



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 2008

Church School

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

“Godly Play” will continue as the elementary school curriculum. The program is modeled on the Montessori approach to learning. “Godly Play” provides an environment in which children feel safe and welcome and in which 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 framework for their experience in the modern world and celebrates their individuality and their creative potential. They will be presented with skills needed for successful participation in church and society.

This year, we will also be adding an outreach component to our church school curriculum, from preschool through high school. Each age group will participate in age-appropriate ministry to a part of the wider community.

We will have several offerings for adults this fall during the Church School hour. The Rector will be leading a year-long class on the New Testament. Each week, participants will view a televised lecture by well-known New Testament scholar Bart Ehrman and then engage in a group discussion of the material. We will also continue our Coffee Hour series, with a variety of speakers covering a wide range of topics, including reconciliation, Buddhism, organ donation, and a special Advent series on the visual arts and the nativity. Beginning in October, Anne Vouga will lead a Journey Class for new Episcopalians or for adults interested in joining the Episcopal Church.

While construction on Langley Hall continues through October, the Rector's class will meet in the Parlor, and the Coffee Hour series will take place upstairs in the EFM/DOCC room.

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 University of the South in Seawannee, Tennessee. Completion of the program takes four years, during which participants study the Bible, church history, and contemporary theology and learn to engage in theological reflection as a group. Participants commit to one year at a time and meet

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 9:00 am

Evening Prayer
Monday - Friday 4:30 pm

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 am

Reconciliation and Other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

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ECW News

Music Department Updates

Foyers

Kirven Memorial Service

regularly in seminars led by a trained mentor. Classes will meet Wednesday mornings (beginning September 3) from 10:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings (beginning September 4) from 6:00-8:30 p.m. We still have a few spaces free in both groups and would love for you to join us. To register and to receive more information, please contact Anne Vouga or the parish office.

Music Program Updates

We thank Ms. Mendy Cumberledge for her work with music in worship this summer. She has been acting Choirmaster for most of the summer, and we have all been blessed by her leadership.

The Rector will be announcing soon our "Interim Handbell Director" and our "Interim Organist and Choirmaster." Rehearsals for all adults interested in being a chorister for the 10:00 a.m. Sunday worship service begins Thursday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. All adults interested in playing in the handbell choir will begin rehearsal on Monday, September 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Laura Lee Duckworth has been named as our "Interim Royal School of Church Music Director." Ms. Duckworth has extensive experience and training with the Royal School of Church Music and we are pleased that she will be joining us this fall. All children third grade and above are invited to join the program. This year the RSCM at St. Mark's will meet for rehearsal on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. Those in the program will often join the adults in the choir for the 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Youth Activities

Acolyte Training

Calling all acolytes! Saturday, September 13 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.

National Acolyte Festival

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Acolyte Festival at Washington National Cathedral will be Saturday, October

11. If interested, please sign up in the Information Center.

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. 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. We hope to begin the dinners in early October.

If you have any questions, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office (895-2429).

Congratulations to...

Mandy and Deck Decker on the birth on June 24, 2008, of their daughter, Molly Kathleen.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Dorothy and Bob Durning on the death of her sister.

What Does ECW Do???

How many times have you heard this question asked? Perhaps you have even asked the question yourself. Hopefully, the following will help to answer that question and inform you of just what ECW does both here at St. Mark's and in the community.

A couple of years ago, ECW refurbished the remodeled youth room in the basement. This included purchasing a new couch, chairs, tables, etc. About the same time, ECW paid for the renovation and decorating of the women's bathroom on the first floor and the two children's bathrooms on the second floor. For the kitchen, ECW has purchased a new refrigerator, a new freezer and a dish sanitizer. New drinking glasses, some large pots and a new food cart have also been purchased.

The music department has received several gifts from ECW. ECW paid for new shelving in the choir room. Approximately 100 copies of *Wonder, Love and Praise* and a new music stand to be used in the Sanctuary were purchased by ECW.

The 26 new white tables in Langley Hall were purchased by ECW. These replaced the tables that had been there some 24 years. Almost \$5,000 was spent on the renovation of the basement for the ECW Rummage Sale in December. This included cleaning, painting, purchasing bookcases for books and a room divider, and paying half the cost of the remodeling of the bathroom in the basement. ECW purchased a Rector's Cloak for Fr. Charles to wear for winter funerals outside. This cloak belongs to St. Mark's. ECW also gives \$500 annually to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. This year we also gave \$250 to the Assistant Rector.

