



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 2003

Anniversary Reflections

On August 15 I will celebrate my third anniversary as rector of St. Mark's. My primary concern during my first three years has been to get to know you. Of course, deepening relationships is an ongoing task and one I relish. This first task will continue to be my primary concern throughout my time with you, for it is my conviction that the better I know you, the better priest I will be to you. To that end, thank you for allowing me to come into your homes to visit, the meals we have shared together, the leisure hours we have spent together, and of course, the privilege of being with you during times of joy and sadness.

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 and third years, 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.

During these three years, 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.

We added a fourth area of focus this year, increasing staff support and programming in Outreach. Again, I am very pleased with the way in which we are nurturing our efforts in reaching out to our community, both through the organizing of opportunities for the parish to serve others, and in our volunteer placement program.

During the year to come, we will be engaged in two new mission adventures. First, we will launch a new service of worship at St. Mark's. Beginning this Fall, we will add to our two Sunday morning services a third service to be held on Saturday evening. Second, we will launch a children's chapel program for those who are in the toddler nursery during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service. We are going to have an exciting year together.

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

Anniversary Reflections

New Worship Service

Outreach

Church School Registration

New Staff Member

Foyers

ECW News

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+

New Worship Service

Beginning in the Fall, St. Mark's will be adding a regular worship service to our roster of worship opportunities. The new service will be held on Saturday evenings and will be employing the liturgy for Holy Eucharist most recently approved by the Episcopal Church. Complete details of this new initiative will be offered in the September St. Marker.

Outreach

Brooklawn

On Thursday, August 7, a group from St. Mark's will be going to Brooklawn to work with a group of nine boys ranging in age from six to nine. We will be making masks similar to the ones you see at Mardi Gras and will also provide snacks and drinks for them. We will carpool from the church at 9:30 a.m. and return about 12:15 p.m.

If you are interested, please contact Ellen Erk in the Outreach office.

Somali Family Update

Kentucky Refugee Ministries has still not had any word from the Embassy in Kenya concerning the travel plans of the family. Volunteers will be needed. Hopefully, plans will be made to rent a storage unit so that furniture and other donations can be accepted.

Upcoming Events

Just a sneak preview of some Outreach events at St. Mark's in the Fall: We are planning an "Outreach Sunday" in September and a "Volunteer Fair" in October. Both of these events will be held during the church school hour. Look for more information in the September St. Marker and the Sunday bulletins.

Parish Cookout, Ice Cream Social and Church School Registration

Sunday, August 24, promises to be an exciting day! Following the 10:00 a.m. service we will have a pot-luck lunch--the church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks and ice cream. We ask that each family bring a covered dish to share. Please indicate what dish you will be bringing on the sign-up sheet in the Information Center.

While grills are being fired up, the children will be able to enjoy an air jump on the lawn!

Church school classes for all ages resume Sunday, September 7. 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 24. Dress is casual.

Noah's Ark Crashes into St. Mark's

If you haven't had a chance to view our new Noah's Ark mural, please stop by the front hall landing and appreciate the beautiful work of David Schuster.

David is a local artist who has enhanced walls and buildings around Louisville, including Café Metro on Bardstown Road and The Oldenburg Brewery on Dutchman's Lane.

The Ark scene depicts a variety of animals on and climbing off the magnificent boat. Some animals are beginning to roam the halls of our education space. To continue this theme, parishioners can adopt animals and fill the hallways. If you are interested in adopting an animal, please take a brochure from the second floor landing or inquire in the parish office.

Staff Change

After overseeing the introduction of new curriculum in the children, youth and adult's church school program, Ms. Becky Blieden will be leaving the staff of St. Mark's to take a full-time position teaching at Sullivan College. Ms. Blieden assisted the rector with the educational programming of the parish since late summer of 2001. Ms. Blieden served St. Mark's faithfully and well, and she will be missed.

As we say goodbye to Ms. Blieden, we welcome Ms. Marti Taber to our staff. Ms. Taber will be replacing Ms. Blieden as the assistant to the rector for educational programming. As you have opportunity, you will want to say a special "welcome" to Ms. Taber.

Foyers Are Returning

Foyers are small groups of adult parishioners who meet approximately once a month for a light meal in one another's homes with the members taking turns as hosts. As an alternative, some groups periodically gather at local restaurants. These simple 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.

