



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.

September 2003

Church School Begins

Church School for all ages will resume on Sunday, September 7, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

The preschoolers through second graders will follow the "Godly Play" curriculum. This program is modeled on the Montessori approach of teaching. "Godly Play" provides an environment in which children feel safe and welcome... where they can learn the art of using religious language to encounter God and to find meaning in their lives.

Our third through fifth graders will begin the church school year with the "Living the Good News" curriculum. This program is a lectionary-based curriculum originally developed in the Episcopal Diocese of Colorado. This class will transition to "Godly Play" during Advent.

This year we will implement the complete "Journey to Adulthood" (J2A) curriculum for the sixth through twelfth graders. "Journey to Adulthood" is a program of spiritual formation for young people that provides a liturgical frame for their experience in the modern culture and celebrates their individuality and their creative potential. They will be instructed with skills needed for successful participation in church and society.

"Rite 13" begins the "Journey to Adulthood" curriculum, assisting our sixth and seventh graders as they take the first steps of passage away from their families and into their own lives. "Rite 13" provides a safe haven to explore new interests and new abilities.

"Journey to Adulthood" helps our youth understand and affirm Christian living. They are recognized as young adults, rather than children. The older youth are encouraged to take on adult responsibilities in all aspects of parish life and the community. They are challenged to become good stewards of their time, talent and treasure.

The Adult Education offerings will include four opportunities. We will reintroduce the "Disciples of Christ in Community" program (DOCC). DOCC is an adult Christian education/formation program providing experience in building a Christian community while encouraging individual spiritual growth. DOCC offers an opportunity for participants to experience the Christian gospel of

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

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

Highlights

Saturday Evening
Service Begins

Church School Begins

Mendy Cumberledge
Recital

Outreach

Christ in the context of the late twentieth-century world. This class will meet during and extend 15 minutes past the Church School hour.

We will also offer an Adult Forum featuring guest lecturers covering a range of topics. This class will be held during the Church School hour.

New this year, Harry Sladen will offer an adult Bible Study focusing on the Book of Genesis. This class will also meet during the Church School hour.

St. Mark's will continue to host two "Education for Ministry" (EFM) classes during the 2003-2004 academic year. EFM is one of the best adult education programs available to Episcopalians. EFM is a distance learning theological education program of the School of Theology of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Completion of the program takes four years, during which participants study the Bible, church history and twentieth-century theology. Participants commit one year at a time to meet regularly in seminars led by a trained mentor. Classes will meet Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Church School classes will be led by:

Nursery: Sharon Kidd and Suzanne Wisman
assisted by parish volunteers
Toddlers: Becky Blieden and Magan Irvin
K-2nd Graders: Sara and Erik Marvin
3rd-5th Graders: Nancy Urbscheit
Rite 13: Anne Shafer and Jim Taveirne
Youth Group: Debbie Glenn and David Crone
Adult Forum: Schedule Posted in Information
Center
DOCC: Jerry Cappel
Genesis Study: Harry Sladen
EFM: The Rev. Charles Hawkins/Gary Bock -
horst/Paul Gill

We are excited about the programs and believe you will find a program to suit your needs. We look forward to seeing you in class.

Worship on Saturday Evening

Worship on Saturday evenings at St. Mark's will begin September 6. In addition to our two Sunday morning worship services, St. Mark's is adding a third on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Our new service of worship is the latest mission endeavor of St. Mark's. The new worship service is meant to provide yet another opportunity for the people of Crescent Hill to worship God. Our rector, the Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins will officiate at the liturgy and preach the sermon each week. Also leading in worship will be Ms. Jan Ward, organist and choirmaster; Ms. Mendy Cumberledge, soprano; Ms. Robin Smith, alto; Mr. Herbert DeLeGal, bass; and Mr. Elton Wiest, tenor.

