



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.

August 2002

Anniversary Reflections

On August 15 I will celebrate my second anniversary as rector of St. Mark's. My primary concern during my first year was to get to know you. Of course, deepening relationships is an ongoing task and one I relish. In many ways, that first task will continue to be my primary concern throughout my time with you. It continues to be my conviction that the better I know you, the better priest I will be to you.

My first year was a year of observation and reflection. We did things pretty much the way they were done during the interim period, as I evaluated where we might focus our efforts in the years to come.

During my second year, we began to concentrate on some areas of our common life and we grew in some suspected and some unsuspected ways. You have been kind enough to follow my lead in a number of adventures, and for that I am grateful. For the goodwill you have shown me in this regard, I am so very appreciative.

We have worked together with a great deal of intentionality in three areas of parish life: Pastoral Care, Evangelism and Education. We have added staff support and new programming in all three of these areas. I am very pleased with our success.

During my second year as your rector we also modified our pattern of worship at the 10:00 a.m. service. We moved from praying Morning Prayer on the second and fourth Sundays of each month to only praying Morning Prayer a few Sundays each year, making the celebration of the Holy Eucharist the principle liturgy of the parish.

During the year to come, I anticipate more stretching and growing (which no doubt means some tension and some growing pains). St. Mark's has literally grown 10% for each of the last three years, and you have experienced the growing pains that accompany that kind of growth. But you have also felt the excitement of being in a place that is not only growing numerically, but more importantly is growing in mission and ministry. I anticipate so many wonderful things

Worship Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
and 5:30 PM

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 AM

Reconciliation and other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

Church School Sign-Ups

Church Finances

Foyers

Card Party

Stewardship

for this parish in the year ahead of us.

St. Mark's has a rich past, and our future is bright. It is good to be the rector of St. Mark's.

Faithfully yours, Charles+

Parish Cookout, Ice Cream Social and Church School Registration

Sunday, August 25, promises to be an exciting day! Following the 10:00 a.m. worship service we will have a potluck lunch--the church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and ice cream. We ask that each family bring a covered dish to share. Please sign up on the sheet in the Information Center

While the grills are being fired up, tours of the newly renovated Education Center will be given, and the children will be able to enjoy Harry Potter's Castle Air Jump on the lawn!

Church school classes for all ages resume Sunday, September 8. Details of curriculum for children, youth and adults will be available at the cookout as well as registration forms.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on August 25! Casual dress is encouraged.

Parish Finances at the End of the Second Quarter

Good news and bad news. The good news is that expenses are well below budget for the year. The bad news is that gifts to the parish are also well below budget. The parish has received pledge payments and other income through the second quarter totaling \$190,020. We expected income to the parish to be \$217,242. We are, therefore, short \$27,222. Expenses through the second quarter were \$194,760. We expected to have expenses totaling \$203,138. We have, therefore, been able to keep expenses below budget by

\$8,378. Therefore, we have an actual deficit of \$4,740 versus a budgeted surplus of \$14,104. The shortfall in expected income is mostly due to a shortfall in pledge payments for 2002. Of the \$145,782 we expected in pledge payments by the end of the second quarter, the parish has received only \$127,685.

Please note that St. Mark's has historically run a surplus until mid-year (since many parishioners pay their pledges in full at the first of the year). In the third and fourth quarters the surplus normally evaporates as expenses outstrip income, ending the year with a balanced budget. Due to the shortfall in pledge payments, the surplus evaporated earlier than usual in 2002.

Bequests

The summer of 2002 will long be remembered at St. Mark's as the summer of the renovation. The worship space and the education space have both been under construction for most of the summer. St. Mark's was able to renovate the worship space because of a bequest of \$50,000 from Ms. Duke Skaggs given specifically for that purpose. We were able to renovate the education space because of a bequest from Dr. Robert Lykins. Their generosity, most recently evidenced by their estate planning, is working to further the mission and ministry of this parish.

Renovation

The first and second phases of the renewal of the parish's education space were completed several months ago. The third and final phase is set to be completed by the opening of church school this fall. The third phase includes central air and heat for the front portion of the second floor; new insulation in the attic; a redesigned landing and entrance to the front of the second floor; and, of course, the plaster work, painting and carpeting that characterized the renewal of the back portion of the second floor. If you have not been "upstairs" recently, please take time to tour our education space. We believe you will be very proud of the space St. Mark's offers for spiritual formation and Christian education.

The renewal of our worship space has included paint-

ing the sanctuary, chancel and nave; revarnishing the woodwork in the nave (the ceiling and the wainscoting); upgrading the lighting in the chancel and sanctuary; the repair of the pews; and the addition of hardwood floors in the nave. Due to the attention the space has received during the summer, it will continue to be a sacred space that invites the worship of God for years to come.

