



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 2007

Dear Friends at St. Mark's:

Perhaps you are as surprised as I am that I am back among you, having been here before during the year 2000 when you were between rectors. "Bad penny" is probably passing through someone's mind as he or she reads this, but I hope it's just a passing thought!

I trust my time among you will be brief. And by that I mean that I hope your rector will be back with you in a very short time, perhaps even for Christmas. I have agreed with him and with your vestry to stay on until the middle of January which should give you some stability during this difficult time and bring you through the celebration of Christmas.

I am at St. Mark's two days each week as well as Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings. The days may vary from one week to another so, if you want to see me for any reason, you may want to check the Sunday bulletin to find what days I will be here that week. Barbara Rich will also have a schedule for future weeks. In the afternoons of some of those days I plan to visit hospitals, nursing homes and persons who are shut in. If you know someone whom you might think I should call upon, please do not hesitate to let me know.

St. Mark's is fortunate to have so many capable and dedicated people, both as parishioners and as staff, and the full life of the parish continues on during this difficult period. I know that each one of you is concerned about Charles Hawkins's health and I also know that you have him in your prayers. Don't forget that you can access his blog at charleshawkins.blogspot.com to receive regular reports of his progress.

Thank you for welcoming me among you again.

Richard H. Humke

It's Pageant Time!

We are planning this year's Christmas Pageant. If your child or youth wishes to be 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 as parents.

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Reconciliation and Other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

Letter from Father Humke

Vestry and Convention
Nominees

Advent Outreach

Meet Leo Simon and Our
Section Leaders

Thanksgiving Events

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 Sunday, December 9, for you to decorate with your warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and earmuffs. Your gifts will go to children who attend Chenoweth Elementary School. The tree will be in place until January 6, 2008.

Angel Tree

The St. Mark's Angel Tree will be ready for you to select an "angel" on Sunday, November 18. These gifts will go to underprivileged children at Lincoln Elementary School, 930 E. Main St. The child's name, age and sizes will be noted on your paper angel. It is important that the angel be attached to your wrapped gift when it is returned. Gifts for Lincoln Elementary angels must be turned in by Sunday, December 9. (The youth will shop for and/or wrap your gifts on that date for the Lincoln Elementary angels if you wish.)

We will also have as angels three children from United Crescent Hill Ministries. UCHM requires that all items on the child's list be purchased and that \$75-\$100 be spent per child. They also request that wrapping paper, tape and a package of bows be sent with the unwrapped gifts. Each family unit is also to receive a Kroger gift card in the amount of \$75-100. Please bring your unwrapped UCHM angel's gifts to the office by Wednesday, December 12, along with their paper angel. Again, the youth will shop for your angel on December 9 if you wish.

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 UCHM family Kroger gift card.

Food Gifts from St. Markers

UCHM has determined that it is more feasible to have Kroger gift cards available to give to needy families as family needs can vary greatly. Please make your checks payable to St. Mark's and indicate "Kroger Gift Cards" on the memo line. (This is in addition to the family gift card[s] discussed above.) We will send the funds to UCHM, and they will purchase the Kroger cards. UCHM benefits from the purchase when the cards are used.

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. Baptisms will next be held on Sunday, January 13, during the 10:00 a.m. service. If you wish to receive the sacrament of baptism at this time, please notify Marti Tabor at your earliest convenience.

Casserole Ministry

Sincere thanks are extended to Ann Davis who has been the coordinator of St. Mark's Casserole Ministry for the past several years. Fran Dick is now serving as the new chair of this meaningful ministry, and we continue to need volunteer assistance in the preparation of casseroles. If you would like to be a part of this endeavor, please place a casserole in the church freezer (labels are available in the red folder in the kitchen). Fran will then oversee the delivery of meals to parishioners who are facing particular challenges such as illness or death of a loved one.

If you have any questions or would like more information please call Fran – 426-2103.

