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## SAINT MARK'S WELCOMES VICKI ZUST

As the Rev. Vicki D. Zust begins her tenure as the 7<sup>th</sup> rector of Saint Mark's, the past seems prologue to the future.

Central Ohio is where Vicki grew up and heard the call to become an Episcopalian priest. It is where she served her early years as a priest.

Vicki grew up Episcopalian in Westerville, graduating from Westerville South High School. She majored in elementary education and physics, with a minor in history, at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, OH. After attending Seabury-Western Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL, she began her priestly service in 1997 as assistant rector at St. Alban's in Bexley and a year later became rector of Trinity Episcopal in Newark.

She later served five years as Canon to the Ordinary for the Diocese of Southern Ohio, before answering a call in 2009 to become rector of St. Paul's Episcopal in Williamsville, NY, where she remained until being called to Saint Mark's.

She talked about the priesthood and Saint Mark's in a recent conversation.



### Question: What led you into the priesthood?

**VICKI:** I was the youth minister at St. Peter's in Delaware during the whole time I was in college. I thought maybe being a priest was something I would explore later. But God's call never went away; God was annoying me, is how I like to say it. I went to the rector at St. Peter's and said that I think God was calling me to be a priest. She laughed and said 'What took you so long.'

### Why do you enjoy being a priest?

**VICKI:** There is so much about being a parish priest that is so wonderful; it's hard to pick one thing. You get to be a part of so many people's lives. It's not just the big things, baptisms, weddings and so forth. It's all the other parts of their lives; I get to watch children grow up; I get to hear what people are concerned about. I get to teach a wide variety of ages, children, teen-agers, adults. Parish priests are the last people to be generalists, in the way other professionals had been in the past.

### How did you find out about Saint Mark's opening?

To be perfectly honest, I don't entirely remember. But at the time Saint Mark's posted its (rector-search) profile, I was helping a couple of priest friends move. I stumbled across it and said, 'Wow.'

### Why was the parish attractive to you?

**VICKI:** As I read the profile, what emerges is a congregation that is active and engaged and is ready for the next step but isn't quite sure what the next step is. That's a time in a congregation's life that I find really exciting, that together we can determine what to do in the next five or six years.

And I watched some of the livestreamed services and that's what tipped it for me, how you all lived into worship and being a community during the pandemic. And, of course, it is home. My parents are deceased but my brother and his wife and family live in Hilliard. And I have aunts and cousins and college friends who live in the Columbus area.

### **You're still learning about Saint Mark's, but what ideas are bubbling in your head?**

**VICKI:** There are a couple of things. I'm very excited about how many people are involved in the ministries of Saint Mark's, and how varied the ministries are. The question is, who do we want to be in five years and how do we reach out and invite people who would be interested in the kind of community Saint Mark's is? And how do we find places for the new people to plug in?

I have a few ideas but I want to spend a little time to listen to people. I want to listen before I talk. I want to hear from people who have been involved in Saint Mark's a long time or a little time. So that's what I'm going to do this fall, hopefully hear people.

And of course, everything we do is determined by COVID; what we can do is going to be determined by progress, of lack thereof, against the pandemic.

### **What are the hallmarks of a successful parish?**

**VICKI:** Success in a parish is hard to define, but there are a couple of things every vibrant parish has in common. The hallmark of vibrant parishes is that the people in the parish feel some ownership in the life of the congregation. They feel like if something is to happen, they need to be a part of it. Second is that the congregation is connected to its community, so they are a part of the community around them. The way we used to say that is that if the congregation closed, the community around it would miss it.

And the third thing is that the congregation includes and welcomes new people to get involved. That there are opportunities for them to join in and get involved. And it seems like Saint Mark's has all three of those elements.



## **WELCOMING VICKI**



Vicki's time with the parish begins Sept. 1. A welcome reception for her will start on the church patio and lawn immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service Sunday, Sept. 5.

More informal gatherings to meet Vicki will be in the form of drop-in Lemonade and Cookies on the Patio on Wednesdays in Sept. No RSVP needed, just show up and stay for a minute or an hour.