Sports Updates

Softball

St. Mark's participated in the Episcopal Softball League of Kentucky for the first time this spring, and it was a very rewarding season for all involved. Thanks are extended to the following persons who gave up many Sunday afternoons to represent St. Mark's on the ball field:

Christy Brockman, Jon Brockman, Dave Crone, Mendy Cumberledge, Laura Gill, Melissa Gill, Paul Gill, Rob Gregor, Drew Jagers, Katherine Kingren, Barbara Kramer, Dave MacCool, Ginger McCowan, Elizabeth Nicholson, Michael Nicholson, Gwen O'Dea, Jimmy Stewart and John Velten.

Night at the Bats

On Saturday evening, July 6, 38 parishioners and their friends headed to the Great Lawn area for a picnic supper followed by a warm but fun night at the Bats ballgame. We hope to make this outing an annual event so, if you were unable to join us this year, there will be future opportunities!

Volleyball

We are currently exploring the idea of forming an adult volleyball team which would begin play this fall/winter in a non-competitive league that focuses on fellowship and recreation. If you would be interested in receiving more information, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office (895-2429).

ECW News

ECW continues to be as busy as ever this summer. Check out the new refrigerator, freezer and dishwasher in St. Mark's kitchen. These, and other items, were purchased with ECW monies derived from the Christmas Bazaar and other fund-raising projects.

This year's United Thank Offering Spring Ingathering surpassed all previous amounts collected. Through your generosity, \$724.94 was collected.

On Saturday, July 13, four members of St. Mark's ECW (Shirley Elmore, June Richards, Susan Schueler and Betty Sherrill) provided refreshments and organized the bingo session for residents of the Episcopal Church Home. What a truly delightful afternoon! Twenty-one ECH residents were in attendance, including St. Markers Evie and Dick Day, Dorothy Leason, Mary Rondi and Margaret White.

Busy Fingers continues to meet during the renovation project. They are beginning to gear up for this year's Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on December 7. Again this year we will be having our quilt raffle and will also be raffling off a bicycle. Tickets for both will be available in early August.

Anyone wishing to join in the fun and fellowship of Busy Fingers is most welcome to join us any Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the Dreher Room. If you can't join us but would like to work on projects at home, please contact June Richards.

Knitters are needed to knit scarves for the seamen on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Every Christmas knitted scarves and cookies are given to the men who work on the barges on the river at Christmas. We will supply the yarn, directions and needles if you will supply the talent and time. Please contact Dorothy Durning or Susan Schueler if you would like to be part of this ministry. We would like to supply 15-20 scarves.

ECW will be having a card party Tuesday, September 17, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$10.00, and lunch will be furnished. Let us know if you cannot get a foursome, and we will try to find enough players for you. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Information Center. Contact Dorothy Durning or Susan Schueler for more information.

The September ECW meeting will be postponed until October and will be held at the home of Mary Jane Gossmann. This will be our first meeting of the new year--dues will be collected. This will also be a "bring a dish to share" luncheon. The September St. Mark's will have more up-to-date information.

As you can see, ECW is thriving at St. Mark's. Much of what we do can be time-consuming and even sometimes exhausting, but it is almost always rewarding. ECW is open to all women, and even men have been known to attend some of our meetings and activities. Become involved and become part of this fellowship and ministry.

Yours in Christ,
Dorothy Durning
Susan Schueler - Co-Presidents, ECW

Choir Notes

A New Voice

A warm welcome to Robin Smith, our new alto section leader. Robin received her Bachelor of Music Education degree from the University of Louisville in 1989 and was given the Z.H. Reinecke Award as outstanding vocal major that year. She has sung numerous opera roles in Louisville and served as soloist at several Louisville churches. She has taught general vocal music to kindergarten through the eighth grade at Holy Family, St. Lawrence and Ascension Catholic Schools. This fall Robin continues her studies for an M.M.E. degree at the University of Louisville. Her voice teacher is Edith Davis Tidwell.

Fond Farewell

We bid a fond farewell and extend our wishes for good things to come to Steven Paul Spears and Chad Sloan. Steven and Chad leave this month to begin their studies at The Juilliard School in New York City.

Rehearsals Begin

Choir practice will resume Thursday, September 5, 2002, at 7:30 p.m. The Bellaires will begin rehearsals on

Monday, September 9, at 6:15 p.m.; and the Chancel Chimers are scheduled to begin Sunday, September 15, at 4:45 p.m.

Music is an integral part of our worship and life at St. Mark's. If you have a love of music and are seeking connectedness to a vital singing or ringing community, you are invited to join our music ministry. To join a music group is to join a family, a tightly knit sub-unit of the congregation. Please take the time to fill out this form. We are especially happy to receive your comments and suggestions.

