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"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..."

— James 1:17 NRSV

What is the best gift you have ever received?

We have been asked this question throughout our lives by many people in different contexts. Possible answers to a parent or a teacher could be a new bike, a trip to Disney with grandparents, or a car in the driveway with a big red bow on it. Later it could have been your education, a chance to study abroad, fishing with dad on a quiet river, making Christmas cookies with mom, the opportunity get together with friends at a class reunion..

Every Perfect Gift

What did these perfect gifts give us, aside from the pleasure of the possession? **They taught us about living in the moment**, appreciating what we had - whether it was long afternoons riding bikes with our best friends, or singular moments like listening to the sound of the current of a river on a quiet summer afternoon with our fathers. They also taught us about generosity, for the delight we had in experiencing these gifts probably called us to share such moments and experiences with others. **This is the relationship between receiving and generosity, and it's a pattern, that, once it takes root in us, continues in perpetuity.** The more we practice generosity, the more abundance we recognize around us.

Every Generous Act

In many congregations it is the practice to sing the Doxology as our gifts — the elements of the Eucharist and our offerings — are brought to the altar for blessing. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," it begins; and these words remind us of the font from which springs all generosity, all love, all gift. We are called in that moment to reflect on this cycle of abundance sparked with the first light and made manifest in the Creation, in the calling of prophets, and in the gift of God's own son on Earth. **As we share our gifts through the Eucharist and through our service to the world, we participate in the ongoing creation of abundance and generosity.**

What is the best gift you have ever received?

The theme and image for **Every Perfect Gift** are wrapped in the metaphor of the butterfly and chrysalis. Of all the metaphors of gift that could be used, why did we decide on this one?

To the ancient Greeks, the butterfly represented the image of rebirth and freedom. The word they used for butterfly was *psyche*, and if you are thinking that sounds familiar, you are correct! It also means spirit. The humble and beautiful butterfly contains the philosophical and spiritual idea of the soul breaking free from its shell — free to **discover, to inspire, to create, to communicate, to share.**



These are also spiritual gifts, gifts that when we free ourselves to serve in the world, we need and share with others; and they are gifts of our stewardship. **As we share our time, talent, and treasure with our church and with the world, we unleash those same gifts in our communities: discovery, inspiration, creativity, communication, sharing.** Through the ministries that are enabled by our gifts, the inspiration we show to our neighbors to unlock their generosity in the world, and the stories we tell about ourselves and our experiences, we participate with God in an abundant vision for the world. **Every perfect gift comes from God above.**

A NOTE FROM THE REV. BRUCE SMITH

Dear friends,

Thank you! I thoroughly enjoyed being your “supply priest” or “bridge priest” or whatever the powers that be are calling the 5 Sundays I was with you this summer. In some ways, it was a strange feeling; in other ways it was a very comforting feeling being among you and reconnecting with many old friends. Special thanks to Mark Drew and his very kind words on Aug. 29 at the 10:30 a.m. service (as well as for the applause that ensued!). On Monday, I received a wonderful surprise when the doorbell rang... a gift basket from Saint Mark’s! Thank you so much! As I write this in early September, there isn’t much left of the contents of that basket. During the past year, you were blessed with the ministry of my friend and colleague, Chris Thompson as your transitional priest in charge. And I’m sure you will be blessed with the ministry of my friend and colleague, your new rector, Vicki Zust in the coming months and years.

Shalom, dear friends,



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10 Things You Should Know about Saint Mark’s & Stewardship



10. Nearly 80% of Saint Mark’s annual budget comes from pledges.
9. 105 households pledged to Saint Mark’s in 2021.
8. Your pledges pay for the building, staff, and supplies that create space for worship, learning and service.
7. Saint Mark’s depends on pledges and on your gifts of time and skill as well.
6. You can give a gift of stock to Saint Mark’s. This may give you some capital gains tax savings.
5. A lot of our ministries are run by a very few volunteers. Can you help with something additional this year?
4. You can donate to Saint Mark’s from your required annual distribution from your IRA or 401K.
3. To fund the ministry of Saint Mark’s at the 2021 level we need \$410,000 in pledge income – or \$3900 per pledging household. That is about \$78/week.
2. Could you add \$20/week to your pledge from last year? If everyone did that would give Saint Mark’s an additional \$100,000 in 2022 for our mission and ministry.
1. God loves you, no exceptions!

