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SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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SOMETHING NEW – FIRST SUNDAY OUTREACH PROJECTS

We are trying something new at Saint Mark's.

The first Sunday of each month from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. we will participate in an Outreach project in the parish hall. There will be something that people of all ages can help with and some information about the group or ministry.

We will try to connect the project each month to the liturgical season and themes that you will hear in the readings and sermon through the month.

Adults, youth and children are all invited to come and be a part of the gathering. We are looking for a name for this gathering. If you have any ideas, let Pastor Vicki know.

In November, as Advent approaches, the lectionary focuses more and more about the second coming of Christ and the kingdom of God that will be brought to perfection when Christ comes again.

One of the themes of this time is that when Christ comes again, He will bring freedom to prisoners and captives.

Our project for November 7 focuses on the release of prisoners and what we can do to help people being released from prison to re-enter society in a way that is supportive and reduces the chances of reoffending. We will learn about the Welcome Home reentry project.

The Welcome Home reentry project began with a suggestion by Marilyn Smith after hearing attorney David Singleton talk with the Sacred Conversations group about his work with Ohio Justice & Policy Center (OJPC). OJPC is a nonprofit law firm that aims to make Ohio's criminal legal system an instrument of genuine redemption for the thousands of people it touches every year.

The "Welcome Home" ministry will supply at least some basic necessities for individuals returning to the Columbus area immediately after release from prison. It began in August with a gift bag for one OJPC client. The vision is to provide a 2-3 part package for new returning citizens: (1) a routine assortment of personal necessities such as toothpaste, shampoo, writing paper and pens; (2) a gift card to Target or Walmart for underwear, shoes etc.; and (3) clothing, a bus pass, and/or other supplies to meet individual needs when practical.



There will be a brief introduction to the issues facing returning citizens. We'll be joined by Johnny Turner, the Reentry Coordinator for Franklin County's Office of Justice Policy & Programs. Johnny has a wealth of knowledge to share about the challenges faced by returning citizens and the resources available for meeting those challenges. More than that, he can relate countless true stories from his own life and work about the experience of families living without an incarcerated parent, and the experience of returning citizens building new lives after release.

Those who attend will help package the supplies we have collected for each Welcome Home bag, and will leave with a strong sense of what this new ministry seeks to do and why.

All are welcome to come, listen, learn, help and have some conversation with one another.

Watch for a different project each month between now and May (although we will probably take a break on January 2).

MANY THANKS!

Many thanks to those who helped make our parish's contribution to St. John's God's Table meal on October 13 possible.

Ellen Berndt and Bill Karl organized, shopped and made sandwiches. Vicki Zust, Pat Iams and Roberta Morton took the food to St. John's and helped serve. Also, many thanks to Sally Rechner (our long time organizer of His Place meals) for her support and wisdom as we and St. John's transition to some new ways of serving the Franklinton community.

Our next opportunity to help with God's Table is November 17. Please contact Roberta Morton (notvmorton@gmail.com) if you'd like to be a part of the preparation and/or serving of that meal.



ADVENT

The season of Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year. Advent is the season of preparation for the coming of Christ. We prepare for the celebrations of Jesus' birth at Christmas, but more importantly, we prepare for his second coming. The season of Advent focuses on what each of us might do to be prepared for the coming of Christ. The season of Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas Eve. This year Advent begins on Sunday, November 28.

There will be several activities and resources available to help us live into Advent this year:

Wreath Making

Sunday, November 21 after the 10:30 am service

We will have an Advent wreath-making activity on Sunday, November 21 following the 10:30 service. Everything you need to make an advent wreath for your home will be provided. There will also be a booklet with some history of the advent wreath and some prayers for you to use at home.

Advent Quiet Morning

Saturday, December 4, 9 a.m. – Noon

A chance to take a moment, pause and reflect in the midst of a very busy season.

- We will begin at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer in the church.
- There will be three reflections on Advent themes read during the morning. Each one will be followed by significant time for prayer and reflection.
- The church will be available for quiet prayer. In the parish hall there will be music playing, art supplies and a space for conversation and reflection.
- The morning will end with Noonday prayer.

Advent Materials – Parish Hall

There will be Advent materials available in the parish hall in the arch-shaped book rack near the kitchen, where the Forward Day by Day booklets are.

