



# 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 2005

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## Every Member Canvass

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Dear beloved people of God at St. Mark's,

Our annual stewardship campaign, the Every Member Canvass, will soon begin. Our annual stewardship brunch will be the focal point of our pledge drive.

As you are considering your pledge to the parish for the coming year, I ask that you think of stewardship as a spiritual discipline. Like prayer and the reading of scripture, stewardship is a religious devotion. Developing the good steward in you is a life long process. The discipline of giving yourself away, through the gifting of your time, talents and your treasure, is an exercise in piety worth advancing and growing. One of the paradoxes of the gospel is that we are most alive when we give ourselves away.

As you are considering the financial portion of your pledge, know that the goal in the Episcopal Church is the tithe or the spiritual discipline of giving away ten percent of your income. I ask that you move closer to that this year. If you have never pledged before, begin this year, by making a pledge. If you gave two percent of your income last year, raise that giving to three percent this year. By giving for the first time or by increasing your pledge by one percent, you will be moving toward the goal of tithing.

Stewardship is a spiritual discipline that will aid in the development of your own personal faith, but it is also an exciting opportunity to engage in mission. When you make a pledge of your time, talent and treasure to St. Mark's, you are investing in the mission of the parish. The mission of God is a winning cause, and the mission to which God has called St. Mark's is a winning cause. You will find it exciting to invest generously and wisely in the mission to which God has called us. Your gifts of time, talent, and treasure are that on which the foundation of God's mission at St. Mark's is built.

Faithfully yours,

Charles Hawkins  
Rector

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## 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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## Highlights

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## Church School

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Church School for all ages will resume on Sunday, September 11, 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. Mr. Harry Sladen will be teaching a class on the Psalms. Coffee Hour speakers will cover a range of topics. Classes will be held during the Church School hour.

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## Coffee Hour Returns

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Beginning Sunday, September 11, 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.

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## EFM

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St. Mark's will continue to host two "Education for Ministry" (EFM) classes during the 2005-2006 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.

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## St. Mark's Advertising on T.V.

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For the first two weeks of September, both The Episcopal Church and the parish of St. Mark's will be running ads on television.

You can look for the ads on these networks: ESPN, MTV, FX, TNT, TBS, Comedy Central, and Nickelodeon.

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## Landscaping

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For the next several months the parish is going to focus on enhancing the landscaping of our grounds. There will be "Coffee Hours" dedicated to this endeavor, planning to be done, and work to be completed. If you are interested in helping with this project, please plan on attending the first meeting on September 25, 2005, in Langley Hall at 11:00 a.m.

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## Blessing of the Animals

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On Saturday, October 1, St. Mark's will once again celebrate the life of St. Francis 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, October 1, 5:30 p.m., St. Mark's.

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## ECW News

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Please mark your calendar with the following important dates:

October 11 - First meeting of the new year at Mary Jane Gossmann's. Time: 11:00 a.m. Dues of \$10.00 will be collected. This is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share.

November 8 - ECW meeting at St. Mark's. Time: 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Delinda Buie, our new Deacon. Lunch will be served. Cost: \$5.00.

December 3 - St. Mark's Holiday Bazaar.

December 13 - ECW Christmas Party at the Episcopal Church Home. Time: 12:30 p.m. Bring a small gift for the St. Markers who reside there.

January - NO MEETING

February - Interfaith Program at The Temple. Time and Date TBA.

March - OPEN

April - OPEN

May - Day Trip. Where is unknown at this time.

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## Music Notes

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Mendy Cumberledge has resigned as our soprano soloist and section leader due to increased responsibilities at IUS. She will continue worshipping at St. Mark's and leading the Sunday School music program. Thank you, Mendy, for your beautiful singing and musical leadership these past five years.

Lorie Jarett Williamson is our new soprano section leader. Lorie is a familiar face, as she sang with the choir for six years in the 1990's. After receiving her undergraduate degree in music at U of L, she married and moved to California, receiving her graduate degree at the University of California. She is teaching voice and piano in the preparatory department at U of L and at Ursuline. She has two daughters--Sierra, 1½, and Elise, 3½. Lorie will also direct the children's hand chimes (Chancel Chimers).

Korin Kormick is our new alto section leader and soloist. She is a graduate music student at U of L and will receive a master's degree this year. Korin has extensive singing experience in church choirs and also as a member of the Kentucky Opera Chorus.

Robert Boozman is our new associate organist/choirmaster, who will be leading the music for our Saturday 5:30 p.m. Eucharist. He moved to Louisville last year from Memphis and is presently teaching organ at U of L and also teaches music at Ascension High School.

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## Focus on Foyers

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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.

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## Bread Ministry

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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 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!

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## Casserole Ministry

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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).

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## How to Spot Skin Cancer

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Follow the ABCD rule for detecting skin cancer, which points to four signs that a skin lesion may be malignant:

**A** - It is asymmetrical. Draw an imaginary line through the middle of the mole, either vertically or horizontally. Are the two halves nearly the same size and shape? If not, get it checked by your dermatologist.