The music will be formal, as will the ceremonial, but the liturgy will be the so-called "Rite III" liturgy of Holy Eucharist. The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick has given St. Mark's permission to use this new liturgy in our Saturday evening worship and our rector is excited about St. Mark's being the first parish in the diocese to regularly use the new liturgy.

A year in the planning, the advent of Saturday evening worship at St. Mark's is an exciting time in the life of the parish. Please be in prayer for this, our newest, mission and ministry adventure.

Outreach

Habitat for Humanity

On Saturday, September 13, St. Markers will be volunteering at Habitat for Humanity. There will be twelve men and women donning their work aprons and bringing their hammers to the Portland site. Most likely, we will be working on a completed house doing everything from grass cutting to electrical work! This is a very exciting volunteer opportunity for St. Mark's and the response has been great. We will be volunteering one Saturday every three months. This is a great way to meet other parishioners as well as help a needy family realize their dreams of owning a home.

House of Ruth

On Thursday, September 18, St. Mark's will be hosting the monthly dinner held at the House of Ruth for the families affected by and/or afflicted with HIV/AIDS. There are usually 40 to 50 people at the dinner, including children.

Outreach Sunday

St. Mark's will have Outreach Sunday on September 21 during the Adult Forum class. Several parishioners, including the youth, will speak about their volunteer experiences. Please join us for this informative hour. Please contact Lyle Spalding, chair of the event, if you have any questions.

ECW News

There will be no September ECW meeting. The October ECW meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7, at the home of Mary Jane Gossmann (600 Sunnyside Dr.). The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Dues (\$10.00) will be collected.

This will be a bring-a-dish luncheon. Please sign up in the Information Center.

Recital

Mark your calendars! Sopranos Mendy Cumberledge and Edith Davis-Tidwell will give a recital at St. Mark's on Sunday, September 14, at 7:00 p.m. Accompanying them on the piano will be Deborah Dierks. Any donations made during the program will help fund the completion of the Children's Chapel at St. Mark's.

The Rev. Peterson Celebrates Sixty Years as a Priest

St. Mark's will celebrate with our former rector, the Rev. Mainert Peterson, the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination as a priest. The celebration will begin at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on September 14. The Rev. Peterson will be the guest speaker at the

Adult Forum at 11:00 a.m., reflecting on his years as rector of St. Mark's. Following Church School, St. Mark's will host a reception in the Rev. Peterson's honor and in celebration of his and his wife's, Ms. Virginia Peterson, sixtieth wedding anniversary. Please make your plans to be a part of this special day.

Rally Day

Rally Day will be held Saturday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. CDT. This event will take place at All Saints' Episcopal Center, Leitchfield, KY.

Youth and adults are invited to this day event of games, singing and fellowship. This is a day for youth in the diocese to get together and meet one another. It is also the first youth event kickoff for the school year. Come and meet other youth and their leaders and find out what's in store for the upcoming year with the youth program. The day will end with a wonderful Eucharist in the outdoor chapel (weather permitting). Lunch will be provided. This event is open to youth in grades 6-12. Cost is \$15.00 per person, and the deadline for registration is September 12. Please contact Marti Taber in the parish office for details.

Polo Shirts Have Arrived!

Many parishioners have expressed a desire to own a St. Mark's shirt which could be worn when they are engaged in community outreach activities as a way to increase awareness of the mission and ministry of our parish. Top quality polo shirts were created with the Episcopal shield appearing above the church name, and sales began at the parish cookout and ice cream social in late August. We have an ample supply remaining and additional shirts can be ordered on a prepaid basis. If you have not yet purchased a shirt and would like to do so, please stop by the parish office. The shirts are \$18.00 (adult) and \$13.00 (youth). Checks can be made payable to "St. Mark's Episcopal Church". Please note "polo shirt" on the bottom of the check. If you have any questions, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office.

Music Is the Universal Language

Job Opportunity

Position: Choir member in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. No others need apply.

Physical Qualifications: Must be able to carry light musical notes partway across the church. Must have good vision to see the director.

