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PARISHIONERS IMAGINE THE FUTURE OF SAINT MARK'S

Soon after Pastor Vicki's arrival in September, she began asking the question, "If money were no object, what would you like to see Saint Mark's do, be, or become." Below is a compilation of the responses.

In the wider community:

- Deepen and broaden our connections to the UA community – know the community and be known by them.
- Connect to Columbus beyond NNEMAP & St. John's
- Become a center for arts and learning...highlighting our current music program & also going beyond it. (speaker series; concerts; arts camp etc....)
- Explore how to leverage our AV capabilities to reach the wider community

The Saint Mark's Community:

- Reach out to the people in the new housing being built around UA
- Become a center for youth to engage in spirituality (and to hang out)
- Develop ways for the whole congregation to connect (intergenerational activities, fellowship, fun)
- More variety of worship both within and in addition to our current services (Taizé, Compline in the Park, build on outdoor 8 o'clock)
- Engaging children's formation programs and intentionally include children in the life of the congregation
- Be intentional about growing the congregation and integrating new people into the life of the congregation



Our Building:

- Address deferred maintenance issues and have an on-going maintenance plan
- Rehab the kitchen so it can support increased programming
- Develop our outdoor space for use

Our Campus:

- Acquire the plots of land that surround Saint Mark's campus for redevelopment.

The vestry will use these results to formulate a vision to reimagine the future of Saint Mark's to take us to our 75th Anniversary in 2027.



Celebration of New Ministry

Mark your calendars for the Celebration of New Ministry service and party. We will celebrate Pastor Vicki Zust's ministry and Saint Mark's new ministry as we begin to build a post-pandemic vision for our church.

2:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, 2022

ANNUAL MEETING NOTES

The Saint Mark's Annual Meeting was held on Sunday February 13. A few highlights of the meeting were:

- Elections:
 - ◊ Mark Drew and Leslie Winters were re-elected as wardens. Lukas Skoracki was elected as the youth warden.
 - ◊ Martha Belury, Betsy Gillespie, Jodi Hess, Bruce Johnson, and Barbara Keyes were elected to vestry.
 - ◊ Cheryl Boop & Betsy Gillespie were elected as our Diocesan Convention delegates. Our other delegates are the two wardens.
- Vision for Saint Mark's
 - ◊ Pastor Vicki reported on the responses to the request for ideas for the vision of Saint Mark's.
- Finance and Budget
 - ◊ Our treasurer, Phil Glandon reported on 2021 financials and the 2022 budget.
 - We ended 2021 with a \$182,684 surplus. In part because of some generous donations, in part because of the forgiveness of our PPP loan and in part because of lower expenditures in several areas.
 - We have had three consecutive years of surpluses.
 - The vestry has chosen to budget for increased expenditures in many areas as an investment in Saint Mark's future.
 - We have a \$75,000 deficit in the 2022 budget, which is roughly 40% of the 2021 surplus.
 - The vestry, Phil & Vicki all feel this is a reasonable step to allow Saint Mark's to emerge from the pandemic and live into the future.
- Winged Lion Thank Yous
 - ◊ Pastor Vicki explained her custom of thanking 7 people each year for special contributions to Saint Mark's.
 - ◊ There are, of course, far more than 7 people who make extraordinary contributions to the life of Saint Mark's, but Pastor Vicki limits it to 7 because in Hebrew the word for 7 is related to the word for complete and so the number 7 is a special number in the Old Testament.
 - ◊ Each person was presented with a small, pewter, winged lion lapel pin.
 - ◊ The 7 honorees this year were: Gloria Wylie, Roberta Morton, Steve Bigley, Joanne Drew, Dave Yeager, Cindy Anderson, and Phil Glandon.

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 2 p.m. on Friday and has information about what is happening at Saint Mark's over the next two weeks.

To sign up: Go to www.SaintMarksColumbus.org and click on Subscribe or text the word SAINTMARKS to 22828.