Note This!

Please return this to the office or place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

-Jan Ward

Yes! I want to become a part of St. Mark's Music Ministry.

- _____ I would like to sing in the adult choir (high school - adult).
_____ I would like to ring handbells: (circle one)
Chancel Chimers, grades 3-6
Bellaires, grades 7-12 and adults
_____ I play a music instrument and would like to perform in a solo _____ and/or in an ensemble _____ in a special program. Instrument: _____
_____ I would like to sing a vocal solo.
_____ I would like for you to offer a workshop on hymn singing and would plan to attend.
_____ I will participate to the best of my ability in the hymn singing and service music on Sunday mornings.

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ (work) _____ (home)

Children Only:

Birth date: _____ Grade this fall: _____

Parents' Names: _____

Birth Announcements

Congratulations to Cheri Boden on the birth of her new granddaughter!

Congratulations to Susan and Ken Schueler on the birth of their new granddaughter!

Bits 'n Pieces

Have you phoned St. Mark's during office hours only to have the answering machine greet you? Our current phone system has only two incoming lines and, if both of those lines are in use, a call is automatically transferred into the messaging system. Be assured that the staff checks the answering machine periodically throughout the day and that your calls are important to us!

Stewardship

Through stewardship pledges and gifts of time and money, St Mark's Church is reaching the people, both in our church and in the community. During the past year we have ministered to people through music, education, time, food and the providing of aid to other organizations. Musical concerts were held to raise money for the victims of September 11 and for Steven Spears in his pursuits at The Juilliard School. Educational opportunities were provided for children and adults through Church School, Vacation Bible School, and the Education for Ministry program. United Crescent Hill Ministries was supported financially and with food boxes at Christmas. We also helped four of the Lost Boys from Sudan to adjust to a new life in the United States. Achievements such as these would not be possible without both the financial support and the concerted dedication of time and energy to the needs of people within and around our church community.

Please consider how your pledge can affect the lives of those around you. You are invited to attend the Stewardship Brunch on Sunday, October 13, at 11:30 a.m. Information about the budget and goals for 2003 will be available in August and will be discussed during adult church school on October 6.

Thank You

To my wonderful church,

Thank you so much for your constant encouragement and warm thoughts throughout these past thirteen years. I am especially grateful for your generous support at my recital in June. No matter where I go, St. Mark's will always be my spiritual home. Although August 4 will be my official last Sunday here before I am off to The Juilliard School, I look forward to my return to Louisville at the beginning of November and, of course, for the Christmas holidays. I will miss you all very much, but am comforted to know I am remembered in your prayers, as St. Mark's is remembered in mine.

Warmly,

CD

St. Francis in the Fields, under James Rightmyer, has produced a CD featuring Steven Paul Spears as Saint Nicholas in Britten's cantata Saint Nicholas. This CD is available through mid-August in the St. Mark's ECW Gift Shop for \$15.00. After that time, you can order directly from St. Francis in the Fields.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of John English on the death of his brother.

Foyers Are Returning!

Foyers are small groups of adult parishioners who meet approximately once a month for a light meal in one another's home with the members taking turns as hosts. These simple, inexpensive dinners provide wonderful opportunities for Christian fellowship and allow members of the St. Mark's family to get to know one another in a relaxed, social atmosphere. The only agenda is simply to have fun!

During the 2001-2002 program year, Foyers were introduced to St. Mark's and rave reviews have been given by each group. Over sixty persons participated this past year, and we hope that even more people will be a part of Foyers this year.

All interested persons are asked to sign up on the sheet located in the Information Center beginning September 1. Groups will then be formed by the staff with the goal that each group will be comprised of parishioners of varying ages, marital status, etc. Each group will be no larger than eight to ten persons and, since the primary goal is to get to know others, returning Foyers participants will be placed with parishioners not in their group this past year.

Watch for more details in the September St. Mark's. Questions? Contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office (895-2429).

U C H M

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Saturday, September 21, is the 9th Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Blitz sponsored by United Crescent Hill Ministries. If you are a homeowner over age 60, live in the 40206 area and are on a fixed income, please call UCHM to apply for needed "fix-up" home repairs. Neighbors and volunteers from our area churches will gather together in teams to work on homes chosen for this one-day Blitz. For more information and to apply, call Lynn at 893-0346 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The deadline for applying is August 16. Your application will be assessed by UCHM to determine need and income eligibility. All projects will be evaluated before the Blitz.