Sept. 8	7 – 9 pm
Sept. 15	10 a.m. – Noon
Sept. 22	4 – 6 p.m.
Sept. 29	10 a.m. – Noon

Additionally, a Celebration of a New Ministry service is being planned by the vestry. Details as they are confirmed will be announced and posted on the website at:

**[www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/welcoming-vicki/](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/welcoming-vicki/)**

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## FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE

Matthew Bester, Director of Music

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### Saint Mark's Choir

The Saint Mark's Choir is looking for new members for the new season. The choir is open to adults and high school-age singers who are able to make a regular commitment on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings. Singers of all voice parts are welcome. If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Matthew Bester at [directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org) or 614-486-9452, ext. 309 to arrange a meeting.

Visit [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/music/](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/music/) for more information.

### Canterbury Choir

Do you know a child who likes to sing? A new season for the Canterbury Choir will begin in September, and the choir is looking for new members! Open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14, the Canterbury Choir rehearses weekly on Wednesday afternoons and sings for the 10:30 a.m. service on the first Sunday of every month, from September to May.

Due to the emergence of the Delta variant of COVID-19, the Canterbury Choir will begin its season in a hybrid format. Choristers 12 and over who have been vaccinated will be eligible to sing in person, while those who have not been vaccinated will be able to participate in rehearsals remotely via Zoom. All in-person singing will be done with masks for the time being. We will continue to evaluate these policies as public health conditions evolve.

Participation in the choir offers an excellent opportunity for children to learn not only about the basics of singing and music theory but also about the Episcopal faith and its liturgy. The choir is open to all members of the community, regardless of religious affiliation, and there is no cost to participate. No musical background is required. For more information, visit [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/canterburychoir/](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/canterburychoir/) or contact Matthew Bester at [directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org) or 614-486-9452, ext. 309.

### Special Music Events, Fall 2021

Please mark your calendars for the following special music events planned for this fall:

Choral Evensong  
4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3  
Saint Mark's Choir

Choral Eucharist for the Feast of Christ the King  
Sunday, Nov. 21, 10:30 a.m.  
Saint Mark's Choir

Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday  
4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7

A Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols  
Sunday, Dec. 5, 4 p.m.

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

### STREET CHURCH

Thank you to everyone who assisted with preparing and serving lunch for Street Church on Aug. 29. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Street Church, it is organized by St. John's Town Street. They hold a weekly outdoor service in an empty parking lot at Central and Broad, and then serve a lunch to anyone who attends. There are usually 50 to 100 people who attend from this rather depressed neighborhood. Saint Mark's prepares and serves the lunch every fifth Sunday of the month. If you would like to help with this program, or with serving dinners at St. John's My Place, contact Roberta Morton at 614-268-7021.



Bring your measuring spoons. For information on other NNEMAP volunteer opportunities contact Barb Keyes at [bkeyes25@gmail.com](mailto:bkeyes25@gmail.com).

### CATCH COURT

Members of Outreach Ministry will provide lunch for CATCH Court on **Sept. 9**. While the public is not able to attend court due to COVID-19, as the providers of lunch we have the opportunity to spend an hour with the participants. They seem to appreciate the interest and listening skill of our volunteers. Volunteers are needed to assist with either preparation of the lunch, baking cookies for the lunches, or going to court to serve the lunch.

CATCH Court is a program to assist trafficked women who have been arrested to move into a new way of life. CATCH helps them improve their self-esteem and break their addictions while teaching life skills and showing them they have options. If you would like to become involved with CATCH Court, contact Pat Iams at [pati51@aol.com](mailto:pati51@aol.com); 614-582-5738.

### AUG. SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION A SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who so generously donated school supplies for Huy Elementary School. Our collection was a big success. We filled eight boxes with supplies of all different types. These supplies will fill in



where parents were unable to afford to purchase supplies for their child or as those first of the year supplies run low and the parents are unable to purchase additional supplies.

### DIAPER DUTY

Saint Mark's is purchasing diapers for NNEMAP. We have made a year-long commitment to purchase diapers each month. We will purchase diapers in bulk and then divide the packages into smaller packages of a dozen to be given to the clients. This first month we are trialing a packaging process. Hopefully, later this month, volunteers can meet in the parish hall to assist with the process. Watch for the date in the weekly bulletin.