If you are sure you signed up but aren't getting the email:

1. Check your spam folder – sometimes these things end up in the spam.
2. If you are on Gmail – check your "Promotions" folder – e-newsletters sometimes get sent there.
3. Add the email address info@saintmarkscolumbus.org to your contacts in your email.
4. If you have done all of those things and still aren't getting the emails, contact Pastor Vicki (rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org) or Melanie Jacobs (officemanager@saintmarkscolumbus.org) for help.



Copies of the 2022 Annual Report are available for download at www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Annual-Meeting. Printed copies are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary or you may request a copy mailed to you by calling the office (614 486-9452).

FROM THE MUSIC OFFICEMatthew Bester, Director of Music

**England Trip Update**

Many of you may remember that, prior to the pandemic, the Saint Mark's Choir had plans to travel to England for a week-long residency at Wells Cathedral in the summer of 2021. The emergence of Covid forced us to postpone that trip, but we were fortunate to be able to reschedule tentatively for this summer. We have been watching the Covid situation carefully in recent months, and we are excited now to be forging ahead with plans to travel this July 1-11.

If you are not familiar with English cathedral residencies, this is how it works. Most major English cathedrals have their own cathedral choir that provides music for daily services, including services of Choral Evensong each day and one or more services on Sunday morning. During the summer months, these choirs go on vacation, and the cathedrals bring in outside groups to take on the responsibilities of the cathedral choir, often for a full week at a time. The Saint Mark's Choir will be standing in for the Wells Cathedral choir from Monday, July 4, to Sunday, July 10. We will sing a total of six services of Choral Evensong during the week plus a service of Choral Eucharist on Sunday morning, each service with its own unique music.

In addition to all these services and the daily rehearsals required to prepare, the choir will have opportunities for enrichment and sightseeing. We will spend our first weekend enjoying the sights in London, and then we will travel to southwestern England for our week at Wells. While in Wells, we are planning day trips to Bath, Glastonbury Abbey, Stonehenge, and Salisbury. We ask your prayers for good health and safety as we continue our preparations and undertake this exciting pilgrimage.

Choral Evensong

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, the Saint Mark's Choir will lead a service of Choral Evensong for the First Sunday of Lent. Music will include the stirring St. Paul's Evening Service by Herbert Howells, responses by Robert Lehman, and anthems by Jean Berger and John Ireland. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the Choir's upcoming residency trip to Wells Cathedral, England. Masks are required for all in attendance. Please join us for this beautiful and inspiring service, and be sure to invite some friends!

Upcoming Special Music Events

Choral Evensong
Sunday, March 6, 4 p.m.
Saint Mark's Choir
Admission is free

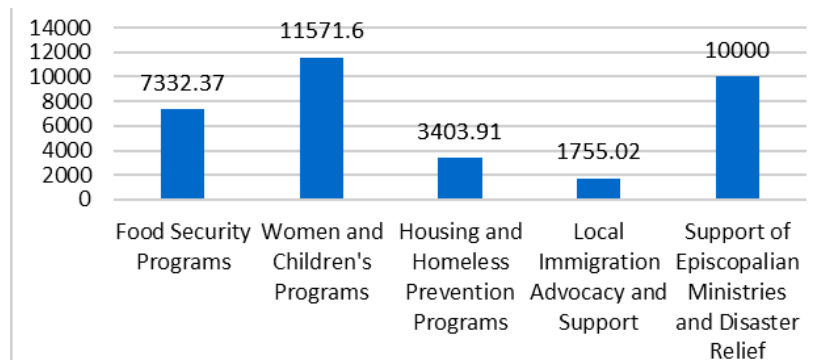
OUTREACH 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

For those of you who were not in attendance at the Saint Mark's Annual Meeting, the Outreach Ministry would like to share its recap of the activity of the Ministry during the past year. Due to some very generous donors to the Ministry, Outreach was able to spend over \$34,000 on the charitable activities supported by Saint Marks. This was a record for the Outreach Ministry's activities during this decade. While our Outreach activities are dependent on the continuing donations of our congregation, the Committee hopes to be able to continue to grow the program both within the congregation and within the greater community. Outreach feels blessed to have so many supporters. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donates to outreach, supports our many fundraising and collection activities, or attends our programming activities.

