Dumesnil, Edgar Eaves, Connie Mendel, and Ethan Moore.

Alex Campbell, Sr. was

recognized as St. Mark’s “Unsung Hero” for all of his many efforts these past two years as he has served as senior warden of the parish.

At a meeting on February 7 the Vestry elected the following members as

officers: David Ramsay, Senior Warden; Harry Dumesnil, Junior Warden; Carlile Crutcher, Clerk; and Alice Covell, Assisting Clerk.

David Dick will again serve as the parish treasurer.

Rector’s Sabbatical

After consultation with the Bishop, the vestry and I have determined that I should take some sabbatical time between now and when the Rev. Anne Vouga is scheduled to leave us on June 30. There is not, however, just one block of time during this time frame that works; therefore, I am going to be “in and out.” It is possible that my sabbatical time will be over and you might be wondering when

I am going to be out!

I will be working on a number of projects while on sabbatical. I also will be taking a class at Harvard University. I will be spending some intentional time with family, and I will be going to the Episcopal monastery, the Society of St. John the Evangelist, on retreat. In between these various endeavors, I will be back here, working in the parish.

I will be blogging about my exploits while on sabbatical. If you want more immediate details, you can follow me on Twitter; or if you make me your friend on Facebook, my status updates will also keep you posted on my whereabouts. Naturally, the weekly announcement section of our service leaflets as well as the monthly newsletter, will contain details of my goings and comings.



Rector's Sabbatical (continued from page 4)

While I am gone, the Rev. Anne Vouga will be the "priest-in-charge" (to use the technical-canonical language). In my absence, please take to Anne any concerns, requests, needs or desires that arise. Anne will be the sole clergy providing pastoral care in my absence, leading worship and all the other myriad tasks clergy perform on the parish's behalf.

Please know that even when I am not at work in

the parish that you will be in my daily prayers. And those weeks when I am "in," I will be available to you. The parish office will be posting when I am "in" and when I am "out."

Clergy sabbaticals are to be times of vocational renewal. They are intended to nurture the intellectual, spiritual, and familial aspects of the lives of clergy. Upon the completion of a sabbatical, clergy return rejuvenated, renewed, and ready to serve.

I fully anticipate, at the end of my sabbatical, being (the proverbial) "tanned, rested, and ready."

Please include me in your prayers during this time. Pray that I will indeed be renewed and rested and ready to continue serving the Church. I covet your prayers.

--Charles Hawkins



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Parishioner in the Spotlight

If you are wondering how St. Mark's was fortunate enough to acquire the two beautiful credence tables on either side of the altar, you need look no farther than parishioner, David Searfoss. David is a regular at the Saturday evening service, but he can be seen at the other services as well.

David has been attending St. Mark's for five years. He says the two things that brought him to St. Mark's were proximity and the liturgical aspect. He claims he's not officially on any committee, but I know he regularly serves many. David has taken on the responsibility of getting the canned goods we collect each

week to United Crescent Hill Ministries. Additionally, he will be involved with the refugee ministry, assisting as he can. St. Mark's is lucky to have David and his wife, Amy Richardson.

--Katherine Doyle





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Vestry Notes

It is customary for our Vestry to meet in the weeks following the annual meeting and the election of new members to discuss opportunities and challenges facing St. Marks in the coming year. We usually hold this meeting “off site” so that we are free from distractions. Our meeting this year was held on Saturday, February 20. These notes summarize what we discussed; future communications will elaborate on each of the topics outlined here.

We are blessed with a beautiful church, nestled in the heart of Crescent Hill and reminiscent of an English country church. As with any aging building, however, there are ongoing maintenance issues. We have addressed a number of these issues in the past few years.

Upcoming topics for consideration include completing the renovation of the youth meeting room in the basement; solving the air conditioning problems that plague the second-floor church school rooms; updating our security system so that it protects us from both fire and burglary; and beginning

work on a “master plan” for our facilities so that we can be proactive.

In the coming year, St. Mark’s needs to find ways to increase our pledging revenue. Our budgeted revenues for 2010, adjusted for inflation, are significantly below our revenues in 2002 and 2003, and continue a downward trend. We cannot make up this shortfall through reducing our expenses, which are “bare bones” for a parish our size with our agenda for programming and evangelism (for example, our clergy’s compensation and benefits are less than those of our last rector and significantly below what the Diocese advises is appropriate). Clearly, new approaches are in order, and we will be working on those.

