



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 2008

Advent and Christmas Events

Family Eucharist and Christmas Pageant
Wednesday, December 24, - 4:30 p.m.

Festive Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, December 24, - 10:15 p.m.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Thursday, December 25, - 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Party, "Tenth Night"
Saturday, January 3, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Epiphany Service
Tuesday, January 6, - 6:30 p.m.

Coffee Hour in December

NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 21: ADVENT SERIES: "The Christmas Story through Art and Christmas Carols," with Dr. Amy Stewart, Associate Professor in the Fine Art Department at Jefferson Community and Technical College

We will enrich our celebration of the Advent season by gaining a greater understanding of the Christmas story as recounted in the Bible and visually depicted in painting, sculpture, illuminated manuscripts, ivory carvings and stained glass. We will examine the various categories of the story, delve into the symbolism and meaning of the images and ponder the function and intention of these images that surface on Christmas cards, in books and on other religious materials of the season through a wide variety of images from the 5th to the 20th century.

NOVEMBER 30: Advent Series, Part I—Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity

DECEMBER 7: NO COFFEE HOUR: Holiday Bazaar

DECEMBER 14: Advent Series, Part II—Annunciation to and Adoration of the Shepherds, Visit of the Magi

DECEMBER 21: Advent Series, Part III—Presentation in the Temple, Massacre of the Innocents, Flight into Egypt

Worship Schedule

Saturdays

Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm

Sundays

Holy Eucharist
8:00 am and 10:00 am

Weekdays

Morning Prayer
Monday-Friday 9:00 am

Evening Prayer
Monday - Friday 4:30 pm

Healing Service
Tuesday 10:00 am

Reconciliation and Other Sacraments

by Appointment with the Clergy

Highlights

Holiday Services
and Events

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Advent Outreach

Mitten and 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 Sunday, December 14, for you to decorate with your warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and earmuffs. Your gifts will go to children who attend Chenoweth Elementary School. The tree will be in place until January 11, 2009.

Karen Refugees from Burma

Resurrection Episcopal Church on Southern Boulevard now has about fifty Burmese Karen refugees attending services on Sundays. They have asked for help from St. Mark's in meeting the many needs of this new group of Anglicans from Burma. Right now, warm clothing (especially for children and youth) and small household items in good condition (microwaves, toasters, linens, cleaning supplies, etc.) are desperately needed. Please bring donations to the parish office and Anne Vouga will transport them to Resurrection.

Angel Tree

Remember to sign up to provide a gift for an underprivileged child at Lincoln Elementary School by taking a name from our "Angel Tree" located in the Information Center. The child's name, age, and sizes will be noted on your paper angel. Please attach the angel to your wrapped gift when it is returned. Gifts for Lincoln Elementary angels must be turned in by Sunday, December 14. (If you prefer to donate money, rather than to shop for a gift, the St. Mark's Youth will do the shopping for you on December 14. They will also wrap gifts on that date for your Lincoln Elementary angels, if you wish.)

We will also have as angels three children from United Crescent Hill Ministries. UCHM requires that all items on the child's list be purchased and that \$75-\$100 be spent per child. Each family unit is also to receive a Kroger gift card in the amount of \$75-100. Again, the youth will shop for your angel on December 14 if you wish.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN YOUR NAME ON THE LINE BY YOUR ANGEL'S NAME ON THE SHEET LOCATED IN THE INFORMATION CENTER. There will also be space to sign up for a UCHM family Kroger gift card.

Food Gifts from St. Markers

UCHM has determined that it is more feasible to have Kroger gift cards available to give to needy families as family needs can vary greatly. Please make your checks payable to St. Mark's and indicate "Kroger Gift Cards" on the memo line. (This is in addition to the family gift card[s] discussed above.) We will send the funds to UCHM, and they will purchase the Kroger cards. UCHM benefits from the purchase when the cards are used.

Also, the Emergency Assistance office at United Crescent Hill Ministries provides food to families throughout the year. Help is needed to keep their food pantry stocked. Please make an extra effort to bring canned and non-perishable food items to St. Mark's and leave them in the Dare to Care baskets in the Information Center or narthex.

