



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 2007

Church School

Church School for all ages will resume on Sunday, September 9, 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 begins with our middle school 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.

EFM

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 5) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings (beginning September 6) 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.

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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Music Notes

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

Practices begin again Thursday, September 6, 7:00-8:15 p.m. in the choir room.

Bellaires Handbell Choir

First rehearsal Monday, September 10, 6:15 p.m.

An invitation is extended to you to join either choir. You do not have to be a music reader--only come with your desire to participate and add joy and beauty to our worship. Come to the organ after the service or call Jan Ward at 897-1038 if you desire to be a "musical offering" at St. Mark's.

Choir Picture Gallery

Did you or someone you know sing in the choir any-

time between the 1940's and the present? Choir pictures line the walls near the choir's robing rooms. Two scrapbooks of activities and pictures are in the choir rehearsal room. Come and check them out.

Wonder, Love and Praise

Wonder, Love and Praise is a supplement to the Hymnal 1982. Beginning in September for the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, our hymns will be sung from two hymnals with the designation "WLP" for the green-colored supplement. The Saturday 5:30 p.m. Eucharist began using WLP one year ago. In 1994 a resolution was passed at the General Convention to provide a hymnal with additional service music, inclusive language, and texts in languages other than English. The title, Wonder, Love and Praise, is taken from the final phrase of Charles Wesley's hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". These hymnals are given to the glory of God by St. Mark's Episcopal Church Women and from the memorial fund of Dr. Bernard F. Sams, Sr.

Acolyte Training

Calling all acolytes! Saturday, September 15, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., we will have an acolyte training at St. Mark's. All acolytes are urged to come and be trained in acolyte responsibilities. If you want to learn about becoming an acolyte this would be a great way to get involved.

Thanks

Many thanks to everyone at St. Mark's for your help and care as I did my internship among you this past year. I am thankful for the time spent with you in this strong and faithful parish, and I am leaving with happy memories and useful new skills for ministry. If you are traveling in the D.C. area this fall, come and find me at Virginia Seminary!

Yours in Christ,
Anne Vouga

Senior Warden's Corner

For several months now the Senior Warden's Corner has talked about what makes St. Mark's the unique place that it has become for each of us. The long awaited survey should be in your hands either with this newsletter or coming to you soon. There are several useful purposes for this survey. First, it gives your Vestry the information we need to help St. Mark's move forward in the directions that you, as parishioners, have chosen.

Next, it gives us each the opportunity to reflect on the programs that we have participated in, learn about new programs, and determine where your interest is focused for both church growth and personal growth. Take this opportunity to learn about areas of St. Mark's that you haven't yet explored. Take note of the wonderful outreach programs, the educational opportunities. Use the St. Mark's website designed and updated by Carile Crutcher to gather even more information about these areas.

And last, now that you are overwhelmed and full of pride at all that St. Mark's is and does for others, perhaps it will help you to understand the reality of the upcoming Stewardship Campaign. The cold reality is that to do the work we do we need your financial support as well as your time and talent. Yes, St. Mark's must be run like a business with budgets, checks and balances, etc. But, oh, what a business we're in! The business of sharing the Gospel with young and old, rich and poor, members and those we may never meet. Teaching..., helping..., sharing..., giving... As we approach the celebration of St. Francis, let's remember his philosophy when we ponder the works of our parish – "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."

Jamie Ramsay
Senior Warden

Coffee Hour Returns

Beginning Sunday, September 9, 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.

Treasurer's Comments

	YTD Actual	June Actual
YTD Income	\$223,397	\$24,716
YTD Expense	\$212,701	\$35,982
YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 10,696	(\$11,266)

As expected, we ran a deficit in June. Typically, we run deficits throughout the Summer months (May-September). To ensure that we have adequate cash flow to cover salaries, taxes, benefits and occupancy costs, we have to pull heavier than planned from pre-paid pledges and delay our payments for Diocesan Support.

If you are interested in reviewing our financials, please let me know. I will gladly provide you with a copy of our most current Vestry approved Treasurer's Report.

Foyers Return

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 continue to receive rave reviews. Fifty-two people participated this past year, and we hope that even more 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, if possible.

The dinners will begin in October so please sign up at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office (895-2429).

All Saint's

All Saint's needs our help! We have received word that All Saint's is in need of linens and household items for the center. Many of us utilize this facility for our various groups, camps, etc.; so if you would like to help out, please feel free to do so. A new large trash can (with an "All Saint's" sign on it) will be put outside of the office to collect these items through the end of September. Thanks for your help.

