



# 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*

August 2001

## Anniversary Reflections

On August 15 I will celebrate my first anniversary as rector of St. Mark's. So many of you have been so very gracious and welcoming. I truly appreciate your many gestures of kindness. Your gentleness has made my first year pleasant.

My primary concern during my first year has been to get to know you. The truth of the matter is this: deepening our relationship will continue to be a fundamental concern to me. It is my belief that the better I know you, the better priest I will be to you.

I ask your prayers for our ministry at St. Mark's as we enter our second year together. My intention is to be more proactive during my second year and that can be a difficult transition for both parish and priest. My first year has been primarily a year of reflection and evaluation on the mission of St. Mark's. Unless it was broken, I did not want to tinker with it. I am now in a position, however, to begin making some recommendations on how to improve the quality of our mission, as well as how we might expand our mission.

For instance, I concentrated on three areas during my first year: Pastoral Care, Evangelism, and Education. You will begin to see some changes in these areas of our corporate life. In the area of education you will note the addition of three new educational offerings: *Education for Ministry*, *Disciples of Christ in Community*, and *Rite-13*. Further, I hope to add staff hours to support our volunteer work in education and to renovate our education space. Together, we can enhance our educational mission.

The same sorts of enhancements are in process with regard to pastoral care and evangelism. I hope you will see both quality and quantity improvements in these areas.

I am looking forward to working with you in the year to come. St. Mark's past is rich, and our future is bright. It is good to be the rector of St. Mark's.

*Charles T*

## 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

◆  
Choir Camp

Education for Ministry

Rite-13  
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## Newcomer Class

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If you have come to St. Mark's during the past twelve months, you are invited to a "newcomer class" which will be held on August 5. In the class we will focus on items particular to St. Mark's as well as on items pertaining to the Episcopal Church in general. The rector will teach the class at 11:00 a.m. (after the 10:00 a.m. worship service) in the Church Parlor.

Arrive at 5:00 p.m. CDT in time for a 6:00 p.m. supper. You will need to bring a sleeping bag or other bedding, casual clothes, toilet items, swim suit, 2 towels, shoes you can walk in.

Cost is \$65.00 and checks are made payable to "Trustees and Council of the Diocese of Kentucky." Send checks to Diocese of Kentucky, 425 South Second Street, Louisville, KY 40202. You can download an application from the diocesan web site [www.episcopalky.org](http://www.episcopalky.org) or call the diocesan office for an application.

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## Summer Reading

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For the last couple of years, our rector has led a book group during the summer. The first year the group read his book *Beyond Anarchy and Tyranny in Religious Epistemology*. The second year they read Frank Tupper's, *Scandalous Providence*. Both books dealt with recent developments in theology and both books are considered to be part of a theological movement called "narrative theology." This year the group will be reading the novel *Glittering Images* by Susan Howatch and a theological book. You can get your copy of Howatch's novel at any local bookstore or online at Amazon.com. (Amazon.com's price is \$6.29).

Scholarship money is available for the choir camp. For information about scholarship funding, please speak to the rector.

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## Choir

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Our choir is taking a well-deserved rest during August. Refreshed and renewed, the choir will return in full voice in September.

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## New Church School Class

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Everyone is welcome to attend, so if you are interested in contemporary theology, or just enjoy reading and talking about books, then mark your calendars, buy the book and plan on joining the group. The group will meet for the last time for the summer on August 5 at 5:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

Attention all 11 year olds: *Rite-13* is coming to St. Mark's. *Rite-13* is an educational experience designed with you in mind. If you or someone you know will be 11 years old by September 1, 2001—you (they) will not want to miss this exciting Christian formation opportunity. To find out more about *Rite-13* please contact the rector.

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## Choir Camp

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Choir camp for youth in grades three through eight will be held August 24-26 at All Saints Episcopal Center in Leitchfield, Kentucky. If you enjoy music, join us for a weekend of singing, swimming, crafts and good times. Jim Rightmeyer of St. Francis in the Fields will be our director.

