



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.

October 2003

Stewardship Campaign

The month of October brings us to the "Kick Off" of our Stewardship Campaign for the 2004 budget year. The Stewardship Committee is dedicated to the solicitation of Time, Talent and Treasure contributions from each and every member. Please plan to pledge all three elements to St. Mark's, for it is only with your participation that we can engage in mission and ministry for 2004.

Our stewardship brunch will be held Sunday, October 12, in Langley Hall at 11:15 a.m. Cost of the brunch is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 3-12; children 2 and under eat free. At this time pledge cards will be distributed. Please give serious thought and consideration to the treasure, time and talents you have to offer to further St. Mark's growth and prosperity.

St. Francis Day

Francis, the son of a prosperous merchant of Assisi, was born in 1182. His early youth was spent in harmless revelry and fruitless attempts to win military glory. Various encounters with beggars and lepers pricked the young man's conscience, and he decided to embrace a life devoted to Lady Poverty. Despite his father's intense opposition, Francis totally renounced all material values, and devoted himself to serve the poor. In 1210 Pope Innocent the Third confirmed the simple Rule for the Order of Friars Minor, a name Francis chose to emphasize his desire to be numbered among the "least" of God's servants.

The order grew rapidly all over Europe, but by 1221 Francis had lost control of it, since his ideal of strict and absolute poverty, both for the individual friars and for the order as a whole, was found to be too difficult to maintain. His last years were spent in much suffering of body and spirit, but his unconquerable joy never failed.

Not long before his death, during a retreat on Mount La Verna, Francis received, on September 14, Holy Cross Day, the marks of the Lord's wounds, the stigmata, in his own hands and feet and side. Pope Gregory the Ninth, a former patron of the Franciscans, canonized Francis in 1228, and began the erection of the great basilica in Assisi where Francis is buried.

Of all the saints, Francis is the most popular and admired, but probably the

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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least imitated; few have attained to his total identification with the poverty and suffering of Christ. Francis left few writings; but, of these, his spirit of joyous faith comes through most truly in the "Canticle of the Sun," which he composed at Clare's convent of St. Damian's.

The Hymnal version begins:

Most High, omnipotent, good Lord,
To thee be ceaseless praise outpoured,
And blessing without measure.
Let creatures all give thanks to thee
And serve in great humility.

Blessing of the Animals

Saint Mark's will celebrate St. Francis Day with a blessing of the animals on Saturday, October 4, at 5:30 p.m. Bring an animal (or two) to be blessed.

Outreach

Salvation Army Day Care Center

On Wednesday, October 8, St. Markers, led by Susan Schueler, will be hosting a Halloween Party at the Salvation Army Day Care Center. This Center caters only to those children who are homeless. Susan has a craft project for them, and we will also be bringing them Halloween "goodie/treat bags". If you are interested in attending, contact Ellen Eirk in the church office.

Habitat for Humanity

A big "Thank You" to all those St. Markers who worked on Saturday, September 13, at Habitat. Our group convened early and since we were "first-timers", we had no idea what our job would be. We went to 1839 W. Ormsby and dry walled almost the entire house! Screw guns were going non-stop. It was a day of hard work and great fellowship and also a good lunch. St. Mark's will be going back either in February or March for another day! Watch for more details.

Volunteer Fair

A Volunteer Fair will be held at St. Mark's on Sunday, October 26, during the church school hour. Agencies represented will be: Home of the Innocents; Hospital Hospitality House; American Red Cross; Ronald McDonald House; Norton Hospital; and the Salvation Army. This will be an opportunity for these agencies to showcase their needs and for St. Markers to learn more about these community agencies. This is St. Mark's first Volunteer Fair; please mark this on your calendar and show your support. If you have any questions, please contact either Ellen Eirk or Lyle Spalding.

Wayside Christian Mission

St. Mark's is going back to Wayside to serve dinner on Thursday, October 30, from 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be in the Information Center. We will carpool from the Church. Please contact Ellen Eirk if you have any questions.

