



# 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 2006

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## Church School

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

“Godly Play” will continue as the elementary curriculum. The program is modeled on the Montessori approach of teaching. “Godly Play” provides an environment in which children feel safe and welcome... where they learn the art of using religious language to encounter God and find meaning in their lives.

Middle and High School youth will follow the “Journey to Adulthood” (J2A) curriculum. The first part of J2A is the Rite 13 segment which began last year with our middle school age youth. Older youth participate in the segment called J2A. The “Journey to Adulthood” curriculum 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 offering will consist of Coffee Hour speakers who will cover a wide range of topics. This class meets during the Church School hour in Langley Hall.

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## EFM

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This fall St. Mark's will once again host two “Education for Ministry” (EFM) classes. 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 the 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 (beginning September 6) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings (beginning September 7) 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. To register and receive more information please contact the parish office. We look forward to seeing you in class.

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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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Opening of Church School

VBS Wrap-Up

Senior Warden's Corner

Treasurer's Comments

Music

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## VBS Thanks

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St. Mark's Vacation Bible School, A Seussical Adventure, was an enormously successful week filled with countless great moments. We had a record number of children in attendance each day, and none of this would have been possible without the gift of numerous hours from a large team of volunteers.

### Team Leaders:

Sneetches: Olivia Zoeller, Piper Schad, Grace Dumensil, Joanna Fraser,

Yertles: Kathleen MacCool

The Who's: Jennie Mehling, Kelsey Meinhart

Sam I Am's: Meredith Downing

Crafts: Jeannie Park, Sharon Kidd, Jessica Simpson

Stories: Janie Estes, Elisabeth Hawkins, Mason Ramsay, Ashleigh Straughan

Games: Matt, Charlie Mendel, Reid Shober, Michael Shannon, Sam Smith, Ian Kelley,

Music: Mendy Cumberledge and Melissa Dick

Snacks: Lori Stewart, Jimmy Stewart, Kaye Dwyer

Helpers: Peter Campbell, Sami Smith, Matt Smith

Registration: Ginnie Taber

Opening: Charles Hawkins, Kathryn Taber, Hilary Bogert

Preparation and Set-up: Peter Campbell, Sara and Erik Marvin, Janie Estes, Edgar Eaves, Jim Park, Jennie Mehling, Meredith Downey, Tate Downey, Sam Smith, Matt Smith, Jeannie Park, Lewis Taber, Kathryn Taber, Ginnie Taber, Kaye Dwyer, Brina Stephens, Daniel Park, Michael Shannon

A special thanks to the ECW for providing the Obstacle Course and Snow Cone Machine for our end-of-the-week picnic!

We are blessed with the continued support and dedication of these volunteers who give up a week of their summer to support this outreach effort. Please know that the time you devoted to VBS is greatly appreciated. Thank you all!!

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## Blessing of the Animals

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On Wednesday, October 4, at 6:30 p.m. St. Mark's will once again celebrate the life of St. Francis with a blessing of the animals.

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## Thanks...

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To Farris Fieger for her gift of the beautiful silver coffee urn recently given to St. Mark's in loving memory of her mother, Mrs. Walter A. Chick, a long-time parishioner.

To the following persons who assisted with the Fellowship Committee's annual fund-raising effort--parking cars at St. Mark's during the St. Joseph Picnic: Edgar Eaves; Elisabeth Hawkins (traffic control); Drew Jagers; Dave MacCool; Jimmy Stewart; Jordan Stewart (traffic control); and Lori Stewart. This event raised approximately \$1,000 which will be used in upcoming months to defray the costs of our many parish gatherings.

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## Sharing our Gifts!

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Continuing our mission to provide outreach services to the community, St. Mark's attempted something a little different this year -- to share our Vacation Bible School. Much time and talent go into our VBS program, and we wanted to share it with the residents of Brooklawn. We invited the children from one of the residence homes to come to our church for a VBS Party. Six young boys arrived to enjoy a pizza dinner, crafts and experience our Seussical Adventure. They were most appreciative and excited to be a part of this adventure, and the enthusiasm was equally shared by our volunteers!

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## ECW News

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The first meeting of the new year will be held at Mary Jane Gossman's home on October 10, 2006. Annual dues of \$10.00 will be collected at that time.

Orders for St. Mark's Christmas cards are being taken. There is a sample of the Christmas card and a sign-up sheet in the Information Center.

It's not too early to be thinking about the Holiday Bazaar to be held Saturday, December 2. We are accepting White Elephants (no computer hardware or software) and books (no encyclopedias or textbooks). We'll gladly take what you are cleaning out or eliminating as you downsize.

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## Senior Warden's Corner

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*"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." I Chronicles 23:14*

If only each parishioner could serve one year as Parish Treasurer. Bob Shober has said that he had little awareness of the need for significant parish pledging until he served as Treasurer. Chuck Eirk and I have had similar awakenings.

During the next two months Bob, Chuck and I will meet with Debbie Freeman, the current Treasurer, and Charles to formulate a budget for the Vestry's approval. Until the Stewardship Campaign results are known, it has to be a "Wish List" budget. What is known, however, is that parishioner giving makes up 88% of the funds needed to "stay in business", and your increased giving represents the only upside for improving parish programs or stall remuneration. The remaining 12% consists of Endowment and Future Funds (6%) that would be better not to use for ongoing operations, and building rentals (6%).

Also what is known is that there are substantial "fixed" expenses. Salaries and benefits represent 59% of our costs. These cover the rector, program, music and office staff. Staff merit increases have not been given for several years and vestries have been unable to afford a merit increase for Charles since he joined St. Mark's, even though his annual performance evaluations have been outstanding.

