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SAINT MARK'S - FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION



Parishioners gather at the site of the future home of Saint Mark's circa 1951

Saint Mark's is approaching our 75th Anniversary as a congregation. As that time approaches, we are building on the foundation that our founding generations laid. We are also preparing to serve generations to come.

Over the last few months, the whole congregation has been invited to offer thoughts, ideas and dreams of what the future might hold for Saint Mark's. The vast majority of those responses fell into three categories.

These categories and strategies are what we heard from the congregation and they will form the basis for our planning. As we move toward our 75th anniversary year, which begins in the fall of 2026, we will focus on:

Building Our Congregation

- Enhance existing programs and develop new ways for the whole congregation to connect with one another:
 - Intergenerational activities
 - Fellowship and fun
- Expand and develop engaging children's formation programs and intentionally include children in the life of the congregation.
- Become a center for youth to engage in spirituality and a place youth want to be.
- Build a variety of worship experiences both within and in addition to our current services.
- Invite people to become a part of our congregation and work on making sure we are integrating new people into the life of the congregation.

Building Our Relationships

- Reach out to our new neighbors in the developing areas within and around Upper Arlington.
- Deepen and broaden our connections to the Upper Arlington community. We want to know our community and be known by them.
- Build on our historic relationships and build new ways to be of service to our wider community.
- Become a center for arts and learning: Music, drama, art and how they all connect to and enhance our faith.
- Explore how to leverage our AV capabilities to reach the wider community
- Make our physical building a place of worship, service and welcome.
- Address deferred maintenance issues and have an on-going maintenance plan.
- Update and enhance the kitchen so it can support increased programming.
- Develop our outdoor space for use by the congregation and the wider community.

Expanding Our Campus

This last item that came out of our dreaming and visioning process has a longer time horizon. A long-term dream is to own the land adjacent to our buildings. There were a lot of different ideas for how to use it – but wanting to control our own destiny was clear. Some of the things that we heard about the use of that space were:

- Reserve for parking when/if Tremont Center redevelops
- Housing for refugees, families coming out of homelessness
- Facilities for before/after school/summer programs
- Handicapped parking
- Be a center for community activities/events/gatherings



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Vestry meetings occur every first Tuesday of the month in the Canterbury Center. Meetings are open to parishioners. Meeting minutes are available online at: www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Vestry-Meetings.

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Saint Mark's Donates \$1,000 to Pleasant Litchford Plaza Project

Pastor Vicki on April 12 presented a \$1,000 check to the Upper Arlington School Board as a contribution for the construction of a plaza to recognize Pleasant Litchford, a freed slave whose land holdings included the property on which Saint Mark's sits. The donation was made from the Rector's Discretionary Fund with approval of the vestry.

Litchford, a blacksmith, came to central Ohio around 1830 and by 1849 owned 227 acres of land in Perry Township. The land today includes Saint Mark's, Tremont School, Northam Park, St. Agatha and Upper Arlington High School. Litchford Plaza is a joint effort of the school district and the City of Upper Arlington. Construction of the plaza, just south of the new high school, is expected to begin this summer.



Along with Pastor Vicki, Upper Arlington School Board members from left to right are: Member Nidhi Satiani, President Lori Trent, Vice President Jenny McKenna and Member Lou Sauter. Photo courtesy of UA Schools.

Saint Mark's to Host Vestry Day - May 14

Saint Mark's will host a gathering of vestries of Columbus-area congregations on Saturday, May 14.

The vestries will gather for prayer, to hear from the Rev. Canon Michael Spencer, Canon for Transitions and Congregational Ministry, and to think and talk and plan about how we can support each other.



In & Around Saint Mark's



Significant Work Planned for Memorial Garden

More than a decade has passed since any major work was done on the plantings in the Memorial Garden. Several plants have overgrown their spaces, others have failed to thrive, and still others are reaching the end of their lifecycle.

The vestry has approved a major refreshing of the Memorial Garden plantings that will take place over the summer. Some plants will be replaced and the area around the sculpture and memorial plaque will be made more accessible. The benches will be made level and the stone washed. The color scheme of the new plantings will stick with the white and green of the current garden plan and some of the current plants will be retained.



