



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 2004

A Message from Your Stewardship Chair

It's Fall, and our minds turn toward football, changing leaves, pumpkins, turkey, cooler weather and Church Stewardship. Yes, it's that time of year again...time to consider what you will do to help St. Mark's fulfill its mission and what of your time, talent and treasure you can contribute. We all know that our "treasure" is needed to keep our building maintained, our staff paid and our programs funded, so I'd like to take this opportunity to focus on the other "T's."

Rick Warren, in his book, The Purpose Driven Life, reminds his readers that all that they have is God-given. Yes, everything. We don't question this when we see a gorgeous sunset or rainbow after a storm, blooming flowers or parents with a newborn child. How many of us, though, would classify our cars, our homes, our clothes or our vacation plans as gifts from God? These are not just things we've "worked for" and earned, but are gifts from our Creator. If it weren't for all of the gifts God gave to each of us—our intelligence, our work ethic, our opportunity to get an education/further our education, our bodies, our minds—we wouldn't be able to have all that we do. All of the gifts and talents that enable us to make a living can be used to make a difference in the lives of others.

Warren also reminds readers that our time here on earth is very short. We're here for 80-100 years, but all of God's creation has been and will go on for thousands of years. During our time here on Earth, our job is to be good stewards of all that God has given us and use the resources He's provided wisely. That includes our time and talents, as well as our natural resources.

There's an old saying: What you have is your gift from God; what you make of it is your gift back to God. This Fall, take the opportunity to consider your stewardship at St. Mark's and how you'll give back to God.

By now, you should have received your pledge card and information about ways to get involved at St. Mark's and in the community through St. Mark's. If you haven't, you'll have an opportunity to make your pledge, as well as sign up for volunteer and outreach programs, at our Stewardship Brunch on Sunday, October 17, at 11:00 a.m. in Langley Hall. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 3-12. Children 2 and under eat free.

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

Highlights

Stewardship Campaign

Youth Activities

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday Clubs

Monthly events have been scheduled for the children and youth of St. Mark's. We will enjoy selecting the ideal pumpkin; sharing fellowship with special lunches; creating the most unique Trick or Treat Bag; making a special Advent project; working on projects for several of our Outreach Programs; see the new movie "The Polar Express"; cake decorating; wood working; sewing--just to name a few.

Mark your calendars:

October 31: Halloween lunch and activity 12:00-2:00 p.m.

November 12-13: Youth (Grades 6-12) Lock-In

November 14: Advent Activity and "The Polar Express"

December 12: Family Christmas - Make Crafts for our Outreach Program

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 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 the life of St. Francis with a blessing of the animals on Saturday, October 2, at 5:30 p.m. Bring an animal (or more) to be blessed.

ECW News

The October meeting will be Tuesday, October 12, at 11:00 a.m. at Mary Jane Gossmann's home. This is actually our first meeting of the upcoming year. Plan to attend to discuss upcoming activities and events. Dues (\$10.00) will be collected. This will be a potluck luncheon, so bring your best dish.

October 31 will be the Fall Ingathering of the United Thank Offering. Please be looking for your UTO envelope in the mail. Let's make this our best effort yet.

The November meeting will be held November 9 at 10:30 a.m. and will be a luncheon and a guest speaker - The Rev. Dr. James B. (Jay) Magness, Canon to the Ordinary. This will be a most interesting meeting. Cost is \$5.00. Please sign up in the Information Center for this meeting.

All of you who are knitting the scarves for the Ministry on the River need to have them turned in by November 15. There is still time for you to knit another scarf. Yarn is available in the Information Center. Simply take a bag home, knit your scarf, and return it to church by November 15. Our goal is 60 scarves.

PECANS ARE COMING. Pecans have been or-

dered and should be available sometime in mid- to late November. Look for notices in the bulletin as to when they are available.

December 4 will be the annual St. Mark's Holiday Bazaar. Much time and work have already gone into preparations for this event. It is now time for everyone to clean out their closets and drawers and bring in items for the Rummage Sale. Items may be left outside the door to the basement by the Information Center. Volunteers to work that day are needed. Sign-up sheets for this will be in the Information Center November 1. Many hands are needed.

December 14 is the ECW Christmas Party to be held at the Episcopal Church Home. This was such a success last year that it was decided to repeat it again this year. Everyone is to bring a small generic gift for the St. Mark's residents at ECH. Sign-up sheets for this will be in the Information Center November 1. Let's make this a big turnout for holiday fun and frolic with our St. Mark's who reside at ECH.

Looking ahead to 2005, we will again be attending the wonderful Interfaith program at The Temple in February and a day trip is planned to Cathedral Gardens in Indiana for May.

Middle School Youth Gathering

“All Hallows Eve, All Saints’ Day” - What is the significance of All Hallows Eve? How about All Saints’ Day? How has it been celebrated in the church, as opposed to how the secular society views it? Come explore these and many more questions as we look at the significance of All Saints’ Day. Learn about saints and how they came to be saints and learn why we celebrate saints. Since this time is close to Halloween you will even celebrate the weekend with a costume dance.

All youth in grades 6-8, adult youth advisors, and youth council members are invited to this October 22-24, 2004, weekend gathering. The cost is \$66.00 per person. The registration deadline is Oct. 15. All interested should contact Marti Taber in the church office, 895-2429.

Senior High School Fall Gathering

“Politics & Ethics” - This year marks an important time for all Americans. This year we vote for our next president. How important is politics to young people? What do they have to say about everything going on in the world, in which the United States is involved? When we talk about politics how much importance does ethics play in it? Explore the complexities of being in a political society which at times conflicts with our religious and ethical values.

