



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 2005

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner and Service

On Thanksgiving Eve, November 23, 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 Jimmy Stewart, Fellowship Chairperson, or Gwen O'Dea.

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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Vestry Nominations

The nominating committee of the Vestry will be receiving nominations from the parish through Sunday, November 20, for potential Vestry members. Nominations can be submitted to the parish office in a sealed envelope. A form, should you wish to use it, is available in the Information Center. All submissions will be given to the Nominating Committee which is composed of the outgoing members of the Vestry (Susan Schueler [Chair], Barbara Kramer, Jimmy Stewart, David MacCool).

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 of the parish, four new members are elected to the Vestry from the list of nominees, each member serving a three-year term.

Diocesan Convention Delegate Nominations

The Nominating Committee will be receiving recommendations from the parish through Sunday, November 20, for potential delegates to the Diocesan Convention to be held February 24-25, 2006. Recommendations can be submitted to the parish office in a sealed envelope. A form, should you wish to use it, is available in the Information Center. All submissions will be given to the Nominating Committee which is composed of the outgoing members of the Vestry (Susan Schueler [Chair], Barbara Kramer, Jimmy Stewart, David MacCool).

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4. At the annual meeting, the parish elects three alternates from the list of nominees. (The three alternates from last year's election become delegates to this year's convention.)

Baptisms

St. Mark's conducts baptisms five times a year: The first Sunday after Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, All Saints', and the Bishop's annual visitation. All Saints' Sunday is November 6, and St. Mark's will be conducting baptisms at the 10:00 a.m. service. If you wish to receive the sacrament of baptism on All Saints' Sunday, please notify the Rector at your earliest convenience.

Holiday Gathering

The Evening Women's Group's annual Holiday Gathering will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 4, at the home of Joyce Martin (3016 Freys Hill Rd.). All women of St. Mark's are cordially invited to attend. Please bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre, a \$5.00 gift to exchange, and a canned good for the parish food basket. Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend. If you have any questions or need directions, please see Joyce or Gwen O'Dea.

Looking Ahead... St. Nicholas Day Celebration

St. Mark's will celebrate St. Nicholas Day on Sunday, December 11. The youth go out for their annual Christmas lunch and shopping for Christmas Angels. Christmas stockings will be stuffed for the Salvation Army.

At 4:30 p.m. we will decorate the Dreher Room. There will be a fun visit from St. Nicholas, a special Youth Christmas Pageant Event and Christmas carols for the whole family. A delicious spaghetti dinner will be prepared by St. Nick's Elves.

Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend.

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 27) for you to decorate with your warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and earmuffs. Your gifts will go to children who attend Chenoweth Elementary School. They will put them to good use. The tree will be in place until January 8, 2006.

Angel Tree

The St. Mark's Angel Tree will be ready for you to select an "angel" on Sunday, November 27. These gifts will go to underprivileged children at Lincoln Elementary School, 930 E. Main St. We will also have as angels four children from United Crescent Hill Ministries and will include as gift options for these four children Kroger food cards for their families. 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 celebration on December 11. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE LINE BY YOUR ANGEL'S NAME ON THE SHEET LOCATED IN THE INFORMATION CENTER. There will also be space to sign up for a family Kroger gift card.

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 Marti Taber in the parish office for information.

Food Gifts from St. Markers

As many of you are aware, St. Markers have given very generously to the UCHM food basket ministry at Christmas. We have previously filled boxes of food for 15-20 families.

UCHM has determined that it is much more feasible to have Kroger gift cards available to give to needy families as family needs can vary greatly. UCHM made this change two years ago and it has been a great success. Please make your checks payable to St.

Mark's and indicate "Kroger Gift Cards". We can then consolidate the funds and purchase the cards from UCHM. UCHM will then benefit from the purchase when the cards are used.

It's Pageant Time!

This year's Christmas Pageant is in the planning stage. If your child wishes to be a part of this year's production, please sign up in the Information Center or call Marti Taber in the church office. Anyone interested in helping should also call. This is always great fun for the children as well parents.

Landscaping

June Richards, grounds chair, convened a "brainstorming" meeting during coffee hour on Sunday, September 25. As an extension of that meeting, we are soliciting ideas and opinions from you in this month's St. Marker. Please take a moment to complete this survey and return it to the parish office. Ms. June Richards and Mr. Kurt Ludwig will be reviewing all the submitted surveys.