St. Marks prides itself on its educational programs, its outreach, and its evangelism efforts. Because of our budgetary constraints, and the fact that Anne Vouga’s contract with us ends this summer (Anne has coordinated and led many of these programs), more and more of our educational,

outreach and evangelism programming will fall to us lay volunteers, as we continue to rely on our Rector and small staff to insure high-quality worship services, pastoral care, office and financial chores; volunteer support and grounds maintenance.

Our parish lies in an exciting, culturally diverse, and educated neighborhood peopled with many spiritual seekers who are “unchurched.” St. Mark’s cannot be “chosen” by these folks if it is not first “found” by them. In the coming months we will be working on strategies to make St. Mark’s more visible to our Crescent Hill community. We are exploring a number of ideas—some of them “out of the box” as we seek non-traditional ways to attract non-traditional folks to our parish.

All in all, our meeting was uplifting and energizing. We look forward to sharing with the congregation what we are about—either through bulletin inserts or the St. Marker—as this new year progresses.

--Vestry

ECW News

The ECW will gather on Tuesday, March 9, 2010, for a budget meeting and brown bag lunch at

church. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m., and soup and dessert will be provided. Please sign up

on the sheet in the Information Center if you can join us.

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 28

Vigil with Palm Blessing with Procession and Holy Eucharist, March 27 at 5:30 pm

Blessing of Palms and Holy Eucharist 8:00 am

Palm Blessing with Procession and Holy Eucharist 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Holy Eucharist and Foot Washing 6:30 pm

Followed by Agape Supper and Stripping of the Altar (Childcare provided)

Followed by Vigil before the Reserved Sacrament

Good Friday, April 2

Good Friday Liturgy 12:00 noon and 6:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 3

Holy Saturday Liturgy 5:30 pm

Easter Day, April 4

Holy Eucharist 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Holy Week, beginning on Palm Sunday and culminating on Easter Day with the great Festival of the Resurrection, is the center of the church year for Christians. Consequently, the liturgies used during that week are distinctive to the season itself and are not used at other times during the year. On **Palm Sunday**, March 28, our 8:00 am service will be no different from other Sundays except that palms will be blessed and distributed. At the 10:00 am service, and during the Saturday 5:30 pm Palm Sunday Vigil, however, we will gather outside around the stone cross near Frankfort Avenue (weather permitting) to hear the reading of the Palm Sunday story of Jesus' triumphal procession into Jerusalem and to bless and distribute the

palms. We will then process together into church for the Eucharist. The Passion Gospel will also be presented as a dramatic reading. There will be no church school classes on Palm Sunday.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are quiet days between the acclaim of Jesus on Palm Sunday and the immediate events leading up to his Crucifixion later in the week. We will have our usual Tuesday morning Eucharist and Healing Service at 10 am, and Morning Prayer at 9 am on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Maundy Thursday, April 1, is the day of the Last Supper, Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist, and the time when Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We will observe the full liturgy for the day with the Holy Eucharist at 6:30 pm, with foot-washing.



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Holy Week Services (Continued from page 7)

Following the service, we will have an Agape (Fellowship) Meal in commemoration of that last meal that Jesus had with his disciples. The Agape meal is a quiet, simple supper. There will be special table prayers before eating and a Scripture reading and music during the meal. We ask that interested parishioners sign up in the Information Center and that they indicate their preference in bringing either unsliced bread, unsliced fruit (bananas, oranges, grapes, or apples) or unsliced cheese. All donated items should be taken to the kitchen prior to the 6:30 pm service. Soup, wine, and grape juice will be provided. The cost is \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child.

Children will have a special Agape supper (to be held after the 6:30 pm

service) and Godly Play lesson upstairs in the second-floor education center. There will also be childcare for babies and toddlers in the nursery.

The Maundy Thursday service concludes with the Stripping of the Altar. This liturgical section commemorates the agony of Christ in the Garden. As Christ prepared for the crucifixion, we prepare the Sanctuary for Good Friday. The evening's activities will conclude with the Stripping of the Altar at approximately 8:45 pm. For those who wish to remain (or return later) to pray and keep vigil in the church during the night, a sign-up sheet is available in the Information Center.

Good Friday, April 2, is the day of the crucifixion, and the Good Friday Liturgy from the Book of

Common Prayer will be used at noon and at 6:30 pm. There will be a sermon and special music, and there will be Eucharist from the Reserved Sacrament at noon.

