



Saint Mark

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.

December 2001

Advent and Christmas Events

Family Christmas

December 9th at 4:30 p.m.

Come and help decorate Langley Hall, pack food boxes for the needy, visit with St. Nicholas, sing carols, and enjoy fellowship during the spaghetti supper!

Family Eucharist & Christmas Pageant

December 24th at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Carols and Scripture Lessons with musical selections by harp, viola, and handbells.

Festive Holy Eucharist

December 24th at 10:30 p.m.

Music will begin at 10:10 p.m. The adult choir along with harp, viola, and vibraphone will provide musical selections that include Trio and Chorus from Saint-Saëns' *Christmas Oratorio*, Serenade for a Christmas Night by Susa, selections from Britten's Ceremony of Carols, Concerto for Viola by Telemann, and Recuerdos de la Alhambra by F. Tarrega.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

December 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Lessons and Carols

December 30th at 10:00 a.m.

Worship Schedule

Sundays

Holy Eucharist 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 9:00 AM

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 AM

Reconciliation and other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

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Church Bazaar

The annual St. Mark's Bazaar will be held on Saturday December 1st from 9 am—3 pm. The women have been working hard to have many wonderful shopping opportunities for you. Chances on the beautiful quilt are available from Opal Cook until December 1st. A lunch including chili and hot dogs will be served at 11 am. As usual, our Louisville Alabama pecans will be available for \$6 per pound. If you are available to help in any capacity on Saturday, December 1st, please give your name to one of the Busy Finger ladies or leave it in the office. All proceeds from this endeavor directly benefit local agencies as well as the church. Past recipients include Food for the Poor, St. John's Center, Wayside Christian Mission, United Crescent Hill Ministries, and Home of the Innocents. Within the parish, proceeds have been utilized to refurbish the Youth Room and three rest rooms. Mark your calendars now and make plans to join us on December 1st for this festive event! New feature attraction this year: Pictures with Santa from 10:00 am – noon. Parents and grandparents bring your special "little ones" for this opportunity.

Advent Outreach

Mitten & 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 for you to decorate with your warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves, and ear muffs. Your gifts will go to inner city school children who will put them to good use. The tree will be in place throughout December.

Angel Tree

The St. Mark's Angel Tree will be ready for you to select an "angel" on Sunday, December 2nd. These gifts will go to underprivileged children at Lincoln Elementary School, 930 E. Main St. and our Group Home. 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 Family Christmas celebration on December 9th. PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE LINE BY YOUR ANGEL'S NAME. Also this year, for your convenience, our Youth have offered to wrap purchased items. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please bring gifts to the parish office no later than 10:00 am on Sunday December 9th.

Food Boxes

We will pack 15 Food Boxes for UCHM at our Family Christmas Celebration on December 9th which will be distributed during the holiday season. If you would like to help pack boxes, please sign up in the Information Center or call the parish office. If you would like to contribute money that will help purchase food items, please make your check payable to the "Discretionary Fund" and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank You!

Diocesan Winter Events

Come join Bishop Ted, Campus Ministers, and Young Adults from all over the Diocese for warm hearts and hot cozy fires, dancing, singing, worship, games and crafts.

The Young Adults Winter Watch is an annual event for college-aged adults and their friends at All Saints' Episcopal Center. The Winter Watch will begin on December 30 at 6 p.m. Central time and will conclude on December 31 at 1 p.m.

Also during this Advent season is a retreat with Bishop Ted at All Saints' Episcopal Center. This is a new event for Episcopal adults and their friends. The retreat will begin on December 14 at 6 p.m. Central time and will conclude on December 15 at 2 p.m.

The cost of both events is \$35; scholarships are available. Registrations may be downloaded from the Diocesan Website at episcopalky.org or may be obtained from the Parish Secretary.