Every Member Canvass

A great big thank you to Debbie Freeman and her team of cooks. The stewardship brunch was wonderful—good food and good fellowship. If there were any kitchen mishaps—none of us saw them. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Our stewardship campaign is winding down, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for getting their pledge cards in. As of November 9, we have 102 pledges for a total of \$268,198.06. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible. The finance committee will soon begin planning the exciting year to come. Thank you again for your support of St. Mark's; every contribution and every member counts.

Katherine Doyle

ECW News

On Tuesday, December 9, from 12:15 p.m.-? ECW will host its Annual Christmas Party for St. Markers residing at the Episcopal Church Home. Remember to bring a generic gift for the Home residents. Please sign up in the Information Center if you plan to attend.

St. Mark's Christmas cards are available in the Gift Shop. Price is \$15.00 per box.

Pecans are on sale for \$7.00 per one-pound bag.

There will be no meeting in January.

Holiday Gathering

The Evening Women's Group's Annual Holiday Gathering will be held on Tuesday, December 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Katherine Kingren – 124 South Bayly Avenue. All women of St. Mark's are cordially invited to attend and are asked to bring an hors d'oeuvres to share as well as a gift to exchange (\$8.00 - \$10.00 range) 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 or need additional information please contact Gwen O'Dea in the parish office of Katherine Kingren - 893-5755.

Money Counters Needed

Money counters for the 2009 year are needed. This entails counting the cash and checks for each weekend after the collection at the 10:00 a.m. service. It usually takes about 30 minutes. If you are interested in helping—either full time or part time—please contact Debbie Freeman at 874-8574 (w) or 339-0146 (h).

Poinsettia and Wreath Orders

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 7.

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 Sunday, December 28, after the 10:00 service. If you would like to volunteer to be a part of this meaningful ministry, please sign up in the Information Center.

Singers Needed!

Advent and Christmas are right around the corner, and I invite you to join the St. Mark's choir as we prepare music for this special time. We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:15 p.m., and on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

St. Augustine tells us that when we sing we pray twice. Help lead the St. Mark's community in this joyful worship experience, and be part of some beautiful music while you're at it!

For further information, please call interim organist/choirmaster Jack Ashworth at 821-1829, or just show up at our next rehearsal this coming Thursday at 7:15 p.m. in the choir room.

Christmas Party

You are cordially invited to join us for a “Tenth Night” Celebration on Saturday, January 3, 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 “Tenth 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 3 as we celebrate the Christmas season.

Youth Lunch and Shopping

The Annual Youth Christmas Luncheon and Shopping for Christmas Angels will be Sunday, December 14. 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.

Youth at Brooklawn

With the success of their Halloween Party behind them, the J2A group is excited planning a very special Christmas Party. They have planned wonderful activities for the young boys at Brooklawn. The party will take place on Thursday, December 11, at 4:00 p.m.

Sympathy...

Is extended to Frank Wood and Cindi Richards on the death of his father, Clark Wood.

January Baptismal Opportunity

The next regularly scheduled day for Baptism is January 11, Epiphany Sunday. All parents interested in having their children baptized on that day should contact Marti Taber.

Congratulations to...

Dan and Jenny Mehling on the birth of their daughter, Ava Katherine.

Meet Our Seminarian

So Gwen and I were talking and she thought it would be a good idea for me to write up a little longer bio for the people of St. Mark’s just to let all of you get to know me a little better.

I’m originally from Memphis, TN where I was born and raised. I grew up Southern Baptist, even going to a school sponsored by our church for the first four years of school (the rest of the time was at an Assembly of God sponsored school and a story all its own). I came to the Episcopal Church in 2001 after meeting my wife and coming back into Christianity from a period of agnosticism.

My wife, Leanne, and I have been married for six years. She grew up in Rossville, TN, which is about an hour east of Memphis. We met when we were both working for International Paper. We found out, during our first lunch date, that the two of us had taken the same astronomy class in college almost a decade before. You could say our love was written in the stars.

And speaking of stars, they’re one of my hobbies—the ones in the sky, not the ones in the cheap magazines at the check-out counter. I don’t take enough time to go out and stargaze, but it’s been a love of mine for many years.