On **Holy Saturday**, April 3, we will hold a brief, simple service of prayers and readings, without music, at 5:30 pm. There is no Eucharist celebrated on Holy Saturday. We invite anyone interested in attending the ancient and beautiful Easter Vigil service later that evening to join with parishes throughout the diocese at Christ Church Cathedral. Exact service time to be announced.

We will worship at our usual times of 8:00 am and 10:00 am on **Easter Sunday**, April 4. There will be no Church School classes.

Diocesan Convention

The diocesan convention will be held at Grace Church, Paducah on February 26 and 27. Repre-

senting St. Mark's as lay deputies are Alex Campbell, Katherine Kingren, and Gwen O'Dea. Bob

Shober is serving as an alternate.

Butterflies, Alleluia's and Hati

On Shrove Tuesday, the children of the parish gathered to relate our Christian practices during Lent to the life-cycle of the butterfly. Like a caterpillar enveloping itself in a chrysalis, before emerging later as a beautiful butterfly, so we too turn inward during Lent, hoping to find our hearts and lives changed at Easter, in the Resurrected Christ. Each child wrote down something that he or she wanted to work on during Lent, to promote positive

change in their lives or in their world, and we put their work in a golden "chrysalis" box in the Children's Chapel, along with our decorated "Alleluia's." In return, each child received a small toy caterpillar, to remind them of their Lenten promise. On Maundy Thursday, we will place the box in a "tomb" under the Children's Chapel altar, along with a veiled Cross, to await the joy of Easter. We expect to have a

church full of beautiful butterflies for the Easter parade and on Easter Morning.

The children are also making the collection of coins for Haiti a part of their spiritual discipline this Lent. As they bring in their coins, they will place them on strips of tape in the halls of the parish, so that we can all see how far their contributions will reach.



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Prayers

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 below in your personal devotions.

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.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

March 1 - Belize (West Indies)

March 2 - Bendigo

(Victoria, Australia)

March 3 - Benin (Province of Bendel, Nigeria)

March 4 - Bermuda (Bermuda)

March 5 - Bethlehem (Province III, USA)

March 6 - Bhopal (North India)

March 7 - Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong)





Thanksgiving Eve

**In November,
on
Thanksgiving
Eve, St. Mark's
hosted a
traditional
American
Thanksgiving
feast and
invited the
Karen Refugees
from the
Church of the
Resurrection.**



Thanksgiving Eve

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March 8 - Bolivia (South America)

March 9 - Bondo (Kenya)

March 10 - Bor (Sudan)

March 11 - Botswana (Central Africa)

March 12 - Bradford (York, England)

March 13 - Brandon (Rupert's Land, Canada)

March 14 - Province of the Indian Ocean

March 15 - Brechin (Scotland)

March 16 - Bristol (Canterbury, England)

March 17 - British Columbia (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada)

March 18 - Bujumbura (Burundi)

March 19 - Bukavu (Congo)

March 20 - Bukedi (Uganda)

March 21 - PRAY for The Liturgical Consultation, its participants and secretary, as they resource, promote, and strengthen the worshiping life of the Communion.

March 22 - Bunbury (Western Australia, Australia)

March 23 - Bungoma (Kenya)

March 24 - Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda)

March 25 - The Rt. Revd Solomon Jongmo Yoon, Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of Korea and Bishop of Busan

March 26 - Busoga (Uganda)

March 27 - Butare (Rwanda)

March 28 - PRAY for Bishop of Jerusalem (Middle East)

March 29 - Butere (Kenya)

March 30 - Buye (Burundi)

March 31 - Byumba (Rwanda)

Prayer for our Parish Partners

St. Frances of Rome, Our Covenant Parish

The congregations of United Crescent Hill Ministries, especially Second Presbyterian Church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Trinity Church, Fulton

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of March 7 ♦ Edmund Sauer, Elizabeth Sauer, Graham Sauer, Phil Scherer, Kathy Scherer

Week of March 14 ♦ Ken Schueler, Susan Schueler, David Searfoss, Amy Richardson, Scott Shafer, Anne Shafer, Hannay Shafer

Week of March 21 ♦ Rebecca Shain, Mike Shannon, Theresa Shannon, Katie Shannon, Sarah Shannon, Michael Shannon

Week of March 28 ♦ Claudia Shaughnessy, Betty Sherrill, Bob Shoher, Reid Shoher, Leo Simon

Prayers for those serving in the Armed Forces

In your prayers, please remember the men and women who serve in the Armed Forces; especially Donald Nisbett, Jr.; William Colbourne; Brad and Josh Egan; Joseph

Prayers (continued from page 10)

Lawton King; Paula C. Morton; Addison Tafel; Derrick McCord; Erick Wilhelm; Robert Michler; Danielle and Jonathan Crone; Kyle Grisanti; Brad Pelletier; Zachary Gossmann; Wes Eastman; Jonathan Rouse; Jamie Hickman; Jeremiah Richie; Rob Halle; Jeremiah Harrel; John Harris; Blake Mize and those serving in the Special Forces who cannot be named.