**B** - It has an irregular border. The edge or border of a melanoma is usually irregular. The border can be scalloped, ragged, notched, blurred or poorly defined.

**C** - Its color is mottled or changing. Benign moles can be any color, but each mole will be only one color. Melanomas usually vary in shades within the same mole--from tan to brown to black or even blue.

**D** - It has a diameter larger than the size of a pencil eraser.

Be on the lookout for moles that are different from others, one that changes, grows, itches or bleeds. One of the most important warning signs is actually a new or changing lesion. Some experts even advocate adding an E, for evolving, to the ABCD rule.

If your mole "passes" any or all of these ABCD's, see a dermatologist immediately. Don't delay, because once a melanoma has grown to the size of a dime it has a 50 percent chance of having spread elsewhere.

Don't let your doctor brush off a suspicious spot. If in doubt, have it taken out and insist on a biopsy. Because melanoma often arises from other moles, removing them can be a preventative measure.

If you have more than 50 moles on your body, consider having a dermatologist make a detailed "mole map". These medical photos are used to detect whether there are changes to a mole during subsequent checkups.

Submitted by June Gibson, a member of the Parish Nursing Committee

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# Parish Life

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## Birthdays

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Aidan Estes	September 1
Betty Rothwell	September 2
Lauren Wells	September 4
Eleanor Oppel	September 5
John MacLean	September 5
Kitty Park Patterson	September 6
Nancy Urbscheit	September 7
Jean Calvert	September 8
Summer Atwell	September 10
Keith Christenson	September 12
Bill Cobb	September 12
Tutt Snodgrass	September 16
David Ramsay	September 16
Matthew Schad	September 17
Garret Rohleder	September 17
Dana Boone	September 19
Patricia Campbell	September 22
Virginia Q. Wynn	September 24
Anne Ebendorf	September 24
C. Ann Gittings	September 26
Andy Blieden	September 27
Kurt Ludwig	September 27
Thomas Redmon	September 30

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## Anniversaries

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Tom & Hill Walthall	September 10
Gerald & Cara Kirven	September 11
Ted & Ann Stewart	September 20
Paul & Cissy Dendy	September 27

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## Prayers for Healing

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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:

Minx Auerbach, Rob Auerbach, Claire Morris, Marlene Will, Ann Stewart, Meme Smith, Jerry Ennenbach, George Wessel, J.C. Leonard, David Clayton MacDonald, Lynn Lewis, Sandy Beale, Nancy, Jim Leason, Jeff Tafel, Lillian Yeager, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Dick Scott, Nancy Michler Burke, Pat Young, Danielle Mueller, Lou Erke, Gloria Helm, Henry Solomon, Jack Yusk, Jane, Tom Vogt, Moyra Skidmore, Rita Gildehaus, Nina Babcock, Virginia Wynn, Rob Hester, Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Janie Kall, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Lettie Shawler, Dick Day, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Judy Semonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, The Babcock Family, Vera Wallace

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## Parish Register

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### Transfer In

Ethan Moore

(from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church)

Kirk Neidhardt

(from St. James' Episcopal Church)

### Transfers Out

Terence W. & Arlene D. Koontz  
(to Church of the Advent)

### Marriages

Amber L. Burch & Ethan K. Moore  
(July 23, 2005)

Emily G. O'Dea & Daniel G. Holeman  
(August 6, 2005)

### Baptisms

Courtney Phoebe Lily-Rose McNeil

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# Parish Prayer List

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## Anglican Cycle of Prayer

September 4 - Pray for the Diocese of Salisbury-Ramsbury (Canterbury, England)  
September 11 - Pray for the Diocese of Saskatoon (Rupert's Land, Canada)  
September 18 - Pray for the Diocese of Shyira (Rwanda)  
September 25 - Pray for the Diocese of Soroti (Uganda)

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. George's Episcopal Church  
Louisville, KY

## Parish Partners

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

## Parish Cycle of Prayer

### Week of September 4

◆  
Ann Cogswell  
Donald Cogswell  
Craig Cogswell  
Billy Cogswell  
David Cornell

### Week of September 11

◆  
Donna Coliz  
Jim Coliz  
Ann Courteau  
Alice Covell  
Caroline Cronan

### Week of September 18

◆  
Carlile Crutcher  
Mendy Cumberledge  
Bruce Cunningham  
Sharon Cunningham  
Gary Davenport

### Week of September 25

◆  
Bertha Davis  
George Davis  
Ann Davis  
Beth Davis  
Herb DeLeGal

## 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...*

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## Flowers

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- September 4 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 11 By Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fairleigh in loving memory of her grandmother, Ida Harpe Rinker.
- September 18 By Frances Regan in loving memory of her husband, Robert Reagan; her parents, LeRoy and Helen Axton Scott; and her nephew Scott Lee McCracken
- September 25 By June Richards in loving memory of Stephanie Clary, for her love of and service to St. Mark's; and for her parents, Jack and Indie Foreman.

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## Candles

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

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