Some of the activity highlights include:

- The team supporting St. John Town Street's Godly Table was taken on by new leadership and adapted to serving a full meal outside.
- Our relationship with Trinity Episcopal McArthur expanded to joining a multi-church consortium assisting them with the repair of their historic church.
- Outreach expanded programming to include the First Sunday Projects, bringing speakers and activities to the entire parish the first Sunday of each month. The goal of this was to create an easy way for an increased number of congregants to participate in outreach.
- Expanded programming by starting a welcome home project, assisting people coming home from prison.
- Made a substantial gift to support the victims of the tornados that hit our neighbors in Kentucky.
- Provided ongoing financial, material, and emotional support for an asylum-seeking family who was relocated to Columbus.
- Committed to NNEMAP to provide \$500 of diapers and wipes each month for a year. This was in addition to our commitment to make spice packets each month. With the youth group we also conducted a book drive for NNEMAP.
- Sponsored a youth group outreach project. The youth group made up grooming/ medical kits for the Open Shelter
- The Labor Neighbor Day Bake Sale and the Cookie Walk returned, raising about \$2,200 for NNEMAP and \$775 for Freedom al a Cart. A football ticket raffle was added to the Bake Sate.
- The Layette Shower returned on the patio and was a big success.

The Outreach Ministry started the year with \$28,660 in reserves. The ministry received \$6,600 from the church budget and \$14,761 in directed donations for a total of \$21,361 in income. The ministry spent \$34,063 and ended the year with \$15,960. The money was spent in the following categories:



Food Security Programs:
NNEMAP Food Pantry
St. John's God's Dinners
Street Church

Women & Children:
Layette program
Women Affirming Women
CATCH Court/Freedom a
la Cart
NNEMAP diaper program

Housing & Homelessness Prevention:
Open Shelter
Habitat for Humanity
Star House
Welcome Home Ministry

Immigration & Advocacy Support:
CRIS
Asylum-seeking family adoption
Artisans Beyond Borders

Episcopal Ministries and Disaster Relief:
ERD
EMM
Kentucky Fund
Trinity Renovation

OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

FIRST SUNDAY PROJECTS

What we did in February.....

The February First Sunday Project was well attended. Barb Keyes presented information about the Layette Program which supports families and babies in Vinton County, an Appalachian area that is one of the poorest counties in the state. Most of the jobs in the area are in coal or farming, education levels are low, and broadband access is very limited. The churches in the area provide some assistance to the community, but their congregations are small. Saint Marks participates in this program with Trinity Episcopal of McArthur. The layettes are provided to families in need including those in the County's Help Me Grow Program. Preparation of the items donated for the layette is a joint activity of the Outreach Ministry and the Knitting Ministry. Each bag includes hand knitted items such as a hat, booties, and a toy. We also include a handmade bib, burp cloth and pacifier holder. Following the short talk. Congregations prepared 25 grooming kits for the mothers and broke down bulk boxes of diapers into starter kits to go into the layette bags. If anyone would like to participate in this Ministry, please let Barb Keyes or Leslie Winters know of your interest. New volunteers are always welcome. There are sewing and knitting projects that can be completed at your leisure.



What we will be doing in March...

The March 6th First Sunday Program will focus on NNEMAP, the food pantry in which Saint Marks is a member. Bill Karl, who is on the Board of NNEMAP, will present us with information on the activities of the pantry, as well as our involvement. We will then undertake two projects. First, we will make up pasta meal kit bags. The second project will be breaking down large bags of dog and cat food into smaller bags which can be given out at the pantry. There will be opportunities for congregants of all ages to participate in the activities. We hope you will join us at 9:30 a.m. in the parish hall on March 6.

