



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.

December 2004

Advent and Christmas Events

St. Nicholas Celebration

Sunday, December 12, at 4:30 p.m.

Come and help decorate Langley Hall, fill stockings for the Salvation Army, visit with St. Nicholas, sing carols, and enjoy fellowship during the spaghetti supper!

Nine Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 19, at 10:00 a.m.

Family Eucharist & Christmas Pageant

Friday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Festive Holy Eucharist

Friday, December 24, at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Saturday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Service

Thursday, January 6, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Advent and Christmas
Events

Epiphany Events

UTO Update

Advent

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 candleholders. Candle colors may vary: four purple or white, or three purple and one rose or pink. A purple candle is lit on the First Sunday of Advent and each day thereafter until Christmas. A second purple candle is lit on the Second Sunday of Advent, and so on until all four candles are lit on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. If a rose or pink candle is used, it is first lit 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.

Holiday Music

Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 19, at 10:00 a.m. The adult choir, Bellaires, soloists, trumpet, and children

Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant, Friday, Christmas Eve, 4:30 p.m. Christmas carols and scripture lessons with Mendy Cumberledge, soprano; Steven Spears, tenor; and Nancy Urbscheit and Laurie Duesing, flautists

Festive Holy Eucharist, Friday, Christmas Eve, 10:30 p.m. Music will begin at 10:15 p.m. with the adult choir, soloists, and flutes. Selections include Rosa Mystica by Roberta Bitgood; The Mother of

Jesus arr. Richard Lloyd; To Us is Born Immanuel by Praetorius; Sussex Carol by Vaughan Williams; and O Holy Night by Adam.

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, December 26, 10:00 a.m. Michael Bronnert, solo handbell ringer

St. Nicholas Day

St. Mark's will celebrate St. Nicholas Day on Sunday, December 12, beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the decorating of Langley Hall. We will stuff stockings for the Salvation Army, visit with St. Nicholas, sing carols, and enjoy a spaghetti dinner.

Gifts for your "angel" are due on this day. These gifts will go to underprivileged children at Lincoln Elementary and to four children from UCHM. Please remember to attach your "angel" to your wrapped packages.

St. Mark's youth have volunteered to wrap your purchased items. Also, if you wish, they will also shop for your "angel's" gifts.

ECW News

The December Holiday ECW Meeting and Party again will be held at the Episcopal Church Home on Tuesday, December 14, at 12:30 p.m. This will be luncheon and party for both ECW members and the St. Mark residents at ECH. Last year's party was such a success; please don't miss this year's. Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend. Remember to bring a small generic gift for the church home residents. Let's make this a very Happy Holiday activity for us all.

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild needs you! The St. Mark's Altar Guild is seeking new members who wish to serve their church in a special ministry. The guild is responsible for preparing the sanctuary and the altar for all services held at St. Mark's. This requires a commitment of approximately two hours per month. We work in teams with one team being responsible for one Sunday in the month. Please consider this as one way to use your stewardship talent. Women and men both may serve as guild members. If interested, contact Mary Beth Ellis at 451-3779.

UTO Update

We did not make 100% participation in the Fall UTO Ingathering, but we did do extremely well. With 27 offerings, we collected \$810.00. This is the largest Ingathering Offering we have ever collected. Thank you for your generosity. This puts St. Mark's at \$1,404.00 in UTO Ingatherings for the year 2004.

Poinsettia Delivery

Following Christmas each year the poinsettias that have adorned our church are delivered to our parish ill and homebound. Assistance in visiting these special parishioners is needed. The plants can be delivered the week after Christmas beginning Sunday, December 26. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this meaningful ministry, please sign up in the Information Center.

Christmas 1

Please join us in Langley Hall immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, December 26. We will sing Christmas carols and enjoy light refreshments. If you have any holiday treats you'd like to share, please take them to the parish kitchen that morning prior to the service.

Epiphany of Our Lord

The name "Epiphany" is derived from a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearing." The Anglican Prayer Books interpret the word with an alternative title, "The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles." The last phrase, of course, is a reference to the story of the Wise Men from the East.

A Christian observance on January 6 is found as early as the end of the second century in Egypt. The feast combined commemorations of the visit of the Magi, led by the star of Bethlehem; the Baptism of Jesus in the waters of the River Jordan; and Jesus' first recorded miracle, the changing of the water into wine at the marriage in Cana of Galilee - all thought of as manifestations of the incarnate Lord.

The Epiphany is still the primary Feast of the Incarnation of the Eastern Churches, and the three-fold emphasis is still prominent. In the West, however, including Anglican Churches, the story of the Wise

Men has tended to overshadow the other two events. Modern lectionary reform, reflected in the current Prayer Book, has recovered the primitive trilogy, by setting the event of the Baptism as the theme of the First Sunday after the Epiphany in all three years, and by providing the story of the Miracle at Cana as the Gospel for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany in Year C.