Materials will include:

- A booklet of daily reflections for use at home.
- An Advent Calendar.
- A booklet of weekly Theological Reflections for Advent.
- Information on the Incarnation Seasons of Advent, Christmas & Epiphany and how we observe them at Saint Mark's.

FROM THE MUSIC OFFICEMatthew Bester, Director of Music

On October 24 we bade a fond farewell to Bob Wisniewski in his role as Interim Organist at Saint Mark's. Bob took up the post on January 1 of this year and initially agreed to serve through August. When the timeline for our own Organist search was pushed back by several months, he agreed to extend his stay through the end of October, at which point he would need to depart due to a previous commitment to serve in an interim role at another parish.

Saint Mark's has been richly blessed by Bob's ministry over the past ten months. Even before beginning his time as interim organist, he provided important recorded accompaniments for numerous virtual choir projects, including all the virtual choir music for our spectacular Christmas Eve service last year. His voluntaries, which included several of his own outstanding compositions, have been superb, helping both to prepare us for worship and to send us out into the world at the conclusion of our liturgies. His prowess as an accompanist has allowed the choir to continue to offer the finest in sacred choral music each week, and his sensitive hymn playing has supported congregational singing in beautiful and moving ways. Bob has been an exemplary colleague in every way. We will miss him.

Beginning November 1, we will be pleased to welcome Jefferson McConnaughey as the new Interim Organist at Saint Mark's. Jeff will occupy this post through at least the end of December, as we wrap up our ongoing organist search process. Jeff was the Assistant Organist and Choirmaster for Evensong at All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta, a church with an outstanding musical reputation, for many years. He retired to Columbus in 2018, and we are very grateful that he has agreed to serve as our interim through the busy holiday months ahead. Jeff's first Sunday will be All Saints' Sunday on November 7, which will include Choral Evensong at 4 p.m. that afternoon.

In the meantime, our organist search process is nearing its conclusion. I am happy to report that we received applications from a number of very fine organists from across the country. After an initial round of Zoom interviews in the beginning of September, we selected four finalist candidates for in-person auditions and interviews, which will be concluded by mid-November. We hope to have good news to share very soon, and we are hopeful that the new organist will be able to begin at Saint Mark's shortly after the first of the year. I am deeply grateful to the members of the search committee (Steve Barker, Cheryl Boop, Amy Brokken, Ted Meyers, and Dianne Silliman) for all the time and effort that they have put into this important search process.

Upcoming Special Music Events

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

Canticles by George Dyson, responses by Gerre Hancock, and anthems by Edgar Bainton and William Harris.

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

Featuring the Collegium Regale Communion Service by Herbert Howells

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

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

We haven't even had Thanksgiving yet, but it's time to start thinking about our Christmas Outreach Projects.

THE GIVING TREE

Children from infants to age 16 whose parents are registered at the NNEMAP Food Pantry located in the Linden area will again be the recipients of Christmas gifts from Saint Mark's parishioners as well as the other member churches of NNEEMAP.



The Giving Tree will be decorated on Saturday, November 27 with gift suggestions requested by the children printed on the back of the ornaments. Unwrapped gifts (with ornaments attached) can be placed under the tree beginning Sunday, December 5 through Sunday, December 19.

We always receive lots of gifts for babies and small children but have a shortage of gifts for middle and high school students, so please consider choosing items for teenagers.

Two gifts (one large and one stocking stuffer) will be selected by the parents in the Toy Room at the Linden Life Fellowship which is located just down the street from NNEMAP. The Toy Room will be open from Monday, December 20 to Thursday, December 23. Last year over 800 children received gifts.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK IS RETURNING



We are excited to announce that one of the two major fundraisers of the Outreach Ministry will be returning this year. Some of you may not even consider this a fundraiser, as it is such a fun and beloved activity of the parish.

The annual cookie walk will take place on Sunday, December 12 after the 10:30 service. We need bakers and buyers! You can help in two ways. First, by baking your favorite holiday cookies and bringing them to church on December 12 and secondly by buying a selection of cookies to enjoy with family and friends. So, start perusing your cookbooks for your favorite holiday cookies.