Meet Leo Simon

Leo Simon joined the staff of St. Mark's on October 1 as our sexton, and we are delighted to welcome him to our parish! Leo was born in Chicago, IL, and he moved to Danville, IL, at the age of seven. He was reared in Los Angeles but for many years missed the atmosphere of Danville and longed to live in a smaller city. In 1983 he began a career in sales and was fortunate to be able to travel on the West Coast as well as in Texas, Georgia and Florida.

In 1984 his career brought him to Louisville, and he quickly realized that he had found a place he wanted to call home. Leo began working as a contractor and later began performing maintenance work at Bethel-St. Paul Church in St. Matthew's. In addition, he was employed as a banquet server at several local hotels. In 1996 he was hired by Crescent Hill Baptist Church where he continues to work in the custodial/maintenance department in the evenings.

Leo is now working at St. Mark's on a part-time basis -- 8:00 a.m. to noon -- Monday through Friday. He states that he loves working in God's house and that he is most thankful for the opportunity.

Leo lives in Crescent Hill and is the proud father of two children -- a son, age 7, and a daughter, age 12.

When you're next at church during the week make a point to introduce yourself to Leo and welcome him to St. Mark's.

Meet Our Section Leaders

FAITH AEILTS is in her second year at St. Mark's as also soloist. Faith holds a B.A. in Fine Arts from Judson College, Elgin, IL, and a Master of Divinity in Church Music from Southern Seminary. She also sings with a local chamber group - Festive Voices. In her other life, Faith is the Program Manager for the Senior Nutrition Program, a division of Louisville Metro Government.

ERIN KEESY is a sophomore vocal music education major at the University of Louisville where she studies with Edith Davis Tidwell. Erin enjoys singing with the Collegiate Chorale and Cardinal Singers at U of L. From Lexington, KY, she also enjoys all of the opportunities she gets to sing overseas. But for the present, Erin is "so happy to have the chance to sing with St. Mark's Choir."

JEN THOMAS, a sophomore major in vocal performance and business administration at the University of Louisville, has been serving as soprano section leader for almost a year now. She is currently studying voice with Edith Davis Tidwell, and has previously studied with Dr. Noemi Lugo of the University of Kentucky. In addition to singing, Jen enjoys being crafty and is a self-proclaimed movie buff.

SCOTT SANDERSFIELD received his Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance from the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music Appeton, WI, where Steven Spears teaches. While at Lawrence, Scott was an active performer, singing the role of Sarastro in the "Magic Flute", as well as numerous other roles. Scott is also a composer with many performances and recordings of his music. He is currently a graduate student in composition at U of L and studies voice with Edith Tidwell. This November he is singing the role of Bartolo in "The Marriage of Figaro" with U of L Opera.

Poinsettia and Wreath Orders

The giving of a poinsettia or wreath recognizes and remembers loved ones or acknowledges blessings and assists in the adorning of our church for the Christmas services. For your convenience, order forms are available in the Information Center. Deadline for placing your order is December 9.

ECW News

On Tuesday, November 13, ECW will take a day trip to French Lick, IN. We will leave church about 10:00 a.m.; tour through the French Lick Hotel and the Baden Resort; and have lunch there.

ECW Holiday Events

The annual St. Mark's Holiday Bazaar will be Saturday, December 1. Many volunteers will be needed to bake for the Bake Shop; help with the chili; help with soliciting donations from merchants; working the day of the bazaar; and set up and clean up. Please sign up in the Information Center if you can work and/or provide goodies for the bake sale.

ECW has a great need for items for the White Elephant Sale held in conjunction with the Bazaar. Items may be taken to the basement at any time. We are also taking books—but no magazines or textbooks, please. A tax receipt for your donated items is available in the parish office.

On Tuesday, December 11, ECW will host its Annual Christmas Party with St. Markers who reside at the Episcopal Church Home

Pecans have been ordered. They should arrive mid-November. Prices will be \$7.00 per bag for regular pecans; \$8.00 per bag for salted roasted pecans; and \$9.00 per bag for chocolate-covered pecans.

St. Mark's Christmas cards are on sale for \$15.00 per box. Those are available in the Gift Shop and after church.