Foyers were introduced to St. Mark's several years ago and continue to receive rave reviews. 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 August 1. Groups will then be formed by the staff with the goal that each group be comprised of parishioners of varied ages, marital status, etc. Each group will be no larger than eight to ten persons. Since the primary purpose is to get to know others, returning Foyers participants will be placed with parishioners not in their former groups.

Watch for more details in the September St. Marker. If you have any questions, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office (895-2429).

ECW News

ECW at St. Mark's continues to be very busy this summer. The renovation of the ECW room in the basement is well underway. The room has been cleaned and freshly painted. A temporary wall structure is almost completed and new shelving will soon be in place. All of these improvements should make the white elephant room in the basement a more efficient and pleasant place for our women to work and for our clientele to shop.

The bathroom in the basement has new fixtures, a new floor and a fresh coat of paint. Many thanks to the vestry for sharing the cost of this renovation. This new facility will be greatly appreciated by those working in the basement.

Next year we hope to have the floor professionally coated and paint the laundry room. These improvements should make the basement a much healthier and pleasant place to work.

ECW Hosts Bingo at ECH

On Saturday, July 12, St. Mark's ECW hosted the afternoon bingo session for residents of the Episcopal Church Home. Shirley Elmore, Julia Jones, Jean Lorimer, June Richards and Susan Schueler provided refreshments and assistance to the residents. How good it was to see St. Markers Kennedy Helm, Margaret White, Dick Day, Dorothy Leason and Mary Rondi in attendance. It truly was a most enjoyable afternoon for all.

UTO

The Spring UTO Ingathering at St. Mark's was again a big success--\$449.46 was collected. Again St. Markers generously gave to further the work of the church worldwide.

The Fall UTO Ingathering will be November 2. Let us try to achieve a gift of \$1,000.00 for the calendar year 2003. More information about the Fall Ingathering will be forthcoming.

September ECW Meeting

The September ECW meeting will be held at the home of Mary Jane Gossmann. Dues will be collected at this time. The date and time will be published in the Sunday bulletin.

Are You a Knitter?

It's that time of the year again! Volunteers are needed to knit simple scarves for the Ministry on the River (for seamen on the barges on the Ohio River at Christmas). Pattern, needles and yarn will be provided. Scarves are due at Christ Church Cathedral December 1.

Youth Outing

On Saturday, August 16, St. Mark's youth will be going to Renaissance Park in Middletown. This trip was rained out in May. Please be at the church by 12:15 p.m. Carpooling will be available. We will leave the church at 12:30 p.m. and return back at the church at 3:30 p.m. We will have a party room, complete with pizza and soft drinks, and miniature golf, an arcade and, most important of all, go-karts are available to us.

Please contact either Barbara or Ellen in the church office to RSVP this fun-filled event.

Night at the Bats

Please note the new date for this special event: Saturday, August 16. On that evening we will head to Louisville Slugger Field for the Bats v. Toledo Mud Hens game. Game time is 6:15 p.m. For those interested in a pre-game picnic, we will meet on the Great Lawn at 5:00 p.m. (Maps are available in the Information Center.) Bring your own food, including drinks, as well as lawn chairs.

Prepaid orders were taken through Sunday, July 20 (\$7.00 per ticket). If you have not yet forwarded your payment to the parish office, please do so as soon as possible. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, indicating "Bats Game" on the bottom of the check. Cash is accepted as well.

Should you have any questions, please contact John Velten (267-9636) or Gwen O'Dea (895-2429).

Lemonade on the Lawn

"Lemonade on the Lawn" after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays will continue through August 31. Beginning Sunday, September 7, Coffee Hour will resume following both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services. Volunteers are needed to assist with these gatherings which are designed to promote fellowship and welcome those new to St. Mark's. Please sign up on the sheet in the Information Center if you are interested in serving as a host/hostess.

Softball

St. Mark's softball team's season continues due to the rainy summer we have experienced. Currently the tournament is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 7, and Thursday, August 14. Please consult the weekly bulletin for any changes regarding dates and for exact times. The team expresses its appreciation to the loyal fans who have cheered each week and invite the parish to attend the tournament games which will be played at Seneca Park.

