



# 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 2007

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## A Letter from Fr. Humke

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Dear Friends at St. Mark's:

As your rector continues to deal with his illness, I am still with you as priest-in-charge. Since I am writing this early in November, it is possible that Charles, having been to The Mayo Clinic for the third time, will have had some helpful information by the time you read this. It is my intention at this point, however, to be with you at Christmas this year, and I want you to know that the Christmas celebration at St. Mark's will continue just as it has for so many years in the past.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find many articles related to Christmas. I hope you will read them thoroughly and make note of those in which you would like to participate. The only change in our worship schedule will be the cancellation of the Saturday evening Eucharist on December 29.

I always like Advent, both the time of year in which it comes and its celebration in the Church. I like the early evenings when the dark brings that special quality to the end of the day. I like the nip in the air and the sense of excitement that pervades so much of what we do during that time.

I like to see the Advent Wreath brought out again (and each Sunday I wonder if somebody will forget to light it, as usually happens at least once during the season). I like those old familiar Advent hymns with their words of expectation and hope. I like to hear the Advent readings about that strange character John the Baptist and his never-old message of our needing to turn our lives around. I like the contrast between a quiet, subdued church and a noisy, excited world "out there."

And one good thing about Advent is that you never tire of it. It's over almost before you know it has begun and sometimes you wish it could go on just a little longer. But Christmas with all of its noisy cheer is not to be put off. Late on that Christmas Eve, when you sing about a Holy

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## 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

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## Highlights

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A Letter from Fr. Humke

Holiday Events

Anne Vouga

Acolyte Festival

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Child and a beautiful young Virgin and Joseph, their protector, you are once again wrapped in mystery. Who cares whether it happened just the way the story tells it or not? What matters is that “God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son...”

Richard H. Humke

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## Advent and Christmas Events

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Lessons and Carols  
Sunday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m.

Advent Lessons and Carols, Holy Eucharist  
Saturday, December 22, at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Twelfth Night Celebration  
Saturday, January 5, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Epiphany Service  
Sunday, January 6, at 10:00 a.m.

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## Holiday Music

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Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m.: Sing carols with the choir, handbells, trumpet and violin. Musical selections include Prepare Thyself Zion (Christmas Oratorio); Advent Alleluia!; Mary's Story and Magnificat; In the Bleak Midwinter. This service is based on the annual Lessons and Carols of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England.

Sunday, December 23, at 10:00 a.m., the choir will sing Cantique de Racine by Fauré with harp.

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

scripture lessons. Steven Spears and harpist Laura Elder.

Festive Holy Eucharist, Monday, December 24, at 10:30 p.m. Music will begin at 10:15 p.m. The adult choir along with harp, violin, viola. Selections include O Holy Night; Ceremony of Carols by Britten; The Only Son from Heaven, Bach; What is this Lovely Fragrance?, Willan; Gesu Bambino, Yon.

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## Some Changes in the Saturday 5:30 p.m. Eucharist during Advent and Christmas

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During the first three Saturdays of Advent (December 1, 8, and 15) the Eucharist will open with An Order of Worship for the Evening. We will begin with the church in darkness and then the Advent Wreath and altar lights will be lit during the singing of an evening hymn. The Eucharistic liturgy from the Prayer Book will follow.

On Saturday, December 22, we will have a shortened service of Advent Lessons and Carols to be followed by the Eucharist. And please note: On Saturday, December 29, there will be NO Saturday Eucharist.

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## ECW News

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On Tuesday, December 11, from 12:15 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.

St. Mark's Christmas cards are on sale for \$15.00 per

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box. They are available in the Gift Shop and after the 10:00 a.m. service.

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## Thank You

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We want to thank the St. Mark's parishioners for all you have done for us over the past few months. You all have made a difficult journey much easier for our family. It is unbelievable the way that you have stepped in with a casserole, a ride to an appointment or an ear to listen at just the right moment. Charles and I thank each of you from the bottom of our hearts. You have been a wonderful example to us of Christian community.

Sincerely, Charles and Katherine

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## Poinsettia and Wreath Orders

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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.

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## Poinsettia Delivery

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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 Thursday, 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.

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## Treasurer's Comments

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I know the Holiday Season is upon us, and all of our lives are crazy, but I needed to remind you that we close our books for the year on December 31st. If you plan to complete your annual pledge or make any gifts to St. Mark's before the end of the year, we will

need to have them in hand on 12/31. If we do not receive them by this date, we will not be able to show them as 2007 gifts on your year-end statements. If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Financial Secretary, Pat Elliott, at 895-2429, or me at home (339-0146).