### WANT TO BE A SPICE GIRL?

Once again, Saint Mark's will be preparing spice bags for NNEMAP. The spice bags will go into roasted vegetable kits for their clients, to encourage them to include a wider variety of vegetables in their diets. We need volunteers, both men and women, to help us measure out spices and bag them up. We will meet at 10 a.m. Wed., Sept. 8, in the parish hall. It only takes about an hour, so come and join us for some fun conversation and a worthwhile activity.



### SEPT. COLLECTION: SOAP

This month the Outreach Ministry is collecting soap of all sorts: shampoo, hand soap, bath soap, dish soap, laundry soap, cleaning soap, whatever kind of soap you can imagine! All sizes, from travel sizes to family packs, are welcome. At the end of the month the soap will be divided up and sent to NNEMAP Food Pantry, Star House for homeless youth, and the Open Shelter. Donations may be placed in the Outreach Ministry collection baskets in the parish hall.

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE



### LABOR DAY BAKE SALE – SEPT. 6

On Labor Day – Monday, Sept. 6 – as the UA Arts Festival is going on across the street in Northam Park, Saint Mark's doors will be open for the 12th Annual Saint Mark's Help Heal Hunger Bake Sale. All proceeds benefit NNEMAP.

Saint Mark's has become a fixture of the festival where people know they can find wonderful baked goods, free water, and popcorn! To make this day a success we need products including cookies, brownies, dog treats, jams, pies, cakes, quiches, and everything in between. Homemade donations may be dropped off in the kitchen Sunday, Sept. 5 after church or Monday by 9 a.m. We also need friendly people to greet our buyers and help them find something delicious. We also get to visit with other members and make new friends with visitors!

Please consider volunteering or giving a financial contribution to Help Heal Hunger in Columbus. If you have questions please contact Julia Davis by email at [juliajohnson\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:juliajohnson_1999@yahoo.com) or 614-397-4650. For more information and to sign up to volunteer visit [www.saintmarkscolumbus/help-heal-hunger/](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus/help-heal-hunger/)

### Saint Mark's Migration Ministries

We are pleased to report that the asylum-seeking family we are assisting is now settled in an apartment and have all that they need to function, thanks to donations of individual Saint Mark's parishioners and funds from the Saint Marks's Outreach Committee. We, and this family, are sincerely grateful for these donations.

The committee meets on the fourth Sunday of each month following the 10:30 a.m. service in the Canterbury Center. All are welcome! For more information, contact:

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### SACRED CONVERSATIONS TO HOST DR. JOAN FERRANTE

Sacred Conversations is a collaboration of Central Ohio faith communities toward Becoming Beloved Community. We are pleased that Dr. Joan Ferrante from Northern Kentucky University will present two films and lead discussion around the ongoing Mourning the Creation of Racial Categories Project. Join us in person at St. Philip's Episcopal Church (166 Woodland Ave.) or via Zoom at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16. Tickets are \$15 each. For event tickets and Zoom login information, please contact:

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Dot Yeager: [dot-yeager@columbus.rr.com](mailto:dot-yeager@columbus.rr.com)

### SAFE CHURCH TRAINING: REQUIRED FOR SOME; RECOMMENDED FOR ALL

It is a blessed responsibility to form Christian communities. We cherish the opportunity to welcome people into our churches and want to live into our baptismal promises by providing safe and welcoming environments for all who come.

Decades ago, when Safe Church training first came to our churches, many congregations participated because insurance companies and lawyers recommended it. Today, in the shadow of the #MeToo movement and high profile congregational misconduct cases, we have begun to see Safe Church training as less about reducing liability, and more about Christian formation -- a part of our most basic Christian conviction to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.