Landscaping Survey

1. What do you like best about the landscaping at St. Mark's?
2. What do you believe needs changing (if anything)?
3. If we were to add something, what would you like to see added?
4. If we were to remove something, what would you like to see removed?
5. Dream big. What do you envision the landscaping of St. Mark's to be?
6. Do you like to garden and if so, would you be willing to help maintain the landscaping at St. Mark's in some way?
7. Do you believe the landscaping at St. Mark's needs attention and if so, would you be willing to contribute financially to a landscaping project?
8. What do you believe should be our next step with regard to the landscaping at St. Mark's?

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 Epiphany. Three of these seven will be observed during November, December and January.

All Saints' Sunday is November 6.. Christmas Day is always December 25, and 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 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.

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.

Congratulations to--

Lila and Kurt Ludwig on the birth of their grandson and Eleanor and Jim Oppel on the birth of their great-grandson.

Tammy and David Haight on the birth of their son.

St. Marker Deadline

Please note that beginning January 2006 the deadline for submitting articles for the St. Marker will be the 10th of each month. Thank you for your cooperation.

Holiday Bazaar

The annual St. Mark's Holiday Bazaar is just around the corner. The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 3. 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 2.

Raffle tickets are now available from any ECW member or after 10:00 am services on Sunday morning. This year we are raffling a quilt made by St. Markers Lynn Boone and Susan Schueler. The winner will be drawn December 3 at the Holiday Bazaar.

ECW News

The November ECW meeting will be held at St. Mark's on November 8 at 10:30 a.m. in the Dreher Room. Our guest speaker will be Delinda Buie, our new Deacon. Lunch will be served. Cost: of the lunch is \$5.00. Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend.

Pecans have been ordered and should be available around the first of November. We will again have both the pecan halves and the chocolate-covered ones. We are still unsure if there will be a price increase or not.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Jim Taverine	November 1
Edwin 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
Jane Redmon	November 10
Geoffrey Dendy	November 11
Julie Hudson	November 11
Tim O'Dea	November 11
Ann Cogswell	November 11
Kate Solomon	November 12
Mildred Tierney	November 13
Becky Blieden	November 15
Robert Durning	November 18
Bryan Hudson	November 19
Thomas Arnspiger	November 19
Marlene Straughan	November 20
Joyce Martin	November 21
Doreen Fraser	November 21
James Dendy	November 23
Henry Fairleigh	November 24
Matt Smith	November 24
Frank Hower	November 26
Anthony Potter	November 27
Tammy Haight	November 27
Nancy Carlisle	November 28
Frances Lockett	November 29
Joshua Ritchie	November 30
George Davis	November 30

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, 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 Lambertson, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Judy Semonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, The Babcock Family, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Anniversaries

Jimmy & Lori Stewart	November 7
Bryan & Julie Hudson	November 8
David & Jamie Ramsay	November 9
Phil & Kathy Scherer	November 26
Jeff & Julie Tafel	November 30

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

November 6 - Pray for the Diocese of Taita-Taveta (Kenya)
November 13 - Pray for the Diocese of Texas (Province VII, U.S.)
November 20 - Pray for the Diocese of Torit (The Sudan)
November 27 - Pray for the Diocese of Tuam, Killala, and Achonry (Armagh, Ireland)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Resurrection Episcopal Church
Louisville, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of November 6

◆
Rankin Dumesnil
Dorothy Durning
Robert Duming
Anne Ebendorf
Jennifer Ebendorf

Week of November 13

◆
Edgar Eaves
Janie Estes
Aidan Estes
Mary Minton Cregor Eitel
Mary Beth Ellis

Week of November 20

◆
Fred Ehrman
Joanne Ehrman
Micah Ehrman
Chuck Eirk
Ellen Eirk

Week of November 27

◆
John English
Linda English
John English
Robert English
David English

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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Mailing Address

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

Flowers

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- November 6 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 13 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 and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Robert Clarke.
 - November 20 By Herbert E. Miller, Jr., and Mary Virginia Bickel in memory of their parents, Herbert E. Miller, Sr., and Virginia Ferguson Miller.
 - November 27 By Stacey and John Ousley in loving memory of her parents, Douglas and Linda Woodside.

Candles

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- Eucharistic 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.