



# 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 2008

## Adult Education for October

### OCTOBER 5

Coffee Hour: "A Presentation by the Stewardship Committee"

Journey Class: First session of *Via Media* for adults interested in baptism, confirmation, reception, renewal, or in learning more about the Episcopal Church, led by the Rev. Anne Vouga

New Testament Class: An Introduction to the New Testament, led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins

### OCTOBER 12

Stewardship Brunch

### OCTOBER 19

Coffee Hour: "Organ and Tissue Donor Program," Part I, with Ms. C. Ann Gittings from the Kentucky Organ Donor Affiliates (KODA)

Journey Class: Second session of *Via Media*, led by the Rev. Anne Vouga

New Testament Class: An Introduction to the New Testament

### OCTOBER 26

Coffee Hour: "Organ and Tissue Donation," Part II, "A Discussion with an Organ Donor Recipient"

Journey Class: Third session of *Via Media*, led by the Rev. Anne Vouga

New Testament Class: An Introduction to the New Testament, led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins

### NOVEMBER 2

All Saints' Sunday and Baptism Reception

### NOVEMBER 9

Coffee Hour: "Friendship Tour with Moslems in Turkey," with Dr. Frances Adeney, William A. Benfield, Jr. Professor of Evangelism and Global Mission at the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Journey Class: Fourth session of *Via Media*, led by the Rev. Anne Vouga

New Testament Class: In Introduction to the New Testament, led by the Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins

## 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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## The Journey Class: For Catechumens and Fellow Travelers

If you are new to the Episcopal Church or are simply interested in learning more about what Episcopalians believe about such things as the interpretation of scripture, the sacraments, sin, or the incarnation, please join our “Inquirer’s Class” that will meet on Sundays during the Church School hour beginning October 5. We will follow the Via Media curriculum, consisting of excellent panel discussions on video that we will use as a springboard for our own class discussions. This eight-week course is the first stage of the “Journey Class,” culminating in April in adult confirmation, reception, baptism, or renewal, but all who are interested in the topics may attend, without committing themselves to the catechumenate or to any of the other rites.

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

What is confirmation? Confirmation is the rite in which 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 reception 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.

What is renewal? Renewal is the rite, for those who have been baptized and confirmed, in which 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.

### Interim Music Personnel

Robert Lee, at Highland Presbyterian Church, will serve as the parish’s interim organist for Saturday evening worship until a permanent organist and choirmaster is called. Jack Ashworth, professor of music at the University of Louisville, will serve as the choirmaster and organist for the Sunday morning worship service.

June Bailey, handbell director at Crescent Hill Baptist church, will serve as our interim handbell director. Laura Lee Duckworth, organist and choirmaster at St. Francis of Assisi, will serve as the director of our “Treble Choir” (the Royal School of Church Music Program).

We welcome these talented musicians to St. Mark’s and thank them for sharing their gifts with us this Fall.

### Stewardship

During the October 5 coffee hour, there will be a stewardship presentation. The following week, October 12, come celebrate St. Mark’s at the Stewardship Brunch. We look forward to seeing you there.

By now you should have received your 2009 pledge card in the mail. If you have not, please call Pat Elliott in the parish office, and she will send one to you. Pledge cards are due back by October 12 so the Finance Committee can work up a budget.

St. Mark’s Stewardship Brunch will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 12, in Langley Hall. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. A sign-up sheet is available in the Information Center.

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## One Family's Reflections on Tithing

Over the past 15 years, we have been involved in seven Episcopal churches and two Church of England churches. The churches have been different sizes, in different cities (and countries), with different people and different clergy, but these churches have been the same in that they have been important in the life of our family. Having been active members of all these churches, we have heard many sermons, read many articles, and discussed with many people what it means to tithe. We've been told it is definitely 10% to the church, 10% of your income to a conglomerate of charities, 10% which can be made up of a combination of your finances, time and energy, or it is whatever you feel that you can give. I've decided that if I look hard enough I can find someone in "authority" who will give me any definition I want that will justify what we tithe. I recently read that tithing should be what you can comfortably give and then a little more; it needs to feel like a sacrifice.

Reflecting on tithing must also include thinking about why we tithe. This to me is the heart of the matter. There is the reality; we must be able to maintain the building, the staff, and the programs. This takes money and careful budgeting. But for our family, tithing is more than writing a check. It's a thank offering to a community that ministers to us in so many ways. We have been attending St. Marks for six months and here are some of the things we have received—a warm welcome, a loaf of bread on our doorstep, participation in EFM, four children attending Godly Play and two adults participating in coffee hour and Bible study, an invitation to an evening ECW potluck, three children attending Bible school, fellowship with youth, immediate inclusion by the acolytes, a casserole after surgery, the beginning of Foyers, children's choir, morning and evening prayer, the listening ears of the clergy, and the smiles on everyone's faces. For our family, our tithe will be a sacrificial thanks offering to a community who has welcomed us with open arms—and the lights were on!