While the training is required for leaders in our diocese and congregations, we recommend this training for all members of our communities as we claim our biblical call and baptismal promises to love one another, persevere in resisting evil, and respect the dignity of every human being. Training is available online at:

[www.episcopalianconnection.org/safe-church-training/](http://www.episcopalianconnection.org/safe-church-training/)

## EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

### STARTUP SUNDAY - SEPT. 12

September 12 is Startup Sunday and marks the beginning of the program year in which Christian education, group ministries, and parish life activities will resume at Saint Mark's. Some activities will begin in modified format, others will look very familiar at first, but over time will change as we continue our work to gather information and re-develop 2021/22 programming. More information is available on the Saint Mark's website: [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org)

### ADULT FORMATION

Sunday morning Adult Formation will be offered from 9:30-10:15 a.m. beginning Sept. 12 in the Parish Hall with the following topics:

Date: Sept. 12  
 Presenter: Judith Grant  
 Topic: St. Paul's conversion

Date: Sept. 19  
 Presenter: Dan Morton  
 Topic: When did St Paul live and how do we know?

Date: Sept. 26  
 Presenter: Dan Morton  
 Topic: Who are those people in St Paul's letters?

The Saint Mark's Formation Team is looking for presenters and topic ideas for Sunday morning adult formation for November 7, 14, 21, as well as for winter/spring 2022. Please contact Judith Grant or Dan Morton if you have topic ideas or are willing to be a presenter.

During October, Pastor Vicki will lead a discussion called, "Saint Mark's: Past, Present and Future." We will talk about who Saint Mark's has been in the past, who we are now, and who we hope to become.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

#### Nursery (ages 0 – 3)

The nursery is open for children under age 3 during worship services and church activities, however, at this time the nursery will not be staffed with volunteers and children must be accompanied by a parent. We are hopeful this will change as the pandemic continues to evolve. Note that per Saint Mark's COVID-19 guidelines, masks are not required for children ages 2 and under.

#### School Age (pre K – grade 5)

Formation for Children ages 3 through 5th grade (sometimes called Church School) will resume in-person classes beginning **Sept. 19**. We anticipate holding classes outside as much as possible, weather permitting. We welcome children from 9:30-10:15 a.m. for social play and sing-a-long activities. In addition, we welcome children during the 10:30 worship service, for activities in Godly Play (ages 3-kindergarten) and Children's Chapel (grades 1-5). We will also resume publishing *Weekly Notes for Children, Youth and Families* which includes weekly curriculum notes, art, story starters, activities and important announcements. *Weekly Notes for Children, Youth, and Families* may be delivered to your email by request or can be viewed or downloaded from the website each Saturday morning beginning Sept 11.

More information is available at [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/weekly-notes/](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/weekly-notes/).

#### Youth (grades 6-12)

The Youth Group will begin meeting monthly the first Sunday of each month after the 10:30 service in the Teen Lounge. Our first meeting will be Oct. 3, when we will meet with Pastor Vicki to talk about Saint Mark's and plans for the year.

## EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

### SHE WILL SIT IN YOUR CORNER

Pastor Vicki would like to be able to support the children and youth of Saint Mark's in their activities outside of church. If your child participates in a sport, drama, dance, music or any other kind of activity, please let Pastor Vicki know about upcoming plays, concerts, games, etc. The more lead time and options she has the more likely it is she will be able to attend. You can send her schedules or let her know about a particular event at [rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org).

### FORMATION REGISTRATION

Registration is open for the Nursery, Church School, and Youth Formation so please take a moment to complete registration even if your child(ren) are returning from a previous year. Learn more at [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/children-and-youth-formation/](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/children-and-youth-formation/).

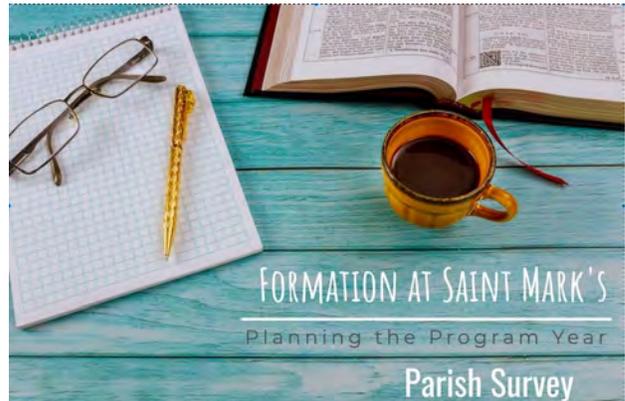
### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Bring your backpacks and briefcases on Sunday, Sept. 12, as we kick off the program year with a Blessing of the Backpacks. This is a way that we can recognize both teachers and students of all ages by having them bring their backpacks/ briefcases to be blessed for the coming school year.

### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

As the pandemic continues to evolve and as we welcome a new rector, we would like to get your opinion on what programs we offer and when and how we offer them.

Thank you to all who have returned surveys! If you have yet send one in, please take 2-3 minutes (it really is that quick) to complete this short formation survey. Feel free to skip over any sections that do not apply to you or your household. Paper copies of the survey are available on the Bulletin Table in the back of the pews. You may also complete the survey online at [www.saintmarkscolumbus.org](http://www.saintmarkscolumbus.org).



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## EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

### SAINT MARK'S STITCHERS ARE BACK!

Saint Mark's Stitchers are reconvening on Thursday, Sept. 16.

The Stitchers are a group of knitters and sewers who work on projects for Saint Mark's. We knit prayer shawls, baptismal blankets, booties, caps, bunnies and more. We cut and sew burp cloths and matching bibs for our layette project. The projects all have many ability levels and you don't need to know how to knit or sew to enjoy the fun! Many of our projects support our layette ministry with Trinity Church in McArthur, Ohio. Please feel free to join us for conversation and stitching.

The Stitchers will meet twice monthly from 1-3 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays. For our first session, we will gather on Sept. 16 at Barb Keyes' home. Please call Barb Keyes at 614-314-7630 or Michele Johnson at 614-406-2234 if you have questions.

### MONDAY NIGHT BOOK GROUP

Our September meeting is 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 27. Our current book is *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean. For more information, please contact Pat Iams at 614-582-5738.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The women's fellowship group (which has been meeting weekly over Zoom for the past year) will change to a once-a-month meeting format for the fall. We will continue to use Zoom so that members who are unable to drive or are out of town can participate if they wish. Knitters and stitchers in the fellowship group also are invited to join the newly resumed knitting/stitching gatherings in members' homes. Check your emails for specific dates and times for the September Women's Fellowship Zoom time! You can also contact Michele Johnson at 614-406-2234 for further information.

### SUPPER GROUP

Our fall kickoff is 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 11 p.m. in the parish hall. We will share appetizers and desserts. All ages, both singles and couples are welcome. This is a great way to get to know your Saint Mark's community better! If you're interested in joining or would like additional information please call Gloria Wylie at 614-525-9715.

### MARKSMEN FALL KICKOFF BARBEQUE

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Marksmen Fall Kickoff BBQ Dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22nd at the Drew's back patio. These have been quite well-attended in the past and are a great evening of sitting around a long table outside and enjoying good barbeque. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a plus one guest. For more information, contact Mark Drew at 614-301-2675.

**When:** Wed., Sept. 22, 6pm

**Who:** You

**Where:** The Drew Residence, back patio

**What to bring:** Beverages of choice, a side-dish or an appetizer, and an appetite. BBQ and dessert provided.

**How much:** Suggested donation of \$15/person to cover the 'cue, dessert, and miscellany.

**RSVP:** [thestmarksmen@gmail.com](mailto:thestmarksmen@gmail.com)

### STEPHEN MINISTERS CARE

Saint Mark's is fortunate to have 14 trained Stephen Ministers and 3 Stephen Leaders who meet with and "walk with" parishioners who are experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, loss, or other difficulties in their lives. Our ministers are fellow members of the church who provide listening ears to their care receivers on a regular basis. Stephen Ministers sometimes take a walk together with a parishioner or share a cup of coffee or lunch.

All meetings and information between care receivers and their Stephen Ministers are kept confidential. In September, the Stephen Ministers will be meeting with our new Rector, Vicki Züst, and also will attend a continuing education program on communicating with people experiencing or caring for a family member with dementia.

Please let Vicki or one of our Stephen Leaders know if you or someone you know might like to learn more about Stephen Ministry.

The Rev. Vicki Züst

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### SISTERS IN FAITH

Sisters in Faith is a group of about 10 women who meet once a month to discuss books of a spiritual nature. Our next meeting is 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20. We will spend about an hour discussing the book, then we will share needs for prayer for ourselves or others. (That part of the meeting is confidential.) If you are interested in joining, please contact Pat Iams at 614-582-5738 or [pati51@aol.com](mailto:pati51@aol.com). The book chosen for this month is *Love is the Way* by Bishop Curry. We hope to have you join us!