As anyone who has ever renovated a kitchen or a bathroom knows, there will be a point where it will look much worse before it gets better. Please be assured that the areas where cremains are interred will be treated with the utmost respect.

Our goal is to complete the project by All Saints' Sunday, Nov. 6.



Thank you to everyone who helped make Holy Week and Easter such a wonderful celebration!

- Matthew Bester, Michael Scheffler and all the members of Saint Mark's Choir and the Canterbury Choir (and their families who accommodated all the rehearsals and services).
- Melanie Jacobs, our office manager, who produced so many bulletins for so many different services.
- The Flower Guild who made our building so beautiful.
- The Altar Guild for making sure everything was ready for all the services.
- The AV team who made sure that our services were available to everyone.
- The Ushers who made everyone feel welcome to Saint Mark's.
- Everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- And everyone who came, watched, and prayed through the week.



MUSIC

Saint Mark's Choir

Inspiring Our Worship with Sacred Music In Holy Week and Beyond

How special it was to have a complete Holy Week with choir and congregational singing for the first time since 2019! I am exceedingly grateful to both choirs for all the time and effort that they put in to prepare for the many different services of this special week. They sang beautifully throughout, from the contemplative sounds of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to the stirring strains of the Great Vigil and Easter Day. I am also very grateful to Michael for his superb playing at the organ throughout his first Holy Week at Saint Mark's. A particular highlight for me was Michael's beautiful rendition of Robert Hebble's Chorale Prelude on Herzliebster Jesu on Good Friday.



From beginning to end, it was a moving and inspiring week of liturgy and music.

With the thrilling sounds of organ, brass, and choir still ringing in our ears after a glorious Easter Day, the music staff and the choirs are already looking ahead to the exciting conclusion of our program year. Both choirs will be present for the Celebration of New Ministry on Saturday, April 30, singing music by Felix Mendelssohn, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, and Barry Rose. Canterbury Choir recognition Sunday will take place on May 1, when we will acknowledge the dedication and exemplary contributions of our young choristers. The Canterbury Choir will conclude its season on May 22 with a service of Choral Evensong, complete with canticles, anthems, and Anglican chant.

Meanwhile, the Saint Mark's Choir will be preparing in earnest for its residency trip to Wells Cathedral in England in July. During the week of its residency at the Cathedral July 4-10, the choir will sing a total of seven different services

(six services of daily Choral Evensong plus Sunday morning Eucharist), each with its own unique music. Shortly before our departure for England, the choir will present a special Farewell Evensong and Concert in late June (details coming soon), when we will present some of the musical highlights of our residency repertoire. The event will conclude with a champagne reception.

Canterbury Choir 2022 Service Recognition

One Year of Service (RSCM Voice for Life Chorister's Companion Book)
Betty Grace Barker, Cora Silliman, and Veronica Warren

Three Years of Service (RSCM Shield Lapel Badge)
Madelyn Brokken and Charlotte Davis

Four Years of Service (Hymnal 1982)
Maria Bester and Madalyn Ralley

Five Years of Service (Pitch Pipe)
Freya Brokken and Alex Reed

Six Years of Service (Stainless Steel RSCM Water Bottle)
Elisa Bester

Seven Years of Service (Bronze RSCM Medal for Loyal Service)
Theodore Warren

Eight Years of Service (Sterling Silver Canterbury Cross Bookmark)
Matilda Drew, Anna Markwardt, and Alexander Skoracki

Canterbury Choir Choral Evensong on May 22

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, the Canterbury Choir will conclude its season with a service of Choral Evensong. Music will include the stirring Evening Service in C by George Dyson, anthems by John Bertalot and Robert J. Powell, and a setting of Psalm 34 in Anglican chant. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the Canterbury Choir Fund, which supports the training and enrichment of the choir. Please join us for this beautiful and uplifting service, and be sure to invite some friends!