LAYETTE MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who supported the baby shower for the Layette Ministry. We collected many wonderful gifts for the babies of Vinton County, Ohio. On October 27 a caravan of Saint Mark's parishioners delivered the presents, along with the items knitted and sewn by the Saint Mark's Stitchers, and other layette items collected by the Outreach Ministry throughout the year. The women of Trinity Episcopal in MacArthur, Ohio, were thrilled to receive them as their layette ministry would not happen without your generous donations.



ST. JOHN'S TOWN STREET ACTIVITIES

STREET CHURCH



Saint Mark's provided the lunch at Street Church on October 31. Street Church is an outdoor neighborhood church service, hosted by St. John's Town Street, 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 Saint Mark's served community chili. Thank you to everyone who made a pot of chili or volunteered to help prep and serve the meal.

ST. JOHN'S GOD'S TABLE DINNER

For those of you who are not familiar with St. John's Town Street, it is in Franklinton and serves an economically disadvantaged community. For years, Saint Mark's has participated in their Wednesday evening community dinner known as God's Table. Saint Mark's signed up to provide the dinner for God's Table dinners on October 13 and November 17. About 40 dinners were handed out on October 13, and the leftovers were delivered to a homeless camp. Due to COVID, we continue to provide a bagged to-go dinner, which is handed out in front of the church.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the preparation of the dinners, transportation and handing them out.



OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE



CATCH COURT

We will not be serving lunch before Court in November as our normally scheduled day falls on Veteran's Day and the courthouse is closed. This activity will be back in

December, and as always, volunteers are needed to assist with lunch preparation, transporting the lunch and serving. Bakers are always welcome as the women love our homemade cookies! To volunteer, contact Pat Iams at pati51@aol.com.



GIVE THE SWEET TASTE OF FREEDOM

Freedom is once again holding their Cause Cookie Campaign.

Make a \$25 contribution to Freedom, and receive a beautifully packaged box containing a dozen fresh made from scratch cookies. A donation of \$50 provides one month of wraparound supportive services for a survivor of sex trafficking. Purchase four boxes and they will deliver them to your home. There are multiple dates when pick up is available at their café on Spring Street or, closer to home, there is a pick up at Covenant Presbyterian on Redding Road on Saturday, December 11 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To order go to: freedomalacart.org



Spice Girls: 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 November 10. It may be your only chance to be a spice girl.

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.

MIGRATION MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

Our response for incoming Afghans to the United States and to our local communities:

The Migration Ministries Committee and the Outreach Committee are discussing how Saint Mark's might best respond to refugees arriving in our communities. There are two links which offer suggestions on how we, both individually and collectively, might help:

From the Episcopal Church of the United States

"Donate, Educate, Advocate"

episcopalmigrationministries.org

"The deteriorating situation in Afghanistan is a humanitarian crisis that has left upwards of 550,000 Afghans internally displaced in the country since the beginning of the year, in addition to 2.9 million Afghans already internally displaced at the end of 2020. Episcopal Migration Ministries, the refugee resettlement and migration ministry of The Episcopal Church, is currently working in partnership with the U.S. government to assist our Afghan allies with resettlement and direct services through a network of 11 affiliates across the U.S."

Locally, from Community Refugee and Immigration Service (CRIS)

www.crisohio.org/support-afghan-refugees

"CRIS has resettled over 100 people from Afghanistan since 2014, and we expect many more in the coming months. As situations evolve, we have been so inspired by the support of our Central Ohio Community. With arrivals increasing from both Afghanistan and other parts of the world, here are some of the best ways you can help."

- Form a Welcome Team
- Assemble a Welcome Kit
- Become a Volunteer
- Register to join Open Homes on AirBnB
- Rent to Refugees

Saint Mark's Migration Ministries Committee meets on the fourth Sunday each month following the 10:30 a.m. service. Everyone is welcome to join.

To help, or for more information, contact Joyce Acton, 614-560-9219, actongroup@gmail.com or Pat Iams, 614-582-5738, pati51@aol.com.

EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

STEPHEN MINISTERS ARE WONDERFUL LISTENERS AND COMPANIONS DURING DIFFICULT TIMES

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation trained to provide one-to-one, Christ-centered care. They have compassionate hearts for those who are hurting, and they're equipped with caring ministry skills through several months of training. A Stephen Minister typically has one care receiver at a time and meets with that person once a week to listen, care, pray, encourage, and offer emotional and spiritual support. The caring relationship lasts as long as the need exists. Most of our Stephen Ministers and their care receivers remain friends even after the Stephen Ministry relationship is no longer needed. If you or someone you know would just like someone to "listen" to them and be with them for a few weeks or months or even years, please contact:

Vicki Zust, rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org or one of our Stephen Leaders:

Dianne Silliman, dlsilliman@gmail.com,

Michele Johnson, michelebjohnson@gmail.com, or

Pat Barton, patricia-barton@columbus.rr.com, or just call the church office (614-486-9452).

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.

THE MARKSMEN MEETING UPDATE

The Marksmen have begun meeting via Zoom once a month on the second Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The Zoom ID is 92836222249. They will also gather for an in-person dinner on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Send an email to themarksmen@gmail.com for more information.

ADULT FORMATION

Adult Formation for November will meet on Nov. 14 and 21 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Dan Morton will be leading the conversation, which will start with the New Testament book of Philemon.

November 7 – no meeting, first Sunday of the month

November 14

Presenter: Dan Morton

Topic: "Hey, Philemon, there's a letter for you."

November 21

Presenter: Dan Morton

Topic: A Tale of Two Letters: St Paul and Pliny the Younger

November 28 – no meeting, Thanksgiving holiday weekend

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, November 21. This training is open to anyone who is interested in serving as an acolyte.



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet on Sunday, Nov. 7 following the 10:30 service. Lunch will be provided.

If the weather is agreeable we will walk down to Covenant Presbyterian Church and explore their labyrinth. Wear good walking shoes and bring a jacket. Covenant Presbyterian is about a mile walk up Redding Road.

If the weather is not agreeable we will stay at Saint Mark's for some team-building games.

Either way, we will finish at 1:30 p.m.

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ARE YOU GETTING “THIS WEEK AT SAINT MARK’S” IN YOUR EMAIL?

Saint Mark’s has a weekly e-news letter called “This Week at Saint Mark’s.” It comes out at about 2 p.m. on Friday afternoons and has information about what is happening at Saint Mark’s over the next two weeks or so.

There is also a weekly e-news called Sunday Reminders that comes out at about 7 a.m. on Sunday morning and has just what is happening at church that day.

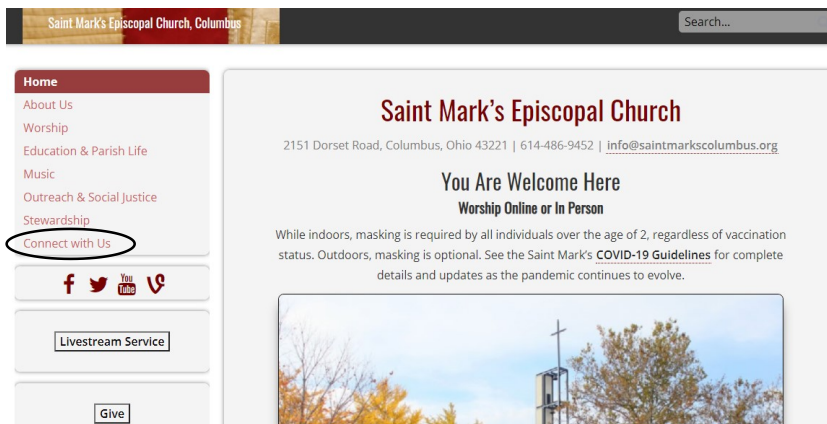
If you aren’t getting these there are a couple of things to do:

1. Sign up – if you haven’t signed up yet (or aren’t sure you have). Go to the website, www.saintmarkscolumbus.org and click on the “connect with us” link on the left menu. Then click on the “subscribe to our email list” and be sure to click This Week at Saint Mark’s. That will get you signed up for both emails. (See the images below.)
2. If you are sure you signed up but aren’t getting the email –
 - a) Check your spam folder – sometimes these things end up in the spam.
 - b) If you are on Gmail – check your Promotions folder – e-newsletters sometimes get sent there.
 - c) Add the email address info@saintmarkscolumbus.org to your contacts in your email. That will help keep it from getting bounced back to us.
3. If you have done all of those things and still aren’t getting the emails, let Pastor Vicki (rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org) or Melanie Jacobs (officemanager@saintmarkscolumbus.org) know and we will see what we can do.

