



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 2004

Adult Education at St. Mark's

St. Mark's is offering two Education for Ministry classes during the 2003-2004 academic year. The Education for Ministry program is one of the best adult education programs available to Episcopalians. St. Mark's began hosting Education for Ministry in 2000. When we begin in the autumn, we will celebrate our fourth anniversary as a host parish.

The morning class meets on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The evening class meets on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Each class must have a minimum of six members, but no more than twelve.

Please consider this your invitation to join this excellent educational experience. For a prospectus of the course, telephone the parish office at 895-2429.

Parish Cookout, Ice Cream Social and Church School Registration

Sunday, August 29, guarantees 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 indicate what dish you will be bringing on the sign-up sheet in the Information Center.

While the grills are being fired up, the children will enjoy activities in the classrooms in the upstairs Education Center.

Church school classes for all ages resume Sunday, September 12. 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 29. Please dress casually.

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8:00 am, 10:00 am
and 5:30 pm

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 am

Reconciliation
and other Sacraments
by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

Adult Education

Church School Sign-Up
and Parish Cookout

Staff Change

Foyers

Goodbye, Ellen

Ms. Ellen Eirk, Assistant to the Rector for Outreach, has resigned her position at St. Mark's and taken a full-time position as Volunteer Director, Blood Services, at the American Red Cross. We will miss having Ellen on staff, but she will still be at St. Mark's reaching out to others in the community.

Please be sure and tell Ellen congratulations on her new position and thank you for a job well done for St. Mark's.

“Orthodox”

The following appeared in the July/August, 2004, edition of *The Gospel According to St. John's*, and is reprinted here with the permission of the author, The Rev. David Simmons, Vicar, St. John's Episcopal Church, Murray, KY.

Dear Beloved People of God,

Summertime, and the program is easy. Things have calmed down for the summer, and we prepare for another program year. Therefore, I have some blank space to fill. What I'd like to write about this time is a word that has gotten thrown about a lot in the wider church. The word is “Orthodox.” (Note that in this article, I am talking about orthodox in the broader sense, as opposed to the Eastern Orthodox branch of the Christian Church.) It is made up of two Greek words, “Ortho,” which means “correct” (as in orthodontist, who makes teeth “correct”) and “Doxos,” which means “Praise” (as in the doxology). Therefore, in its simplest meaning, Orthodoxy simply means “correct praise.” In the early church, theology and liturgy were utterly inseparable. If you attended a church where the Gospel was proclaimed and the Eucharist celebrated in the way passed down from the apostles, you were by definition “Orthodox.” As the church aged and theology became an area of speculation on its own, the term “Orthodox” began to take on new meaning. The new meaning had to do more with what you believed than how you worshipped. We find this enthroned in the “Vincentian Canon” in 434 AD as being “that which has been believed everywhere, always and by all.” Of course, it's almost impossible to determine what has been believed “everywhere, always and by all.” You will always find differences of opinion from one branch of the Christian family to another, and across differ-

ent time periods. Since Anglicans have always been cognizant of this, and have never made exclusive truth claims for our particular branch of Christianity, we have generally taken a minimalist view of what construes orthodoxy. You can find the best example of this on page 876 of the Book of Common Prayer, the “Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral.” It includes holding the Scriptures as the Word of God (though exactly what that means is left undefined), the Nicene Creed as a sufficient statement of the Christian Faith, the two great sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist as outlined in scripture, and the Historic Episcopate as locally adapted. These days, it seems that a lot of people are trying to add lists of behaviors to the traditional marks of orthodoxy to define who is orthodox and who is not. But this is revisionist and shows a bad grasp of both church history and theology. The problems we face in the church are not matters of “correct praise,” (orthodoxy) but matters of “correct practice” (orthopraxis). Orthopraxis has always had a secondary role in Christian thought. Our practices are important and are interrelated with the way we believe and pray, but they must not be allowed to divide people who otherwise agree on the core elements of orthodoxy. Another danger has been the tendency to associate belief with an absence of doubt. This is due to scientific rationalism creeping into religion. An “orthodox Anglican” is not one who can uncritically recite the Nicene Creed without a shadow of intellectual doubt. It is rather one who is able to receive the scriptures, creeds, sacraments, and apostolic teaching as a mysterious gift, and continue to worship in the church DESPITE the fact that some of it does not make complete, rational sense to you. It's an admission of humility, but not one of unthinking obedience. God expects you to use the mind you were created with. As rhetoric continues to fly, I hope this is one word that we can drop from the debate, because there are people on both sides of all church arguments that are orthodox, and this word should be one that unifies rather than divides.

Reminder

St. Joseph's Picnic is Saturday, August 14. St. Mark's will be having a 5:30 p.m. service that evening. Please remember that finding a parking space will be difficult.

