



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.

November 2003

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner and Service

On Thanksgiving Eve, November 26, there will be a special Thanksgiving dinner and service. Fellowship time will begin at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will follow at 6:30 p.m. in Langley Hall. After dinner there will be a simple and festive Eucharist in the Dreher Room.

Please sign up in the Information Center or call the parish office if you wish to join us for this special event.

Also, please indicate on the sign-up sheet if you can assist with dinner preparations or clean up. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Liz Wilson Crone (966-2389).

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

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Dinner and Service

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Outreach

Outreach at St. Mark's is indeed alive and well! Since our last update in the July St. Marker, many new opportunities for volunteering have arisen as well as many new volunteers. St. Mark's is making a difference in our community.

In July, Jan Ward, Barbara Rich and Ellen Eirk hosted the monthly birthday party at the Share Care Alzheimer's Day Care Center on Poplar Level Road. The residents played bingo, and prizes were awarded the winners. Jan played cheerful tunes on the piano. There is already a "Derby Party" planned for April 2004.

Kathryn Taber and Lauren Wells, two of St. Mark's youth, went to Brooklawn for a "Back to School Party". Lauren and Kathryn helped the boys make Papier-mâché masks and brought candy, which was a huge hit! Both girls are planning another party there in late winter involving making bead necklaces and bracelets.

August also brought us our Somali-Bantu family of seven. Several people from St. Mark's, including June Richards, Mary Beth Ellis, Pat Hohman and Richard Reetzke, have visited with them. So many St. Markers donated clothes for the children and the parents as well as household goods. Thanks to Virginia Wynn, Marlene Straughan, Frank and Sissy Hower, Betty Sherrill, Jimmy and Lori Stewart, and Barbara Rich as well as others who anonymously left boxes of clothes in my office. A special thank you to David MacCool, David Crone and Chuck Eirk, who moved the furniture into the family's apartment.

On Saturday, September 13, St. Mark's had its first "Habitat for Humanity" work day. Anita Poynter, Jimmy and Lori Stewart, David Crone, Cheri Boden, Ellen Eirk, Scott Shafer, Dorothy Durning and Dolly Johnson showed up bright and early and went to work dry-walling almost an entire house! We will be going back to Habitat either in February or March. St. Mark's also hosted the monthly dinner in September at the House of Ruth. Alice Taveirne, Joyce Martin, Patrick Hohman, Ellen Eirk and Pat Elliott served dinner to approximately 50 people. Another dinner planned for the spring will be chaired by Alice Taveirne. Lastly, Outreach Sunday was September 21 and speaking about volunteerism at the adult forum

were Lyle Spalding, Sam Hodges, Delores Wehunt, Lauren Wells, Kathryn Taber and Nina Babcock.

Volunteers from the Evening Women's Group went to the Ronald McDonald House to serve dinner on Sunday, October 5. This was St. Mark's second time serving dinner there. Ann Davis, Joyce Martin, Debbie Glenn, Anita Poynter, Cindy Richards and Mary Helfrich put their culinary talents to use and served dinner to the families of the critically ill children. This group of women has decided to make this their project and already have another dinner planned for the spring.

Susan Schueler and Ellen Eirk hosted a Halloween party at the Salvation Army day care center for homeless children. Susan led them in crafts and Halloween treats were given to the kids. The Hunger Walk took place on Sunday, October 12, and there were 16 walkers representing St. Mark's! Marti, Kathryn and Anne Taber; Jeannie Park; Christopher MacCool; Nancy Urbscheit; Olivia Zoeller; Cheri Boden; Charles, William and Elisabeth Hawkins; Amanda Avery; Chuck and Ellen Eirk; and Dorothy, Heather and Rob Durning did the 3.5 mile walk. Finally, on Thursday, October 30, St. Mark's is back at Wayside Christian Mission serving dinner. Those volunteering are Andy Blieden, Lyle Spalding, Frank Lorimer, Danny Potts, Kathryn Taber, Mary Beth Ellis and Babs Moore. A big thank-you to them!

As you can see St. Markers have been busy giving their time and talents to our community. Outreach is alive and well and will continue to thrive, with your help, in 2004.