The remaining costs are 20% for building occupancy; 11% for diocesan assessment; and 10% for other items such as the St. Marker, music and other program expenses. No fills.

With this year's pledge, give St. Mark's an upside.

--Lyle Spalding

*"Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over will be poured into your lap, because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back." Luke 6:37*

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## Congratulations...

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To Pat MacLean on the birth of her granddaughter.

To Emma Proietti (age 7) for placing third in the Crescent Hill Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Celebration Pie and Cake Bakeoff. Emma's entry was New York Crumb Cake. She also recently placed first in a regional fiddling contest.

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## Treasurer's Comments

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### June 2006 Results

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>
Income	\$30,198	\$38,554	\$201,908
Expenses	\$33,473	\$31,744	\$206,711
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 3,275)	\$ 6,810	(\$4,803)

### June Highlights:

#### No More Rainy Day Funds

Because of our year-to-date cash flow deficit, I had to completely liquidate the remainder of the Lykins Fund and transfer the money into our operating budget. For several years, the Fund served as our nest egg and source of funding for special, large projects around St. Mark's. We no longer have that as an option to tap should we get into cash flow binds in the future. Despite that transfer, we're still running a deficit for the year.

-- Debbie Freeman

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## Communion for Our Ill and Homebound

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Several years ago St. Mark's developed a team of Lay Eucharistic Visitors who have been trained and licensed by the Diocese of Kentucky to take Holy Communion to our parish ill and homebound. This ministry continues to be a very meaningful one for both the recipients and Eucharistic Visitors alike.

If you would like to receive Holy Communion or know of someone in the parish who would like to be a recipient, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office (895-2429) to make arrangements.

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## Note This!

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We would like to invite you to become part of the music ministry of our church. Music is a vital part of our worship and life together, and I hope you will give serious consideration to how you might be involved. Please return this questionnaire to the office, or place it in the offering plate on Sunday.

—Jan Ward & Lorie Williamson

Yes! I want to become a part of St. Mark's Music Ministry.

- \_\_\_ I would like to sing in the adult choir (high school & adults).  
\_\_\_ I would like to ring hand chimes (grades 1-4).  
\_\_\_ I would like to ring handbells (grades 5-8).  
\_\_\_ I would like to ring handbells (Bellaires) (high school & adults).  
\_\_\_ I play a musical instrument (\_\_\_\_\_).  
\_\_\_ I would like to sing a vocal solo.  
\_\_\_ I will participate to the best of my ability in the hymn singing and service music on Sunday mornings.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ home \_\_\_\_\_ work

Children Only: Birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade this fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names:  
\_\_\_\_\_

First Rehearsals: Choir - September 7, 7:00 p.m.

Hand Chimes - September 10, Noon

Bellaires - September 11, 6:15 p.m.

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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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## Coffee Hour Returns

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Beginning Sunday, September 10, 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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## 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.

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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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# 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
Kitty Park Patterson	September 6
Nancy Urbscheit	September 7
Jim Park	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
Garrett Rohleder	September 17
Dana Boone	September 19
Laurie Duesing	September 21
Patricia Campbell	September 22
Virginia Q. Wynn	September 24
Anne Ebendorf	September 24
C. Ann Gittings	September 26
David Haight III	September 26
Andy Blieden	September 27
Kurt Ludwig	September 27
Thomas Redmon	September 30

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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:

Mary Frances Muir, Patty Sorrell, Carol Royer, Tina Kingsbury, Dorothy McCaffrey, Bill Gossmann, Verna Rothenburger, Daniel, Sue Hazelip, Eric Elliott, Polly Wood, Kit Davis, Debbie Mattingly, Rob Auerbach, Marlene Will, Ann Stewart, Meme Smith, J.C. Leonard, David Clayton MacDonald, Lynn Lewis, Jim Leason, Jeff Tafel, Lillian Yeager, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Nancy Michler Burke, Pat Young, Gloria Helm, Tom Vogt, Rita Gildehaus, Virginia Wynn, Rob Hester, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Janie Kall, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Dick Day, Margaret Dick, Ann Lambertson, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Judy Seomonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, The Babcock Family, Vera Wallace

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## Parish Register

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### Transfers in

Alison Kay Tempero

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## Anniversaries

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

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# Parish Prayer List

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## Anglican Cycle of Prayer

September 3 - Pray for the Church of the Province of Southern Africa  
September 10 - Pray for Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America  
September 17 - Pray for the Episcopal Church of the Sudan  
September 24 - Pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Peter's of the Lakes Church  
Gilbertsville, 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 September 3

◆  
Norman Rohleder  
Bernie Sams  
Ruth Sams  
Phil Scherer  
Kathy Scherer

### Week of September 10

◆  
Peter Ronald  
Ann Ronald  
Sarah Ronald  
Mollie Ronald  
Judy Semonin

### Week of September 17

◆  
Molly Schad  
Matt Schad  
Piper Schad  
Sebastian Schad  
Finn Schad  
Hadley Schad

### Week of September 24

◆  
Ken Schueler  
Susan Schueler  
Peter Sewell  
Cathy Sewell  
Anna Sewell

## 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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Marti Taber, Christian Education

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

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## Flowers

September 3 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 10 by Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fairleigh in loving memory of her grandmother, Ida Harpe Rinker.

September 17 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 24 by June Richards in loving memory of Stephanie Clary for her love and service to St. Mark's; and of her parents, Jack and Indie Foreman.

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## Candles

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

Five Branch Candles 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.