ECW purchased a children's communion set in honor of Lettie Shawler for the Children's Chapel. ECW also purchased the plaque honoring Jessie Barret outside the Children's Chapel. ECW has paid for the VBS swim party the past two years. Annually, ECW budgets \$1,000 to be used for Christian Education, Christmas Angels, and other in-house outreach. Some of this money has gone for Easter parade supplies, VBS supplies, Ice Cream Social supplies, and other little extras that don't fit into the church's budget. Three years ago, ECW began picking up the tab for the baked goods for the coffee time following the 10:00 service. This usually amounts to about \$800 annually. The two new flags, dedicated June 15, were purchased with ECW funds.

Outside the St. Mark's parish ECW does a great deal of outreach. The Episcopal Church Home receives several gifts from us. This year, \$1,200 was budgeted for the Women's Board Scholarship Fund at ECH. This money enables residents to pay for incidentals at the home. ECW also conducts a Bingo at ECH in July. We provide altar flowers for St. Luke's Chapel one Sunday a year. ECW provides a door prize for the ECH Style Show Luncheon in April, and St. Mark's ECW holds its Christmas party at the Episcopal Church Home in December for St. Mark's residents and current ECW members.

Every year ECW has several community agencies who receive funds from us. Some from years past include: Crusade for Children; Home of the Innocents; House of Ruth; St. John's Center; and Prodigal Ministries. This year's outreach recipients of \$500 each are: St. George's Center; Gilda's Club; the Bishop's Discretionary Fund for the Rwanda Clinic; and Crescent Hill Ministries. ECW sponsored Cortney Dale for one week of her Episcopal missionary work in Africa.

ECW also sent \$500 to Trustees and Council in late July to help defray the funeral expenses of Claudia Faye Wadlington and Riley Jane Lawrence, the two young girls killed by a hit-and-run driver. Both were Episcopalians, and both were, by gender, young Episcopal Church Women.

Last, but certainly not least, ECW sponsors two annual United Thank Offering Ingatherings – one Fall, one Spring. Historically, St. Mark's has been extremely generous in the amount of the offering collected in this parish. We are the largest donor in the diocese.

ECW is very busy and is doing a lot both here at St. Mark's and in the community. However, none of this would be possible without the support of the people of St. Mark's. Your support by your physical presence, your monetary support, your help with the Holiday Bazaar, your verbal encouragement, and your prayers are critical to the success of the Episcopal Church Women at St. Mark's. We thank you. Without you, ECW would not exist and would not flourish.

Anyone interested in joining ECW may come to any of the meetings which are held the second Tuesday of the month, September through May. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan B. Schueler, President

ECW Calendar 2008-2009

September 9, 2008 - Meeting and Pot Luck Luncheon - 10:30 a.m. - Home of Mary Jane Gossmann

October 14, 2008 - Ovarian Cancer Awareness Speaker and Luncheon - 10:30 a.m. - St. Mark's

November 11, 2008 - Speaker/Luncheon Meeting - 10:30 a.m. - St. Mark's - Speaker: The Rev. Anne Vouga - Brown bag lunch - dessert provided

December 6, 2008 - ST. MARK'S HOLIDAY BAZAAR

December 9, 2008 - St. Mark's Christmas Party - Noon - Episcopal Church Home

January 2009 - No Meeting

February 2, 2009 - Interfaith Meeting - The Temple

March 10, 2009 - Budget Meeting - 11:00 a.m. - Lunch will be provided

April 14, 2009 - Speaker TBA

May 12, 2009 - Day Trip TBA

Kirven Memorial Service

A memorial service for Cara and Gerald Kirven will be held in St. Mark's sanctuary on Saturday, October 4, at 11:00 a.m. Following the service there will be a lunch reception in Langley Hall.

Lemonade/Coffee Hour

Our fall program year begins on Sunday, September 7, and beginning that day we will host lemonade and cookies in the Information Center following the 10:00 a.m. service. Our regular coffee hour will resume in October once the renovation of Langley Hall is complete. 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. Instructions will be mailed to volunteers the week prior to their designated date.