Evening Women's Group

The Evening Women's Group's Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday, December 12th, at 7 PM at Joyce Martin's house, 3016 Freys Hill Road. Please bring a \$5 gift and cookies to exchange. A meal and other refreshments will be provided. For more information please call Joyce Martin at 412-8881. **Newcomers are most welcome.**

ECW News

Relief Aid

St. Mark's has made a \$500 contribution to St. Paul's Chapel in New York City. Located only half a block from the World Trade Center, St. Paul's Chapel has become a relief center for those people working around the clock to clear debris. This donation will be used to provide food, dry clothing, medical aid and other necessary and needed items for the workers at Ground Zero.

December Meeting

The December ECW meeting will be held on December 11 promptly at 11:00 a.m. Our Christmas Luncheon will follow in Langley Hall with entertainment provided by vocalists Kathy Lee and Tom Arnold. Please sign up in the Information Center. Cost of Lunch is \$5.

Disciples of Christ in Community

Due to lack of interest, DOCC will not be offered this year. For the class "to make" the University of the South requires that a minimum of ten students enroll, and three teachers be trained. As of November 1, we only had four students enroll and only two teachers

volunteer for training.

This is an excellent educational program and St. Mark's is pleased to be bringing it to the Diocese of Kentucky. Therefore, we will try again next year. Meanwhile, if you are interested in enrolling next fall, you can receive information on DOCC from the parish office.

Thomas Merton Commemoration

This year's annual commemoration of Thomas Merton's death will be a panel discussion featuring five Kentucky-area friends of Thomas Merton. These include retired Bellarmine philosophy professor Jack Ford, poet and editor Jonathan Green, Loretto Sister Jane Marie Richardson, poet Ron Seitz, and jazz musician and Zen teacher Richard Sisto. The moderator will be author Dianne Aprile.

The panel discussion will be presented at 7 p.m. on December 10, 2001, in the Clifton Center Auditorium at 2117 Payne St., in Louisville. The event will be followed by a reception and book sale during which the public will be able to meet the members of the panel while enjoying light refreshments. Advance tickets for the event are \$9 for adults (\$10 after December 7) and \$7 for students.

In addition, at noon on December 10th, a Mass in memory of Thomas Merton will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Assumption in downtown Louisville. Guest homilist will be Fr. Michael Casagram from the Abbey of Gethsemani.

For more information or to make a reservation, please call 899-1952 or email Terry Taylor at ttaylor@mertonfoundation.org

St. Nicholas Cantata

The choirs of St. Francis in the Fields, Harrods Creek, accompanied by members of the Louisville Orchestra,

will perform Benjamin Britten's cantata, "St. Nicholas," on December 2, 2001 following Evensong at 5 p.m.

Steven Spears, soloist at St. Mark's, will be the tenor soloist.

The cantata, written in 1948, portrays the life of the Bishop of Myra. He flourished during the fourth century but is one of those medieval saints whose shadowy existence is more legend than fact. Though his cult was well established by the sixth century, it seems that we have Methodius' fictitious ninth century biography to thank for crediting him with his many miracles, and perhaps with most of his good deeds, too.

During the 11th and 12th centuries, his cult was particularly strong in England. Anselm and Godric composed prayers to him, and Godric set his to music.

Although the cult of saints went into decline following the Reformation, Nicolas survived, and he became transformed by his association with Christmas and the giving of presents to deserving children into the universal Santa Claus.

Britten's composition is a delightful work that showcases varying musical skills from amateur to highly professional. The musical style is often jovial and always dramatic. It is appropriate music for all ages. Visitors are invited to attend the Evensong and concert, and a parish dinner that will follow.