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for Healing

In your prayers, please remember the sick and those who care for them; especially Bob Zeman, Joy Hannah, Carl Kingren, Tom Rankin, Chris

Whitehouse, Edgie Ronald, Elizabeth Hammond, Heather Hick, Alice, June Richards, Walter Baker, Dolores Baker, Bob Leason, Ann, Patricia Cole, Jim, Noah, Wesley Adams, Bill Nalley, Roy Rouse, Karen Mosso, Jean Fairleigh, Bob, Barb, Jonathan, Jessica, Elizabeth Thurman, Tim Janes, Karen Sypher, John Foreman, Brian Heckel, Jane, Jane Henry, Drew Jagers, Jim Haswell, Juliana Crone, Tom and Lois Dick, Daniel, John McBride, Jim Taveirne, Layne Michler, Elisabeth, Sally Lambert, Marye Mendel, McHenry S. Brewer, Craig Kingsbury, Leslie Hammon, Kim Moore, Diane Kircher, Nancy Martin, Rebecca Shain, Tom Pardue, Daniel, J.C. Leonard, Lynn Lewis, Jim Leason, Ethel Bradshaw, Rita Gildehaus, Stacy Harvey, Henry Bickel, Dick Day.

O Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need: We humbly beseech thee to behold, visit and relieve thy sick servant N. for whom our prayers are desired. Look upon him

with the eyes of thy mercy; comfort him with a sense of thy goodness; preserve him from the temptations of the enemy; and give him patience under his affliction. In thy good time, restore him to health, and enable him to lead the residue of his life in thy fear, and to thy glory; and grant that finally he may dwell with thee in life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Birthdays

In your prayers, please remember those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries; especially

March 2 Doris Berry, Abigail Howell

March 3 Ellen Eirk, Karen Meier, David Pearson

March 5 James Atkins, Sarah Ronald

March 6 Hill Walthall

March 7 Penny Pearson

March 11 Nancy James

March 13 Norman Berry, Rankin Dumesnil, Joanna Fraser

March 14 Jack Avery



Thanksgiving Eve

“Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad.”



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March 15 Nala Fraser

March 19 John Treitz, Jr.

March 20 Rebecca Atkins, Debbie Jagers, Connie Jaquith, Ann Stewart

March 21 Nathan Potter, Anita Poynter, Finnegan Schad, Hadley Schad

March 22 Andi Tafel

March 25 Liz Cobb, Lola Spalding

March 28 Caroline Mason

March 30 Anne Taber

March 31 Judy Moore

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days in-

crease; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Anniversaries, Parish Register & Altar Candles

Anniversaries

March 7 Dani and Beau Baker

Parish Register

Burial - Virginia Q. Wynn February 8, 2010

Baptism - Virginia Neill Caudill February 14, 2010

Altar Candles

Altar candles are given to the honor and glory of God...

Eucharistic Candles by Cindi Richards and Kandy Stroup in loving memory of their father,

Dick Richards's, 80th birthday.

Five Branch Candles by Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fairleigh in loving memory of her aunt, Helen Humphrey, and his sister, Anne Tyler Fairleigh Brooks.



5th & 6th Graders from St. Mark's at All Saints Episcopal Center in Leitchfield, Kentucky

Thinking of You

Sympathy...

is extended to Tom Walthall on the death of his father, and to Doreen Fraser on the death of her sister.

Congratulations...

To Debbie and John Freeman on the birth of their twin daughters, Caroline Ann and Sarah Elizabeth.



A Brief History of St. Mark's

St. Mark's Church began as a Church School group led by Mr. Thomas S. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy led the group for twenty years, but in 1891 the Diocesan Missionary, the Rev. W. G. McCready, organized St. Mark's Mission. The lot where the church now stands was purchased in 1895, and the first service was held that year on June 12.

The Rev. Richard L. McCready became the first rector in 1906 and the parish began to grow rapidly until it became self-supporting in 1910. The Rev. McCready resigned in 1917 to become Dean of Christ Church Cathedral.