Also, UCHM is asking for volunteers to help with this project. If you can make some time to join in this project, please call 893-0346 and leave your name, phone number and address. You will be contacted before September 21 and assigned to a project so that you will know what to bring. Or, just show up September 21 and join a crew. This project is not only rewarding to those whose homes are repaired, but also rewarding to those doing the work!

School Supplies Needed

UCHM is now accepting school supplies for the year of 2002-2003. UCHM is in need of book bags, notebooks, crayons, pens, pencils, paper (grade school tablets, wide rule or college rule packages), markers, folders with and without pockets, glue sticks, pencil boxes, rulers, erasers, and uniforms, shirts, skirts, pants and shorts in all sizes. Colors: navy blue, beige, white shirts and blouses. Some of the families could use socks and new white underwear, all sizes.

If you have any questions, please call Karen or Angela at UCHM (896-6211). Remember, some schools in the service area start in July, not August. It would be a blessing if you could start donating as soon as possible. Thank you for your support.

Gardening Alert!

If you are a gardening-type person and would be interested in being a part of S.M.A.R.T. (St. Mark's Agricultural Restoration Team), please leave your name and phone number with the office or call June Richards. Each participant will adopt a small area of St. Mark's grounds and will be responsible for its upkeep (but not grass cutting). Being a member of S.M.A.R.T. will not involve attending regularly scheduled meetings or functions.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Beth Carlton	August 1
Gloria Helm	August 2
Edward Dumesnil	August 4
William Carrell II	August 5
Bertha Davis	August 8
David English	August 8
Judy Sochor	August 9
Edwin Perry	August 12
William Carrell, Sr.	August 12
Laura Gill	August 12
Nina Radford	August 13
Benjamin Helm	August 13
Cindy Stringfield	August 14
Shelby Carlton	August 15
Corky Webb	August 15
Bernie Sams	August 19
Rennie Koontz	August 20
Donald Cogswell	August 22
Edward Green	August 23
Sallie Lane Burdette	August 23
Caroline Cronen	August 23
Scottye Ghent	August 24
Tyler Grimm	August 24
Terry Koontz	August 25
Anne Crockett	August 26
Stuart Levy	August 28
Ruth Sams	August 30
Sandie Melton	August 30
Kathleen MacCool	August 30
Clifton Rodes	August 31

Anniversaries

Mr. & Mrs. Burdette	August 5
Charles Hawkins & Katherine Kingren	August 9
Mr. & Mrs. George Calvert	August 29

Prayers for Healing

Prayers are offered for a portion of the following list at each service on Sundays and the entire list at the Healing Eucharist on Tuesdays.

Kennedy Helm, Nell Helm, Marjorie Carter, Frances Blackshear, Ed Shannon, Lettie Shawler, Richard Gibson, Judith Bloor, Steve Howard, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Frances Lockett, Betty Collins, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Susan Fox, Cleveland Fraser, Judith Semonin, Jane Wilson, Mary Deetsa, Bob Scherer, Joan Bickel, Mason Bennett, The Babcock Family, Diana Estes, Janice Wood, Bobby Townsend, Margaret White, Nina Radford, Vera Wallace, Pam Mahdoui, Michella Bishop, Marian Calvert, Dorothy Leason, Henry Bickel, Ethel Briney, Nancy Carlisle, Dick Day, Ethel Howe, Julie Jordan

Transfers In

Cheryl Boden
Jennie Brotherton
Cynthia Canada
Samuel Hodges
Joseph Straughan III

Transfers Out

George Robert and Janet Breeden
Scott Paul and Cheryl Jonap
Lauren Becker (Carlos)

Parish Prayer List

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

August 4—Church of the Province of Southern Africa
August 11—Church of the Province of Southern Africa
August 18—Church of the Province of Southern Africa
August 25—Church of the Province of Central Africa

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Clement's Catholic Church

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of August 4

◆
Opal Cook
Ann Courteau
Alice Covell
Anne Crockett
Caroline Cronan

Week of August 11

◆
Liz Wilson Crone
David Crone
Mendy Cumberledge
Bruce Cunningham
Sharon Cunningham

Week of August 18

◆
Jennifer Damron
Bertha Davis
George Wm. Davis III
Ann Davis
Elizabeth Davis

Week of August 25

◆
John Dawson
Mary Jane Dawson
Dick Day
Evie Day
Melissa June DelCotto

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

Flowers

August 4 by Scottye Ghent in loving memory of her husband, R. Mitchell Ghent; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Copher; her niece, Natalie Clarke Latino; and her sister, Phyllis Clarke.

August 11

August 18 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 25 by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Sams in loving memory of Lewis and Ruth Southwick, Ruth Landis Sams, and Paige Southwick Jennings.

Candles

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

The Five Branch Candles for August 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.