



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 2005

The Journey Class: For Catechumens And Fellow Travelers

Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception or Renewal

Interested in baptism, confirmation, reception or renewal? An "Inquirer's Class" will meet on Sundays during the Church School hour beginning October 2. This eight-week course is the first stage of the "Journey Class." If you or someone you know is interested in the "Inquirer's Class," please call the Parish office at 895-2429.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is the rite of full initiation, by water and the Holy Spirit, into membership in the Christian church. Adults who are preparing for baptism are called "catechumens" and the process for preparing them for baptism is called the "Catechumenate."

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the rite where we express our faith and commitment to Christ, and through prayer and the laying on of hands by the Bishop, receive strength from the Holy Spirit to continue a life of faith and commitment. Confirmation preparation consists of a period of study and the reaffirmation of baptismal vows. At St. Mark's we prepare for confirmation by becoming "fellow travelers" with the catechumens.

What is Reception?

Reception is the rite of affiliation with this part of the body of Christ (the Episcopal Church), by the public affirmation of faith and the laying on of hands by the Bishop, for those who have previously received the sacrament of confirmation in another part of the body of Christ. At St. Mark's we prepare for reception by becoming "fellow travelers" with the catechumens.

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

Catechumens and
Fellow Travelers

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ECW News

Youth and Children's Events

What is Renewal?

Renewal is the rite, for those who have been Baptized and Confirmed, where we express a renewed commitment to the Baptismal vows. Renewal is signified by a public affirmation of the Baptismal vows, prayer, and the laying on of hands by the Bishop. At St. Mark's we prepare for renewal by becoming "fellow travelers" with the catechumens.

Stewardship Brunch

St. Mark's annual Stewardship Brunch will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 23, in Langley Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

ECW News

Calendar

Please mark your calendar with the following important dates:

October 11 - First meeting of the new year at Mary Jane Gossmann's. Time: 11:00 a.m. Dues of \$10.00 will be collected. This is a potluck, so bring your favorite dish to share.

November 8 - ECW meeting at St. Mark's. Time: 10:30 a.m. Guest speaker will be Delinda Buie, our new Deacon. Lunch will be served. Cost: \$5.00.

December 3 - St. Mark's Holiday Bazaar.

December 13 - ECW Christmas Party at the Episcopal Church Home. Time: 12:30 p.m. Bring a small gift for the St. Markers who reside there.

January - NO MEETING

February - Interfaith Program at The Temple. Time and Date TBA.

March - OPEN

April - OPEN

May - Day Trip. Where is unknown at this time.

ECW and Hurricane Katrina

Because of a very successful financial year, St. Mark's ECW was able to make a very generous donation to two charitable relief agencies aiding Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Five hundred dollars was sent to Wayside Christian Mission specifically designated for the evacuees. One thousand dollars was sent to the Salvation Army designated the same. The women of St. Mark's should be quite happy that they were able to make these donations at such a needed time.

United Thank Offering

Sunday, October 30, will be the Fall Ingathering for United Thank Offering. A letter will soon be arriving in your home concerning the Ingathering. Please consider a most generous offering this year.

Who Did It?

If anyone knows who did the original construction of the interior model of St. Mark's, please let the secretary know. This miniature St. Mark's was originally built some 20 or more years ago. It presently resides in the second-floor hallway of the Christian Education Department.

Many, Many Thanks!

Many thanks to many people who worked so very hard to make the opening day of the new Sunday School year a glorious success. Special thanks to Marti Taber for supervising the thorough clean-up both inside and out; and to Jeannie Park and David Boone for their work in the Children's Chapel. Our children truly have a very delightful area for Sunday School.

Quilt Tickets and Pecans

Again this year St. Mark's ECW will be selling Opportunity tickets on a beautiful quilt made by St. Markers Lynn Boone and Susan Schueler. Tickets will cost \$1.00 each and will go on sale October 2.

Pecans will also be available around the first of November. Again this year we will have both the pecan halves and the chocolate-covered pecans. Due to the possible effects of Hurricane Katrina we are unsure as to whether there will be a price increase or not.

“Model Church”

The parish thanks our Senior Warden, Ms. Susan Schueler, for refurbishing the model church mentioned above.

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

St. 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.

Upcoming Youth Events

Fall Youth Gathering “For everything there is a Season”

October 21-23, 2005
Christ Episcopal Church
Bowling Green
For youth in grades 6-12

Join youth from the diocese at Christ Episcopal Church in Bowling Green as they gather for fellowship, singing, games and sharing in community. During this weekend you will go out into the community to work on an outreach service project. This is a time to help those in need and live out the Gospel by helping our neighbors the way Jesus did. The evening will end with more fellowship at the Costume Halloween Dance.

