



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 2006

Advent and Christmas Events

Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 17,
9:50 a.m. at St. Mark's
11:00 a.m. at Crescent Hill Baptist

There will be no 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.
service on Sunday, December 24.

Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant
Sunday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m.

Festive Holy Eucharist
Sunday, December 24, at 10:15 p.m.

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

Twelfth Night Celebration
Friday, January 5

Epiphany Service
Saturday, January 6, at 5:30 p.m.

Advent and Christmas Music

Nine Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 17, 9:50 a.m. at St. Mark's and 11:00 a.m. at Crescent Hill Baptist - A joint festival of lessons and music led by the two choirs, ministers, trumpets, handbells and flutes. This service is based on the annual Advent Carol Service of King's College Chapel, Cambridge. Musical selections include Comfort Ye; Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes; E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come; Jesus Christ the Apple Tree; Sir Christemus; and Christmas Day.

Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant, Sunday, December 24, at 4:30 p.m. - Children's Christmas pageant along with Christmas carols

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 Calendar

RCL

and scripture lessons, musical selections by harp, and Steven Spears singing “O Holy Night”.

Festive Holy Eucharist Sunday, 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 Oh Holy Night; The Angel Gabriel; I Wonder as I Wander; Maria Walks Amid the Thorns; and The Sussex Carol.

Holy Eucharist, Monday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

Revised Common Lectionary

A Lectionary is a table of readings from Scripture appointed to be read at public worship. The association of particular texts with specific days began in the 4th century. The Lectionary (1969, revised 1981) developed by the Roman Catholic Church after Vatican II provided for a three-year cycle of Sunday readings. This Roman lectionary provided the basis for lectionary in The Book of Common Prayer 1979 as well as those developed by many other denominations.

The Common Lectionary, published in 1983, was an ecumenical project of several American and Canadian denominations, developed out of a concern for the unity of the Church and a desire for a common experience of Scripture. It was intended as a harmonization of the many different denominational approaches to the three-year lectionary. It has been in trial use in the Episcopal Church and among the member denominations since 1983.

The Revised Common Lectionary, published in 1992, takes into account constructive criticism of the Common Lectionary based on the evaluation of its trial use and like the current prayer-book lectionary is a three-year cycle of Sunday Eucharistic readings in which Matthew, Mark and Luke are read in successive years with some material from John read in each year.

The Revised Common Lectionary provides these new features:

- The option of semi-continuous reading of the great Old Testament narratives on the Sundays after Pentecost, to provide exciting new preaching opportunities, vacation Bible School ideas or informal summer story-telling for adults as well as children.
- The option of lections in thematic harmony with the Gospel of the day for the Sundays after Pentecost.
- The inclusion of women and their role in salvation history, offering texts about women never heard on Sunday before.

The most notable example is the account of the woman anointing Jesus at Bethany (Mark 14:3-9). Jesus responded by saying “wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.” This text, omitted in the present lectionary, is included in the Revised Common Lectionary as part of the Passion narrative read on Palm Sunday in Year B.

The Revised Common Lectionary preserves around 90% of the Gospel readings in the Lectionary of The Book of Common Prayer 1979.

Why is the Revised Common Lectionary of value to the Episcopal Church?

- It is a truly ecumenical lectionary shared by most Protestant denominations and widely used throughout the Anglican Communion.
- It provides new opportunities for ecumenical Bible study and shared resources for teaching and preaching.

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- It has improved the choice of appropriate texts for Sundays and Festivals.
 - It incorporates most of the readings with which the church is familiar.
 - Most new resources for preaching, teaching and the planning of worship are already being developed to support the Revised Common Lectionary.

Who is already using the Revised Common Lectionary?

American Baptist Churches in the USA; Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Anglican Church of Australia; Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada; Anglican Church of Canada; Presbyterian Church in Canada; Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Presbyterian Church in the USA; Christian Reformed Church in North America; United Church of Canada; Church of England; United Church of Christ; Anglican Church in South Africa; United Methodist Church. The Roman Catholic Church has not adopted the RCL. However, there are already many differences between the Episcopal and Roman Lectionaries, even though the Episcopal Lectionary was patterned after the Roman Lectionary.

St. Mark's will begin using the Revised Common Lectionary the weekend of December 2-3.

Lay Eucharistic Visitor Ministry

This special ministry which was begun several years ago at St. Mark's has been warmly embraced by all involved. We have a dedicated team of volunteers who have been trained and licensed by the Diocese of Kentucky. David Boone, Paul Gill and Nancy Urbscheit have ably served for several years and are now being joined by David McDaniel and Jimmy Stewart.

If you or someone you know would be interested in receiving Holy Eucharist on an occasional basis at home, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office - 895-2429.

ECW News

On Tuesday, December 12, from 12:30 p.m.-? the Annual ECW Christmas Party at the Episcopal Church Home will be held. Remember to bring a generic gift for the Home residents. Please sign up for this activity in the Information Center.

Holiday Gathering

The Evening Women's Group's annual Holiday Gathering will be held on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Katherine Kingren (124 S. Bayly Ave.). All women of St. Mark's are cordially invited to attend. The entrée and beverages will be

provided - parishioners are asked to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share as well as 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. Should you have any questions, please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office.

Youth Lunch and Shopping

The Annual Youth Christmas Luncheon and Shopping for Christmas Angels will be Sunday, December 10. We will leave at noon after Church School for an afternoon of fun and shopping. We will return back to church and wrap gifts. Please sign up in the Information Center or call the church office.

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 Wednesday, December 27, after 8:30 a.m. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this meaningful ministry, please sign up in the Information Center.