Christian Education

Our Youth Rally at All Saints'

On Saturday, September 20, our youth enjoyed a day at All Saints' Episcopal Center filled with games, singing and fellowship. They met youth from other churches and shared ideas about what they enjoyed about the Episcopal Church. The day ended in a special prayer service in the outdoor chapel led by the Rt. Rev. Edwin Gulick. They sang "Proud to Be an Episcopalian" which our own Melissa Gill helped write during a recent Diocesan Youth Council meeting.

Youth Lock-In

It's time to unroll those sleeping bags. The fun starts Friday, October 16, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mark's. Great times will be had by all sharing food (lots of food), games and movies. A Frankfort Avenue Scavenger Hunt is being planned, so bring a friend...the more the merrier. Parents should pick up their sleepy youth Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Disciples of Christ in Community

Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC) is an adult education program designed to provide an experience in building Christian community while encouraging individual spiritual growth. St. Mark's will be offering this program on Sunday mornings 11:00 a.m. beginning October 19. If you are interested, please sign up in the Information Center and take a brochure or call the parish office to ask for a Synopsis.

Senior High School Fall Gathering

All youth in grades 9-12, adult youth advisors, and youth council members are invited to attend the Senior High School Fall Gathering, November 7-9, at All Saints' Episcopal Center, Leitchfield, KY. This will be a weekend gathering of music, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. All youth are welcome, so bring a friend. All participants should bring casual clothes, sleeping bag or bedding, towel, toiletries, and a musical instrument (if you play one). Registration begins at 7:00 pm CST on Friday. The conference will end at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$66.00 per person. Scholarship aid is available. The registration deadline is October 31. All interested should contact Marti Taber in the parish office, 895-2429.

ECW News

The October ECW meeting will be on Tuesday, October 7, at the home of Mary Jane Gossmann (600 Sunnyside Dr.). The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. Dues (\$10.00) will be collected.

This will be a bring-a-dish luncheon. Please sign up in the Information Center.

Fall UTO Ingathering

The Fall United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering will be Sunday, November 2. Our UTO offerings and prayers are a means of thanksgiving for our many blessings. Every family will be receiving a UTO envelope in the mail. Please be looking for this mailing and take this opportunity to respond most generously.

St. Mark's Youth Get Active in Diocesan Youth Council

Recently, Amanda Avery and Melissa Gill joined the Diocesan Youth Council. The purpose of this council is best expressed in the Baptismal Covenant. Their goals are to hold conferences and camps whose themes relate to what we believe about God, Christ, Holy Spirit, and Church and how to live out what we believe.

St. Mark's has not been active in the past, and we are extremely proud to have Amanda and Melissa representing our youth in such a positive way. In addition to juggling busy schedules, both girls are finding time to be leaders in the Church.

Amanda is a senior at Manual High School. She has just been selected a National Merit Semi-Finalist. Amanda has written and produced her own play. Last year, Amanda was granted the Smith College Book Award in English. She has competed at the national level for Future Business Leaders of America C++ Programming Test. While looking at a major in mathematics or computer science, Amanda is considering Georgia Tech, University of Illinois at Champaign/Urbana, University of Chicago and Rhodes College. With all of her talents, we know Amanda will succeed in her future endeavors.

Melissa has recently been inducted into the Beta Club and the National Honor Society at Butler Traditional High School. Melissa works hard on the staff of her school newspaper. This past summer she worked as an intern here at St. Mark's. Thanksgiving weekend Melissa will be competing in the Miss Kentucky Teen USA Pageant. Dancing for thirteen years, Melissa has earned an invitation to dance in the tap, ballet and jazz productions at her studio. We are all so proud of Melissa and wish her the best of luck in the Miss Kentucky Teen USA Pageant.

