



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 2004

Church School Begins

Church School for all ages will resume on Sunday, September 12, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Our preschoolers through fifth 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.

"Journey to Adulthood" (J2A) will continue to guide the youth. "Journey to Adulthood" is a 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.

The Adult Education offerings will include several 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 for participants to experience the Christian gospel of Christ in the context of the late twentieth-century world. This year will focus on the Gospel of Mark.

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

St. Mark's will continue to host two "Education for Ministry" (EFM) classes during the 2004-2005 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 and 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.

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 Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

Sundays

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

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ECW News

On Tuesday, September 14, St. Mark's ECW will be hosting a luncheon here at St. Mark's for St. Andrew's ECW. This will be an opportunity for the women of both parishes to exchange ideas and socialize. Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend.

The October meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, at Mary Jane Gossmann's home. This is actually our first meeting of the upcoming year. Plan to attend to discuss upcoming activities and events. Dues (\$10.00) will be collected. This will be a potluck luncheon, so bring your best dish.

The November meeting will be a luncheon and a guest speaker - The Rev. Dr. James B. (Jay) Magness, Canon to the Ordinary. This will be a most interesting meeting. Plan to attend.

There will be sign-up sheets in the Information Center for the October and November meetings at later dates.

Acolyte Festival

The 25th Annual National Acolyte Festival will be held Saturday, October 9, 2004, at the Washington National Cathedral. Total cost is \$85.00. Your registration form and money must be in the Diocesan office by September 23.

Please contact Desi Nisbett in the Diocesan office (584-7148 or e-mail at desi@episcopalky.org) if you are interested in attending.

Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 2, St. Mark's will once again celebrate St. Francis Day with a blessing of the animals. The blessing of the animals will be held in conjunction with our Saturday evening worship service. Mark your calendars accordingly: Blessing of the Animals, Saturday, 5:30 p.m., St. Mark's, October 2.

Musical Notes

Rehearsals begin for the Adult Choir on Thursday,

September 9, at 7:00 p.m. If you have a love of music and/or if you are looking for a new or different life experience, come out and join us. Tenors and basses are especially needed this year. Consider a short-term commitment--perhaps until Christmas.

The Bellaires began rehearsals on Monday, August 2. If you have a good sense of rhythm, you can ring with us even if you do not read music.

The Chancel Chimers will begin rehearsals on Sunday, September 12, at 12:00 p.m.

Music is an integral part of our worship and life together at St. Mark's. Ringing and singing to God and each other are gifts given to express the inexpressible. Please return the form below to the office and Jan Ward or Mendy Cumberledge will be happy to talk with you.

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. Instrument: _____

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: _____

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.

Help Wanted

The Board of Elections is in need of poll workers for the November 2 election. Workers must be registered voters in Jefferson County.

There is a two-hour training session at which time workers will have election laws explained to them and will be shown how to properly use the voting equipment. Workers are required to be at their polling site at 5:15 a.m. on November 2 to set up the site and stay until the last voter has voted, the site is dismantled, and the votes are transmitted (polls close at 6:00 p.m.). Pay is \$115.00.

If you are interested in participating, please see the letter on the bulletin board in the Information Center or contact Jennifer Hutchinson at the Board of Elections (574-6040).

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to assist in the nursery during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays for the Fall/Winter/Spring 2004-2005 Church School year. Please sign up in the Information Center for any available Sunday(s) or call the parish office.

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 place a casserole in the kitchen freezer. Labels can be found in the red folder located on top of the freezer. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Ann Davis, chairperson (425-7858).

Coffee Hour Returns

Beginning Sunday, September 12, coffee hour will resume following both the 8:00 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 assisting your parish in this special way.

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. 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 remember St. Mark's when you're next baking. Wrapped loaves should be labeled and placed in the church freezer. If you have any 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!

Parish Nursing

Are you having a Heart Attack? The "Hollywood heart attack" - complete with dramatic chest-clutching and dropping to the floor - is misleading. Most heart attacks start slowly, and many may cause only mild pain or discomfort. And while chest pain (generally a sharp pain or a feeling of pressure or burning or squeezing beneath the breastbone, sometimes accompanied by soreness or numbness in one or both arms) is the most common symptom overall, women are more likely than men to experience some other less well-known symptoms, such as:

- Unusual fatigue
- Lightheadedness
- Nausea/vomiting and/or prolonged pain in the upper abdomen
- Shortness of breath
- Back or jaw pain
- Breaking out in a cold sweat

If you have any of these symptoms, call 911 and chew one standard aspirin tablet, which may minimize additional damage by thinning your blood.