Thanks to...

Jimmy Stewart, Lori Stewart, Jordan Stewart, Janie Estes, Edgar Eaves, Aidan Estes, David MacCool, Dave Crone, Liz Crone, Marti Taber and Anne Taber who parked cars in St. Mark's lot during the St. Joseph's Picnic on August 2. Approximately \$1,100 was raised, which will be used for funding various parish activities.

Blessing of the Animals

St. Mark's will celebrate the life of St. Francis with a blessing of the animals during the regular Saturday evening service at 5:30 on October 4. Bring an animal (or more) to be blessed and plan to join us. There will be snacks for both pets and their owners following this special recognition.

Outreach

Archbishop Rowan Williams writes that our Christian outreach must come “from the ‘who’ that we are, action and gift, for the sake of a new humanity.” Each of us at St. Mark’s has unique qualities and experiences that we can share with others for the sake of God’s Kingdom. I invite each of you to reflect this fall on how God might be asking you to commit your time and your “self” to build up the wider community. Each month in the St. Marker, I will highlight a certain agency or need in the community for your information and consideration. It would be very helpful to us also if you could take a moment to fill out the Outreach Survey included in this month’s St. Marker and to return it to the church office. Many of you are already involved in a wide variety of community outreach projects, and the survey will help us to keep track of the wonderful work already being done and to find out about your individual interests.

This month, I would like to call two projects to your attention:

For the last several years, St. Mark’s has been offering a Sunday night Church School class for the children of AA and Alanon members who attend meetings here every Sunday night. It is one of the few meetings in the city at which child care is offered and thus fills an important need in the community. The older children enjoy the same Godly Play stories and crafts that we offer during regular Sunday morning Church School, and the babies and preschoolers are cared for in the nursery. We need more adult help, however, in order to provide both a preschool group and a group for school-aged children, and to allow our regular helpers a break every once in awhile on Sunday nights. Volunteers commit to helping from 8:00 p.m. until around 9:30 p.m. on a Sunday evening, and the goal is to have enough volunteers that any one person would not need to sign up too often. Former teachers, parents, grandparents, youth, people who enjoy children please contact Marti Taber or Anne Vouga.

One of the newest refugee groups to settle in Louisville are the Karen people of Burma, an ethnic group who have faced persecution in their own country and who have lived in refugee camps in Thailand before coming to the United States. Our neighbor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, has a large and thriving Karen ministry, with hundreds of refugees who attend their worship services each Sunday and a dedicated group of volunteers who serve their needs. There are, however, a number of Karen refugees who are Anglicans, and some of them have expressed an interest in getting to know some American “Anglican” Christians. Together with members of Resurrection Episcopal Church, located in South Louisville near the Americana Apartments where many Karen live, we have been invited by the Crescent Hill Baptist group to join them in their “Tuesday Night Conversation Club.” In order to build friendships and to help the newcomers with the English language, we go in pairs to spend some time on Tuesday evenings with the Karen families in their homes and are especially directed to the homes of families seeking contact with fellow Anglicans. If you would be interested in getting to know a different part of our Anglican Communion and in helping a new refugee family to make friends in their new environment, we would love to have you join the “Conversation Club” on a Tuesday night at 6:30. Please contact Anne Vouga for more information.

Anne Vouga+

More Opportunities in September

Louisville AIDS Walk

The St. Mark’s Youth Group will be participating in the 16th annual Louisville AIDS walk on Sunday afternoon, September 28. The AIDS walk raises the much needed funds for direct services for our neighbors in the Louisville area who are living with HIV/AIDS.

We invite the whole parish to join the Youth, either by walking or by making a pledge.

The 5 km route will begin at the Belvedere, cross the Clark Memorial Bridge to Southern Indiana, and then return to the Belvedere. If you would like to join us, we will meet at 2:00 p.m. on September 28 at Slugger Field and begin the walk together. To let us know that you’re coming, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Information Center at church or call the parish office. Remember to wear your St. Mark’s polo shirt, if you have one!

An Invitation from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Michael Dowd, described as an evolutionary evangelist for his narrative unification of science and religion, will speak in Louisville Tuesday, September 23, in afternoon and evening sessions at St. Matthews Episcopal Church.

