



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 2005

Advent and Christmas Events

St. Nicholas Celebration
Sunday, December 11, 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!

Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Family Eucharist & Christmas Pageant
Saturday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Festive Holy Eucharist
Saturday, December 24, at 10:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Epiphany Service
Friday, 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

Holiday Happenings

Holiday Music

Ordinations

New Year's Eve and Day Services

Begin the New Year in worship. A service of worship for New Year's Eve will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 31. Two services of worship for the New Year will be held on Sunday, January 1, at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Holiday Music

Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 18, at 10:00 a.m. Sing carols with the choir, hand bells and trumpet.

Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant, Saturday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m. Christmas carols and scripture lessons with musical selections by harp and Steven Spears singing "O Holy Night".

Festive Holy Eucharist, Saturday, December 24, at 10:30 p.m. Music will begin at 10:15 p.m. The adult choir along with harp, viola and Steven Spears will provide musical selections that include I Saw Three Ships; The Sleep of the Infant Jesus; Cantique de Racine; O Holy Night; Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light; and Maria Walks Amid the Thorn, arranged by Sam Hodges.

Holy Eucharist, Sunday, December 25. One service at 10:00 a.m.

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.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

You are cordially invited to an ordination. The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. Gulick, Jr. will (God willing and the people consenting) ordain five deacons to the priesthood on Saturday, December 10, 11:00 a.m., at Christ Church Cathedral. Our rector, the Rev. Dr. Charles Hawkins, has been asked to give the sermon. One of our own, the Rev. Dr. Jerry Cappel, will be one of the ordinands. The Rev. Cappel served Christ Church Cathedral as an intern and since his ordination to the diaconate has been serving as clergy-in-charge of Resurrection. Also being ordained are the Rev. Bill Brosend, the Rev. Jim Trimble, the Rev. Tom Price and the Rev. Rhonda Lee.

St. Nicholas Day

This year's annual St. Nicholas Day Celebration will be held on Sunday, December 11, beginning at 4:30 p.m. with the decorating of the Dreher Room. The youth need your help filling stockings for the Salvation Army. We'll look forward to a visit from our special guest, St. Nicholas; spend time singing carols with our friends, and wind up the evening with a special spaghetti dinner. Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend the dinner. Also, please bring a dessert to share.

Remember that the gifts for your “angel” are due this day. These gifts will go to underprivileged children at Lincoln Elementary and to four children at UCHM. Please do not forget to attach your “angel” to your wrapped packages. However, gifts for the UCHM children are not to be wrapped.

St. Mark’s youth have volunteered to wrap your purchased items. Also, if you wish, they will shop for your “angel” gifts.

ECW News

The December Holiday ECW Meeting and Party again will be held at the Episcopal Church Home on Tuesday, December 13, at 12:30 p.m. This will be a luncheon and a party for both ECW members and the St. Mark residents at the ECH. Last year’s party was a huge 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.

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 Friday, 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.

Join us in Langley Hall following the service for coffee and King Cake.

Congratulations to...

Lyle Spalding on being named the Elfun Senior of the Year (world-wide volunteer of the year selected from General Electric retirees);

Korin Kormick (alto section leader) on being a winner in the Metropolitan Opera District Auditions held at the University of Kentucky on November 12. Korin will compete in the regional auditions in Cincinnati on January 7. Please see Jan Ward if you would like to attend; and

The Rev. Delinda Buie on the birth of her grandson, her first grandchild.

UTO Ingathering

St. Markers have again been most generous with the Fall UTO Ingathering. So far, \$1,155.00 has been turned in--our best ever. For the 2005 calendar year, St. Mark’s has contributed \$1,836.00.

You are to truly be commended for your generosity.

Please...

If you have moved or have a new phone number, please call Barbara Rich in the parish office and let her know.

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 picked up beginning Tuesday, December 27, after 11:00 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this meaningful ministry, please sign up in the Information Center.

Thanks to...

