



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.

May 2007

Thanks

To all those who made the Easter Saturday breakfast and parade a success:

Peter Campbell, who stuffed the Easter eggs for the annual hunt and made the best Easter Bunny--- and the people who provided the candy and eggs for the egg hunt and parade;

Meredith Downey, Jimmy Stewart and Billy Campbell, who prepared the delicious Easter Saturday breakfast; and

All the adults and children who participated in and helped with the Saturday breakfast and the Easter Parade;

To the many volunteers who facilitated the Wednesday Night Lenten Soup suppers and the Agape Dinner;

Doreen Fraser who prepared the delicious hot cross buns;

And last, but not least, to the altar guild who prepared our worship space; the choir, handbells and guest musicians who enhanced our worship; and the acolytes, chalice bearers, lectors, intercessors and ministers who led us through the liturgies of the season.

Also, we wish to thank David McDaniel, who has provided St. Mark's with a new home communion kit, given in memory of his parents.

Christian Education News

Youth Sunday

All children and youth are invited to participate in this year's Youth Sunday, which will be held on May 20. Please contact Marti Taber if you would like to be part of the service. We need musicians, acolytes, greeters, element bearers and lectors.

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 am

Reconciliation and Other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

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Calling All Youth

Mark your calendar! All youth in middle and high school are invited to our End-of-the-Year Lock-In on Friday, May 18. Bring a friend and come enjoy fun and games.

Teacher Recognition

Join us Sunday, May 20, as we honor our wonderfully dedicated Church School teachers. We are blessed to have such a large group devoted to our Education Department. The reception will be immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please come to show your support of them.

UCHM Annual Home Tour

The Annual UCHM Home Tour will take place Saturday, June 9, 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 in advance and \$20.00 the day of the tour. Homes on this year's tour include those of Phil and Kathy Scherer; Dr. and Mrs. Louis Heuser; and a furnished model at Lodge 820 (Frankfort Ave. and Kennedy). Tickets will be available from Ellen Eirk after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service during the month of May. If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Eirk at 425-1784.

Summer Camp

All Saints' Camp is open to all children grades 2-12. Although this is an Episcopal camp and each camping session ends with a celebration of Holy Communion, they welcome children of all faith backgrounds and will respect differences of beliefs and customs. Take a friend and enjoy a great camp adventure.

Listed below are the dates, fees and registration deadlines for this year's summer camps. Anyone interested should pick up a registration form in the parish office or contact Marti Taber. Scholarships are available.

Senior High Camp (grades 9-12)	June 24-29	\$270.00	Registration Deadline June 8
7th & 8th Grade Camp	July 1-6	\$270.00	Registration Deadline June 15
5th & 6th Grade Camp	July 8-13	\$270.00	Registration Deadline June 22
2nd through 4th Grade Camp	July 15-19	\$219.00	Registration Deadline June 29

Acolytes

It is hard to believe that we have reached this point. We have a full contingent of acolytes for the principal worship service! We have 24 acolytes (six teams of four). Plus we have six junior acolytes (one per team). We are blessed with acolytes! Naturally, people move, seniors graduate from high school and go off to college, etc.; therefore we are always going to need new acolytes. For that reason, we now have a waiting list. If you would like to acolyte at the 10:00 a.m. worship service, please notify the parish office and we will place you on the waiting list.

If you want to acolyte, but don't want to wait, we have immediate openings for acolytes at the Saturday 5:30

p.m. and the Sunday 8:00 a.m. service. All ages are welcome to volunteer.

ECW News

May 8: Day Trip to Science Hill and Shelbyville. The ECW ladies will be traveling to Shelbyville for lunch at Science Hill and shopping. We will carpool from St. Mark's at 11:00 a.m. Those interested in this outing please sign up in the Information Center.

May 20: UTO Sunday. Be watching for your letter in the mail.

Yarn for Seaman scarves is available in the Gift Shop.

Vacation Bible School

Come "Take the Plunge" with us this summer as we dive into the Word and explore how Jesus used the very common element of water to teach some uncommon lessons! This year's Vacation Bible School will be June 25-29.

Our VBS Workshops will be on the following dates:

Tuesday, May 1, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 16, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 29, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 2, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 12, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 16, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, June 19, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 23, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words!

We are having a photo contest to kick off this year's Take the Plunge VBS program. Please send in photographs that have a water theme. Some examples include: in a pool, water park, bathtub, beach, river, boat, etc. Submit pictures from your childhood, or your children or grandchildren. Make sure you label the pictures so that they may be returned. We will have prizes for different categories such as oldest picture, newest picture, most original, and most playful. Help us make this a great success; send your pictures in to the office now. Winners will be announced in June. Check out the competitions' pictures on the bulletin board in Langley Hall.

Phone and Gift Cards for the Troops

Ellen Eirk has been given the opportunity to go to Washington D.C. and visit the wounded troops at Walter Reed Hospital on Saturday, May 19. She has received her security clearance and will have a military escort for her one-hour visit.