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## Education For Ministry

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Enrollment time is here! If you wish to enroll in one of the *Education for Ministry* classes at St. Mark's, please pick up an enrollment form from the parish office, complete the form, and return it to the parish office by August 10.

St. Mark's hosts two EFM classes: a morning class and an evening class. The morning class meets on Wednes-

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days and the evening class meets on Thursdays.

Tuition for the academic year is \$325.00. Some scholarship money is available.

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## United Crescent Hill Ministries

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Below you will find a partial listing of outreach ministries in which St. Mark's participates via United Crescent Hill Ministries.:

**Meals on Wheels.** UCHM office at Third Lutheran Church. Noon day meals for homebound elderly. Call Kim at 893-0346.

**UCHM Senior Center.** Third Lutheran Church. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Meals, activities, exercise groups, etc.

**Dare to Care Food Closet.** UCHM office. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. 893-0346.

**Emergency Financial Assistance.** UCHM office. Call Karen at 896-6211.

**Health Aid Loan Closet.** Clifton Christian Church. Medical Items can be borrowed. Call 896-0302.

**New Beginnings Household Closet.** Clifton Heights Baptist Church. Items for the kitchen, bedding, etc. Call 895-7257.

**Clothes Closet.** James Lees Presbyterian Church. Clothes for all ages. Call 896-0172.

According to the survey, 78 percent of Americans donated, a drop of six percentage points from the previous year--and the average annual donation was \$886, a decrease of 15 percent. Although 17 percent said they tithed, researchers concluded that the actual number was closer to six percent, even under liberal definitions of the term.

At St. Mark's, the average pledged donation for the same year was \$2067.56, well above the national average. Furthermore, at St. Mark's, contrary to the national trend, donations increased in 2000.

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## Funding Future Ministry

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Through prayerful and careful planning, you can do far more for St. Mark's than you ever thought possible. Your bequest to St. Mark's will enable your current support to continue in perpetuity, and be an act of faith in the future of this parish.

You may also want to consider making a bequest through a life insurance policy or individual retirement account. It's easy to do. You can name St. Mark's as the first, second, or last beneficiary of a policy or IRA through a simple "change of beneficiary" form that you can obtain from your bank, broker, or agent.

The Funding Future Ministry Committee can assist you in considering a bequest to St. Mark's. All inquiries will be held in confidence. For further information, please contact Mrs. Frannie Heyburn.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."-Matthew 6:21

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## Giving in America

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A report by the Barna Research Group has found that Americans gave less to their churches and other charities in 2000 and fewer people claim that they are tithing.

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## Looking Ahead...

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Church School for all ages begins September 9.  
Stewardship Sunday, October 14.

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## New Keys

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The external doors have been re-keyed and new security codes are being issued. If you need to have a key replaced and a new code assigned, please contact the parish office.

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## Thank You

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July was "St. Mark's Month" at the Episcopal Church Home. The parish thanks all those parishioners who volunteered at the Church Home during the month of July.

Vacation Bible School was a success and the credit goes to all those who made it possible. To the coordinators, teachers, and other volunteers—the parish sends a hearty "thank you."

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## Lost Boys of the Sudan

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"We didn't believe it when they told us we were coming to America. We were not expecting to come," explained Abraham as he sat in the living room of an apartment he shares with his cousins, Moses and Samuel.

The three young men are among the first "Lost Boys of the Sudan" to be resettled by Episcopal Migration Ministries.

Since 1987, thousands of Sudanese boys trekked from Sudan to Ethiopia, back to Sudan, and finally on to Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya. They walked thousands of kilometers and faced myriad dangers, including lion and crocodile attacks, disease and hunger, and the ongoing civil conflict in the Sudan which has uprooted millions.

Now that they are in the United States, the young men face the challenges of a new life. They are helped along the way by staff of the Kentucky Refugee Ministries and local parishes.