Katherine Doyle  
Chair Stewardship Committee

## ECW Calendar 2008-2009

October 14, 2008 - Ovarian Cancer Awareness Speaker and Luncheon - 10:30 a.m. This program will be limited to the first 25 people who sign up. Sign-up early on the sheet provided in the Information Center to reserve your spot. Lunch will be served.

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 - 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

## Rector's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Rector has received a grant from the CF Foundation of Atlanta to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. He will be traveling to Israel with 19 other clergy from various denominations. The tour is being led by an archaeology professor from Emory University and a theology professor from the University of the South. He will be on pilgrimage from October 14 to October 28.

## UTO

The Fall United Thank Offering Ingathering will be held on November 2. You will be receiving a UTO envelop in the mail that can be turned in on Sunday, November 2, or mailed to the church office. Please give generously.

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## St. George's Community Center's Anniversary Event

St. George's Community Center is thrilled to celebrate 43 years of service to Parkland, Park-Hill and California neighborhood youth. To commemorate this anniversary there will be a special event on Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at 21C/Proof on Main located at 700 West Main Street. Tickets are \$40 which includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and the opportunity to bid on silent auction items. These items include tickets to a day in the Churchill Downs Jockey Club Suite, tickets to local cultural events and a chance to spend the day with a local artist.

Tickets to the event can be obtained from Gwen O'Dea in the parish office. If you are unable to attend the anniversary celebration but would like to support St. George's donations would be greatly appreciated. Your generosity helps fund cutting-edge and creative programming that launches disadvantaged youth into flights of self-discovery.

In addition, the Lillian Yeager Community Service Awards will be presented that evening. Lillian Yeager, who passed away in 2006, was a local Episcopalian who tirelessly served our diocese for many years in numerous capacities. Also, she was a vital participant on various committees at the national church level. Nomination information can be found on the bulletin board in the Information Center if you know of someone who has shown great commitment to community service and leadership in the Louisville area.

## Sunday after All Saints' Day

If you wish to have special loved ones prayed for during the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 2, please leave their names with Barbara Rich in the parish office no later than Monday, October 27.

## November Baptismal Opportunity

The next regularly scheduled day for Baptisms is November 4, All Saints' Sunday. All parents interested in having their children baptized on that day should contact the parish office.

## 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.

## St. Mark's Day at the Downs

This fall we would like to offer to St. Markers the opportunity to enjoy a Day at the Downs on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. If a minimum of sixteen persons commit to attending this event no later than Sunday, October 12, we will be able to reserve tables for our group on Millionaires Row. We will be seated in one large dining room, shared by several groups, with a balcony overlooking the Finish Line. The price per person is \$32.00 which includes admission, a daily racing program, and a full buffet lasting to 5:00 p.m. A menu can be found in the Information Center as well as a picture of our dining room.

For persons desiring we will offer carpooling from the church parking lot at 12:15 p.m. immediately following church school.

So...talk to your family, friends, and fellow parishioners and let's make this event happen. Please sign up in the Information Center at your earliest convenience. Should you have any questions please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office.

Remember, the reservation deadline is October 12, and your reservation must be secured with your payment. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church denoting Churchill Downs event.

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## Outreach News

### Hunger Walk

Did you know that requests for food assistance in Kentucky have risen 33% in 2008? Due to rising prices for fuel and food, Dare to Care food banks have reported unprecedented increases in people seeking assistance this year.

You can help fight hunger by joining in the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Hunger Walk and Run on Sunday, October 19, 2008 at Waterfront Park's Festival Plaza. The walk is sponsored by Dare to Care and by the Kentuckiana Interfaith Community. An opening rally will kick-off the festivities at 2:00 pm, with the walk and run starting at 2:15 on a 5K course that will cross the George Rogers Clark bridge and return to Festival Plaza where a Fun Fair and Expo will await all participants.

Race packages will be available on the day of the event at Waterfront Park's Festival Plaza between noon and 2 pm. Instead of collecting pledges, participants pay a set fee in order to participate. Adults pay \$25 before October 14 and \$35 for late registration. Youth (18 and under) pay \$15 before October 14 and \$25 for late registration.

If you are interested in joining a St. Mark's team in the Hunger Walk, please contact Anne Vouga before Monday, October 13.

### Habitat for Humanity

Did you know that a group of St. Markers are active in Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry that builds and rehabilitates houses here in Louisville and around the world? On September 4, Janie Estes, Edgar Eaves, Cissy Dendy, and St. Mark's Habitat coordinator David MacCool all attended the Raise the Roof ceremony for Metro Louisville's 300<sup>th</sup> Habitat for Humanity house. They are working together in partnership with volunteers from St. Francis in the Fields, St. Andrew's, St. James, St. Paul's, St. Peter's, St. Thomas, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Luke's, the University of Louisville Interfaith Center, and the Jewish Community of Louisville to build Habitat's 300<sup>th</sup> house at 3024 W. Madison Street, helping Ms. Tawanta Cox and her young son Dudley to build their own affordable home.