Holiday Gathering

The Evening Women's Group's Annual Holiday Gathering will be held on Wednesday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joyce Martin – 3016 Freys Hill Road. All women of St. Mark's are cordially invited to attend and are asked to bring an hors d' oeuvres to share as well as a gift to exchange (\$5.00 - \$8.00 range) and a canned good for the parish food basket. Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend. Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office or Joyce Martin at 412-8881.

Thanksgiving Eve Casserole Caravan and Service

This Thanksgiving Eve, November 21, St. Mark's will be engaging in a special endeavor as we reach out to the less fortunate of our community. Parishioners who are interested in assisting the residents of Wayside Christian Mission are asked to prepare a casserole and deliver it to the church by 3:00 p.m. that day. The casseroles will then be delivered to the Mission at 4:00 p.m. The food items will be used to enhance the traditional meal served to Wayside's residents on Thanksgiving Day.

Any favorite dishes you would like to prepare will be welcome – salads, vegetables or desserts (no pumpkin pies please). Disposable containers are available for your convenience in the parish kitchen.

Assistance in transporting the dishes will be needed. If you would like to join the "Casserole Caravan", please sign up on the sheet in the Information Center. Also, if you would like to participate in serving the evening meal on Thanksgiving Eve at Wayside (4:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m.), please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

In recognition of the holiday, a major feast of the Episcopal Church, a simple Eucharist will be held at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's. Please join us!

Vestry Nominations

The nominating committee of the Vestry will be receiving nominations from the parish through Sunday, November 25, for potential Vestry members. Nominations can be submitted to the parish office in a sealed envelope. A nomination form is available in the Information Center for your convenience. All submissions will be given to the Nominating Committee which is composed of the outgoing members of the Vestry: Jamie Ramsay, David Boone, Ken Rohleder and Carlile Crutcher (who filled in the vacancy created by Paul Gill's resignation).

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

Diocesan Convention Alternate Delegate Nominations

The Nominating Committee will be receiving recommendations from the parish through Sunday, November 25, for potential alternate delegates to the Diocesan Convention to be held February 22-23, 2008, at St. Peter's, Louisville. Recommendations can be submitted to the parish office in a sealed envelope. A nomination form is available in the Information Center for your convenience. All submissions will be given to the Nominating Committee which is composed of the outgoing members of the Vestry: Jamie Ramsay, David Boone, Ken Rohleder and Carlile Crutcher (who filled in the vacancy created by Paul Gill's resignation).

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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 (Herb Miller, Gayle Dorsey and Gwen O'Dea) are scheduled to be the delegates to this year's convention.

Senior Warden's Corner

Thanksgiving is almost upon us – the time we set aside to reflect on our blessings. And here at St. Mark's we have so much for which to be grateful. Activities are in full swing, services are full, and November will see the start of our new Children's Choir singing with our Adult Choir during the 10:00 a.m. service.

In these fast-paced days that we call life, most of us are grateful for the people around us, but we rarely

take the time to tell them. Since Charles is unable to be with us during this season, I'd like to take the liberty of saying "thank you" to our St. Mark's family.

First, to Fr. Humke for coming out of retirement to provide pastoral care for us in Charles's absence. We are so grateful for his guidance and genuine concern for St. Mark's. Next, to our wonderful staff who have worked tirelessly to keep the office running smoothly, and to our deacon, Delinda Buie, for her continuing support. Personally, I am grateful to be a part of such a wonderful Vestry whose members have shown that business can be mingled with caring and compassion, and for each of you who enthusiastically have kept the heart and soul of St. Mark's alive and moving forward.

And last, I am thankful for our rector, Charles, who continues to be an example of faithfulness, courage and strength in the face of adversity.

Yes, we are currently facing challenging times, but we are facing them together providing the strength each of us needs to remain faithful. Who do you need to say "thank you" to this season?

"At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us."

~ Albert Schweitzer

Jamie Ramsay
Senior Warden

Treasurer's Comments

More money counters may be needed for the 2008 year. This entails counting the cash and checks for each weekend after the collection at the 10:00 a.m. service. It usually takes about 30 minutes

If you are interested in helping--either full time or part time--please contact Debbie Freeman at 874-8574 (w), 339-0146 (h), or by leaving a note in her mailbox.