Vestry Nominations

The nominating committee of the Vestry will be receiving nominations from the parish through Sunday, November 16, for potential Vestry members. Nominations can be submitted to the parish office in a sealed envelope. All submissions will be given to the Nominating Committee which is composed of the outgoing members of the Vestry (David Pearson, Paul Gill, Debbie Glenn and Phil Scherer).

The nominating process is as follows:

1. Names are submitted to the Nominating Committee.

2. The Nominating Committee reviews potential nominations, speaks with possible nominees, and submits a slate to members of the Vestry.
3. The Vestry approves list of nominees.
4. At the annual meeting the parish elects four members to the Vestry from the list of nominees, each member serving a three-year term.

It's Pageant Time

This year's Christmas Pageant will be entitled "A Child of Might". If your child wishes to be a part of this year's production, please sign up in the Information Center or call the church office. We have lots of speaking and non-speaking parts. This is always great fun for the children as well as parents.

Holiday Bazaar

The annual St. Mark's Holiday Bazaar is just around the corner. The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 6. Much work is still to be done and many volunteers are needed to again make this a tremendous success.

Bakers are needed to supply delicious food products for the Bake Shop. If you are willing to share your tasty food items with us, please sign up on the sheet in the Information Center. Cakes, pies, cookies, candies, breads, jellies and any other specialty item are most welcomed. Christmas tins are needed for these goodies. If you have any unneeded ones, please drop them off at church.

"White Elephants" are needed for the "White Elephant" area. Any item with which you have no further need can be donated for this activity. If you have any really nice items at home that you no longer are using or no longer wish to polish or dust, we gladly accept these items for our "Treasures Room". These are high-quality items that have just outlived their usefulness. Any of these items may be dropped off at the door to the basement at any time. We will gladly issue tax receipts for any item that is donated.

We gladly accept any book for the "Used Book" tables. Please do not donate magazines as we have no need for them.

We request that all donated items be delivered to St.

Mark's by 5:00 p.m. Friday, December 5.

Raffle tickets are now available from any ECW member or after 10:00 am services on Sunday morning. This year we are raffling a combination DVD/VHS player. Tickets cost \$1.00 each. The winner will be drawn December 6 at the Holiday Bazaar.

Evening Women's Group

The Evening Women's Group Christmas Party will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, in the home of Joyce Martin. All women of St. Mark's are invited to attend. Please bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange and a can of food for the food basket. If you have any questions, please contact Joyce Martin at work (570-2771).

Youth News

Youth Enjoy Lock In

On October 10, Debbie Glenn and Beth Davis hosted our fall lock in. Ten youth had a great time being together. The group split up to go on a scavenger hunt, which took them down Frankfort Avenue and throughout the Church. Between 11:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m., the youth conducted a prayer vigil and prayed for the Cursio Group. Kathryn Taber wrote them a song during her time of praying. Mendy Cumberland and Laura Gill made a surprise visit to check on the group. All in all, this St. Mark's lock in will be one they will talk about for a long time.

Fall Gathering at All Saints'

Calling all youth! Time is running out! Don't forget to sign up for a great weekend (November 7-9) of fun at All Saints'. Teens from all over will gather for fun and fellowship.

Times are quickly changing, and with that change comes new ways of spiritual formation which at times conflict with the existing format. As people search for new ways of spiritual formation to integrate into their existing format, they are met with much resistance from others who "like it the way it used to be." How do we bring together the old and the new and find common ground? This gathering

will give participants an opportunity to explore that question and come up with ideas in which they can take back to congregation and introduce into their Christian formation classes.

The deadline for registration is October 29. The cost is \$66.00, scholarships are available. Registration forms are available in the office. Please contact Marti Taber if you have any questions.

Festival of Faiths

Youth from all over will gather together on Sunday, November 9, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Assumption. This is an interdenominational event for high school and college only. They will discuss faith and justice while enjoying food and music from different cultures. Danny Flannigan will be on board to sing and spur discussions about faith.