Matthew Bester, PhD
Director of Music

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

National Artisan Exhibit will Visit Saint Mark's, Street Fair to Follow

By Bill Mayr

Saint Mark's, by car, is the better part of 2,000 miles away from the border at Nogales, Mexico. In May, however, a taste of life at the border will come right in front of us.

"Embroidering Hope," an exhibition of colorful folk-art embroidery works, will be hung in the church during the month. A street fair with food trucks, music, and activities will be held outside Saint Mark's from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 21.

The hand-stitched embroideries were created by women and men from Mexico and Central America who have congregated at the Nogales border crossing in their quest to obtain asylum in the United States.

Federal law allows foreigners to obtain asylum in the U.S. but the process is long and complicated. Asylum seekers at the southern border frequently are fleeing violence from drug cartels or gangs, or corrupt police and public officials. At the border, migrants must make a strong case why they should be admitted in order to pursue asylum. Plus, the border was closed to asylum seekers in March 2020 because of COVID-19; some argued at the time this was unnecessary because the virus already had spread across the nation.

Meanwhile, asylum seekers have been stuck on the Mexican side of the border. Some of the migrants began making embroideries, as a way to keep their spirits up and also earn money by selling the pieces. Some Americans sought to help the migrants.

Joyce Acton, who leads the Migration Ministries committee at Saint Mark's, tells the story:

Valarie Lee James, a longtime borderlands resident and former art therapist, organized Artisans Beyond Borders through Grace St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Tucson, AZ. For years in the Sonoran Desert, James and others had discovered cotton cloths used by migrants to wrap and carry foods like tortillas or carry treasured belongings during their trek through the desert. "She realized (the decorative cloths) were hand-made, hand-stitched." James would cross the border to Nogales, Mexico, to meet with migrants and asylum-seekers. "They decided it would be a good thing to give individuals at the border a skill, so that maybe they could earn some money. So she taught embroidery and gathered people to do it so there was some sense of community."

The artisans focused on themes of hope and faith.

Eventually, James organized the exhibition, which contains 75 cloths, or mantas. The collection is arriving at Saint Mark's after a display in April at the University of Southern California. Showings of the artisans' cloths are planned for across the nation.

James will speak at 2 p.m. May 21 at the exhibition.

Joyce and her husband, Jim, spend time in Tucson during winters and attend Grace St. Paul's, where she learned of James. Joyce and other parishioners at Saint Mark's had started studying immigration issues. "It was on the news, when children at the border were being separated from their parents, put in cages and stuff like that. A number of us said this is ridiculous, we should find out what we could do." Out of that the Migration Ministries committee was formed and now is bringing the

exhibition to Saint Mark's.

Embroidery by Eleuteria Ibarra will be part of the exhibit. She, her husband and their four children are living in Columbus while seeking asylum. The Migration Ministries committee and Saint Mark's has helped the family furnish an apartment, buy school supplies, obtain medical and dental care and obtain assistance from the NNEMAP food pantry.

The embroidered cloths, called mantas, are symbolic of the dreams and struggles the asylum-seekers face, Joyce said. "It is more than something to sell; it represents the heritage and faith of the makers."

And we have an obligation to support those struggling to find a better life. "It's part of our baptismal vow; we have a commitment to take care of each other. It is part of our religion's teaching to welcome the stranger," Joyce said.



Volunteers are needed to help with the street fair on May 21. To assist, contact Joyce at 614-560-9219 or at actongroup@gmail.com.

For more information visit

www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Embroidering-Hope

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

First Sunday Outreach Projects



April - Star House

We had a speaker from Star House share information about their program to assist the homeless youth of Central Ohio. Did you know that on the average day there are 3,000 to 8,000 young people in Central Ohio without a place to sleep? Many of the homeless are on the streets due to conflicts or abuse in their homes. Star House exists to do whatever it takes to get kids out of homelessness.

They operate a drop-in center where youth from ages 14 to 24 can take a shower, do laundry, get something to eat and access services. They have programs to help the youth get their GED and learn life skills. They also provide case management and access to medical services including mental health care. Star House recently opened a temporary housing facility for 18 to 24-year-olds. This gives them housing and services while they transition into a more permanent situation. Attendees at our meeting were a bit overwhelmed by the need that exists in our community.