Catechumenate Schedule

January 13, 6-8 pm
Catechumenate Kick-off Dinner

January 16, 6:30—8:30 pm
Anglican Vision

January 23, 6:30—8:30 pm
Opening the Bible
Engaging the Word

January 30, 6:30—8:30 pm
Living With History
Early Christian Traditions

February 6, 6:30—8:30 pm
Bishop's Evening with the Catechumens

February 20, 6:30—8:30 pm
Mysteries of Faith

February 27, 6:30—8:30 pm
Opening the Prayer Book
Theology of Worship

March 6, 6:30—8:30 pm
The Practice of Prayer

March 13 6:30—8:30 pm
Ethics after Easter

March 20 6:30—8:30 pm
Holy Week and Easter Vigil Preparation

March 30, 8:30 pm
Easter Vigil at the Cathedral

Stewardship

Almighty God whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Mark's Stewardship Committee is wrapping up a very successful "every member canvass" for the church's 2002 budget. Our goal was to have increased pledges, however small or large, by every member who pledged last year, and of course we welcome all new pledges.

As of November 18th we have a pledged total of \$258,722, but more importantly, over 50% of our members increased their pledges. Additionally we have 9 new pledges for next year. These two statistics are telltale of the committed and devoted members we have at St. Mark's and our growth! *Thank you* to each family and member of St. Mark's church. Your generous giving in these unprecedented and uncertain times is truly a gift and a blessing. We have wonderful plans for the future of our church, especially for the Christian education of our members including the youth and children who truly represent the future.

If you have not yet received your pledge card, please contact the church office and one will be delivered. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience so that the Vestry can finalize a budget and prepare for St. Mark's 110th year! God Bless each and every one of you.

... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. (2 Cor. 9:6-8, 11-12)

In Christ,
 Robert Gregor and Dean Rice, chairpersons
 Shirley Elmore, Paul Gill, Bill Gossmann, Ralinda Gregor, Fred Grimm, Frannie Heyburn, Fran Reagan, Phil Scherer, Susan Schueler, Bob Shober, Tom Walthall


Did You Know?

Advent is the first season of the church's liturgical year, from the fourth Sunday before Christmas (Advent Sunday) until the first Eucharist of Christmas. Advent is a season of preparation for remembering Christ's incarnation at Christmas and for the fulfillment of his promise to return in power and great glory. This accounts for the emphasis in many of this season's biblical readings on the end time and on God's promises for the people of Israel and the church of Christ. Advent has received renewed emphasis in recent years as the church has sought ways to counter the secularization of Christmas as a cultural holiday characterized by conspicuous consumption. The liturgical color is blue (or in some places purple).


The Advent Wreath is a circle, usually covered with evergreen foliage, with four candle holders. Candle colors may vary: four purple or white, or three purple and one rose or pink. A purple candle is lighted on the First Sunday of Advent and each day thereafter until Christmas. A second purple candle is lighted on the Second Sunday of Advent, and so on until all four candles are lighted on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. If a rose or pink candle is used, it is first lighted on the Third Sunday, reflecting the tradition that the lessons for the

Third Sunday are more celebratory than on the other Sundays. A recent development in Advent wreaths is the Christmas Candle—usually a larger white candle in the center of the wreath, lit on Christmas Eve midnight services. While large Advent wreaths are used in churches, smaller versions can form the focus of family devotions during the season.

Please return order form to the Parish Office if you wish to purchase a poinsettia or wreath memorial.



Christmas Poinsettia and Wreath Memorials



The giving of a poinsettia
or wreath recognizes and remembers loved ones
or acknowledges blessings and also assists the Altar Guild
in decorating our church for Christmas services.

Name: _____

Poinsettia(s): _____
(\$8.00 ea.)

Wreath(s): _____
(\$15.00 ea.)