FROM THE MUSIC OFFICEMatthew Bester, Director of Music

It has been an eventful and challenging start to the music program year. The season began with much hope and excitement, with both choirs returning to in-person rehearsals for the first time since March 2020. The Saint Mark's sang a pair of beautiful and stirring anthems for Vicki's first Sunday as rector on September 5. The following weekend, the Canterbury Choir had its beginning-of-the-year choir camp, with fun activities both for the vaccinated in-person choristers as well as for those participating from home via Zoom. That Sunday morning, the in-person singers from the Canterbury Choir joined in a pair of lovely anthems with the adult choir. It was thrilling to be back in something like a normal choir schedule.

The satisfaction was short-lived, however. That same weekend, we learned that one of our adult choir members had tested positive for Covid-19. Over the next few days, we learned of several more in the choir who also had tested positive, despite the fact that all singers in the choir have been vaccinated and are continuing to wear masks throughout rehearsals and services. At that point, the difficult decision was made to suspend in-person meetings of the full choir for two weeks to monitor the situation and reevaluate our Covid protocols in the face of the highly contagious Delta variant.

Thankfully, all affected members of the choir are recovering, which is the most important thing. In the meantime, Vicki, Mark Drew, Dot Yeager, and I met recently to discuss how we ought to move forward. After much careful discussion, we decided to restart both choirs with some additional safety protocols. We already were following all the protocols for safe singing as published by the American Choral Directors Association and other performing arts organizations, including distancing of at least three feet between singers, changing of rehearsals spaces after 45 minutes to allow air to refresh, and the opening of windows for additional ventilation. Beginning this week, we will be providing N95 masks for all singers to use during rehearsals and services, and we will be moving our rehearsals to the church space, which will allow us to spread out some more in a room that has better airflow and higher air volume.

We remain hopeful that we will be able to offer the special services that we have planned for this fall, including:

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

Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday
Sunday, November 7, 4 p.m.
Saint Mark's Choir

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

A Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 5, Time TBD
Saint Mark's Choir and Canterbury Choir

Stay healthy. Get vaccinated. Get your booster if you are eligible.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

BABY SHOWER TO SUPPORT THE LAYETTE MINISTRY



Following the 10:30 a.m. service on Oct. 10, the Outreach Ministry will host a baby shower to benefit the needy families of Vinton County, OH; one of the poorest counties in Ohio. The Layette Ministry of Saint Marks and Trinity Episcopal in McArthur supply bags of layette items to parents of newborns. Trinity works with social workers from the local Help Me Grow Program and several area health clinics to identify mothers who need assistance with providing for their newborns. This shower is our main collection for the program, although items are accepted all year long. So please help us supply the layettes by donating blankets, onesies, baby books, towels, socks, washcloths, baby toiletries, diapers, or any of the other things a new baby needs. Both new and very gently used items are welcome. Toiletries for the mothers are also welcome.

These items will be added to the handmade layette items made by the Knitters and Stitchers group of Saint Marks.

If anyone is interested in visiting Trinity when we deliver the items, or otherwise participating in this Ministry, please email Leslie Winters at mslesliewinters@gmail.com.



SOAP COLLECTION WRAPS UP

Everyone deserves to be clean, but budgets sometimes don't extend to soap. Not when it's a choice between food or soap. Last month you helped the clients of NNEMAP, Star House and the Open Shelter by donating soap of all sorts. They will now have cleaner hands, bodies and clothes. Thank you for supporting our collections.

STREET CHURCH OCT. 31

Saint Marks will once again be providing the lunch at Street Church on Oct. 31. Street Church is a neighborhood church service that takes place weekly in a vacant lot at the corner of Broad and Central. Following the short



service, lunch is served to everyone that attends. This month Roberta Morton is planning to serve community chili. If you are interested in making a pot of chili, that will be mixed with the pots provided by others, please let Roberta know. She is also looking for volunteers to assist with the final preparations, transportation of the food as well as servers. Contact Roberta at notmorton@gmail.com.

St. John's God's Table Dinner Oct. 13



For those of you who are not familiar with St. John's Town Street, it is located in Franklinton and serves an economically disadvantaged community. For years, Saint Marks has participated in their Wednesday evening community dinner known as God's Table. Saint Marks is signed up to provide the dinner for God's Table dinners on Oct. 13 and Nov. 17. Due to Covid-19, we will be outdoors and will provide a bagged to go dinner. Volunteers are needed to assist with the preparation of the dinners, transportation and handing them out. We have lost our long-time coordinator for this project and are looking for someone new to step in so this program can continue. If you are interested in assisting in any way, please contact Roberta Morton at notmorton@gmail.com.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

CATCH COURT



We will be serving lunch to CATCH Court participants before Court on Oct. 14. Volunteers are needed to assist with lunch preparation, transporting the lunch and serving. Bakers are always welcome as the women love our homemade cookies!