Twelfth Night

On Friday evening, January 5, St. Mark's will be celebrating Twelfth Night with a festive gathering. There will be live music, dancing and refreshments. Please mark your calendars now and check the weekly bulletin.

tins for more information as the event draws closer.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Sarah Jones;

Molly and Matt Schad on the death of their nephew;

Alex Campbell and family on the death of his brother; and

Layne and Pat Michler on the death of their daughter.

Acolyte Festival

All acolytes are invited to attend our own Diocesan Acolyte Festival at Christ Church Cathedral. The date has been set for Saturday, February 3, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be great workshops, worship service and lunch. Please pick up a registration form in the church office. Deadline for registering is January 20, 2007.

Senior Warden's Corner

"All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." 1 Chronicles 24:14.

You will receive the St. Mark after Thanksgiving; however, my principal message is one of thanks to you for support of St. Mark's programs. Church and Church School attendance has shown a renewed spirit and vitality. Response to the Stewardship Campaign to date is promising. Of one hundred ten pledging units, fifty-six increased over last year; thirty-four were the same; fourteen were new; and only two decreased. Thanks to all of you.

There are a number of regular pledgers who have not yet committed for 2007. Their responses, even if at the same level as last year, will provide the Vestry with the opportunity to approve a 2007 budget which preserves most 2006 programs.

---Lyle Spalding

Treasurer's Comments

In October we erased our year-to-date spending deficit, and we are now operating "in the black" for 2006.

Income Highlights:

- * Pledge income exceeded expectation in October.
- Non Pledges and Gifts also exceeded expectation.
- Due to timing, we received two rental payments on 109 Kennedy in October.

Expenses Highlights:

- * Salaries and Benefits ran slightly high this month.
- Choir section leaders were over budget this month. Year-to-date, combined section leaders and Music Guest are running at 80% of budget.
- * Overall expenses were under budget for the month.
- * Year-to-date, Office Equipment and Maintenance are both over budget.

---Debbie Freeman

UTO Ingathering

St. Markers have again been most generous with their UTO offerings. For the Spring Ingathering \$967.00 was turned in, for the Fall Ingathering \$902.00. The total for 2006 (\$1,869.00) is the most St. Mark's has ever collected. You are to truly be commended for your generosity.

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
John Markham	December 6
Scott Shafer	December 9
Lynn Boone	December 10
Chase Preher	December 10
Evie Day	December 11
Jack Gill	December 11
Cyrus Radford	December 16
Ann Davis	December 17
Emily Fritz	December 17
Will Alexander	December 19
William Hawkins	December 21
Debbie Mercer	December 25
Kathy Scherer	December 27
Katie Gullett	December 27
June Richards	December 28
Julia Jones	December 29
Charlie Mendel	December 29
Julie Tafel	December 30
David Dick, Sr.	December 31

Anniversaries

Frank & Virginia Hower	December 30
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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:

Tom Pardue, Elizabeth Jefferies, Jim Holtman, Joan Nelson, Kala, Sally Snyder, Alice Senn, Barbara Schwartz, Eleanor Bosen, Mary Prine, Danny Bukwa, Courtney Pearson, Bernie Sams, Aerial, Patty Sorrell, Carol Royer, Tina Kingsbury, Dorothy McCaffrey, Bill Gossmann, Verna Rothenburger, Daniel, Sue Hazelip, Eric Elliott, Polly Wood, Kit Davis, Debbie Mattingly, Rob Auerbach, Marlene Will, 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, Nancy Carlisle, Henry Bickel, Dick Day, Margaret Dick, Ann Lamberton, Perry Collins, Judy Semonin, Mary Deetsa, Joan Bickel, Vera Wallace

Parish Register

Transfers In

Vicky Spencer
Kala Spencer
Aerial Spencer

(from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church)

Transfer Out

Andrew Charles Beasley
(to Christ Episcopal Church
Macon, GA)

Death

Sarah Jones
(December 18, 1921 - November 20, 2006)

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

December 3 - Pray for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain
December 10 - Pray for the Church in the Falkland Islands
December 17 - Pray for the Diocese of Kushtia (Bangladesh)
December 24 - Pray for the Church of Pakistan and the Diocese of Lahore
December 31 - Pray for the Diocese of Lexington (KY)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Thomas' Church
Louisville, KY

Parish Partners

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of December 3

◆
Jeff Tafel
Julie Tafel
Sam Tafel
Andi Tafel
Erick Tafel

Week of December 10

◆
Jimmy Swindler
Tom Tate
Jane Tate
Alison Tempero
Mildred Tierney

Week of December 17

◆
Jim Taveime
Alice Taveime
John Treitz, Jr.
Pat Van Meter
Marjorie Vogt

Week of December 24

◆
Carolyn von Almen
Tom Walthall
Hill Walthall
Mason Walthall
Parker Walthall

Week of December 31

◆
Anne Vouga
Jan Ward
Eugene Ward
John Ward
Norma Ward

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

December 3 by Fran Dick in loving memory of her father, Erling Riis; her mother-in-law, Joan Castleman Dick; and her grandmother, Frances Rubira England.

December 10 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 17 by the family of Houston and Sarah Jones in loving memory of Houston and Sarah; Sarah's parents, Marian and Otto Funk; Houston's parents, Martha H. and Jess Jones; an aunt, Virginia Houston; and cousins, Margaret and Sidney Park.

December 24 Poinsettias

December 31 by Rob and Elizabeth Mitchell in celebration of the 68th wedding anniversary of her parents, Harry and Edith Moran.

Candles

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 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 Shirley Elmore in loving memory of her parents, Irvin and Sallie Crouch, and her husband, Donald C. Elmore.