Experience: No applications accepted from persons who have not sung, hummed or whistled in the tub or shower at some time.

Beginning Wages: Guaranteed satisfaction and abundant joy in the service of the Lord.

Advancement Opportunity: Members who demonstrate unusual ability or courage might sing a solo sometime.

Fringe Benefits: Social security - We promise you the security of fellowship with other fine members of the choir.

Retirement: After your voice reaches the place where it can hit two notes at once, you may sit in the congregation and listen to the others use their God-given talents.

Adult choir practice begins Sunday, September 7, at 9:00 a.m. Practice on Sundays thereafter will be at 9:15 a.m. Thursday evening practice will be at 7:30 p.m., beginning September 11.

The Bellaires (youth and adults) will practice on Mondays at 6:15 p.m., beginning September 8. The Chancel Chimers (children) will practice on Sundays at noon, beginning September 7.

It is great joy to make music unto the Lord. No one can say exactly what music is, yet we do recognize the reality of its effect upon our spirits. Beethoven said: "Music is the mediator between the spiritual and earthly life." To praise God with music is to give God glory and share with angels and archangels the heavenly language. It brings wings to scriptural pas-

sages, teaches Christian truths, and is a balm for healing.

The music ministry invites you to consider this joyful commitment to sing or ring. Call Jan Ward (897-1038) if you are interested or have any questions.

Focus on Foyers

Foyers were first introduced at St. Mark's several years ago, and the program has been overwhelmingly successful. We continue to receive much positive feedback and are anticipating a wonderful response as sign-ups begin for this program year. Since the primary purpose is to allow parishioners to become acquainted with others whom they may not know well, new groups will be formed in the upcoming weeks. Even if you participated last year, we ask that you again sign up on the sheet located in the Information Center.

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. 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 to simply have fun. Often, if the group prefers, the meal can be potluck with the host providing the entrée and each member bringing a dish to share. If desired, several members can even combine efforts and co-host a meal, or the group can meet at a restaurant.

Groups will be comprised of parishioners of varying ages, marital status, etc. Each group will be no larger than eight to ten persons. Once group assignments have been made, a convener will be named for each group. The convener will be asked to host the first gathering. At that time the group will establish dates for future dinners and decide the format of the meetings.

The dinners will begin in October...each group is asked to meet no fewer than six times and no more than eight times. Thus, the Foyers dinners will extend no later than next May with each group being given the latitude of deciding whether or not it wants to gather in December, for instance.

We ask that you sign up at your earliest convenience, come with an open mind and heart and an eagerness to get to know your fellow parishioners.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist in the nursery during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays for the Fall/Winter/Spring 2003-2004 Church School year. Please sign up in the Information Center for any available Sunday(s) or call the parish office.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fall Blitz 2003

It's that time of year again for you to volunteer to help your neighbors. On Saturday, September 20, United Crescent Hill Ministries will have a work day to help the elderly and frail members of the 40206 area. If you can make some time to help out, please call 893-0346 and leave your phone number and address. You will be contacted prior to September 20 and assigned a project (so you will know what tools to bring). Or, just show up on September 20 and join a crew. The work is hard, but this is a fun time. It is a blessing to you and the people for whom you work.

Casseroles! Casseroles!

As our Fall programs soon begin and opportunities for service abound, please consider assisting St. Mark's by preparing a dish for our Casserole Ministry. We strive to extend support to our fellow parishioners by delivering a homemade casserole when a family is experiencing a difficult time--when illness strikes or a death occurs. Also, as many of you know, a casserole arriving at one's door is a welcome sight when a new baby joins a family!

If you are interested in being a part of this special ministry, please sign up on the sheet located in the Information Center. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Marlene Straughan, chairperson (394-0110).

Bread Ministry

St. Mark's has an ongoing need of home-baked loaves of bread to be delivered as a token of our hospitality to newcomers following their first visit. The bread can be baked at one's convenience and then placed in the freezer at church. It would be most helpful to have an ample supply on hand at all times.