In Franklin County alone, nearly 1,200 women are arrested for solicitation each year. Rather than viewing the women as criminals, CATCH Court views them as victims who need acceptance, commitment to a structured program, and an unwavering belief in the ability to transform her life from one of dependency to one of independence. More than 92% of the women arrested want to escape prostitution. Most of them were victims at a very young age. While the national recidivism rate for women in prostitution is 80%, the rate for women who have participated in any part of CATCH is 45%, for CATCH graduates it goes down to 18%. Unfortunately, only 25% of participants graduate. They need our support and encouragement even if it is only in the form of lunch and a little conversation.

To volunteer to assist with CATCH lunches, contact Pat Iams at pati51@aol.com.



We continue to prepare spice packets for NNEMAP. These are used by the clients for roasted vegetables or meats. If you would like to help, bring your measuring spoons and meet us in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 13.

We are also wrapping small packets of diapers and wipes for the clients of NNEMAP. Diaper wrapping will follow the spice packet preparation.

For any additional information contact Bill Karl at mrbill.karl@gmail.com or Barb Keyes at bkeyes25@gmail.com.

SAINT MARK'S MIGRATION MINISTRIES

What follows is the translation of a letter from Eleuteria Ibarra. Saint Mark's Migration Ministry is helping Eleuteria and her family as they resettle in Columbus:

Hello, my name is Eleuteria Ibarra and with a pseudonym of Esmeralda. I am originally from the State of Guerrero, Mexico. In addition, I am an indigenous woman and my mother tongue is called Amuzgo and I am very proud of my roots.

I am writing you this nice letter in which I write how happy I and my family feel for all the support we have received from you from this San Marco Church.

Also thank you for the invitation that my beautiful friend Joyce made me to participate in your event, selling some food from my beautiful town Ilumado Tlacoachistlahuaca Guerrero on behalf of me and my family Benito Ibarra. We thank you once again for all your support for being here in the City of Columbus Ohio. The truth is that I feel a very fortunate woman to have them (you) as friends and I thank God for putting them (you) on our Paths, because it is not easy to be far from our families and our people of customs and tradition, but that's the way it is. life. Joyce thank you for making all of this possible. Thank you so much for everything. God bless each one of you - and I hug you with my heart.

Your friend and servant says goodbye to you,
Eleuteria

EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Saint Mark's is fortunate to have a very active Stephen Ministry. We have members who not only go through 50 hours of training but also meet twice monthly to share ideas.

Last month the Stephen Ministers attended a very informative session provided by Cindy Paige of the Alzheimer's Association of Central Ohio on "Communicating Effectively with People Experiencing Dementia".

Our Stephen Ministers provide regular confidential meetings with parishioners who are experiencing a difficult time. Stephen Ministers "walk with" parishioners and provide listening ears to those who are grieving, ill, providing care for a family member, or struggling with other life issues.

As we all navigate through the pandemic and its many changes, you or someone you know may be struggling. Please let Vicki or one of the Stephen Leaders (Pat Barton, patricia-barton@columbus.rr.com, Dianne Silliman, dlsilliman@gmail.com, or Michele Johnson, michelebjohnson@gmail.com) know if you or someone you love would be interested in a Stephen Minister.

MEMBER CARE MINISTRY

Saint Mark's has an active member care ministry which provides meals to members who are recovering from illness or surgery, caring for a family member who is ill, welcoming a new baby, or just having difficulty making healthy meals themselves. Please contact Michele Johnson (michelebjohnson@gmail.com) if you know of someone who could use some help with meals or if you are interested in volunteering to help provide some meals.

WHAT GOES ON AT THOSE VESTRY MEETINGS?

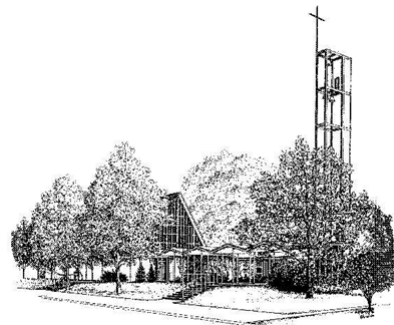
Have you ever wondered what happens at vestry meetings? Do you think that you might be interested in being a part of the vestry? Do you want to know more?