The Rev. James Maxon succeeded the Rev. McCready in 1917 and served until 1925.

He was succeeded by the Rev. John H. Brown until 1934.

Under the 35-year ministry of the Rev. William H. Langley, Jr., St. Mark's parish grew from 476 communicants and 172 families to 953 communicants and 480 families. During this period, the church needed more space to accommodate one of the largest congregations in the diocese. The Rev. Langley's missionary zeal included foreign and domestic missions, and the mission of the Church in the Diocese of Kentucky.

When the Rev. Langley retired in 1969, the Very Rev. Mainert J. Peterson from the Panama Canal became the fifth rector of St. Mark's. His ministry was marked by a vigorous Christian Education Program, an enhanced music program, and community outreach. In 1974, St. Mark's became a center of outreach for local victims of one of the most devastating tornados to

ever come through this area. One such outcome of this outreach was the formation of United Crescent Hill Ministries.

The Rev. Stewart M. Joy assumed his duties as rector in 1982 after the Rev. Peterson's retirement. The Rev. Joy had been serving as an assistant to the Rector since 1958. During his tenure, a new, locally built organ was installed and the free-standing altar was added.

The Rev. Wayne Yeager joined St. Mark's in 1988 as only the seventh rector in the church's 108-year history. He served until his resignation in 1999.

The current priest-in-charge, the Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins was called to serve St. Mark's as rector in August 2000.



“We are happy to announce that we are able to help by co-sponsoring a refugee family, the Al Mahdi's.”
(See page 2 for details)



“Stay with me...watch and pray.”

On the night before his death, Jesus asked his disciples to pray with him in the Garden. Following the Maundy Thursday service, it is appropriate to keep watch throughout the night. A sign-up sheet will be in the Information

Center for those who would like to participate in this meaningful addition to the Holy Week liturgies. Those interested can sign up for an hour to pray before the Reserved Sacrament. We are hoping to have

enough volunteers to maintain a vigil throughout the night and into Good Friday morning -- each hour slot is not limited to one person.

Lent is preparation for Easter...Get ready!



Holy Week Music

Palm Sunday

Choral Anthem:
(Senior and Junior Choirs)
Ride On (Grayston Ives)
Stabat Mater (Pergolesi)
Violin, Trumpet and Organ

Maundy Thursday

Choral Anthems:
Ubi Caritas (Durufle)
Non Nobis Domine
(15th century)
Violin, Flute and Organ

Good Friday

Choral Anthems:
“Erbarme dich”
(Bach)
Christus Factus Est
(Anerio)
Ave verum Corpus
(Des Pres)
Violin and Organ

Easter

String Trio, Handbell Trio and Trumpet
Choral Anthems
(Senior and Junior Choirs)
This Joyful Eastertide
(Ledger)
Antiphon and The Call
(Mystical Songs-Vaughan Williams)
Organ: Widor
“Toccata” from Symphony
#5



Palm Sunday at St. Mark's begins on the lawn with the blessing of the palms.

Easter Flowers

Easter Flower Orders

The giving of an Easter flower recognizes and remembers loved ones or acknowledges blessings and thanksgivings. Additionally, the giving of an Easter flower assists the Altar Guild in decorating our church for Easter. For your convenience

order forms are available in the Information Center. Orders should be turned into the parish office by Sunday, March 14.

Easter Flower Delivery

Following Easter the flowers that adorned the church will be given to our parish ill and homebound. The plants can be

delivered to our parishioners anytime the week after Easter, and assistance is needed with this special ministry. If you would like to volunteer, please sign up on the sheet in the Information Center.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Everyone is invited to St. Mark’s Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3. This year we will begin with Lunch with the Easter Bunny at 11:00 a.m. in Langley Hall. The Easter Egg Hunt for children ages ten and under begins at 11:30

a.m. Each child is asked to donate 12 candy or goodie-filled plastic eggs for the hunt (no chocolate, please). Eggs may be left in the office prior to March 28.

We hope that everyone will stay for the Frankfort

Avenue Easter Parade at noon. Please send in individually-wrapped candy for the children to give out during the parade. Candy may also be dropped off to the office before March 28.





Children's Chapel



Alex Campbell, Chair of the Bishop Search Committee for the Diocese of Kentucky.