"The guys know that lots of people care for them. They know who to call when they need something," explained Marty Nicholas, a case manager.

Abraham, Moses and Samuel told of their many years in Kakuma camp and their experiences coming to the United States. The differences are stark.

"In Kakuma, you had no time to think. We thought about survival. Where can I get food? How can I not be shot or kidnapped?" said Moses. "But now, we are free."

Dr. McCullough, a United Methodist clergyman who is helping in the resettlement, remarked on the resilience of the young men.

"They've made an incredible adjustment. They seem at ease and you can tell that they feel supported," he reflected. "This community has found a way to extend itself and welcome the stranger."

Episcopal Migration Ministries has requested that St. Mark's help resettle four of the "Lost Boys of the Sudan." Gabriel, Daniel, James, and Abraham will be arriving in Louisville sometime in the next three months.

If you are interested in helping Gabriel, Daniel, James, and Abraham make a new life for themselves, please speak to the rector of your interest. There are many ways you can help St. Mark's, help them.

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## A Brief History of St. Mark's

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St. Mark's Church began as a Church School group led by Mr. Thomas S. Kennedy for twenty years. In 1891 the Diocesan Missionary 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, and was succeeded by the Rev. James Maxon. He served until 1925, and was succeeded by the Rev. John H. Brown until 1934.

Under the 35-year ministry of our Rector Emeritus, the Rev. William H. Langley, Jr., St. Mark's parish grew from 476 communicants and 172 families to 953 com-

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municants 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 freestanding 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 Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins became rector of St. Mark's in August of 2000.

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## Parish Finances

End of Second Quarter Financial Update: Offering receipts are slightly ahead of budget at the close of the second quarter. Expenses are below budget despite several unexpected outlays. The parish is, therefore, on sound financial footing.

Total income to date: \$201,326 (against a budget of \$200,266). Total expenses to date: \$175,399 (against a budget of \$176,673).

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## Piano

The capital campaign to raise over \$10,000.00 for the piano is at a close. Only three "keys" (\$125.00 each) remain to be "sold."

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## Scholarship Committee

Did you know....The scholarship committee distributed \$4000.00 at its July meeting to college and seminary students. The scholarship committee raises and then grants funds to worthy students. If you would be interested in serving on this committee, please speak with the rector.

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## Church School—Adults

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ADULT FORUM 2001-2002

"The New Church's Teaching Series" will be one of the two Adult Forum classes offered this 2001-2002 "church year." The other will be a study of the Sunday Lectionary. Both classes will be held from 11:15 to 12 noon. Subject to size, the Lectionary class will be in the Parlor and "The New Church's Teaching Series" class will be in the Dreher Room.

The Sunday Lectionary class, led by Rose Basham, will study the lectionary for the "following" Sunday. This should provide an enriched experience of the Eucharist, and will give participants more insight into the sermon (when presented on the Gospel and other readings). Please bring your Bibles.

"The New Church's Teaching Series" class, led by Harry Sladen and Caryl Mack, will discuss the first nine books at the rate of one book a month (refer to the schedule below). Each participant may purchase a book (around \$12) in order to read ahead each week in preparation. Just the titles listed below should give a feel for the comprehensiveness of the topics that will be studied.

SEPTEMBER Volume 1, *The Anglican Vision*

OCTOBER Volume 2, *Opening the Bible*

NOVEMBER Volume 3, *Engaging the Word*

DECEMBER Volume 4, *The Practice of Prayer*

Please sign up for either class sometime this month. This will give us plenty of time for gathering of materials and preparation for the classes.

Christian Education Adult Forum Committee: Rose Basham, Ralinda Gregor, Stacy Grimm, Caryl Mack, Harry Sladen.