Parish Finances

St. Mark's ended the first quarter of the year with \$102,748 in receipts against a budget of \$107,573. The shortfall in receipts was \$4,825. Expenses were \$103,098 against a budget of \$101,729. Expenses were, therefore, \$1,369 over budget. With regards to budget, St. Mark's ended its first quarter of the year with a deficit of \$6,194.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Beth Carlton	August 1
Stephanie Miller	August 1
Gloria Helm	August 2
Haley Steiger	August 3
Edward Dumesnil	August 4
Bill Carrell II	August 5
Bertha Davis	August 8
David English	August 8
Judy Sochor	August 9
Edwin Perry	August 12
Bill Carrell	August 12
Laura Gill	August 12
Nina Radford	August 13
Benjamin Helm	August 13
Cindy Stringfield	August 14
Shelby Carlton	August 15
Bernie Sams	August 19
Rennie Koontz	August 19
Donald Cogswell	August 22
Edward Green	August 23
Caroline Cronen	August 23
Sallie Lane Burdette	August 23
Scottye Ghent	August 24
Tyler Grimm	August 24
Terry Koontz	August 25
Anne Crockett	August 26
Ruth Sams	August 30
Sandie Melton	August 30
Kathleen MacCool	August 30
Clifton Rodes	August 31

Anniversaries

Tom & Sallie Lane Burdette	August 5
Charles Hawkins & Katherine Kingren	August 9
George & Jean Calvert	August 29

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.

Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, Anne Crockett, John Claypool, Sydney Carlton, Fred Conrad, Pat Jackson, Betty Sherrill, Kim Moore, Nancy Levy, Dwight Ramsay, Jon Culver, Fred Livers, Bradley, Ally, Bill Gossmann, Virginia Peterson, Deroy Scott, Janie Kall, Katherine Covell, Thom Holmes, Sally Dupree, Lillian Yeager, Richard Dame, Julie Jordan, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Dorothy Leason, Marian Calvert, Kennedy Helm, Marjorie Carter, Ed Shannon, Lettie Shawler, Richard Gibson, Dick Day, Steve Howard, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Betty Collins, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Susan Fox, Judy Semonin, Jane Wilson, Mary Deetsa, Bob Scherer, Joan Bickel, Mason Bennett, The Babcock Family, Janice Wood, Nina Radford, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Transfers In

David Cornell
(from Cathedral of Christ the King,
Lexington, KY)

Death

Cleveland E. Fraser
(January 9, 1927 - June 28, 2003)

Parish Prayer List

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- August 3 - Give thanks for the extra-provincial Episcopal Church of Cuba.
August 10 - Give thanks for the Province of Melanesia.
August 17 - Thank God for the generosity of those who give abundantly of their time, talent and treasure for the spread of the Kingdom of God.
August 24 - Give thanks for the Church of the Province of West Africa.
August 31 - Give thanks for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hickman, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of August 3

◆
Michael Shannon
Theresa Shannon
Katie Shannon
Sarah Shannon
Michael Shannon

Week of August 10

◆
Betty Sherrill
Annette Sivori
Harry Sladen
Sara Sladen
Judy Sochor

Week of August 17

◆
Tutt Snodgrass
Edna Snodgrass
Henry Solomon
Katherine Solomon
Steven Paul Spears

Week of August 24

◆
Lyle Spalding
Lola Spalding
James Speed
Ann Speed
Carter Strickler

Week of August 31

◆
Jimmy Stewart
Lori Stewart
Jordan Stewart
Tom Tate
Jane Tate

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

Flowers

- August 3 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 her sister, Phyllis Clarke.
- August 10 by Mrs. Ann F. Lamberton in loving memory of her parents' birthdays, Annie Adelia and Allen Ferguson; and also in honor of the anniversary of Lucy and I.W. (Tuck) Tucker.
- August 17 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 24 by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Sams in loving memory of Lewis and Ruth Southwick, Ruth Landis Sams, and Paige Southwick Jennings.
- August 31 by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gibson in loving memory of their children, Theresa, Norman and Richard, Jr.

Candles

- Eucharist Candles for August by Judith Semonin in loving memory of her parents, Paul F. and Virginia R. Semonin.
- Five Branch Candles for August by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Sams in loving memory of three friends, Carolyn Langan Miller, Carolyn Krause Maddox and Bettysue Lee.