The afternoon session, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., will be a give and take discussion aimed at clergy, students and teachers. The 7:00 p.m. session will be a lecture followed by questions and answers. Both sessions are free and both are open to the public. The church is located at 330 North Hubbards Lane between Westport and Brownsboro roads.

In his richly illustrated talk, Rev. Dowd, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, will explore major themes of his 2007 book, *Thank God for Evolution!*, which has received endorsements from five Nobel laureates in science, as well as leaders across the religious spectrum, and which was featured in a 2008 issue of *New York Times* magazine.

In his book Dowd argues that it is now possible to view evolution as a spiritual process; that current science shows that evolution is not meaningless blind chance; that evolutionary insights can lead to greater personal fulfillment; and that aligning with evolutionary trends can guide activists and others hoping to make our world a better place.

St. Mark's Community Outreach

There are many St. Mark's parishioners currently volunteering throughout our community. This fall, we would like to recognize the work that we are already doing and to provide opportunities for others to be involved. Below, you will find a list of places in the community that welcome volunteers. Please put a check beside the ones that interest you. In the space marked "Others," please list other places with which you are acquainted that may need new volunteers. If you are currently volunteering, please make a note in the appropriate space below. Please turn in your form to the parish office, and thank you for your time and interest in St. Mark's Community Outreach Program.

I am presently volunteering at:

I am interested in volunteering at:

- Sunday Night Church School at St. Mark's for children of AA members
- Wayside Christian Mission
- Home of the Innocents
- United Crescent Hill Ministries (Meals on Wheels) (Senior Program) (Kids' Café)
(Youth Program) (receptionist)
- Habitat for Humanity
- Episcopal Church Home
- Norton Hospital
- Norton Gift Shop
- Tuesday night language classes for Karen (Burmese) refugees in Southern Louisville
- Ronald McDonald House
- Masonic Home

Others: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Parish Life

Birthdays

Aidan Estes	September 1
Betty Rothwell	September 2
Lauren Wells	September 4
Eleanor Opper	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
John Knecht	September 15
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 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
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.

Cindy Warren, Elisabeth, Belinda, Neville Caudill, Sally Lambert, Bob Gregory, Marye Mendel, Clark Wood, Sarah Dudley, Mark Miller, McHenry S. Brewer, Craig Kingsbury, Faith Schmidt, Sebastian Schad, Leslie Hammon, Harry Brinkmeyer, Donna Coliz, Kim Moore, Anne Ebendorf, Jimmy Ruch, Howard Rodgers, Susanna Moran, Tom Warren, Diane Kircher, Lucia Bryant, Evie Day, Laura Eagle, Nancy Martin, Rebecca Shain, Anne, Tom Pardue, Kala, Eleanor Bosen, Carol Royer, Dorothy McCaffrey, Daniel, Sue Hazelip, Kit Davis, Ann Stewart, Meme Smith, J.C. Leonard, Lynn Lewis, Jim Leason, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Pat Young, Tom Vogt, Rita Gildehaus, Virginia Wynn, Stacy Harvey, Janie Kall, Henry Bickel, Dick Day, Ann Lamberton

Parish Register

Transfers In

Al Gustafson, Jr.
Joan Gustafson
(from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church)

Transfers Out

Robert L. Bozeman
(to Christ Church Cathedral, Louisville)

Marriages

Stephanie Shaw and Robert English
(August 2, 2008)

Victoria Spencer and Douglas Rouse
(August 16, 2008)

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

September 7 - Pray for the Diocese of Hanuato'o (Melanesia)
September 14 - Pray for the Diocese of Hokkaido (Japan)
September 21 - Pray for the Diocese of Ibadan North (Ibadan, Nigeria)
September 28 - Pray for the Diocese of Ife (Ibadan, Nigeria)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Clement's Church
Louisville, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of September 7

◆
Alison Tempero
Mildred Tiemey
John Treitz, Jr.
Pat VanMeter
Carolyn von Almen

Week of September 14

◆
Anne Vouga
Tom Walthall
Hill Walthall
Mason Walthall
Parker Walthall

Week of September 21

◆
Jan Ward
Eugene Ward
John Ward
Norma Ward
Elton Wiest

Week of September 28

◆
Bill Warner
Cindy Warren
Delores Wehunt
Margaret White
Sallie Elmore Wittmann

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

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 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 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; Barbara

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.