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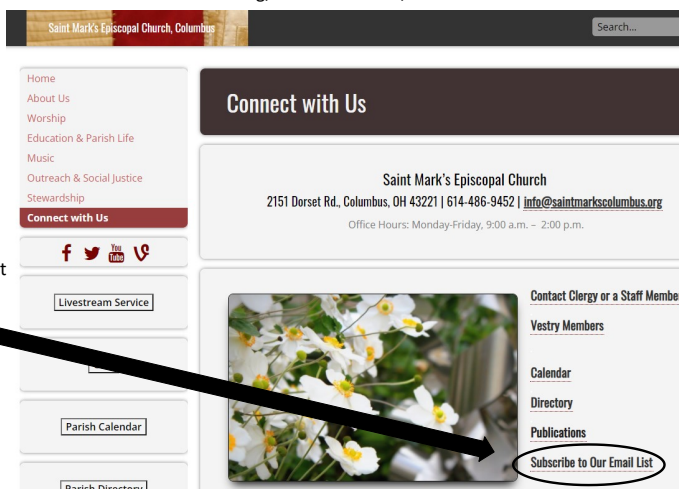
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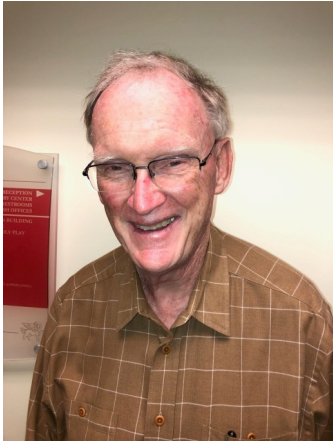
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IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S



Four members of the Saint Mark's Vestry are stepping down at the end of the year, hopefully with good memories of their service.

Jay Iams, Marilyn Karl, Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt are completing their three-year terms while Youth Warden Henry Markwardt is leaving as well.

This was Marilyn's second time on the Vestry.

"I wanted to serve on Vestry to be a liaison between Vestry and ministries with which I am involved. One of the greatest joys of being on Vestry is getting to know the other members – they are an inspiring group!"

Jay said learning more about the other Vestry members as well as the clergy who have served Saint Mark's in recent years was one of the enjoyable aspects of his service.

And that's a reason why it's important for other parish members to serve on Vestry, Jay said. "Same as my experience...know and enjoy more people at Saint Mark's."

Serving on the Vestry helped Rachel become more involved in the life of the parish. "I enjoyed getting to know the Saint Mark's community as well as the Vestry members better," she said. "I also appreciated learning more about the Episcopal Church traditions and structures and connecting to other parishes... Being on Vestry gave me a clearer window into ways to contribute" to the life of the parish.

"I'm especially grateful to have learned about the ways my fellow Vestry members as well as our parish leaders and staff serve God and community in so many myriad ways."

Henry became youth warden because "I thought it would be interesting to be part of the governing body of the church; I enjoyed seeing the workings behind the scenes of the church and being part of major decisions. It gives the youth a voice, which is important.

"I grew to know more people from the congregation and I ended up doing more church tasks, which expanded my relations with others. ... Seeing how much time and care is put into every decision to make Saint Mark's better was reassuring that the church is in good hands."

The Vestry annually seeks members of the parish to become part of it.

"All democratic structures need participation and support from members," Rachel said. "Members taking turns on Vestry also ensures that we together share the work and commitments of the parish across the whole community. I also think it's a great opportunity for members with disparate experiences and areas of commitment to learn about each other and each other's faith and priorities."

Plus, Marilyn said, "It strengthens you in your own spiritual life and commitment."

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The Vestry is the elected, governing body of the parish. Its responsibilities include hiring the rector, approving the parish budget, making policy decisions and spending parish money on mission, ministry and maintenance. Vestry members are elected to three-year terms. New vestry members are elected during the annual parish meeting in early February.