Advent Outreach

Mitten and Cap Tree

As cold weather approaches and we get out our hats and gloves, please remember our St. Mark's Mitten Tree. The tree will be in the Information Center hallway beginning the first Sunday in Advent (November 30) for you to decorate with your warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and earmuffs. Your gifts will go to inner city school children who will put them to good use. The tree will be in place until January 4, 2004.

Angel Tree

The St. Mark's Angel Tree will be ready for you to select an "angel" on Sunday, November 30. These gifts will go to underprivileged children at Lincoln Elementary School, 930 E. Main St., and our "Lost Boys". The child's name, age and sizes will be noted on your paper angel. It is important for you to keep this angel to attach to your wrapped gift when it is returned at the St. Nicholas Day celebration on December 14. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE LINE BY YOUR ANGEL'S NAME ON THE SHEET LOCATED IN THE INFORMATION CENTER.

For your convenience, our youth have offered to

wrap purchased items. They will also shop for your Angel gift if you would like them to. If you would like to take advantage of these opportunities, please call Debbie Glenn (339-0146) for information.

Feasts and Fasts

Principal Feasts of the Church

The principal feasts observed in the Episcopal Church are: Easter Day, Ascension Day, The Day of Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, Christmas Day, and The Epiphany. Three of these seven will be observed during November, December and January. All Saints' Day is November 1 and will be observed at St. Mark's on All Saints' Sunday, November 2. Christmas Day is always December 25, and The Epiphany is always January 6. St. Mark's has three special services to celebrate Christmas: A Christmas pageant and a midnight mass celebrated on Christmas Eve, and a Christmas Day service. We will again have a service on The Epiphany.

Major Feasts

In addition to the principal feasts of the Episcopal Church, St. Mark's observes two of the eleven major feasts of the Episcopal Church: Independence Day and Thanksgiving Day. See the front page of this newsletter for information on this year's Thanksgiving Day service.

Fasts

The Episcopal Church observes two fasts, both of which are observed at St. Mark's: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are "bookends" to the season of Lent and Holy Week, which is observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial. But remember, Sundays during Lent and the Feast of the Annunciation (which also occurs during Lent) are not days of discipline and self-denial.

Somali-Bantu Family

Please join us on Tuesday, November 25, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., in the Dreher Room as we help our

Somali-Bantu family celebrate the ending of Ramadan. This is an opportunity to meet the family and, if you wish, present them with a small gift. Some gift suggestions are phone cards and books or a doll for the children.

If you have any questions, please contact Ellen Erk in the parish office.

Looking Ahead... St. Nicholas Day Celebration

St. Mark's will celebrate St. Nicholas Day on Sunday, December 14. The festivities will begin with the decoration of Langley Hall at 4:30 pm. We will pack boxes of food for the needy, visit with St. Nicholas, sing carols, and enjoy each other's company during a spaghetti dinner. A festive time is sure to be had by all.

While we celebrate St. Nicholas Day at St. Mark's, we know very little about the life of Nicholas, except he suffered torture and imprisonment during the persecution under the Emperor Diocletian. It is possible that he was one of the bishops attending the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea in 325. He was honored as a Saint in Constantinople in the sixth century by the Emperor Justinian. His veneration became immensely popular in the West after the supposed removal of his body to Bari, Italy, in the late eleventh century. In England, almost 4000 churches were dedicated to him.

Nicholas is famed as the traditional patron saint of seafarers and sailors, and more especially, of children. As a bearer of gifts to children, his name was brought to America by the Dutch colonists in New York, from whom he is popularly known as Santa Claus. Though we are going to celebrate St. Nicholas Day on the 14th with many festivities, St. Nicholas Day on the Church calendar is December 6 each year.

Casserole News

Ann Davis has recently assumed the responsibility of coordinating the Casserole Ministry at St. Mark's. We thank the numerous parishioners who have indicated

a willingness to assist with this ministry by either baking or delivering casseroles to our ill or bereaved parishioners who are in need of a homemade meal. You'll be hearing from Ann! We also extend thanks to Marlene Straughan who recently "retired" as Casserole chair, and who is now serving as Altar Guild chair.