The day of the Epiphany is Thursday, January 6, and we will be celebrating this special day with a festive Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. The Ceremony and Ritual of the Liturgy will follow the Anglo-Catholic pattern: The Eucharist Prayer will be sung and incense will be used.

Baptism

The next available date for baptism will be January 9, 2005. Anyone interested should contact the rector or Marti Taber in the church office (895-2429).

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the family of Jack and Barbara Kramer on the death of his mother.

Thank You...

To Jeannie Park for all of her hard work on the Christmas tree St. Mark's donated to the Festival of the Trees. Our tree was one of the top money-makers in the two-foot division.

Attention All Youth: Hold this Date

When: Sunday, January 23, 2005 - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

What: Parish Hop

Ride a trolley from Calvary to St. Andrew's for dinner--and then on to St. Matthew's for sundaes and a dance. See future Sunday bulletins for more information.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Martha Ormsby	December 2
Carolyn von Almen	December 2
Mary Beth Ellis	December 2
Ruth Alexander	December 4
Caroline Cronan	December 5
Richard Ruthers	December 5
William Dick	December 5
John Markham	December 6
Jon Brockman	December 8
Scott Shafer	December 9
Samuel Gray	December 9
Lynn Boone	December 10
Evie Day	December 11
Jack Gill	December 11
Cyrus Radford	December 16
Ann Davis	December 17
Sarah Jones	December 18
Will Alexander	December 19
William Hawkins	December 21
Ann Courteau	December 22
Debbie Mercer	December 25
Kathy Scherer	December 27
Katie Gullett	December 27
June Richards	December 28
Paula Becker	December 28
Stacey Ousley	December 28
Norma Lawrence	December 29
Julia Jones	December 29
David Dick, Sr.	December 31

Anniversaries

Stephanie Miller & Charles Ray	December 20
Frank & Virginia Hower	December 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 Butler, Jerry Bennenbach, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Dick Scott, Carolyn von Almen, Nancy Michler Burke, Pat Young, Danielle Mueller, Lou Erke, Norma Lawrence, 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, Deroy Scott, Janie Kall, Sally Dupree, Richard Dame, Julie Jordan, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Marian Calvert, Kennedy Helm, Lettie Shawler, Richard Gibson, Dick Day, Jim Speed, Margaret Dick, Ann Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Judy Semonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, The Babcock Family, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Transfers In

Dick, Mimi and Thomas Armspiger
(from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church)

Baptisms

Ian Adams Kelley

Matthew Allen Smith

Mónica Graciela Mahoney

Aidan Wilson Estes

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

December 5 - Give thanks for The Episcopal Church in Puerto Rico.

December 12 - Give thanks for the Church of Venezuela.

December 19 - Give thanks for the Church in Cuba.

December 26 - Give thanks for The Anglican Church of Ceylon.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Grace Church, Paducah

Parish Partners

St. Frances of Rome, Our Covenant Parish

The congregations of United Crescent Hill Ministries, especially

Crescent Hill Baptist Church

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of December 5

◆
Jerry Proietti
Amanda Proietti
Emma Proietti
Cyrus Radford
Fran Reagan

Week of December 12

◆
David Ramsay
Jamie Ramsay
Mason Ramsay
Carter Ramsay
Richard Reetzke

Week of December 19

◆
Dean Rice
Linda Rice
Jonathan Rice
Jeremy Rice
Clifton Rodes

Week of December 26

◆
Cindi Richards
Frank Wood
June Richards
James Richards
Meta Richards

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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- Henry Shively, Sexton

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Mailing Address

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

Flowers

- December 5 by Mrs. William E. Oldham in loving memory of her husband, Dr. William E. Oldham; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Scott; her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Scott, Jr.; and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Adela Oldham.
- December 12 by Mr. and Mrs. David Pearson in loving memory of his father, E.C. Pearson; her mother, Lena Hill; his brother, Lymn D. Pearson; and his nephew, John Scott Smith.
- December 19 by Mr. and Mrs. Houston Jones in loving memory of their parents, Marian and Otto Funk and Martha H. and Jess Jones; his aunt, Virginia Houston; and Margaret and Sidney Park.
- December 26 Poinsettias

Candles

- Eucharistic Candles by Scottye Ghent in loving memory of her husband, R. Mitchell Ghent; her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Arnold Copher; her niece, Natalie Clarke Latino; her sister, Phyllis Clarke; and friends, Chris Yeager, Emily Walker and Sally Browning.
- Five Branch Candles by Melanie Lykins in loving memory of her parents, Elise and Robert Lykins, and her brothers, David Allen Lykins and James Edward Lykins.
- Advent Wreath by Shirley Elmore in loving memory of her parents, Irvin and Sallie Crouch, and her husband, Donald C. Elmore.