The cost for the weekend is \$68.00 (scholarships are available). Please contact Marti Taber if you are interested. Registration begins at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Happening Weekend Cathedral Domain

The Diocese of Lexington has invited our youth in grades 10-12 to participate in their Happening Weekend. The fee is \$80.00. Happening Weekend is November 11-13, 2005 (registration deadline is November 1, 2005). Scholarship assistance is available. Please contact Marti Taber if you are interested in participating.

Happening is a Christian experience presented by teenagers for teenagers. It is sponsored by the Episcopal Church and is designed for all youth in grades 10-12.

Children's Chapel Coming Soon

We dedicated space for a Children's Chapel in 2004. The "Chapel of the Good Shepherd" was dedicated in memory of Jesse Barrett, who for many years gave of herself in service to the children of this parish through the ministry of a children's chapel. The altar from that children's chapel has been incorporated into the new space. David Boone has created an ambo and re-fashioned pews for the chapel. Jeanie Park has created "stained glass" murals. A very generous donation by the family of Anne Crockett made possible the purchase of audio/visual equipment. The Episcopal Church Women gave Eucharistic vessels in honor of the ministry of Ms. Lettie Shawler to St. Mark's. Ms. Marti Taber, Mr. Boone and Ms. Park continue to work in the chapel finishing the project. The Rector is creating the liturgy guide (via an audio/visual presentation) and puppeteers are being trained to help lead worship. Be watching for more information on this exciting emerging ministry of the parish.

Baptisms

The next scheduled opportunity for baptisms is All Saints' Sunday, November 6. Anyone interested should contact the rector or Marti Taber in the church office (895-2429).

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.

Hurricane Katrina Evacuees

St. Mark's has volunteered to be a host parish for an evacuee family from the Gulf Coast. Kentucky Refu-

gee Ministries and Episcopal Migration Ministries will be coordinating this aspect of the relief effort. Neither family nor date of arrival has yet been named. Please watch the "Parish Announcements" inserts of the Sunday worship bulletins for developments.

Music Notes

Saturday Night Organist

Robert L. Boozman is Organ Teacher and Staff Accompanist at the University of Louisville, School of Music, and Music Teacher and Liturgist at Ascension Catholic School. He recently held the position of Associate Organist/Choirmaster at Grace-St. Luke Episcopal Church, Memphis, TN, and was Dean of the Memphis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and Regional Coordinator for Professional Development.

Robert received the Bachelor of Music degree in Organ Performance from the University of Oklahoma and the Master of Music degree in Organ from the University of Kansas City-Conservatory of Music in Kansas City, MO. He has done further graduate work at the University of Iowa.

Mr. Boozman has served as accompanist to many choirs, singers and instrumentalists as well as having concertized as an organist in the South and Midwest. Ten years ago he began a series of concerts entitled Organ Plus One, performing music for organ and other instruments. In April 2001, he was accompanist for the Memphis Chamber Choir and Boychoir on a tour of Washington D.C., which included singing at the National Cathedral for Tennessee Day.

He is organist and pianist for the Chancel Choir of First Presbyterian Church, Kirkwood, MO, on their recording entitled "I Hear that Music Ringing," released in October 2004 and a contributor to "Call to Worship: Resources for the Liturgical Year" published by the Presbyterian Church USA.

New Tenor

Welcome Michael Purinton, our new tenor section leader. Michael has served several churches in this capacity, and also as a chorus member of KOA, Bach

Society, Choral Arts, and Voices of Kentuckiana. He works at the Presbyterian Headquarters. Also, he conducts workshops on integrating music and spirituality.

The Porthole

Back in the 1970's what is now the St. Marker newsletter was called The Porthole. There is one copy of this newsletter in the archives. If perchance you have a copy of one of these newsletters, the Heritage Committee would like very much to have it to put in archives.

Holistic Financial Stewardship

“BUT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DOETH CORRUPT, AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK THROUGH NOR STEAL: FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO.”

MATTHEW 6:20, 21

Within the church, as in other institutions, people make charitable gifts at three levels: to annual appeals, to capital campaigns, and through planned or deferred gifts. Translated into the language of the Church this becomes ordinary, extraordinary, and ultimate giving.