If you are interested in assisting with this special ministry, please sign up on the sheet located in the Information Center. Delivery persons are needed as well as bakers. Questions?? Please contact Anita Poynter, Chairperson, at 893-7743, or Gwen O'Dea in the parish office.

Many thanks are extended to the faithful parishioners who have baked and delivered many loaves this past year!

Blessing of the Animals

Looking ahead to October, St. Mark's will once again celebrate St. Francis day with a blessing of the animals. This year's blessing of the animals will be held in conjunction with our Saturday evening worship service. Mark your calendars accordingly: Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, October 4, 5:30 p.m., St. Mark's.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of St. Mark's rector, the Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins, and his family on the death of his mother; to the family of Henry Solomon on the death of his sister; to the family of Scott Shafer on the death of his stepmother; and to the family of Jane Doyle.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Betty Rothwell	September 2
Lauren Wells	September 4
Nancy Urbscheit	September 7
Jean Calvert	September 8
Cynthia Velten	September 10
Keith Christenson	September 12
Bill Cobb	September 12
Theresa Shannon	September 13
Tutt Snodgrass	September 16
Kitty Patterson	September 16
David Ramsay	September 16
Matthew Schad	September 17
Sara Sladen	September 18
Dana Boone	September 19
Patricia Campbell	September 22
Dorothy Leason	September 23
Virginia Q. Wynn	September 24
Anne Ebendorf	September 24
Ethan Doerschuk	September 25
C. Ann Gittings	September 26
Andy Blieden	September 27
Peggy Conway	September 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.

Vickie Ferguson, Doris Hinnant, Layne Michler, Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, Anne Crockett, John Claypool, Sydney Carlton, Fred Conrad, Pat Jackson, Betty Sherrill, Nancy Levy, Dwight Ramsay, Fred Livers, Bradley, Ally, Bill Gossman, 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 Out

Robert E. Webb III
(to Fredericksburg [VA] United
Methodist Church)

Anniversaries

Tom & Hill Walthall	September 10
Gerald & Cara Kirven	September 11
Paul & Cissy Dendy	September 27
Bruce & Sharon Cunningham	September 28

Death

Jane Quick Doyle
(August 31, 1924 - August 2, 2003)

Parish Prayer List

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

September 7 - Give thanks for the Episcopal Church of the United States of America.
September 14 - We continue praying for the Episcopal Church, the United States of America.
September 21 - Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Canada
September 28 - Give thanks for the church of Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan).

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Louisville, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of September 7

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Joe Straughan
Marlene Straughan
Ashleigh Straughan
Joseph Straughan III
Cindy Stringfield

Week of September 14

◆
Marti Taber
Lewis Taber
Ginnie Taber
Kathryn Taber
Anne Taber

Week of September 21

◆
Jim Taveime
Alice Taveime
Brian Thomas
Susie Thomas
David Thomas

Week of September 28

◆
Mildred Tierney
Pat VanMeter
John Velten
Cindy Velten
Marjorie Vogt

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

Flowers

September 7 by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grimm, Jr., in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grimm, Sr., Mrs. Bessie L. Thomas and Carol Grimm Kaiser; and in thanksgiving for their children

September 14 by Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fairleigh in loving memory of her grandmother, Ida Harpe Rinker.

September 21 by Frances Reagan in loving memory of her husband, Robert Reagan; her parents, LeRoy and Helen Axton Scott; and her nephew, Scott Lee McCracken.

September 28 by June Richards in loving memory of Stephanie Clary, for her love and service to St. Mark's; and for her parents, Jack and Indie Foreman.

Candles

Eucharist Candles for September by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Schueler in memory of Christine Yeager.

Five Branch Candles for September by Mrs. Shirley Elmore in loving memory of her parents, Irvin and Sallie Crouch; her husband, Donald C. Elmore; and her friend, Chris S. Yeager.