### MEMBER CARE MINISTRY

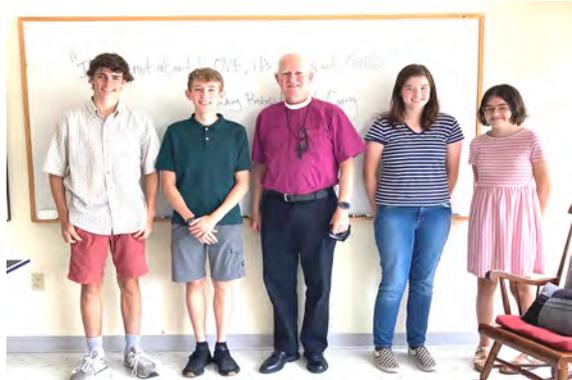
Our member care committee provides meals for parishioners experiencing illness, recovering from surgery, welcoming a new baby, or suffering from a death in the family. A sign-up is sent via email to the group when meals are suggested or requested. If you wish to help with this ministry, please contact Michele Johnson at [michelebjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:michelebjohnson@gmail.com).

We always welcome new "meal ministers."

In addition, if you know of someone who might appreciate help with meals, please contact Michele at 614-406-2234 or the church office at 614-486-9452.

## IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

### Saint Mark's Hosts Bishop Smith and Diocesan Council Meeting Aug. 28



Bishop Smith stands with Saint Mark's youth members, Henry M., Lukas S., Matilda D., and Anna M. (Masks were taken off momentarily for the photo.)



Newly elected Provisional Bishop Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith met with Saint Mark's parishioners at the DSO Diocesan Council Meeting held Aug. 28. The agenda included a bible study of Mark 7:24-30 as well as updates of diocesan efforts in Beloved Community and Care of Creation.

The meeting was open to all and held in hybrid format so members of the council were able to attend via Zoom.



Members of Saint Mark's Youth (grades 6-12) who attended were given the opportunity to learn about the function of the council and governance of the Episcopal Church by Pastor Vicki, they observed a portion of the meeting, and then met with Bishop Smith in the newly refreshed Youth Lounge.



## IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

#### We offer condolences to:



*Let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Longtime Saint Mark's parishioner Lt. Col. George "Dick" Michael passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, Aug. 20. He was 101. A memorial service is being planned for Oct. 5.

#### We send best wishes along to the following parishioners who are leaving the area:

The Chisholm Family, who have moved to Youngstown, OH.

*If you know of the birth or marriage of someone related to the parish (but not a member as recorded in the parish register), a job change, retirement, achievement, student news, etc, we invite you to share it with us (and with the permission of the individuals involved, of course!) so we may pass along the good news.*

Information may be sent to Robbie Hurley at [hurley.roberta@yahoo.com](mailto:hurley.roberta@yahoo.com) or to the Parish Office at [info@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:info@saintmarkscolumbus.org) or 614-486-9452



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- *Friends of Music*
- *Special Notifications* – pastoral messages and special parish announcements
- *The Epistle* – Saint Mark's monthly newsletter
- *This Week on Saint Mark's Campus* – weekly announcements
- *Weekly Notes for Children, Youth, and Families* – curriculum notes for children and youth formation

If you have subscribed before and do not receive messages from Saint Mark's please let us know! We may need to update your information or help you take steps to prevent these messages from filtering into the spam folder.

For more information, contact the Communications Team at [info@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:info@saintmarkscolumbus.org).

### SHARE YOUR NEWS

Please submit your comments, kudos, announcements, and ideas for *The Epistle* to the communications team: Bill Mayr, Joanne Drew, and Melanie Jacobs at [info@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:info@saintmarkscolumbus.org). The rolling submission deadline is the third Monday of the month.