THE FOOD PROGRAMS OF ST. JOHN'S TOWN STREET

Thank you to everyone who prepared a casserole to use in our January 30th and February 2nd meals for Street Church and God's Table. It was wonderfully rewarding to see the response of the congregation to the call for cooks. The team coordinating the meals did a great job of getting a hot meal served, especially in light of the fact the Saint Mark's ovens are not working. We served meals again on February 23rd and 27th. The team decided to keep it simple in February as all of the ingredients had to be transported to St. John to be cooked in their kitchen, but nonetheless served both Street Church and God's Table participants a hot and nutritious meal. If anyone would like to participate in the preparation or serving of these meals, please contact Roberta Morton at notvmorton@aol.com. The more participants the more fun the activity.



way, please contact Pat Iams at Pati51@aol.com.

CATCH COURT

With the pandemic waning, CATCH lunches are back starting the second Thursday in March. Volunteers are needed to assist with baking, serving and preparation. If you might be interested in participating in some



On Wednesday, March 9 we will once again be packaging spices and diapers for NNEMAP. As the tax program is using the parish hall, this will take place in the Canterbury Center at 10:30 AM. With lots of volunteers, it only takes about an hour and is a great way to visit with friends while performing a service activity. Come and join us. Everyone is welcome.

OUTREACH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

SAINT MARK'S MIGRATION MINISTRIES EMBROIDERING HOPE

Saint Mark's in May will receive an exhibition of the embroidery work of women at the U.S.-Mexico border in Nogales, Mexico, who are awaiting permission to cross into the United States to seek asylum. The exhibit will include up to 75 original, embroidered *mantas*.

This exhibit, which is traveling across the United States, will be at Saint Mark's for the month of May. A street party for central Ohioans is being planned for Saturday, May 21, to highlight the exhibit.

The exhibit was created by the volunteer Tucson Friends of Artisans Beyond Borders. It all began in 2004 when borderland artists found exquisite embroideries left behind in the Sonoran Desert south of Tucson, which they identified as "Heirlooms in the Sand." These embroidered *mantas*, also known as *servilletas*, are hand-stitched cloths traditionally used for wrapping tortillas, bread and other foodstuffs for one's family to keep food fresh and warm.

Beginning in 2019, while stranded at the border, asylum-seekers began to create these clothes as devotional embroideries, each piece serving as a faith-filled prayer telling the story of family migration and displacement through the hands and eyes of the women living it.



Each *manta* is a testimony of the faith that sustains the maker and the hope they hold close against all odds.

With the assistance of immigration advocates and faith-based initiatives, some of these women have lawfully crossed the border and now are in the United States seeking asylum – their future still uncertain. We at Saint Mark's are blessed to have one of these families in Columbus which we are supporting.

This exhibit is a rare opportunity to bring these stories to our community, to see and feel what is true and sacred to our neighbors. Whether the artisans are embroidering conventional Christian iconography, elements of the natural world infused with their Christian faith, or memories of home and family they have been forced to leave behind, their devotional cloths are personal and intimate, and embody faith and resilience.

Saint Mark's Migration Ministries meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. via Zoom. For the Zoom link, or additional information, contact Joyce Acton, 614-560-9219 or Pat Iams, 614-582-5738.

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LENT 2022

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. For more than 1,000 years Christians have spent the six weeks before Easter in special study, prayer and fasting in order to be prepared for the most holy day of the Church Year – Easter Day.



Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday – this year Ash Wednesday is March 2. On Ash Wednesday we impose ashes – made from blessed palms- on the forehead as a reminder that we are all mortal and that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

We will have three services on Ash Wednesday. 8 a.m., Noon and 7:30 p.m. The 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. If you wish to have ashes sent to you to use during the livestreamed service, please let the parish office know.

We will also be participating in “Ashes to Go” this year. If you wish to receive Ashes and are unable to attend any of the services, you can come to the vestibule by the red doors from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. or 3 – 6 p.m.