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# Parish Life

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## Birthdays

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Beth Carlton	August 1
William Carrell	August 2
Gloria Helm	August 2
Melissa DelCotto	August 3
Edward Dumesnil	August 4
William Carrell II	August 5
Bertha Davis	August 8
Judith Sochor	August 9
Laura Gill	August 12
Ben Helm	August 13
Nina Radford	August 13
William Webb	August 15
Norman Berry	August 19
Bernie Sams	August 19
Donald Cogswell	August 22
Scottye Ghent	August 24
David Gray	August 24
Tyler Grimm	August 24
Terrence Koontz	August 25
Anne Crockett	August 26
Sandie Melton	August 30
Ruth Sams	August 30
Clifton Rodes	August 31

Dick, Gloria Helm, Jim Speed, Steve Howard, Judith Bloor, Dick Day, John Dawson, Polly Wood, Vera Wallace, Nina Radford, Margaret White, Kay Stewart Helm, Bobby Townsend, Louie Vimont, Janice Wood, Diane Estes, The Babcock Family, Ruth Jagers, Mason Bennett, Caryl Mack, Joan Bickel, Elizabeth Chandler, Bob Scherer, Dodey Shifley, Mary Deetsa, Lettie Shawler, Bruce Whitty.

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## Anniversaries

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Alex & LaForrest Campbell	August 1
Charles Hawkins and Katherine Kingren	August 7
David & Susan Gray	August 8
Ronnie & Laurie Risinger	August 11
George & Ann Davis	August 15
William & Malcolm Kelly	August 18
Joe & Peggy Fairleigh	August 19
Frank & Jean Lorimer	August 20
James & Ann Speed	August 21
John & Linda English	August 22
Mark & Nancy Carlisle	August 30

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## Prayers for Healing

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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.

Ed Shannon, Rose Basham, Claire Morris, June Gibson, Martha Friend, Roy Potts, Jr., Nolan VanKleeck, Lindsay Brymer, Jane Wilson, Bob Coburn, Judy Semonin, Cleveland Fraser, Susan Fox, Perry Collins, Richard Gibson, Cleo Story, Gordon Caldwell, Ann Lamberton, Betty Collins, Jane Tate, Frances Luckett, Margaret

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## Parish Register

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Transferred in

John and Karen Doershuk

Transferred out

Montie Manning  
to Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville

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# Parish Prayer List

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Episcopal Church of Cuba,  
The Anglican Church of Central America,  
Province IX of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America,  
The Church of the Southern Cone

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Church of the Ascension, Bardstown

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Parish Partners

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

◆  
Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of August 5

◆  
Hunt Helm  
Charles Helm  
Ben Helm  
Frank Hower Jr.  
Virginia Hower

Week of August 19

◆  
Lawrence Hoyt  
Lynn Hoyt  
Bryan Hudson  
Julie Hudson  
Teri Johnson

Week of August 12

◆  
Brooks Hower  
Frank Hower III  
Kris Hower  
Erin Hower  
Connie Jaquith

Week of August 26

◆  
Magan Irvin  
Patty Irvin  
Scott Jonap  
Cheryl Jonap  
Malcolm Kelly

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.*

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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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Mailing Address

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## Flowers

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

August 5, by Mrs. Scottye Ghent, in loving memory of her husband, R. Mitchell Ghent, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Copher, her niece, Natalie Clarke Latino and thanksgiving for her sister, Phyllis Clarke.

August 12, by Mrs. Ann F. Lamberton, in loving memory of her parent's birthdays, Annie Adelia and Allen Ferguson, also in honor of the anniversary of Lucy and I. W. (Tuck) Tucker.

August 19, by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lorimer, Jr. in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lorimer, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Izatt.

August 26, by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Sams, in loving memory of Lewis and Ruth Southwick, Ruth Landis Sams, and Paige Southwick Jennings.

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## Candles

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The Eucharistic Candles for August are given by Judith Semonin, in loving memory of her parents, Paul F. and Virginia R. Semonin.

Five Branch Candles for August are given by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Sams, in loving memory of their daughter, Ruth Landis Sams, and two friends, Carolyn Langan Miller and Carolyn Krause Maddox.