Dedication: (In Memory of; In Thanksgiving for; In Honor of)

(circle one)

- I would like to keep my poinsettia: Y/N
- I would like my poinsettia delivered to the homebound: Y/N
- I would like to deliver my poinsettia personally: Y/N

If yes, poinsettia will be delivered to: _____

Parish Life

Birthdays

Martha Ormsby	December 2
Carolyn vonAlmen	December 2
Ruth Alexander	December 4
Richard Ruthers	December 5
Scott Shafer	December 9
Lynn Boone	December 10
Evie Day	December 11
Caryl Mack	December 11
Cyrus Radford	December 16
Ann Davis	December 17
Frances Blackshear	December 18
Sarah Jones	December 18
Will Alexander	December 19
William Hawkins	December 21
Ann Courteau	December 22
Rebecca Spetz	December 22
Grainger Scherer	December 23
Betty Oldham	December 26
Kathryn Scherer	December 27
Paula Becker	December 28
June Richards	December 28
Julia Jones	December 29
Norma Lawrence	December 29

Anniversaries

William & Ann Carrell	December 28
Frank & Virginia Hower	December 30

Prayers for Healing

Prayers are offered for a portion of the following list at each service on Sundays and the entire list at the Healing Eucharist on Tuesdays.

Louis Cook, Nancy Henderson, Rose Basham, Ed Shannon, Roy H. Potts, Martha Friend, Lindsay Brymer, Lettie Shawler, Barbara Mayhugh, Kay Steele, Richard Gibson, Dick Day, Judith Bloor, Steve Howard, Jim Speed, Gloria Helm, Margaret Dick, Frances Lockett, Betty Collins, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Cleo Story, Perry Collins, Susan Fox, Cleveland Fraser, Judy Semonin, Jane Wilson, Mary Deetsa, Bob Scherer, Joan Bickel, Mason Bennett, The Babcock Family, Diane Estes, Janice Wood, Bobby Townsend, Margaret White, Nina Radford, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Baptism

Ethan Doerschuk

Parish Prayer List

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Anglican Cycle of Prayer

Week of December 2: The Province of York in the Church of England

Week of December 9: The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

Week of December 16: The Church of Wales

Week of December 23: The Province of Dublin of the Church of Ireland

Week of December 30: The Scottish Episcopal Church

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Grace Church, Hopkinsville

The Rev. Dr. Garnett Smith, Rector

Parish Partners

St. Frances of Rome, Our Covenant Parish

The congregations of Crescent Hill United Ministries, especially Clifton Unitarian Church

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of December 2

◆
Barbara Patton
Richard Ruthers
Mainert Peterson
Virginia Peterson
Anita Poynter

Week of December 9

◆
Cyrus S. Radford
Nina Radford
Cyrus Radford
John Rankin
Fran Reagan

Week of December 16

◆
Dean Rice
Linda Rice
Jeremy Rice
Jonathan Rice
Debra Lee Rollins

Week of December 23

◆
June Richards
Cindi Richards
James Richards
Meta Richards
Clifton Rodes

Week of December 30

◆
Mary Rondi
Verna Rothenburger
Betty Rothwell
Bernie Sams
Ruth Sams

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.

Amen.

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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Flowers

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

- December 2**, By Mrs. William E. Oldham in loving memory of her husband Dr. William E. Oldham; her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Scott; Mr. & Mrs. Robert D. Scott Jr.; and Mrs. Adela Oldham.
- December 9**, By Mr. & Mrs. David Pearson in loving memory of his father, E. C. Pearson, and her mother, Lena Hill.
- December 16**, By Mr. & Mrs. Houston Jones in loving memory of their parents, Marian & Otto Funk and Martha H. & Jess Jones; his aunt, Virginia Houston; and Margaret & Sidney Park.
- December 30**, By Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gibson in memory of their children Theresa, Norman, and Richard Jr.

Candles

- The Eucharistic Candles** for December are given to the honor and glory of God by Scottye Ghent in loving memory of her husband, R. Mitchell Ghent, her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Copher, and her niece, Natalie Clarke Latino.
- The Five Branch Candles** for December are given to the honor and glory of God by Mrs. Robert Lykins in loving memory of her husband, Dr. Robert Lykins and her sons, David Allen Lykins and James Edward Lykins.
- The Advent Wreath** is given to the honor and glory of God by Mrs. Shirley Elmore in loving memory of her parents, Irvin & Sallie Crouch, and her husband, Donald C. Elmore.