An "Atta Boy" from the Treasurer

You may remember that my predecessor, Chuck Eirk, had the unhappy task of presenting a very tight budget at this year's annual meeting. It anticipated that all amounts pledged by parishioners would be paid whereas prudence usually dictates taking a safer budget route. Well, you have not let us down. At the end of July with 58% of the year gone, 60% of total pledge payments have been received. YIPPEE AND THANK YOU. Needless to say, keep up the good work.

No bean counter in his right mind would stop here. The budget also anticipated taking \$35,267 from "rainy day" funds in order to balance this year's budget. As a result of generally good expense control, I currently estimate that "only" \$21,000 will be needed. This is good news and bad news. Bad, of course, to chew up our meager savings which should be used for unforeseen future needs.

So how about a little challenge. There are 124 pledging units in the parish. You guessed it - an average extra donation of \$169.35 would keep us from tapping reserve funds that were intended to meet these future needs. This translates to a 6.9% increase in each of our present annual pledges. Would you please consider your own situation to see if some amount above your current pledge is possible?

- Lyle Spalding

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, and their guests, are cordially invited to join us. Please check upcoming newsletters and bulletins for more details.

Videos Available

Videos of the rector's lecture regarding Scripture and Homosexuality are available. VHS copies are \$5.00; DVD copies are \$6.00. To obtain a copy, please sign up in the Information Center or call Barbara Rich in the parish office (895-2429).

AIDS Walk

The Louisville AIDS Walk will take place Sunday, September 26, 2004, at 3:00 p.m. Registration is at 1:00 p.m. Please check the September Sunday bulletins and the Information Center for more details.

Youth Rally Day

September 18, 11:00 am-5:00 pm EDT
All Saints' Episcopal Center
Leitchfield, KY

Unity: We Gather Together as One

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. Come and meet other youth and their leaders and find out what's in store for the upcoming year with the youth program. We will also end the day with a wonderful Eucharist in the outdoor chapel (weather permitting). Lunch is provided. This event is open for youth in grades 6-12. The cost is \$20.00 per person. The registration deadline is September 10. Please pick up a registration form in the parish office.

Thank You

Betty Sherrill extends deepest thanks to her church family for all of its care and concern during her recent illness. The many prayers, cards and phone calls have meant so very much to her.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Mendy Cumberledge and her family on the death of her grandmother.

Smile...

It's time for a new church pictorial directory! It's been over four years since our last directory was produced, and we hope to have as many parishioners as possible photographed for our new album. The photos will be taken by Church Family Albums at St. Mark's on October 20-23. Sign-ups for day and time will begin in the Information Center on Sunday, September 12, and will continue on September 19 and 26. More information will be included in future Sunday bulletins. Should you have any questions, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Betty Rothwell	September 2
Lauren Well	September 4
Eleanor Oppel	September 5
John MacLean	September 5
Nancy Urbscheit	September 7
Jean Calvert	September 8
Cynthia Velten	September 10
Summer Atwell	September 10
Keith Christenson	September 12
Bill Cobb	September 12
Tutt Snodgrass	September 16
Kitty Patterson	September 16
David Ramsay	September 16
Matthew Schad	September 17
Garret Rohleder	September 17
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

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:

Pat Young, Danielle Mueller, Lou Erke, Norma Lawrence, 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, Deroy 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

Anniversaries

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

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

September 5 - Give thanks for The Scottish Episcopal Church
September 12 - Give thanks for the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia
September 19 - Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Southern Africa
September 26 - Give thanks for the Church of the Province of the
Episcopal Church of The Sudan

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Christ Church, Elizabeth, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of September 5

◆
John McBride
Dorothy McCaffrey
Shelby McCord
Joan McCord
Sarah McCord

Week of September 12

◆
Dan Mehling
Jennifer Mehling
Mary Claire Mehling
Sandie Melton
Tim Melton

Week of September 19

◆
Harry Mercer
Debby Mercer
Catherine Mercer
Layne Michler
Bob Micou

Week of September 26

◆
Virginia Van Zandt Miles
Herbert Miller
Stephanie Miller
Elizabeth Mitchell
Rob Mitchell

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 5 By Jimmy and Lori Stewart in loving memory of Frank and Rosa Stewart, Van and Ruth Jagers, and Patricia Patton; and in thanksgiving for Jordan Nicole Stewart.
- September 12 By Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fairleigh in loving memory of her grandmother, Ida Harpe Rinker.
- September 19 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 26 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

Eucharistic Candles by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Schueler in memory of Christine Yeager.

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