I also love reading—no surprise for an English major. I don’t get to indulge in that hobby very much right now. Not to say that I don’t spend plenty of time reading in seminary. It’s just not reading a lot of cozy fire-side books.

Writing is also a love of mine. I’ve written since I was a kid and I’m looking forward to sharing some of my poetry with the people of St. Mark’s at the poetry recital in April (for which I’m still looking for poets. If you’d like to be a part, email me at jbennett@lpts.edu. I’d really love to have some of our youth be a part of it, hint, hint).

Most importantly, I’m happy to be here this school year. You’ve all made me feel very welcome. I’m looking forward to worshipping with you and sharing this part of my own journey with all of you.

Your Seminarian, Jonathan Bennett

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
Natalie Armstrong	December 14
Kathy Scherer	December 27
Katie Gullett	December 27
June Richards	December 28
Sam Hodges	December 28
William Doyle	December 28
Julia Jones	December 29
Charlie Mendel	December 29
Julie Tafel	December 30
David Dick, Sr.	December 31

Anniversaries

Al & Joan Gustafson	December 17
Chris & Katherine Doyle	December 18
Ed & Joyce Render	December 20
Frank & Virginia How er	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.

Dott Berry, Jennifer Ebendorf, John McBride, Durbin Oldham, Ken Kleinstauber, Harriet (Happy) Jett, Jim Taveirne, Layne Michler, Elisabeth, Belinda, Neville Caudill, Sally Lambert, Bob Gregory, Marye Mendel, Sarah Dudley, Mark Miller, McHenry S. Brewer, Craig Kingsbury, Faith Schmidt, Leslie Hammon, Donna Coliz, Kim Moore, Howard Rodgers, Susanna Moran, Diane Kircher, Lucia Bryant, Evie Day, Laura Eagle, Nancy Martin, Rebecca Shain, Anne, Tom Pardue, Kala, Eleanor Bosen, Carol Royer, Dorothy McCaffrey, Daniel, Sue Hazelip, Kit Davis, Meme Smith, J.C. Leonard, Lynn Lewis, Jim Leason, Bill Butler, Ethel Bradshaw, Jean Fairleigh, Pat Young, Tom Vogt, Rita Gildehaus, Virginia Wynn, Stacy Harvey, Janie Kall, Henry Bickel, Dick Day

Parish Register

Baptisms:

Jennifer Lee Fraley
Maxwell Thomas Mason
Jackson Bailey Stewart
Daniel Sean Stewart
(On November 2, 2008)

Transfers In:

Natalie E. Armstrong
(from St. Michael & All Angels
Shawnee Mission KS)

Death:

Ann Gazlay Ferguson Lamberton
(January 25, 1931 - November 2, 2008)

Parish Prayer List

Anglican Cycle of Prayer

December 7 - Pray for the Diocese of Kolhapur (North India)
December 14 - Pray for the Diocese of Kumasi (West Africa)
December 21 - Pray for the Diocese of Lafia (Abuja, Nigeria)
December 28 - Pray for the Diocese of Lebombo (South Africa)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. James' Episcopal Church
Pewee Valley, KY

Parish Partners

St. Frances of Rome, Our Covenant Parish
The congregations of United Crescent Hill Ministries,
especially
Ursuline Sisters of Louisville

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Week of December 7

◆
Alex Campbell
LaForrest Campbell
Alex Campbell, Jr.
Peter Campbell
Patricia Campbell

Week of December 14

◆
Beth Carlton
Brent Carlton
Shelby Carlton
Emma Carlton
Keith Christenson

Week of December 21

◆
Bill Cobb
Liz Cobb
Jim Coliz
Donna Coliz
David Cornell

Week of December 28

◆
Pat Coomes
Laura Coomes
Marshall Coomes
Alice Covell
Caroline Cronan

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

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 7 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 14 by Mr. and Mrs. David Pearson in thankfulness for the life and in memory of their son, Courtney Pearson.

December 21 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 Peak.

December 28 in loving memory of Cara and Gerald Kirven by their family.

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 Latino, her sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Robert Clarke; and friends, Chris Yeater, Emilee 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.