Kurt Ludwig and Matt Boyd who spent an entire day weeding and clearing out the landscaping around the fountain and the sidewalks.

Sympathy Is Extended to...

The family of J. Clifton Rodes;

The family of Joseph W. Phelps, Sr.;

Scottye Ghent on the death of her aunt; and

Tonya Goldsmith on the death of her uncle and cousin.

Choir Members Needed for the Adult Choir

Do you enjoy music? Like to sing? Looking for a caring community? What to have fun? Feel God's nudge toward a music ministry? Now is a good time to join the church choir and prepare for the beautiful season of Advent and Christmas. You are welcome for a short-term commitment--i.e., now until the end of the year. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:15 p.m. and Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45 a.m. For further information call Jan Ward (897-1038).

Attention All Youth: Hold This Date

When: Sunday, February 19, 2006, 4:00 p.m.

What: Second Annual Trolley Hop

Join the trolley ride around Louisville to different churches. This year we will begin at St. Mark's. Come experience our first Rave Service with our own hip hop Father Charles.

Parish Life

Birthdays

Anne Redmon	December 1
Martha Ormsby	December 2
Carolyn von Almen	December 2
Ruth Alexander	December 4
Caroline Cronan	December 5
Richard Ruthers	December 5
William Dick	December 5
Edgar Eaves	December 5
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 Cousteau	December 22
Debbie Mercer	December 25
Kathy Scherer	December 27
Katie Gullett	December 27
June Richards	December 28
Paula Becker	December 28
Julia Jones	December 29
Charlie Mendel	December 29
Julie Tafel	December 30
David Dick, Sr.	December 31

Anniversaries

Jeremy & Susan Jones	December 23
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:

Bernie Sams, Houston Jones, Harry Sladen, Katherine Trentham, Elizabeth Dendy, Debbie Mattingly, 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 Lamberton, Gordon Caldwell, Perry Collins, Judy Semonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, The Babcock Family, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Transfers In

Sarah Murrell
(from Christ Church, Glendale, Cincinnati, OH)

Baptisms

David Allen Haight III
(son of Tammy and David Haight, Jr.)

Sofie Cecelia Magee
(daughter of Michael and Michelle Magee)

Deaths

J. Clifton Rodes
(October 13, 2005)

Joseph W. Phelps, Sr.
October 31, 2005

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

December 4 - Pray for the Diocese of Vellore (South India)
December 11 - Pray for the Diocese of Wangaratta (Victoria, Australia)
December 18 - Give thanks for the Province of York (England)
December 25 -The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only son Jesus Christ:
Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure
confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. John's Episcopal Church
Morganfield, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of December 4

◆
Henry Fairleigh
Jean Fairleigh
Tyler Fairleigh
Mary Farris Fieger
Doreen Fraser

Week of December 11

◆
Scottye Ghent
Laura Gill
Alyson Gill
Jack Gill
Melissa Dick

Week of December 18

◆
June Gibson
Paul Gill
C. Ann Gittings
Amanda Jo Avery
Edward Green

Week of December 25

◆
Debbie Freeman
John Freeman
Bill Gossmann
Mary Jane Gossmann
Katie Gullett

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

Flowers

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| December 4 | By Fran Dick in loving memory of her father, Erling Riis, Jr., and her mother-in-law, Joan Castleman Dick. |
| December 11 | By Mr. and Mrs. David Pearson in loving memory of his father, E.C. Pearson; her parents, George and Lena Hill; his brother, Lynn D. Pearson; and his nephew, John Scott Smith. |
| December 18 | 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 25 | Poinsettias |

Candles

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| Eucharistic Candles | by Scottye Ghent in loving memory of her husband, R. Mitchell Ghent; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Copher; her niece, Natalie Clarke Latino; her sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Robert Clarke; and her friends, Chris Yeager, Emi-lee 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 Mrs. Shirley Elmore in loving memory of her parents, Irvin and Sallie Crouch, and her husband, Donald C. Elmore. |