Giving Something Up

Giving something up for Lent is a traditional type of fast. People usually pick something that is an extra and give it up for the 40 days of Lent. Often giving up an extra is accompanied by giving the money that would have been spent on that item to charity. Sundays are feast days and not part of the season of Lent so many people do not fast on Sunday. Some common things that people give up are: chocolate, ice cream, red meat, alcohol and eating out.

Sunday Morning Formation

On March 13, 20 & 27 we are exploring The Way of Love. The Way of Love is a series of focuses that taken together create a framework for following Jesus in his way of love. We will look at all seven pieces and talk about how we engage with them.

Adult Formation will be from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Children’s Formation will begin at 10:30 with the children returning to the service at the Peace.

Prayer, Reflection & Bible Study

Many people add daily prayers, Bible reading or time for reflection to their schedules during Lent. Prayers can be added at the beginning of the day, at noon, in the early evening or at the end of the day or any of the above.

In the arched bookcase in the parish hall you will be able to find the following resources to use at home:

- Forward Day by Day which is a small book of daily short reflections on the daily office readings.
- A booklet of theological reflections – one for each week of Lent.
- A booklet of short prayer services to use at home.
- 40 Old Testament Stories every Christian should know. This is a list of stories in the Hebrew Bible, one for each day of Lent, that will give you a sense of the sweep of the history of the relationship between God and the people of Israel.
- A scratch off prayer calendar. Each day there is a square, scratch off the sticker and pray for whoever or whatever is appointed for that day.

First Sunday of Lent

The first Sunday of Lent is March 6. This is also the first Sunday of March. The combination means that there are many special things going on:

- 9:30 a.m. – Outreach First Sunday. This is an intergenerational activity. We will be focusing on NNEMAP, the Near Northside Emergency Material Assistance Program. Saint Mark’s has been a supporter of NNEMAP for more than 30 years. We will hear a little bit about what NNEMAP provides and assemble meal kits & pet food bags for NNEMAP.
- The Great Litany will be chanted at the beginning of the 10:30 am service. The Great Litany is the first liturgical prayer to be translated into English and used in public worship in English.
- The Canterbury Choir will sing at the 10:30 a.m. service.
- Youth Group will meet following the 10:30 a.m. service.
- Saint Mark’s Choir will offer a service of Choral Evensong at 4 p.m.

LENT 2022

Wednesday Program

On Wednesday evenings in Lent we are offering a 3 part program. You can choose to participate in one, two or all three parts.

- 6 – 7:15 p.m. – Pysanky Egg Workshop. Pysanky is the art of applying wax to eggs and then dying them. It is a multi-step process and ends with beautiful eggs ready for Easter. Join us in the parish hall.
- 7:15 – 7:30 p.m. – Compline. Compline is the night prayer of the church. It has been prayed by Christians for over 1000 years. We will gather in the church for Compline.
- 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Discussion of the book Songs My Grandma Sang by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. The book explores the hymns that formed him and a whole generation. The discussion will take place in the Canterbury Center or you can join by Zoom. Look for the link in the weekly e-newsletter or on the website.

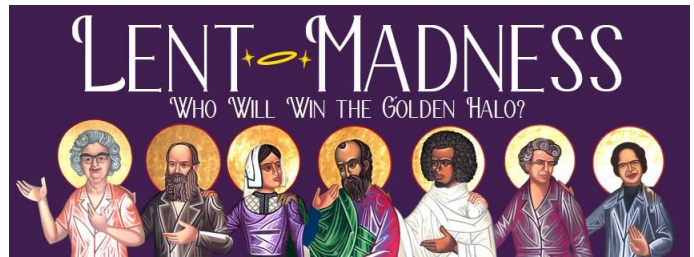


We are not able to offer dinner as a part of Wednesday nights this Lent. However, if your family would like to bring your dinner to church (or have it delivered) we will set aside a room for your family to eat your dinner before the evening gets started.