Everyone in the congregation is welcome to come to vestry meetings, either in person or by zoom. Vestry meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

If you want to attend by Zoom please contact Pastor Vicki (Rector@SaintMarksColumbus.org) or Mark Drew (SeniorWarden@SaintMarksColumbus.org) to get the link.

If you aren't quite ready to come to a meeting, the vestry minutes are on the parish website so you can check them out.

<http://saintmarkscolumbus.org/vestry-meetings/>



EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

YOUTH GROUP

This year the youth group will meet on the first Sunday of the month following the 10:30 a.m. service.

The first meeting for this year is Sunday, Oct. 3.

Lunch will be provided. The topic for this meeting is planning what we want to do for the year. We will do some brainstorming about what kinds of things, and what specific activities we want to do this year. There should be time for a few games too.

We will end at 1:30 p.m. for this meeting.

TAKE HOME SUNDAY SCHOOL

In addition to our in-person Sunday School and Children's Chapel offerings this year, we are also doing Take Home Sunday School.

Once a month we will produce a Sunday School lesson that families can use at home anytime during the month. We are focusing on the Baptismal Covenant this year.

You can use the Take Home Sunday School in addition to in-person Sunday School or it can stand by itself if you are not able to attend in-person children's formation.

The lessons will be available in church on the first Sunday of each month and will be mailed out after that.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION KICKOFF SEPT. 19



IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

ARE YOU USING THE SAINT MARK'S ONLINE DIRECTORY YET?

Hopefully by now you have learned how to access our directory on the internet AND you have installed the ShelbyNext App on your cell phone. It is easy to do! And once you've done it, you can not only find your friends phone number or address, but you can see all the details of your giving during the year and update your own information. Here are the instructions:

Instructions for logging in and using the Saint Mark's directory:

Logging in and updating your profile.

- Go to the Saint Mark's website (www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/) and scroll down to the Parish directory button on far left.
- Click on it and this will bring up the login page.
- If you have not already set up your password, enter your email address and click on Forgot Password?
- You will get a window that will require your email address. Enter it and click on Send Password.
- You will then get an email with a password. (Note: If you do not get an email back, it is because we do not have your email address in the directory. Call Melanie to have her add your email address to your record.)
- Go Back to the Saint Mark's website directory tab and enter your email address and the password to login.
- You are now in the directory. On the upper right corner is a circle with your initials.
- Click on your initials and that will bring up your profile. Read through it to verify that the information is correct.
- If any information needs to be changed click on Edit below your name. Correct anything that needs changing and hit Save at the bottom of the page.

Using the Directory on a computer or tablet

- You can access the directory from the first small icon on the left and it will go directly to a list of members. You can advance through the list by going to the bottom of the page and picking a page number.

- A better way to find someone is to use the Search Bar at the top which will take you directly to the person you are searching for. A fast way to search for a name is with the first few letters of their first and last name. For example, type in "ph gla" to the search bar and it will find Phil Glandon.
- You can check your giving history by clicking on the little heart on the far left. Scroll down to see a record of your pledges and gifts to the church.
- If you click on Give Now, it will take you to the donation page where you can follow the steps to make a gift to the church.
- If you click on Statement you can download a statement of your giving.
- You can click on Account to change your Password.
- Note that you can see your own birthday including the year, but no one else can see your birth year or age. Likewise, you cannot see other members ages. If you would like to block any other information from the rest of our members, please let Melanie know and she can block that information.

Using the Directory on your smart phone.

- Install the "ShelbyNext" App on your phone.
- After it is installed it will ask you for: a domain name, your email, and a password. You will be asked the domain name which is: **saintmarkscolumbus.shelbynextchms.com**
- Enjoy exploring the App!

NEED HELP?

Contact any of the following people who have been trained on the ShelbyNext Membership software:

- Melanie Jacobs
OfficeManager@SaintMarksColumbus.org,
- Joanne Drew
jdrew627@gmail.com
- Phil or Lynn Glandon
treasurer@saintmarkscolumbus.org,
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- Jay Wilcox
jay.wilcox@outlook.com
- Julia Johnson-Davis
vestry2024b@saintmarkscolumbus.org
- Gloria Wylie
gawylie@att.net

Thanks to Gloria for writing up these instructions!

IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

AN UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

Member Giving Statements:

As fall arrives many members are interested in finding out where they stand with their pledge for 2021. I will be emailing statements around Oct. 10 to everyone who has made a pledge and/or a contribution to the church this year. I am aware of several members who prefer printed copies mailed by the US Postal Service so I will be mailing statements to them and anyone who does not have a valid email address in our system. If you would like a mailed copy and have not received one by Oct. 15, please call the office (614-486-9452) and let Melanie know that you would like me to mail you one.

I have republished instructions in this Epistle explaining how you can go online and check your giving on your own. Our files are updated daily and that is the best place to check. Please see the article titled **Are you using the Saint Mark's online directory yet?** and give it a try!

Financial Update:

Financially our Parish is in great shape as we enter the fourth quarter of the year. Our expenses are about \$43,210 below budget and our revenue is slightly ahead of our plan. Now that Vicki is on board our expenses will be increasing and, as we anticipate returning to full operations coming out of COVID in 2022, next year's budgetary needs will likely be \$60,000 to \$70,000 higher than 2021.

Miscellaneous:

- We transitioned to a new CPA Firm - Wells, CPA this year for the annual audit of our financial statements. The audit was completed in August with an unqualified, or "clean" opinion.
- Our \$72,722 Cares Act Payroll Protection Program loan was officially forgiven on Sept. 1
- To set up an electronic payment to the church: Go to: <https://www.shelbygiving.com/app/giving/saintmarks> and follow the directions. If you have any problems, please contact me at: treasurer@saintmarkscolumbus.org or call me at 614-906-6219.

Phil Glandon,
Treasurer

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IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

IN REMEMBRANCE:

Memorial services are planned for several members of Saint Mark's who have recently entered the nearer presence of Christ.



George Michael - there will be a private service for family in October.



Jim Jones - a celebration of life will be held on Friday, Oct. 8 at 1:30 p.m. at Schoedinger Funeral and Cremation Service in Dublin.



Nancy Johnston - There will be a memorial service at Saint Mark's on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.

STAY CONNECTED

Visit www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/connect-with-us/ to subscribe to receive information from Saint Mark's by email, including:

- *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.

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. The rolling submission deadline is the third Monday of the month.




OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



Jeffrey Porterfield	10/1	Clay Hess	10/12
Collin Wheeler	10/1	CW Hess	10/12
Dale Hartney	10/2	Quin Porterfield	10/12
Linda Wheeler	10/3	Tim Thurston	10/14
Cassie Myers	10/4	Jane Krastel	10/19
Cecily Alexander	10/5	George Hauswirth	10/20
Benjamin Leibowitz	10/5	Catherine Hreachmack	10/20
Marilyn Ennis	10/7	George Reed	10/21
Virginia Tuttle	10/8	Barbara Wilcox	10/22
Anice Ellis	10/9	Brenda Hammersley	10/23
Adam Parson	10/9	Charles Tuttle	10/30



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
					Rector's Day Off 8 p.m. AA	9:30 a.m. OA 6:30 p.m. Supper Group
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with Pet Blessing and music by the Canterbury Choir) 11:30 a.m. Youth Group 12 p.m. Community Pet Blessing 4 p.m. Choral Evensong 8 p.m. AA	10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group	9:30 a.m. Al-Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting	4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. The Marksmen**	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	Rector's Day Off 8 p.m. AA	9:30 a.m. OA 1 p.m. Memorial Service for Nancy Johnston
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SAINT MARK'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



PET BLESSING

St. Francis of Assisi is remembered as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Born in Italy in 1182, he was noted for his commitment to justice and deep love of all creation. Francis died on October 3, 1226. The church celebrates his life and ministry each year on Oct. 4. Saint Mark's will be blessing pets in remembrance of St. Francis on Sunday, Oct. 3.

There's no doubt that pets enrich our lives. Don't miss two opportunities to acknowledge the special relationship you have with your pet.

The first is a Saint Mark's tradition. Bring your pet with you to the 10:30 service on Sunday, Oct. 3. You can bring your stuffed pets too. You can also bring pictures of your pets, either those who won't do well worshipping in person or those who are no longer with us, who you would like to have remembered.

The second is a new offering. Pastor Vicki will be on the front lawn of the church from noon until 12:30 on Sunday. You can drop by with your pet for a blessing. We will be publicizing this in the community too, so be sure to invite your friends to bring their pets by for a blessing.