Ellen will be taking with her gift cards and phone cards for the troops and their families. Anyone who wishes to give one of these cards can mail them to her at Ellen G. Eirk, 7800 Crown Top Rd., Louis-

ville, KY 40241, or give them to her at St. Mark's (they can be left with Barbara Rich in the parish office). If you need more information, please contact Ellen at 741-2631 or egeirk@yahoo.com. You can also send a greeting card containing a message from you. She needs to have these cards by Tuesday, May 15.

Post-Derby Potluck Supper

The Evening Women's Group will hold their annual Post-Derby Potluck Supper on Thursday, May 10, at the home of Debbie Freeman, 521 Vineleaf Drive. Festivities will start at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet located in the Information Center and indicate the type of dish you will bring. Call Debbie at 339-0146 with any questions.

Newcomers' Breakfast

There will be a Newcomers' Breakfast on Sunday, May 20, at 9:00 a.m. in Dreher Hall. All persons who have begun attending St. Mark's in the past year (or consider themselves newcomers) are cordially invited and encouraged to join the staff for this special gathering. We want to have an opportunity to become better acquainted with you and also provide you with an opportunity to learn more about St. Mark's. Persons of all ages are invited, and childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers as needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office (895-2429).

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Penny and David Pearson on the death of their son;

Joanne Ehrman on the death of her father;

The family of Nancy Carlisle;

Herbert Delegal on the death of his brother-in-law;

Dan Mehling on the death of his cousin; and

Dolores Wehunt on the death of her mother.

Senior Warden's Corner

Well, Lent is over. St. Mark's has been so busy during Lent that Easter finally arriving seems to be an end to the busy time. Quite the contrary, Easter Sunday marks the beginning – the start of what we call in Godly Play, the great mystery of Easter. As I looked around St. Mark's on Easter Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. service, it was so evident that it was a beginning. Chairs were being brought in to seat people when it was “standing room only”, the music and sermon were amazing, and as one parishioner said “Where were all the people coming from – they just kept coming up for communion – I didn't know we could hold that many!”. And as I watched the baptism, with William beginning a new life in Christ, I counted over 20 children that came up to get a closer look. I watched in awe as I remembered stories of long-time St. Markers who remember a time when very few children and young families entered the doors of St. Mark's.

Yes, we are enjoying a real “beginning” at St. Mark's, and we are so grateful for both the new and familiar faces seen coming in our doors. Many of you have found your “nitch”, or the programs at St. Mark's where you are enjoying growth and fellowship; some are still testing the waters, hesitant to dive in. Consider this your invitation to take the first step by asking a staff member or me about the areas of your interest. There are countless opportunities for involvement that range from gardening to Alter Guild to outreach. There is something for everyone here. And, more importantly, each one of us possesses a gift or talent that is important to St. Mark's growth and the ability of our church to fulfill her commitment to the community with evangelism and outreach. Won't you reach out and commit yourself to a new beginning for both you and St. Mark's?

--Jamie Ramsay, Senior Warden

Lemonade on the Lawn

Beginning Sunday, May 27, and continuing through Sunday, September 2, parishioners and visitors are invited to Lemonade on the Lawn following the 10:00 a.m. service. We will gather on the front lawn and enjoy lemonade and cookies as well as fellowship with one another.

Volunteers are needed on these Sundays. Please sign up in the Information Center if you would like to assist. Instructions will be mailed to volunteers the week prior to their chosen date.

Baptism

The next date for baptism at St. Mark's is the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 27. Please contact Marti Taber or the Rector if interested.

Congratulations to...

Alex Campbell, Jr., on his graduation from Belarmine University with a B.A. Degree; and

Elizabeth Dick, who recently received a marketing international business award at the University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa).

Pull Tabs

The Evening Women's Group continues to collect pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. To you pull tabs may seem like an ordinary thing. But at the Ronald McDonald House, they are a fortune.

Every year, recycled pull tabs generate hundreds of dollars for the Ronald McDonald House of Louisville. The House is a nonprofit organization that provides a “home away from home” for families with children who must travel to Louisville for medical treatment. It is a place where families can feel at home; cook their meals; watch TV; read; do their laundry; and enjoy the comfort and warmth of a supportive environment. Most of all, it is a place where families can be close to their child when they are needed the most.

Ronald McDonald House of Louisville was opened September 10, 1984. It was completely renovated through the efforts of volunteers, community partners, and a generous donation from McDonald's restaurants. Much of the time, service, materials, supplies and furnishings continue to be donated. Since opening they have shared their home with approximately 1,000 families each year. Families have come from all across Kentucky, Southern Indiana, dozens of states and several foreign countries.

Families at the House are asked to pay \$10 per night, but no one is ever turned away. The actual cost is closer to \$40 per night. The pull tab recycling program is one of the ways they generate funds to help underwrite the cost of a night's stay.