Let Pastor Vicki know if you would like a “family dinner room”. Her email is rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org

Quiet Morning

We will be having a Lent Quiet morning from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 12. We will start with Morning Prayer at 9 a.m. Through the course of the morning we will have 3 reflections followed by long periods of silence. You can bring a journal or art supplies to respond to the reflections. We will close the quiet morning with noonday prayer at 11:30 a.m.



Lent Madness

Lent Madness is a competition of Saints. It is a tournament, like March Madness. Each day during Lent there is a contest between two saints. Anyone can go to lentmadness.org and vote for their favorite saint in the contest.

Saint Mark's is having a Lent Madness pool.

All you have to do is fill out a bracket and submit it - along with \$5 - to Pastor Vicki by March 1.

The winner of the Saint Mark's pool will be get to decide where to donate the pool.

You can find brackets in the parish hall in the arched bookcase.



EASTER MEMORIALS

Collections for Easter flower memorials will begin on Sunday, March 27 and run through Palm Sunday, April 10. You may donate for Easter flowers by picking up an envelope on the table at the back of the church or on line. Your donations will help cover the costs of Easter flowers for the church. Thank you.

SUPPER GROUP

Due to COVID, the weather, and church restrictions to having food in the Parish Hall, we will have Supper Group virtually for the next few months unless restrictions change. So grab a cocktail and/or dinner and join us at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5. Please contact Gloria Wylie at gawylie@att.net if you have any questions and for the Zoom login.

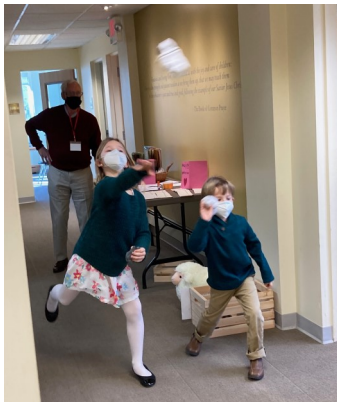
EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will meet following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, March 6. Pastor Vicki and Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt have promised a surprise and fun activity. Lunch will be provided. Youth group will end at 1:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S FORMATION

Luke 6:27 and the Sock Bucket Challenge



In Luke 6:27, Jesus tells us to love our enemies, and in Sunday Children's Formation, we demonstrated how hard that can be with the sock bucket challenge. We used three buckets: the first, labeled "Happy People & Friends" and placed nearest to a starting line in the education hallway; a second, labeled "Family," was placed

about 4 feet away; and a third, labeled "Angry People & Enemies" was placed at the end of the hallway about 8 feet away. The challenge was to see how many socks we could get in each bucket.

We found it was pretty easy to get socks in the bucket that was nearest us (31), a little harder sometimes to get it in the middle bucket (18), and nearly impossible to throw the socks all the way down the hall into the third bucket (1) even when we tried really hard.

But Jesus doesn't tell us to "try really hard to love your enemies" he tells us to do it. So we gathered in a circle and prayed. We prayed for strength and courage, and we prayed for faith to do what seemed like couldn't be done. As we did that, the buckets got closer together. We tried the challenge again and filled the buckets with socks!

Children's Formation is always looking for occasional volunteers to help us have fun. We promise we won't make you sort socks. Visit www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Children-and-Youth-Formation to learn more.

ADULT FORMATION

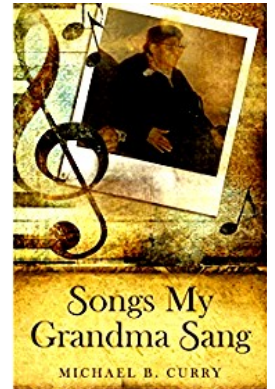
Looking for God in Messy Places
The Rt. Rev. Jake Owensby Joins Saint Mark's for Adult Book Discussion

Throughout the month of February, parishioners gathered for a Wednesday evening discussion of the book, **Looking for God in Messy Places**, by The Rt. Rev. Jake Owensby. On Wednesday, February 22, Bishop Owensby led the

discussion. It was a truly enjoyable evening of personal insight and spiritual conversation.