All youth in grades 9-12, adult youth advisors, and youth council members are invited to this October 29-31, 2004, weekend gathering. The cost is \$66.00 per person. The registration deadline is Oct. 22. All interested should contact Marti Taber in the church office (895-2429).

O Sing to the Lord a New Song (Ps. 98:1)

In response to anxiety and fear, Christians call upon God and one another by singing hymns from the heart. Church music and hymn-singing allow every praising heart its voice to lift spirits and form disciples of faith in action.

This month we will be closing our worship in singing Hymn 347, “Go Forth for God, Go to the World in Peace”. This hymn amplifies the Eucharistic post-communion prayer, “send us now into the world in peace...to love and serve you”. The poet, John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971) was a priest of the Church of England. The tune, Litton, was composed by hymnologist, Dr. Erik Routley, and was commissioned by the Choir of Trinity Parish, Princeton, New Jersey, to honor Mr. James R. Litton in July of 1982, upon the end of his tenure there as organist and choirmaster. Sing this hymn with gusto remembering that every beloved hymn was once new. You may not have a beautiful voice, but God blesses you with a song in your heart.

Smile...

St. Mark's is having a new church pictorial directory produced, and we hope to have as many parishioners as possible photographed for our album. The photos will be taken by Church Family Albums in our parish parlor on October 20-23. If you were unable to sign up for a day and time on one of the designated Sundays in September and are still interested in having your photo taken, please call Gwen O'Dea in the parish office as soon as possible. We will make every effort to find an available time slot for you. A large THANK YOU is extended to all parishioners who have already reserved a time...you will be receiving a reminder postcard the week prior to your scheduled appointment.

Outreach

On Sunday, October 3, the Evening Women's Group will be serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House.

On Sunday, October 10, the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community 26th Annual Community Hunger Walk will be held at Waterfront Park, Harbor Lawn. Registration is at 1:30 p.m. Runners will start at 2:30 p.m. and walkers at 2:35 p.m.

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.

It's Tea Time

The Evening Women's Group is planning a special outing this fall. On Saturday, November 6, we will be heading to Somewhere in Thyme, a local restaurant, for lunch and afternoon high tea from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All women of St. Mark's and their guests are cordially invited to join us. For planning purposes, we ask that you sign up in the Information Center as soon as possible. The cost of this event is \$19.00 per person

(which includes tax and gratuity). Somewhere in Thyme is located at 10320 Watterson Trail in Jefferson town.

Baptisms

The next available date for baptism will be November 7. Anyone interested should contact the rector or Marti Taber in the church office (895-2429).

Acolyte Festival

The 25th Annual Acolyte Festival will be held October 9, 2004, at Washington National Cathedral. The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a Eucharist service that includes the procession of all participating acolytes and their banners. After the service and a box lunch, a variety of workshops are offered including--Gargoyles of the Cathedral, Work of the Thurifer, and the History of Acolytes.

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
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
Thomas Burdette	October 14
Amanda Avery	October 15
Virginia Hower	October 16
Jim Oppel	October 17
Frank Hower	October 18
Elizabeth Griffin	October 19
Jimmy Stewart	October 21
Robert Muir	October 22
Boyce F. Martin, Jr.	October 23
Anne Chandler	October 27
Susan Howell	October 28
Lorenzo Mahoney	October 29

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:

Carolyn von Almen, Nancy Michler Burke, Pat Young, Danielle Mueller, Lou Erke, Norma Lawrence, Gloria Helm, Henry Solomon, Jack Yusk, Jane, Tom Vogt, Moyra Skidmore, Rita Gildehaus, Nina Babcock, Virginia Wynn, Ted Stewart, Rob Hester, Vickie Ferguson, Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Deroy Scott, Janie Kall, Sally Dupree, Richard Dame, Julie Jordan, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Marian Calvert, Kennedy Helm, Lettie Shawler, Richard Gibson, Dick Day, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Judy Semonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, The Babcock Family, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Deaths

Frances Blackshear
(August 20, 2004)

Dorothy Leason
(September 2, 2004)

Anniversaries

Chase & Heather Johnson	October 13
John & Stacey Ousley	October 16
Drew & Debbie Jagers	October 19
Houston & Sarah Jones	October 26
Jim & Eleanor Oppel	October 29

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

October 3 - Give thanks for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.
October 10 - Give thanks for the Church of Uganda.
October 17 - Give thanks for The Episcopal Church in the United States.
October 24 - Give thanks for the Church in Wales.
October 31 - Give thanks for the Church of the Province of West Africa.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Emmanuel Church, Louisville

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of October 3

◆
Babs Moore
Claire Morris
Robert Muir
Mary Frances Muir
Richard Murphy

Week of October 10

◆
Michael Nicholson
Roberta Nicholson
Elizabeth Nicholson
Desi Nisbett
Betty Oldham

Week of October 17

◆
Tim O'Dea
Gwen O'Dea
Katie O'Dea
Emily O'Dea
Tim O'Dea, Jr.

Week of October 24

◆
Jim Oppel
Eleanor Oppel
Stacey Ousley
John Ousley
Jackson Ousley

Week of October 31

◆
Martha Ormsby
Kitty Park Patterson
Barbara Patton
Richard Ruthers
Edwin Perry

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

Flowers

October 3 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 10 by Virginia Quarrier Wynn in loving memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Wynn.

October 17 by Mrs. Margaret Maloney and Mr. Sam Brown in loving memory of their mother, Rebekah Brown.

October 24 by Mrs. T.D. Luckett in loving memory of Mr. T. D. Luckett; Mr. and Mrs. W. George Matton; Dr. Hugh C. Williams; Hugh Morgan Williams; Hugh C. Williams, Jr; and Capt. George C. Matton, Jr., USN.

October 31 by

Candles

Eucharistic Candles 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 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.