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## Anne Vouga to Be Ordained Deacon

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Anne Vouga spent her six-month internship at St. Mark's Church earlier in the year and rapidly became a part of the parish community. Many people remember her ministry here with great appreciation. She will be ordained Deacon on Friday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. Please put the time in your calendar now and plan to be at this important event in Anne's life.

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## Twelfth Night

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You are cordially invited to join us for St. Mark's Annual Twelfth Night Celebration on Saturday, January 5, from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in Langley Hall. The festivities will include an intergenerational dance with live music provided by our very own David Boone and his band as well as the crowning of our Twelfth Night King and Queen.

We ask that you bring an hors d'oeuvres to share and that you sign up in the Information Center. Please note that there will not be childcare available that evening as we hope all youth will enjoy the dance.

We look forward to seeing you on January 5 as we celebrate the end of the Christmas season and prepare for the season of Epiphany.

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## January Baptismal Opportunity

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The next regularly scheduled day for Baptisms is Sunday, January 13. All parents interested in having their children baptized on that day should contact Marti Taber.

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## Stewardship Report

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As of November 9, we have received 108 pledges for a total of \$328,160.00. Of these pledges, there are 58 increased pledges over last year; 41 that were the same; seven new pledges; and two decreased pledges. At this time last year, there were 109 pledges for a total of \$294,490.00.

Thanks again to all of you for your generosity. If there is anyone who has not yet pledged and wishes to do so, please contact Pat Elliott, the financial secretary, for a pledge card.

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## Epiphany of Our Lord

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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.

The day of the Epiphany is Friday, January 6, and we will be celebrating this special day with a festive Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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## Acolyte Festival

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On Saturday, February 2, 2008, acolytes of all ages are invited to the 2nd Annual Acolyte Festival which will be held at Calvary Church from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Festival is designed to encourage youth and adults to meet, mingle, and share knowledge with others from around the Diocese. They will learn new things, laugh and play together. Each acolyte will attend workshops and participate in several activities. Lunch will be provided, with donations gladly accepted to help defray the cost of the day.

There will be new workshops this year and a special focus on Acolyte Games. Please contact Marti Taber for a registration form or if you have questions.

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## Youth Lunch and Shopping

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The Annual Youth Christmas Luncheon and Shopping for Christmas Angels will be Sunday, December 9. We will leave at noon after Pageant practice 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 Marti Taber in the church office.



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# Parish Life

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## Birthdays

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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

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## Anniversaries

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Frank & Virginia Hower	December 30
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## Prayers for Healing

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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, Rebecca Shain, Rebecca Coliz, Anne, Tom Pardue, Kala, Sally Snyder, Eleanor Bosen, Mary Prine, Danny Bukwa, Carol Royer, Dorothy McCaffrey, Verna Rothenburger, 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

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## Parish Register

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### Baptisms:

Joseph Edison Childress  
Katherine Elizabeth Dikes  
Isaac Henry Knecht  
Lily Valerie Magee  
Aerial Lyons Spencer  
(November 4, 2007)

### Transfers In:

Tamara Meinecke  
John Knecht  
(from Grace & Glory Lutheran Church  
Goshen, KY)

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# Parish Prayer List

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## Anglican Cycle of Prayer

December 2 - Pray for the Diocese of West Texas  
December 9 - Pray for the Diocese of Western New York  
December 16 - Pray for the Diocese of Worcester (Canterbury, England)  
December 23 - Pray for the Diocese of Yiroi  
December 30 - Pray for the Diocese of Zonkwa (Abuja, Nigeria)

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Grace Church  
Paducah, KY

## Parish Partners

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

## Parish Cycle of Prayer

### Week of December 2

◆  
Erik Marvin  
Sara Ervin  
Dorothy McCaffrey  
David McDaniel  
David Arnold

### Week of December 9

◆  
Dan Mehling  
Jennifer Mehling  
Mary Claire Mehling  
Harry Mercer  
Debby Mercer

### Week of December 16

◆  
Scott Mendel  
Connie Mendel  
Charlie Mendel  
Layne Michler  
Bob Micou

### Week of December 23

◆  
Virginia Van Zandt Miles  
Herbert Miller  
Stephanie Miller  
Elizabeth Mitchell  
Rob Mitchell

### Week of December 30

◆  
Ethan Moore  
Amber Moore  
Kim Moore  
Judy Moore  
Mallory Moore

## 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...*

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## Flowers

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December 2 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 9 by Mr. and Mrs. David Pearson

December 16 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 23 in loving memory of Cara and Gerald Kirven by their family

December 30 by Rob and Elizabeth Mitchell in loving memory of his mother and father, Jessie and Paul Mitchell.

## Candles

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