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



Judith Grant	9/1	Sue Barna	9/12	Bob Zicht	9/25
Bill Silliman	9/1	Glenn Odebralski	9/13	John Olmstead	9/26
Gloria Wylie	9/1	Brooke Alexander	9/14	Cameron Silliman	9/26
Lauren Olmstead	9/2	Ella Foss	9/17	Darlene Sullivan	9/26
Pat Barton	9/3	Natalie Foss	9/17	Park Zimpher	9/26
William Gabel	9/4	Marilyn Smith	9/17	Bill Mayr	9/27
Marilyn Karl	9/4	Bunny Johnson	9/19	Alyssa Minton	9/28
Madayln Ralley	9/4	Barbara Fellows	9/20	Tom Utgard	9/29
Margaret Angerman	9/5	Annabelle Leibowitz	9/22	Rosalind Edwards	9/30
Cy Hess	9/5	Julia Schechter	9/22	Rick Smith	9/30
Lynn Glandon	9/8	Eric Weber	9/23		
Dan Morton	9/10	Marlo Tannous	9/24		

# SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 7:45 p.m. The Marksmen**	2 6:15 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 8 p.m. AA	3 Rector's Day Off 8 p.m. AA	4 9:30 a.m. OA
5 Preacher: The Rev. Vicki Zust  8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  11:30 a.m. Welcome Reception for The Rev. Vicki Zust  8 p.m. AA	6 Labor Day - Office Closed  10 a.m. Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival and Saint Mark's Bake Sale  5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group	7 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon  10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting	8 10 a.m. Outreach Committee Making Spice Bags for CATCH Court  1p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting  7 - 9 p.m. Lemonade and Cookies with Pastor Vicki  7:45 p.m. The Marksmen**	9 6:15 p.m. AA  7:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting  7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal  8 p.m. AA	10 Rector's Day Off 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Camp  8 p.m. AA	11 8:30 a.m. Chapel open for prayers and reflections for 20th anniversary of 9/11 attacks  9 a.m. Canterbury Choir Camp  9:30 a.m. OA  6:30 p.m. Supper Group Fall Kickoff**
12 Preacher: The Rev. Vicki Zust  8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  8 p.m. AA	13 5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group	14 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon  10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	15 10 a.m. - Noon Lemonade and Cookies with Pastor Vicki  4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal  7:45 p.m. The Marksmen**	16 1 p.m. Knitting and Stitching Group  6:15 p.m. AA  7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal  8 p.m. AA	17 Rector's Day Off 8 p.m. AA	18 9:30 a.m. OA
19 Preacher: The Rev. Vicki Zust  8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  8 p.m. AA	20 5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group  7 p.m. Sisters in Faith	21 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon	22 1p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting  4 - 6 p.m. Lemonade and Cookies with Pastor Vicki  4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal  7:45 p.m. The Marksmen Fall Kickoff BBQ	23 6:15 p.m. AA  7:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting  7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal  8 p.m. AA	24 Rector's Day Off 8 p.m. AA	25 9:30 a.m. OA
26 Preacher: The Rev. Vicki Zust  8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II  11:30 a.m. Migration Ministry Meeting  6 p.m. AA Anniversary Meeting	27 5 p.m. Deadline for September Epistle  5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group  7:30 p.m. Monday Night Book Group	28 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon  10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	29 10 a.m. - Noon Lemonade and Cookies with Pastor Vicki  4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal  7:45 p.m. The Marksmen**	30 6:15 p.m. AA  7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal  8 p.m. AA	1	2

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**9/1/2021—9/17/2021**



**20TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 - PRAYER AND REFLECTION**

Saint Mark's will offer an opportunity to pray and reflect on the 9/11 terrorist attacks on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the events.

The chapel will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 11, and Pastor Vicki will offer prayers at the following times:

- 8:46 a.m. First plane hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center
- 9:03 a.m. Second plane hit the South Tower of the World Trade Center
- 9:37 a.m. Plane hit the Pentagon
- 9:59 a.m. South Tower Collapses
- 10:07 a.m. Flight 93 crashes in Pennsylvania
- 10:28 a.m. North Tower Collapses



Saint Mark's annual Canterbury Choir camp will be going on during the day, so there will be the voices of children in the building as well. That seems appropriate background to our reflections. As we remember the tragic events and grieve for those who died, we can also remember that joy and life continue.