Saint Mark's vestry meets the first Tuesday of each month. Minutes of vestry meetings are posted on the parish web site:

www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/vestry-meetings/

Individuals who wish to learn more about our Vestry can contact:

Senior Warden Mark Drew at

seniorwarden@saintmarkscolumbus.org,

Junior Warden Leslie Winters at

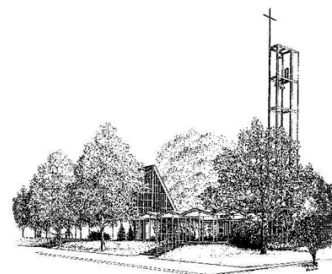
juniorwarden@saintmarkscolumbus.org, or

Rector Vicki Zust at

rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org.

More information can be found at

www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/vestry.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We offer condolences to the family of:

Ian Gregory, who passed away October 12, 2021 at the age of 95.



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.robetta@yahoo.com**.

SAINT MARK'S VESTRY MEMBERS' PHONE NUMBERS

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DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Convention of the Diocese of Southern Ohio is Saturday, November 13. The Pre-convention meeting is November 3.

During Diocesan Convention, lay and clergy representatives are elected to a variety of Diocesan committees, councils, and boards. Participants also discuss the Diocesan budget and plans for the future of the Diocese.

Every congregation has lay delegates and all the clergy are members of Convention too.

You can find out more about Diocesan Convention at dsoconvention.org.

SHARE YOUR NEWS

Please submit your comments, kudos, announcements, and ideas for *The Epistle* to the office: officemanager@saintmarkscolumbus.org. The rolling submission deadline is the third Monday of the month.

DECEMBER & JANUARY EPISTLE DEADLINES

Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, the deadlines for the December and January Epistles are earlier than usual.

The deadline for the December Epistle is Thursday, November 18.

The deadline for the January Epistle is Thursday, December 16.

If the ministry you are involved in is planning activities in December or January, make sure to get your information to Melanie Jacobs at officemanager@saintmarkscolumbus.org by the deadline.





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| 7 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 a.m. First Sunday Outreach Project 10:15 a.m. Memorial Garden Commemoration 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music by the Canterbury Choir) 12 p.m. Youth Group 4 p.m. Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday 8 p.m. AA | 8 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group | 9 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study | 10 10:30 a.m. Spice Packing for NNEMAP 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 7 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. The Marksmen (Zoom ID is 9283622249) | 11 6:15 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 8 p.m. AA | 12 <i>Rector's Day Off</i> 8 p.m. AA | 13 9 a.m. Diocesan Convention 9:30 a.m. OA |
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| 21 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 a.m. Adult Formation 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music by the Saint Mark's Choir) 12 p.m. Acolyte Training 12 p.m. Advent Wreath Making Activity 3 p.m. Lancaster-Chorale Rehearsal 8 p.m. AA | 22 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5 p.m. Deadline for December Epistle 5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group 7:30 p.m. Monday Night Book Group | 23 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study | 24 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. The Marksmen in person dinner | 25 <i>Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed</i> 6:15 p.m. AA 8 p.m. AA | 26 <i>Office Closed</i> 8 p.m. AA | 27 9:30 a.m. OA |
| 28 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 a.m. Church School 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with music by the Saint Mark's Choir) 11:30 a.m. Migration Ministries Meeting 8 p.m. AA | 29 10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group | 30 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

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ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 7 is the celebration of All Saints' Day. All Saints' Day is November 1, but it is tradition to celebrate the feast on the Sunday following as well.

All Saints' Day involves several things:

We remember all of the saints, well known, lesser known and unknown who have gone before us. This year at Saint Mark's, the sermon will focus on several of the people the Episcopal Church remembers and holds up as examples. The children will help Pastor Vicki with the sermon.

We remember those saints who have entered the nearer presence of Christ this year. At Saint Mark's we particularly remember those who have been interred in our Memorial Garden. There will be a short service of remembrance in the Memorial Garden immediately preceding the 10:30 service at 10:15 a.m.

We also remember those saints who are examples of the life of faith for us now. Take some time and think about who it is in your life who shows you the presence of Christ in the world today. Maybe take a minute and drop a note to one of the saints in your life.