Newcomers' Breakfast

There will be a Newcomers' Breakfast on Sunday, October 5, at 9:00 a.m. in the Dreher Room. All persons who have begun attending St. Mark's in the past

year (or consider themselves newcomers) are cordially invited and encouraged to join the staff for this special gathering. We want to have an opportunity to become better acquainted with you and also provide you with an opportunity to learn more about St. Mark's. Persons of all ages are invited, and childcare will be provided for infants and toddlers as needed. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office (895-2429).

Vestry Update

Two members of the vestry of St. Mark's resigned at the August vestry meeting: Mr. Robert Gregor and Mr. David Crone. The vestry, at its September meeting, elected Ms. Susan Schueler and Mr. Layne Michler to fill their terms of office. The vestry members of St. Mark's are:

Mr. David Pearson, Sr. Warden; Mr. Paul Gill, Jr. Warden; Ms. Dorothy Durning, Clerk; Mr. Phil Scherer; Ms. Debbie Glenn; Ms. Marlene Straughan; Mr. Layne Michler; Mr. Dean Rice; Ms. Barbara Kramer; Mr. David MacCool; Mr. Jimmy Stewart; and Ms. Susan Schueler.

Congratulations to...

June Richards. June was a finalist for a WLKY Bell Award. Even though she was not selected a WLKY award winner, she is definitely an award winner at St. Mark's!

Amanda Avery. Amanda has been selected a National Merit Semi-Finalist. She is a senior at Manual High School.

Richard and June Gibson on the birth of their granddaughter, Avery Elyse Gibson.

Debbie and Drew Jagers. Debbie's daughter gave birth to twin boys, Daniel and Colin.

Foyers Update

Foyers dinners will begin this month! We are delighted so many parishioners have again expressed interest in these gatherings. Groups have been formed, and conveners will be contacting persons in

their respective groups in the near future. Should you have any questions, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Dr. and Mrs. Bernie Sams on the death of their brother-in-law, John C. Jennings of Gainesville, FL.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries

Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) is extremely grateful for your interest in our programs.

As you begin your fall cleaning, please remember that there is currently a great need for basic furniture such as kitchen tables and chairs, dressers, armchairs, small tables, bed frames, and lamps in good repair. Some of you have asked how you can donate furniture and household goods. Simply call 479-9180 ext. 14 to set a date and time for your donation to be picked up. Smaller items such as lamps, irons, linens, and kitchenware can be brought to our office at 969 B Cherokee Road 40204 between the hours of 9:00-4:00 Monday-Thursday, 9:00-12:00 Friday.

Many of you who have helped us in the past by donating clothing may not be aware that we are in a new location and are no longer able to accept any clothing donations with the exception of winter coats, hats, and gloves for all ages and children's basic school uniform attire (khaki or navy slacks, white or blue shirts, etc.). Neither do we have need of curtains/drapes or large appliances such as washer/dryers and air conditioners. Please consider taking the items that we are unable to accept to any of the seven Goodwill Industries located in the Louisville area and mention KRM and the Agency Assistance Program.

We are participants in the Goodwill Industries Agency Assistance program. If when making a donation you ask that KRM be credited under the Agency Assistance Program we will receive credit toward the purchase of any needed item that we do not have in our warehouse. We ask that you send us the receipt that you will be given in order for us to document

your donation. You should also ask Goodwill to give you a tax donation receipt acknowledging your donation to them.

Most refugees arrive with very little personal possessions. Many are fortunate in that they have relatives or church sponsors who are able to help them in those first three or four months acquire basic necessities such as furniture and clothing. Others who do not have sponsors or families are totally dependent upon KRM to provide their basic needs. Your donations make it possible for us to do that and are greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your ongoing assistance and your willingness to “welcome the stranger.”

--Kentucky Refugee Ministries

Casserole Ministry

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 sign up on the sheet located in the Information Center. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office.