Please continue--or start--to save your pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House. You can bring them to St. Mark's and put them in the little "house banks" found in various locations around the church building. Thanks to those have supported this in the past; we hope you continue to support this cause in the future.

Treasurer's Comments

Current Budget Status through February 2007

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	B/(W)
Income	\$75,566	\$70,353	\$5,214
Expenses	\$69,518	\$77,826	\$8,308
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6,048	(\$7,473)	\$12,521

Our strong income for January and February was driven by a carryover of cash from 2006, as well as stronger than expected pledge income. Because of this, I didn't pull from our prepaid pledges, as budgeted, and I opted to leave that money in an interest bearing account until we hit a cash flow situation. I fully expect to pull heavily from the prepaids in March and April, as we have several quarterly bills due in this timeframe.

I am still working with the Diocese to investigate options for automatic bank withdrawals for pledges. Initial estimates are showing that this may be cost prohibitive, as the processing would need to be handled by an outside company charging fees. Further investigation is ongoing.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Jason Gray	May 2
John Dawson	May 3
Cindi Richards	May 4
Kathryn Taber	May 4
Desi Nisbett	May 4
Dan Mehling	May 5
Cissy Dendy	May 5
Carolyn Markham	May 5
Lila Ludwig	May 5
Gary Davenport	May 5
Ginnie Taber	May 6
Ethan Moore	May 6
Matthew Farmer	May 6
Jeanne Murrell	May 7
Tom Tate	May 11
David Arnold	May 12
David MacCool	May 13
Elizabeth Dumesnil	May 13
David Boone	May 16
Erin Hower	May 18
Alex Campbell, Jr.	May 19
Peter Campbell	May 19
Blaine Preher	May 20
Mason Walthall	May 21
Ann Ronald	May 21
Alice Covell	May 21
Mary Frances Muir	May 23
Tyler Fairleigh	May 24
Dora Rohleder	May 24
Sofia Magee	May 25
Fran Reagan	May 26
Robert Boone	May 27
Mollie Ronald	May 28
Layne Michler	May 30
Alex Campbell	May 30
Bill Gossman	May 30

Anniversaries

James & Claudia Shaghnessy	May 8
Matthew & Molly Schad	May 9
Kim & Judy Moore	May 11
Peter & Ann Ronald	May 15
Dan & Jenny Mehling	May 19
David & Nancy James	May 21
Erik & Sara Marvin	May 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:

Peggy Conway, Jim Gay, Dana Boone, Rebecca Shain, Jim Dillmann, Rebecca Coliz, Kathleen Harding, Anne, Tom Pardue, Jim Holtman, Kala, Sally Snyder, Barbara Schwartz, Eleanor Bosen, Mary Prine, Danny Bukwa, Jack Kramer, Patty Sorrell, Carol Royer, Dorothy McCaffrey, Bill Gossman, Verna Rothenburger, Daniel, Sue Hazelip, Polly Wood, Kit Davis, Marlene Will, Ann Stewart, Meme Smith, J.C. Leonard, David Clayton MacDonald, Lynn Lewis, Jim Leason, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Pat Young, Tom Vogt, Rita Gildehaus, Virginia Wynn, Rob Hester, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Janie Kall, Henry Bickel, Dick Day, Ann Lamberton, Judy Semonin

Parish Register

Death

Nancy Carlise
(November 28, 1939 - April 11, 2007)

Baptisms

David Win-yen Wo
(January 7, 2007)

William Robert Collins
(April 8, 2007)

Confirmation

Dinny Kelley
(April 7, 2007)

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

May 6 - Pray for the Diocese of North Kerala (South India)
May 13 - Pray for the Diocese of Northern Indiana
May 20 - Anglican Communion Sunday
May 27 - Pray for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (Canada, Canada)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church of the Advent
Louisville, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of May 6

◆
Dick Day
Evie Day
Robert DeHoag
Deborah DeHoag
Herbert Delegal

Week of May 13

◆
James Dendy
Elizabeth Dendy
Paul Dendy
Cissy Dendy
Geoffrey Dendy

Week of May 20

◆
David Dick, Sr.
Fran Dick
David Dick, Jr.
Elizabeth Dick
Catherine Dick
William Dick

Week of May 27

◆
Gayle Dorsey
Jim Downey
Meredith Downey
Tate Downey
Ella Rose Downey

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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Marti Taber, Christian Education

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

Flowers

May 6 by Betty Sherrill in loving memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Lee Hirst, and her brothers, Robert Jr. and William Hirst.

May 13 by AliceCovell in loving memory of her mother, Katherine Shaw Covell, and in honor of all our loving mothers.

May 20 by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robert Muir, Jr., in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robert Muir, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. James Ramsey Burkholder, Jr.; and Mr. James Ramsey Burkholder III.

May 27 by David and Nancy James in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas James II and Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Ziegler; and her brother, Dr. Ed Ziegler.

Candles

by June F. Richards in thanksgiving for her daughters, Kandace Stroup and Cynthia Richards.

by Anita Poynter in loving memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Adkins.