St. Mark's will also be providing bag lunches for all of the volunteers on October 24 and November 14. If you are interested in helping to prepare lunches for the crew, please contact Marti Taber in the parish office.

If you are interested in joining our dedicated building team, please contact David MacCool or Anne Vouga. There are jobs for all skill-levels, and volunteers are happy to teach you new skills.

### Youth Outreach

This year our J2A group will do some outreach work with Brooklawn. They will make Welcome Baskets for the boys, send birthday cards, and host two parties at Brooklawn. The first will be a Halloween Party on October 23, followed by a Christmas Party on December 11.

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## Langley Hall and Dreher Hall Renovation Update

The renovation of Langley Hall and Dreher Hall continues. The parish hopes to be able to celebrate the completion of the renovation at the Stewardship Brunch on October 12.

As this is being written, new fire doors are being installed and stained and work on the ceiling has begun. Three new windows have been installed in Dreher Hall and new doors have been hung in both halls. The first coat of paint has gone up on the walls and we can begin to see how it will look when it is complete. The renewal of our fellowship space will bring many splendid blessings to the parish. We can hardly wait.

Mr. David Arnold, parishioner of St. Mark's, has kindly donated his design services and has worked as the liaison of the parish with the contractors. On behalf of the parish, we thank David for the many hours he has given to this project.

Likewise, Mr. David Ramsay, Junior Warden and Chair of Buildings and Grounds for the parish, has worked diligently to make this project a reality. We thank God that we have such wonderful leaders as David Arnold and David Ramsay at St. Mark's.

As we move toward completion of the renovation, know that the final decorating decisions, particularly as they relate to Dreher Hall, are still being made. Given how we use the space, our goal will be to heighten its functionality and its beauty.

## Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to Julie and Jeff Tafel and family on the death of her father.

## 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 service.

## Our New Seminarian

Jonathan Bennett is a second-year student at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary pursuing a Master of Divinity degree. He will be doing his field education at St. Mark's this year. He and his wife Leanne will celebrate their sixth wedding anniversary this month. They share their lives with their two cats, Shasta and Corin, and are from Memphis, TN. We welcome Jonathan as our seminarian.

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# Parish Life

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## Birthdays

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Susan Schueler	October 1
John McBride	October 2
Tate Downey	October 3
Reid Shober	October 4
Colin Penn	October 6
James Richards	October 8
Neal Ryan	October 8
Rev. Mainert Peterson	October 9
Katherine Kingren	October 9
Lisa Smith	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 Redmon	October 16
Jim Oppel	October 17
Frank Hower	October 18
Jimmy Stewart	October 21
Robert Muir	October 22
Boyce F. Martin, Jr.	October 23
Susan Howell	October 28
Lorenzo Mahoney	October 29

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## Prayers for Healing

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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.

Layne Michler, 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, 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, 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

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## Parish Register

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### Transfers In

**Jane Eff**

(from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church)

**Karen Jean Triplett Meier**

**Francis (Frank) E. Meier**

(from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church)

### Baptism

**Molly Kathleen Decker**

(September 6, 2008)

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## Anniversaries

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Rob & Elizabeth Mitchell	October 3
Lyle & Lola Spalding	October 12
John & Stacey Ousley	October 16
Drew & Debbie Jagers	October 19
Cy III & Liz Radford	October 26
Jim & Eleanor Oppel	October 29

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# Parish Prayer List

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## Anglican Cycle of Prayer

October 5 - Pray for the Diocese of Indianapolis (United States)  
October 12 - Pray for the Diocese of Jalingo (Jos, Nigeria)  
October 19 - Pray for the Diocese of Kabba (Ondo, Nigeria)  
October 26 - Pray for the Diocese of Kajo Keji (Sudan)

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Francis in the Fields  
Harrods Creek, KY

## Parish Partners

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

## Parish Cycle of Prayer

### Week of October 5

◆  
Becky Woehle  
Jacob Blieden  
Carl Wright  
Susan Wright  
Mary Margaret Wuich

### Week of October 12

◆  
Virginia Q. Wynn  
Olivia Zoeller  
Frances Adeney  
Terry Muck  
Ruth Alexander

### Week of October 19

◆  
Jack Amundsen  
Susan Amundsen  
David Arnold  
James Atkins, Jr.  
Rebecca Atkins

### Week of October 26

◆  
Jack Avery  
Katie Russo-Avery  
Beau Baker  
Dani Baker  
Dott Berry

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

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## Flowers

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October 5 by Mrs. William Gossmann in loving memory of her father- and mother-in-law, Adolph N. and Ann Kerr Gossmann; her parents, Joseph Stone and Marie Glenn Davis; and her husband, William Gossmann.

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

October 19 in loving memory of Mavin "Mimi" Brown Martin by Judge Boyce F. Martin, Jr., and their children

October 26 by Rob and Elizabeth Mitchell in loving memory of Jessie and Paul Mitchell

## Candles

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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.; a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Houston D. Jones, Sr.; and an aunt, Virginia Houston.