Items needed are: bath towels; wash cloths; sheets (double); waste baskets; large trash cans; wild flower seeds.

Congratulations to...

Judge Boyce F. Martin, chief judge emeritus of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, who was recently named Outstanding Judge of the Year by the Kentucky Bar Association; and

Emma Proietti for winning a baking contest at the Crescent Hill Old-Fashioned 4th of July Picnic. Emma's winning entry was a pumpkin cheesecake.

Thanks to...

Jimmy Stewart, Lori Stewart, Jordan Stewart, David MacCool, Edgar Eaves, and Janie Estes who braved the heat and humidity to park cars in St. Mark's lot during the St. Joseph's Picnic on August 4. Approximately \$1,000 was raised, which will be used for funding various parish activities. And thanks to Jimmy Stewart who was back at daybreak to clean up the area before the Sunday services.

ECW News

The first meeting of the new year will be held at Mary Jane Gossmann's home on Tuesday, September 11, at 11:00 a.m. This is a pot luck lunch. Dues for 2007-2008 will be collected.

Safety Tip

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. Most late model cars are now provided with remote control car alarms and the device may help you inside the home in a manner the manufacturers haven't considered.

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator.

It was suggested to a man in bad health that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and his caregiver is inside and unable to hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then people will know there's a problem.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Betty Rothwell on the death of her mother.

The Rector

The rector has been in the hospital. He has been diagnosed as having (1) papilledema (swollen optic nerves); (2) swollen ventricles of the brain; and (3) hydrocephalus. The doctors believe all of the above are being caused by a fungal infection of the meninges.

He is awaiting test results.

Parish Life

Birthdays

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
Garret Rohleder	September 17
Dana Boone	September 19
Laurie Duesing	September 21
Patricia Campbell	September 22
Virginia 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
Kevin Penn	September 29
Thomas Redmon	September 30

Anniversaries

Tom & Hill Walthall	September 10
Jim & Meredith Downey	September 18
Ted & Ann Stewart	September 20
Paul & Cissy Dendy	September 27
Dan & Sarah Knight	September 30

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:

Harry Sladen, Roy Potts, Jr., Diane Kircher, Lucia Bryant, Doug Jones, Hilda Dunaway, Evie Day, June Gibson, Laura Eagle, Al Zadig, Nancy Martin, Jim Gay, Dana Boone, Rebecca Shain, Rebecca Coliz, Kathleen Harding, Anne, Tom Pardue, Jim Holtman, Kala, Sally Snyder, Eleanor Bosen, Mary Prine, Danny Bukwa, Jack Kramer, Carol Royer, Dorothy McCaffrey, Bill Gossmann, Verna Rothenburger, Daniel, Sue Hazelip, Polly Wood, Kit Davis, Marlene Will, Ann Stewart, Meme Smith, J.C. Leonard, David Clayton MacDonald, Lynn Lewis, Jim Leason, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Pat Young, Tom Vogt, Rita Gildehaus, Virginia Wynn, Rob Hester, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Janie Kall, Henry Bickel, Dick Day, Ann Lamberton

Parish Register

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

September 2 - Pray for the Diocese of Sodor and Man (York, England)
September 9 - Pray for the Diocese of South West Tanganyika (Tanzania)
September 16 - Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa and the Diocese of Upper Shire
September 23 - Pray for the Diocese of Southwest Florida (U.S.)
September 30 - Pray for the Diocese of St. David's (Wales)

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 Unitarian Church

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of September 2

◆
Charles Hawkins
Katherine Kingren
Elisabeth Hawkins
William Hawkins
Cara Kirven

Week of September 9

◆
Kennedy Helm III
Elizabeth Helm
Nell Helm
Dan Holeman
Emily Holeman

Week of September 16

◆
Matthew Howell
Susan Howell
Abigail Howell
Frank Hower, Jr.
Virginia Howell

Week of September 23

◆
Frank Hower III
Kris Hower
Erin Hower
Brooks Hower
Rob Koch

September 30

◆
Bryan Hudson
Julie Hudson
Clara Hudson
Magan Irvin
Hannah Irvin

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 2 By Jimmy and Lori Stewart in loving memory of Frank and Rosa Stewart; Van and Ruth Jagers; and Patricia Patton; and in thanksgiving for their daughter, Jordan Nicole Stewart.
- September 9 By Dr. and Mrs. Henry Fairleigh in loving memory of her grandmother, Ida Harpe Rinker.
- September 16 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 23 By June Richards in loving memory of Stephanie Clary for her love and service to St. Mark's; and her parents, Jack and Indie Foreman.
- September 30 Available

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.