Special Opportunity

If you would like to periodically visit our parish ill and homebound and brighten their day as you deliver the altar flowers to them, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office. This special ministry does not require a large amount of time and is very meaningful for all involved. Won't you please consider assisting St. Mark's in this endeavor?

Parish Life

Birthdays

Jim Taveime	November 1
Phil Scherer	November 1
Julie Potter	November 2
Steven Spears	November 3
Chuck Eirk	November 4
John English	November 5
Verna Rothenberger	November 6
Dick Day	November 6
Claudia Shaughnessy	November 7
Geoffrey Dendy	November 11
Julie Hudson	November 11
Tim O'Dea	November 11
Ann Cogswell	November 11
Kate Solomon	November 12
Teresa Johnson	November 13
Mildred Tierney	November 13
Patty Irvin	November 14
David Thomas	November 14
Becky Blieden	November 15
Robert Duming	November 18
Bryan Hudson	November 19
Marlene Straughan	November 20
Joyce Martin	November 21
Doreen Fraser	November 21
James Dendy	November 23
Henry Fairleigh	November 24
Robert Duming	November 25
Frank Hower	November 26
Anthony Potter	November 27
Nancy Carlisle	November 28
Frances Lockett	November 29
Josh Richie	November 30
Elise Lykins	November 30
George Davis	November 30

Anniversaries

Jimmy & Lori Stewart	November 7
Bryan & Julie Hudson	November 8
David & Jamie Ramsay	November 9
Phil & Kathy Scherer	November 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, Anna Clarke Sawyer, Stacy Harvey, John Claypool, Fred Conrad, Pat Jackson, Betty Sherrill, Dwight Ramsay, Fred Livers, Bradley, Ally, Virginia Peterson, Dero Scott, Janie Kall, Katherine Covell, Thom Holmes, Sally Dupree, 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 Out

Ron and Caryl Mack
(St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church,
Largo, FL)

Transfers In

Pat MacLean
(St. James' Episcopal Church)

Deaths

James Marvin Powell, Sr.
(June 27, 1949 - October 9, 2003)

Nancy Levy
(December 31, 1927 - October 20, 2003)

Parish Prayer List

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

November 2 - Give thanks for the Church in Wales.
November 9 - Give thanks for the Province of the Anglican Church of Congo.
November 16 - Give thanks for the extra-provincial Diocese of Puerto Rico.
November 23 - Give thanks for the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil.
November 30 - Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Louisville

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of November 2

◆
Sallie Zipp
Scott Zipp
Ruth Alexander
Will Alexander
Nina Babcock

Week of November 9

◆
Gerry Barker
Rose Basham
Paula Becker
Norman Berry
Doris Berry

Week of November 16

◆
Henry Bickel
Joan Bickel
Frances Blackshear
Andy Blieden
Cheri Boden

Week of November 23

◆
Becky Blieden
Jacob Blieden
Robert Boone
Lynn Boone
Gordon Bretschneider

Week of November 30

◆
David Boone
Dana Boone
Adam Boone
David Boone
Barbara Boyce

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

Flowers

November 2 by Mrs. Ernest Vogt in loving memory of her husband, Ernest Barker Vogt; her parents, Charles Allen Gage and Verna Sieberst Gage; and her sister, Elizabeth Gage Moore.

November 9 by Scottye Ghent in loving memory of her husband, R. Mitchell Ghent; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Copher; her niece, Natalie Clarke Latino; and her sister, Phyllis Clarke

November 16 by Herbert E. Miller, Jr., and Mary Virginia Bickel in memory of their parents, Herbert E. Miller, Sr., and Virginia Ferguson Miller.

November 23

November 30 by Bryan and Julie Hudson

Candles

Eucharist Candles for November by Stacy Henry Olash in loving memory of her grandmother, Frieda Nunemacher; her brother, David Andrew Glass; and her mother, Kathryn Steele Nunemacher.

Five Branch Candles for November by Debra Rollins in loving memory of her mother, Barbara H. Rollins; her grandmother, Adeline E. Hibbitt; her aunt, Mabel Rollins; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Rollins; and her dear friend, Bobby Sohm.