Outreach

A Back-to-School Party will be held at Brooklawn on Wednesday, August 4, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Back-to-school items are needed for this event. Please contact Marti Taber in the parish office for more information.

St. Markers will be serving dinner at the Wayside Christian Mission on Wednesday, August 18, from 3:45-5:45 p.m. Please contact Babs Moore (895-1533) if you have any questions.

On Saturday, September 18, St. Markers will again be working at a Habitat for Humanity project.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Information Center for these three outreach events.

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 we 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).

Thanks to...

June Gibson who created the patriotic floral arrangements for July 4.

Jim and Jeannie Park who furnished the fruit, cheese, sandwiches and drinks for the reception held in honor of the Bishop and the newly-baptized children on Sunday, July 11.

Susan Schueler who created the beautiful banners for the four baptisands on July 11.

Lemonade on the Lawn

"Lemonade on the Lawn" following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays will continue through September 5. Beginning Sunday, September 12, 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.

It's Tea Time!

The Evening Women's Group is planning a special outing this fall. Somewhere in Thyme, a local restaurant, will soon be moving to its new locale in Fishersville. We are planning to enjoy afternoon tea at the establishment, and all women of St. Mark's (guests too!) are cordially invited to join us. Please check upcoming newsletters and bulletins for more details.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Beth Carlton	August 1
Stephanie Miller	August 1
Gloria Helm	August 2
Lisa Koenig	August 2
Haley Steiger	August 3
Edward Dumesnil	August 4
William Carrell II	August 5
Bertha Davis	August 8
David English	August 8
Hank Rohleder	August 8
Judy Sochor	August 9
Edwin Perry	August 12
Laura Gill	August 12
Benjamin Helm	August 13
Shelby Carlton	August 15
Bernie Sams	August 19
Ronnie Koontz	August 20
Donald Cogswell	August 22
Edward Green	August 23
Caroline Cronen	August 23
Sallie Lane Burdette	August 23
Scottye Ghent	August 24
David Gray	August 24
Terry Kontz	August 25
John Helfrich	August 26
Fran Dick	August 28
Ruth Sams	August 30
Sandie Melton	August 30
Kathleen MacCool	August 30
Clifton Rodes	August 31

Anniversaries

Brian & Susie Thomas (corrected)	August 3
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:

Iola Martin, Gloria Helm, Jean Fairleigh, Henry Solomon, Jack Yusk, Jane, Tom Vogt, Moyra Skidmore, Rita Gildehaus, Nina Babcock, Virginia Wynn, Ann Stewart, Ted Stewart, Rob Hester, Vickie Ferguson, Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Derooy Scott, Janie Kall, Sally Dupree, Richard Dame, Julie Jordan, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Dorothy Leason, Marian Calvert, Kennedy Helm, Lettie Shawler, Richard Gibson, Dick Day, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Judy Semonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, The Babcock Family, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Transfers In

Lisa Koenig
(from St. Paul's by the Sea
Jacksonville Beach, FL)

Joseph King
(from St. Francis in the Fields)

Baptisms

Scott Jamison Park
Karalyne Taylor Park
Daniel Thomas Park
Mary Claire Mehling

Death

Anne Allen Crockett
(August 26, 1933 - June 27, 2004)

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

- August 1 - Give thanks for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
August 8 - Give thanks for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
August 15 - Give thanks for the Province de L'Eglise Episcopal du Rwanda
August 22 - Give thanks for the Church of the Southern Cone (Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America)
August 29 - Give thanks for the Church of South India (United)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Christ Church, Bowling Green, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of August 1

◆
Barbara Kramer
Jack Kramer
Lauren Wells
Ann Lambertson
Norma Lawrence

Week of August 8

◆
Dorothy Leason
Judy Lewis
Elizabeth Scherer
Frank Lorimer
Jean Lorimer

Week of August 15

◆
Frances Luckett
David MacCool
Nancy Urbscheit
Chris MacCool
Kathleen MacCool

Week of August 22

◆
Leola MacDonald
John MacLean
Pat MacLean
Kim Marchegion
Boyce Martin

Week of August 29

◆
John Markham
Carolyn Markham
Joyce Martin
Erik Marvin
Sara Marvin

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 1 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 8 by John and Mary Helfrich in loving memory of her mother, Martha J. Cavallon.
- August 15 by Ellen Eirk in honor of the birthday of her son, Spc. David B. Hill (USA).
- August 22 by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Sams in loving memory of Lewis and Ruth Southwick, Ruth Landis Sams and Paige Southwick Jennings.
- August 29 by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gibson in loving memory of their children, Theresa, Norman and Richard, Jr.

Candles

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

Five Branch Candles by Dr. and Mrs. Bernard F. Sams in loving memory of three friends, Carolyn Langan Miller, Carolyn Krause Maddox and Bettysue Lee.