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. The bread can be baked at one's convenience and then placed in the freezer at church. 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 sign up on the sheet located in the Information Center. Delivery persons are needed as well as bakers. 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 Life

Birthdays

Susan Schueler	October 1
John McBride	October 2
John English	October 3
Reid Shober	October 4
Gerry Barker	October 4
Shane Koch	October 6
Colin Penn	October 6
James Richards	October 8
The Rev. Mainert Peterson	October 9
Katherine Kingren	October 9
Rebecca Shain	October 11
Alyson Gill	October 13
Hannay Shafer	October 13
Kris Hower	October 14
Susan Darst Hatton	October 14
Thomas Burdette	October 14
Amanda Avery	October 15
Virginia Hower	October 16
Frank Hower	October 18
Hil Home	October 20
Jimmy Stewart	October 21
Robert Muir	October 22
Anne Chandler	October 27
Susan Howell	October 28
Lorenzo Mahoney	October 29

Anniversaries

Phillip & Kim Marchegion	October 1
Chase & Heather Johnson	October 13
Drew & Debbie Jagers	October 19
David & Liz Crone	October 21
Houston & Sarah Jones	October 26

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.

Ruby Osborne, Patty Irvin, Gloria Helm, Dan Tucker, Vickie Ferguson, Doris Hinnant, Layne Michler, Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, Anne Crockett, John Claypool, Fred Conrad, Pat Jackson, Betty Sherrill, Nancy Levy, Dwight Ramsay, Fred Livers, Bradley, Ally, Bill Gossmann, Virginia Peterson, Deroy Scott, Janie Kall, Katherine Covell, Thom Holmes, Sally Dupree, Lillian Yeager, Richard Dame, Julie Jordan, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Dorothy Leason, Marian Calvert, Kennedy Helm, Marjorie Carter, Ed Shannon, Lettie Shawler, Richard Gibson, Dick Day, Steve Howard, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Betty Collins, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Susan Fox, Judy Semonin, Jane Wilson, Mary Deetsa, Bob Scherer, Joan Bickel, Mason Bennett, The Babcock Family, Janice Wood, Nina Radford, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Transfers In

Desrie Nisbett
(from St. Mary's House Episcopal/Anglican
Campus & Community Ctr.
Greensboro, NC.

Robert Micou
(from St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Louisville, KY)

Parish Prayer List

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

October 5 - Give thanks for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.
October 12 - Give thanks for the province of York in the Church of England.
October 19 - Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Tanzania.
October 26 - Give thanks for the Church of South East Asia.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Peter's of the Lakes, Gilbertsville

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of October 5

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Marjorie Vogt
Carolyn von Almen
Eugene Ward
Jan Ward
Lauren Wells

Week of October 12

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Tom Walthall
Hill Walthall
Mason Walthall
Parker Walthall
Ethel White

Week of October 19

◆
Margaret White
Leslie Williams
Jason Williams
Cindi Richards
Frank Wood

Week of October 26

◆
Walter Wood
Linda Wood
Mary Margaret Wuich
Virginia Q. Wynn
James W. Atkins, Jr.

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

October 5 by Mr. and Mrs. G. William Gossmann in loving memory of their parents, Adolph N. and Ann Kerr Gossmann and Joseph Stone and Marie Glenn Davis.

October 12 by Virginia Quarrier Wynn in loving memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Wynn.

October 19 by Mrs. Margaret Maloney and Mr. Sam Brown in loving memory of their mother, Rebekah Brown.

October 26 by Mrs. T. D. Lockett in loving memory of Mr. T. D. Lockett, Mr. and Mrs. W. George Matton, Dr. Hugh C. Williams, Hugh Morgan Williams, Hugh C. Williams, Jr., and Capt. George C. Matton, Jr., USN.

Candles

Eucharist Candles for October by Mr. and Mrs. G. Richard Day in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Winchester and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Day.

Five Branch Candles for October by Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Jones in loving memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Potts, Sr., and an aunt, Virginia Houston.