Debbie Freeman
Treasurer

Parish Life

Birthdays

Elizabeth Foster	November 1
Julie Potter	November 2
Steven Spears	November 3
Chuck Eirk	November 4
Molly Farmer	November 4
Verna Rothenberger	November 6
Dick Day	November 6
Connie Mendel	November 6
Claudia Shaughnessy	November 7
Jane Redmon	November 10
Julie Hudson	November 11
Tim O'Dea	November 11
Kate Solomon	November 12
Cindy Warren	November 12
Mildred Tierney	November 13
Becky Woehrl	November 15
Chandler Penn	November 16
Robert Durning	November 18
Bryan Hudson	November 19
Thomas Arnsperger	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
Emma Proietti	November 26
Anthony Potter	November 27
Tammy Haight	November 27
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:

Bill Poynter, William Dove, Susanna Moran, Karen Ichabod, Paul McDonald, Tom Warren, Logan Thomas, Charles Hawkins, Roy Potts, Jr., Diane Kircher, Lucia Bryant, Evie Day, Laura Eagle, Al Zadig, Nancy Martin, Jim Gay, Dana Boone, Rebecca Shain, Rebecca Coliz, Kathleen Harding, Anne, Tom Pardue, Kala, Sally Snyder, Eleanor Bosen, Mary Prine, Danny Bukwa, Carol Royer, Dorothy McCaffrey, Verna Rothenberger, Daniel, Sue Hazelip, Polly Wood, Kit Davis, Ann Stewart, Meme Smith, J.C. Leonard, David Clayton MacDonald, Lynn Lewis, Jim Leason, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Pat Young, Tom Vogt, Rita Gildehaus, Virginia Wynn, Rob Hester, Stacy Harvey, Pat Jackson, Bradley, Ally, Janie Kall, Henry Bickel, Dick Day, Ann Lamberton

Parish Register

Transfers Out:

David & Linda Dierking
(to St. James, Louisville)

Anniversaries

Jimmy & Lori Stewart	November 7
Bryan & Julie Hudson	November 8
David & Jamie Ramsay	November 9
John & Carolyn Markham	November 15
Phil & Kathy Scherer	November 26
Jeff & Julie Tafel	November 30

Transfers In:

James A. Kelly
(from Church of the Holy Comforter,
Charlotte, NC)

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

November 4 - Pray for the Diocese of Ukwa (The Niger Delta, Nigeria)
November 11 - Pray for the Diocese of Vanuatu (Melanesia)
November 18 - Pray for the Diocese of Waiapu (New Zealand)
November 25 - Pray for the Diocese of Wellington (New Zealand)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Grace Church
Hopkinsville, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of November 4

◆
Tom Leuze
Vicki Johnson-Leuze
Mike Lewis
Judy Lewis
Elizabeth Lewis

Week of November 11

◆
Nate Lord
Sondra Lord
Sam Lord
Sara Lord
Joyce Martin

Week of November 18

◆
Michael Magee
Michelle Magee
Sofie Magee
Lily Magee
John McBride

Week of November 25

◆
John Markham
Carolyn Markham
Boyce Martin
Mavin Martin
Neil Mellen

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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Pat Elliott, Financial Secretary
Gwen O'Dea, Pastoral Care
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Marti Taber, Christian Education
Leo Simon, Sexton

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

Flowers

- November 4 by David MacCool, Nancy Urbscheit and Laurie Duesing in loving memory of Nancy and Laurie's father, Lawrence F. Urbscheit.
- November 11 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 18 by Herbert E. Miller, Jr. and Mary Virginia Bickel in loving memory of their parents, Herbert E. Miller, Sr. and Virginia Ferguson Miller.
- November 25 by Stacey and John Ousley in loving memory of her parents, Douglas and Linda Woodside.

Candles

- Eucharist Candles 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 by Debra Rollins in loving memory of her mother, Barbara H. Rollins; her grandmother, Adeline E. Hibbit; her aunt, Mabel Rollins; her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Rollins; and her dear friend, Bobby Sohm.