Alex is the past Sr. Warden of St. Mark's

**Wednesday
Lenten Dinners
and Program:
"You and Your
Spiritual Gifts"**

**(See page 1 for
details.)**



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Volunteers

Altar Guild

March 7

Mary Beth Ellis, Elizabeth Mitchell, Cissy Dendy

March 14

Shirley Elmore, Mary Helfrich

March 21

Marlene Straughan, Alice Covell

March 28

Jamie Ramsay, Anita Poynter

Money Counters

March

Shirley & Ed Dumesnil; Harry Dumesnil

Coffee Hour Hosts

March 7

Dinny Kelley and Bob Shober

March 14

Doreen Fraser

March 21

Mary Beth Ellis

March 28 Lori and Jordan Stewart

Greeters @ 10:00 a.m.

March 7

Jennifer & Harry Dumesnil

March 14

Susan & Ken Schueler

March 21

Vicky Rouse & Dean Rice

March 28

Jamie & David Ramsay

Lector/Chalice Bearers

March 6

5:30 p.m. Ethan Moore (Chalice)

March 7

8:00 a.m. Desi Nisbett

10:00 a.m. John Knecht (Lector)

Barbara Kramer (Chalice)

Scott Shafer (Chalice)

March 13

5:30 p.m. Connie Jaquith (Lector)

Emily Fritz (Chalice)

March 14

8:00 a.m. Phil Scherer

10:00 a.m. Michael Mahoney (Lector)

Melissa Dick (Chalice)

Jimmy Stewart (Chalice)

March 20

5:30 p.m.

Ethan Moore (Lector)

Katherine Doyle (Chalice)

March 21

8:00 a.m. Katherine Doyle

10:00 a.m. David Arnold (Lector)

June Gibson (Chalice)

Katherine Doyle (Chalice)

March 27

5:30 p.m. Emily Fritz (Lector)

Connie Jaquith (Chalice)

March 28

8:00 a.m. Desi Nisbett

10:00 a.m. TBA (Lectors)

Kim Moore (Chalice)

Scott Shafer (Chalice)

Volunteers

Intercessors

March 6

5:30 p.m. Donna Coliz

March 7

10:00 a.m Bob Shober

March 13

5:30 p.m. Tom Leuze

March 14

10:00 a.m Beth Carlton

March 20

5:30 p.m. Sam Lord

March 21

10:00 a.m Dinny Kelley

March 27

5:30 p.m. Katherine Doyle

March 28

10:00 a.m Carlile Crutcher

Element Bearers @ 10 am

March 7

Eleanor and Jim Oppel

March 14

Mary Beth Ellis and June Richards

March 21

Betty Rothwell and Dott Berry

March 28

Lori and Jimmy Stewart

Ushers @ 10:00 a.m.

March 7

Connie & Scott Mendel

March 14

Elizabeth Mitchell & Keith Christenson

March 21

Nancy Urbscheit & David

MacCool

March 28

Marlene & Joe Straughan

Acolytes

March 7

Erick Tafel, Sam Tafel, Ian Clines, Connor Clines

March 14

Shelby Carlton, Anne Taber, Alyson Gill, Hannay Shafer

March 21

Ian Kelley, Sam Smith, Piper Schad, Elizabeth Dumesnil

March 28

Mason Ramsay, Ashleigh Straughan, Hannah Irvin, Aerial Spencer



Children's Chapel

St. Mark's, St. Andrew's, and Church of the Advent Present a Joint Lenten Retreat on the Psalms of Lament

(See page 1 for details)



St. Mark's Choir...then and now...



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The Assistant Rector's Meditation on the Psalms

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

Ps. 51:8-10

As I listen to the soul-shattering entreaties of Allegri's *Miserere*, all of my sharp edges seem to melt and to drift slowly and exquisitely away like incense smoke. When the music is over, however, I find myself once again inhabiting my boxed-in

thoughts and rigid ways. There is a French translation of Psalm 51 that asks in verse 9, "give me back the sound of joy and of celebration so that my bones may dance..." What I wouldn't give for my bones to dance for joy. While my fickle heart leaps up at the slightest sound of love or happiness and begins to waltz, my bones are awkward, heavy things that carry all of the burdens of my flesh and form the rigid framework of my mortality. My bones do not bend to the loving music of the Spirit. My

sin is deep within me like my bones, O God. I scrub and wash and pick at its layers, and still it is always present. I need a radical kind of washing, one that will pierce my complexity with its pure distilled compassion and reach into the depth and marrow of my bones. Let me hear your mysterious voice, O God; sing into my ear so that truth will call to truth, so that the music of your grace may penetrate my stubborn bones and give them the freedom and joy to dance.