A recording of the hybrid Zoom meeting is available at www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Looking-For-God-In-Messy-Places

On Wednesday evenings in March, Pastor Vicki and Cheryl Boop will co-lead a discussion of the book, **Songs My Grandma Sang**, by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. (See p. 8 for details.)



MASKS & COFFEE HOUR

We are watching the spread of the pandemic very carefully.

The measure that we are using is the CDC's county level community transmission rate. When Franklin County reaches the level of moderate community spread, Saint Mark's will make masks optional for fully vaccinated people and resume indoor meals and coffee hour. Moderate community spread means fewer than 50 cases per 100,000 people. You can find the information at covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker.

We have put coffee hour on hiatus until April 24, the Sunday after Easter. At which point we assume that it will be warm enough for outdoor coffee hour, even if the numbers are still too high for indoor coffee hour.

SAINT MARK'S GRIEF SUPPORT: HOPE AFTER LOSS

Grieving people often feel a sense of hopelessness. Questions like "What now?" and "Does anything matter?" fuel negative thoughts that swirl in our minds leaving our hearts feeling like hollow shells. The loss of hope after a death is a lonely and isolating experience that blocks our ability to live fully. But how does a person get to the point where the future is not something to endure but an opportunity for living well while walking every day with loss?

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross said "Grief transforms the broken soul". Her quote helps frame Lent as a time for thinking about hope and the possibility of a transformed life for grieving people. 3 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 in the Canterbury Center, the St. Mark's Grief Support Group will explore hope after loss and consider the possibility of a future worth living. No matter where you are in your grief journey, you'll be in good company!

IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S

PROCTER FARM COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE PROGRAM



Saint Mark's Vestry member Cheryl Boop and her husband, David, participated in the Procter Center Farm community supported agriculture program last year. Sign-ups for this season are taking place now; they wanted to share their experience and encourage others at Saint Mark's to consider joining the program. Cheryl explains the program:

David and I decided to take part in the Procter Center CSA program after buying produce from them at the Grove City Farmer's Market for a couple of years. And I wanted to find a way to support our Diocesan Camp.

Procter Farm explains the program: "CSA stands for community supported agriculture. CSA is a way for consumers and farmers to join together in support of local agriculture. Members purchase a share of the farm's harvest, in advance of the growing season. In return, members receive a weekly supply of high-quality, locally grown fresh produce and products.

"Members of our Vegetable CSA are given a weekly share (a box) of vegetables, herbs, pasture-raised eggs and seasonal specialties. Some members will also select to include our Meat CSA, which provides them with a variety of cuts of our pasture-raised, high-quality pork and chicken."

Procter Center Farm offers a full-share or a half-share of the vegetable and meat boxes.

The CSA does a great job of communicating via a Friday newsletter that lets you know what to expect in your produce bag. They include a recipe for at least one of the vegetables you'll be getting (which is really nice for those of us who aren't always familiar with how to work with vegetables outside of salads), along with news about the Camp and fun facts about the Farm.

The bags of produce can be picked up at the Grove City Farmer's Market from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays. Or you can pick them up at Procter Farm, south of London, or in London at the Procter Store.

The distributions begin in June and run for 16 weeks. Here are some examples of what we got:

Week 2: beets, green beans, cucumbers, golden potatoes, yellow squash, Swiss chard, baby French breakfast radishes and jalapeno pepper.

Week 15: corn, tomatoes, carrots, yellow squash, garlic, sweet banana peppers and jalapeno pepper.

For more information and to sign up, visit www.proctercenter.org/farm

LONELINESS, COVID, & HOPE: A TALK AND ROUNDTABLE AT ST. STEPHEN'S ON MARCH 30

Are you lonely and wondering how to escape from your loneliness? Loneliness affects people of every generation, race, creed and income. We cannot buy ourselves out of loneliness or cure loneliness with pharmaceuticals or accomplishments. The only cure for loneliness is each other.