Ordinary gifts are given by people on a regular and ongoing basis to support the annual operations of the church. Capital gifts are usually given in response to a special campaign in which there is a definite beginning and an end. The planned gift is the ultimate form of Christian witness. It may be the largest gift one makes to the Church and is often a once-in-a-lifetime gift. The motivation for arranging a planned gift is often a person's response to an affection and concern for the Church and in support of its ministry. Since planned gifts are almost always given from accumulated assets, such as stocks and bonds, real estate, business interests and so forth, they are most often given through one's will or living trust.

However, there are some people who have such a

large asset (often paying little or no income to the person) that to give it away outright, even at death, would cause adverse tax consequences to them or their estate. In this situation, the person can establish what is generally known as a life income gift.

With such a gift (such as a charitable gift annuity, pooled income fund, or charitable trust), the person gives the asset away but keeps the income being generated by the asset. By giving it away they bypass all or a portion of capital gains, receive a charitable income tax deduction, remove the asset from their estate and at the same time receive an income stream for their life and the lives of others if that is needed or desired.

After all of the intervening interests have been satisfied, then the Church receives what is called the remainder interest. Gifts such as the Charitable Gift Annuity, for example, can be arranged for as little as \$5,000. These types of gifts are mutually beneficial: to the person arranging the gift and to the Church.

The ultimate or planned gift is an excellent way in which every parishioner is able to leave his or her own legacy. Such gifts do not need to be used for the annual operations of the parish or for any special capital needs. In fact, in most cases they are restricted from such use. In this way the parishioner's planned gift is pooled with other gifts to expand and grow the parish's endowment, the income of which can be used to fund future ministry. For the free booklet, Making a Planned Gift, or for more information on leaving a gift to your parish, contact our Planned Giving Chair, Mr. Bob Shober at (502) 939-3214 or the Episcopal Church Foundation at (800) 697-2858, www.episcopalfoundation.org, for confidential advice.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Susan Schueler	October 1
John McBride	October 2
John English	October 3
Reid Shober	October 4
Colin Penn	October 6
James Richards	October 8
Taylor Eleanor Childress	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
James Redmon	October 16
Frank Hower	October 18
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:

Becky Hamlin, Minx Auerbach, Rob Auerbach, Claire Morris, Marlene Will, Ann Stewart, Meme Smith, Jerry Ennenbach, George Wessel, J.C. Leonard, David Clayton MacDonald, Lynn Lewis, Sandy Beale, Jim Leason, Jeff Tafel, Lillian Yeager, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Dick Scott, Nancy Michler Burke, Pat Young, Danielle Mueller, Lou Erke, Gloria Helm, Henry Solomon, Jack Yusk, Jane, Tom Vogt, Moyra Skidmore, Rita Gildehaus, Nina Babcock, Virginia Wynn, Rob Hester, Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Janie Kall, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Lettie Shawler, 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

Marriage

Elizabeth Baker Reed & Robert Eugene Ritter
(September 10, 2005)

Baptism

Ambre Dorsett

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 2 - Pray for the Diocese of Southeast Florida
October 9 - Pray for the Diocese of Southern Ohio
October 16 - Pray for the extra-provincial Diocese of The Falkland Islands
October 23 - Pray for the Diocese of St. Albans-Bedford (Canterbury, England)
October 30 - Pray for the Diocese of St. John's (Southern Africa)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. James' Episcopal Church
Shelbyville, KY

Parish Partners

St. Frances of Rome, Our Covenant Parish
The congregations of United Crescent Hill Ministries,
especially Grace Immanuel U.C.C.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of October 2

◆
John Dawson
Mary Jane Dawson
Dick Day
Evie Day
Gayle Dorsey

Week of October 9

◆
Paul Dendy
Cissy Dendy
Madeleine Denley
Deborah DeHoag
Robert DeHoag

Week of October 16

◆
David Dick, Sr.
Fran Dick
David Dick, Jr.
Elizabeth Dick
Catherine Dick

Week of October 23

◆
Tony Dorsett
Leslie Dorsett
Ambre Dorsett
Edward Dumesnil
Shirley Dumesnil

Week of October 30

◆
Dan Dierking
Linda Dierking
Mandy Dierking
Kurt Dierking
Jane Dugan

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 2 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 9 By Virginia Quarrier Wynn in loving memory of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Wynn.
- October 16 By Mrs. Margaret Maloney and Mr. Sam Brown in loving memory of their mother, Rebekah Brown.
- October 23 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 Matton, Jr., USN Retired.
- October 30 By June Gibson in remembrance of Richard Gibson; his children, Teresa, Norman and Richard, Jr.; and his mother, Freda Gibson.

Candles

Eucharistic 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.