On Thursday, March 30, authors Kristen Radtke, Angus Fletcher, and Amaha Sellassie will gather in the Sanctuary at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on the OSU campus to lead a conversation about loneliness and to help people find community with each other. The program will begin at 6:30 PM and is open and free to the public. There will be a light supper beforehand, beginning at 5:45. Please RSVP for the dinner or simply show up for the main event. To learn more, go to ststephens-columbus.org.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1	2	3	4	5
		9:30 a.m. Al-Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study 7:30 p.m. Vestry Meeting	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 8 a.m. Ash Wednesday Spoken Service 8:30 a.m. AARP Tax Program 12 p.m. Ash Wednesday Spoken Service 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist	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	<i>Rector's Day Off</i> 8:30 a.m. AARP Tax Program 8 p.m. AA	6:30 p.m. Supper Group
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<i>The First Sunday in Lent</i> 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 a.m. First Sunday Outreach Project 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12 p.m. Youth Group 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	8:30 a.m. AARP Tax Program 10:30 a.m. Spices and Diapers 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Pysanky Egg Workshop 6:15 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group 7:15 p.m. Compline 7:30 p.m. Lent Book Discussion 7:30 p.m. The Marksmen	11 a.m. CATCH Court Lunch 3 p.m. Grief Support 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	<i>Rector's Day Off</i> 8:30 a.m. AARP Tax Program 8 p.m. AA	9 a.m. Lent Quiet Morning
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i> 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) 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 p.m. Outreach Ministry Meeting	8:30 a.m. AARP Tax Program 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Pysanky Egg Workshop 7:15 p.m. Compline 7:30 p.m. Lent Book Discussion	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	<i>Rector's Day Off</i> 8:30 a.m. AARP Tax Program 8 p.m. AA	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i> 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) 8 p.m. AA	10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group 7 p.m. Sisters in Faith	9:30 a.m. Al-Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study 7 p.m. Migration Ministry Meeting	8:30 a.m. AARP Tax Program 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. The Marksmen Monthly Dinner 6 p.m. Pysanky Egg Workshop 6:15 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group 7:15 p.m. Compline 7:30 p.m. Lent Book Discussion	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	<i>Rector's Day Off</i> 8:30 a.m. AARP Tax Program 8 p.m. AA	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
<i>The Fourth Sunday in Lent</i> 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) 8 p.m. AA	10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 5 p.m. April Epistle Deadline 5:30 p.m. AA - Men's Group 7:30 p.m. Monday Night Book Group	9:30 a.m. Al-Anon 1:30 p.m. Columbus Clergy Bible Study	8:30 a.m. AARP Tax Program 4:30 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. Pysanky Egg Workshop 7:15 p.m. Compline 7:30 p.m. Lent Book Discussion	6:15 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Saint Mark's Choir Rehearsal 8 p.m. AA		

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Holy Week Schedule

**Palm
Sunday**

April 10

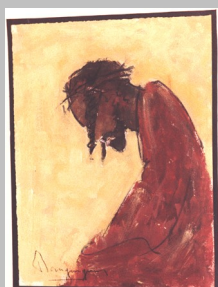


**8 a.m.
Holy Eucharist**

**10:30 a.m.
Holy Eucharist**

**Maundy
Thursday**

April 14



**7:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist**

**Good
Friday**

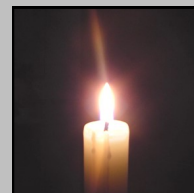
April 15



**7:30 p.m.
Good Friday
Liturgy with
Reserved
Sacrament**

**A Vigil for
Easter**

April 16



**7:30 p.m.
The Great Vigil
of Easter with
Holy
Communion**

Easter

April 17



**9 a.m.
Holy Eucharist**

**11 a.m.
Holy Eucharist**