As our activity we put together first-aid kits for the youth. These were small kits that could go in a backpack, containing everything from band-aids to bee-sting relief creams. The children put together small bags of Easter candy as a way to make the youth feel a bit more loved. We also collected about 50 pairs of socks. Star House was very pleased with our thoughtful donations.

While the Outreach Committee has made financial contributions to Star House for several years, now that the pandemic is waning, the committee will look for more ways Saint Mark's can volunteer and fill needs. If you are interested in participating, please contact Pat Barton, Bill Karl or Leslie Winters.

May - St. John Columbus

This month our First Sunday Project theme is Feeding the Sheep. We will focus on the feeding programs of St. John Columbus (new name from St. John Town Street). Our speaker will be the St. John's coordinator of Street Church. As our activity we will assist with preparing the lunch Saint Mark's will serve later in the day at Street Church. We also will put together snack bags to hand out that will be useful during the week.

Volunteers attend CATCH Court in person

On April 14th, after two years of being unable to do so, Saint Mark's attended Catch Court in person!

Sarah Warren and Pat Iams took lunch to the Franklin County Courthouse. The program has grown such that there is now court in the morning and in the afternoon so the women can mingle for lunch at 11:30 a.m. In attendance was State Rep. Tracy Richardson of Xenia. She has introduced H.B. 319 which would include more protection for the graduates of Catch Court by authorizing more expungement. The women each talked to Judge Jody Thomas, as she sat with them on the floor of the court rather than behind the bench. Each told her of their progress during the two-year program. Prior to court each of the women had written a question they wanted the other women to answer, so the judge had the interviewee reach into a bag to pick a question. The questions asked such things as, "What has been your best experience in Catch?" and "How do you manage when your stress levels get very high?"

With the increased numbers, we need more help preparing the lunches and taking them downtown. You will gain valuable insights into the lives of these now inspiring women and the social justice system. If you are interested our Catch day each month is on the second Thursday. Call or e-mail Pat Iams if you are interested! 614-582-5738 or pati51@aol.com.

CATCH Court - Changing Actions to Change Habits

What They Do

In Franklin County, Ohio, alone, approximately 1,200 women are arrested each year for solicitation. Rather than viewing a woman convicted of a prostitution-related arrest as a criminal, CATCH views her as a victim who needs acceptance, commitment to a structured program, and the unwavering belief in her ability to transform her life from one of dependency to one of freedom.

Mission

More than 92% of individuals involved in prostitution want to escape* and are exploited at a young age. CATCH exists to break the cycle of abuse for victims of human trafficking, prostitution, and sexual exploitation by providing resources, community, and accountability. CATCH hopes to provide a model for municipal leaders throughout Ohio and the United States.

For more information, visit their website at:
<https://municipalcourt.franklincountyohio.gov/Departments-Services/Specialized-Dockets/CATCH-Court>
*Farley & Kelley, 2000

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

Volunteer Opportunities This Month

We are always looking for new volunteers. If you would like to participate in some way we would like to have you. Long-term commitments are not necessary.

May 1: First Sunday Outreach Project, Parish Hall 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. No prior registration is needed.

May 1: Street Church, help with the meal prep at Saint Mark's and/or the handing out of food at Street Church; after the 10:30 a.m. service. Contact Roberta Morton at: notvmorton@gmail.com

May 11: Packing spices and diapers for NNEMAP, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Parish Hall; contact Barb Keyes for more information at bkeyes25@gmail.com

May 12: CATCH Court lunch; contact Pat Iams at pati51@aol.com if you would like to bake, help with meal prep Thursday morning, serve at the lunch or attend Court

May 20: Layette delivery to our new partner Vinton County Help Me Grow. If you would like to go and meet the folks from Help Me Grow contact Leslie Winters at mslesliewinters@gmail.com. Drivers particularly welcome.

May 21: Embroidering Hope. Help with communications, games, decorations, food, set up or clean up for this community event. Opportunities are available prior to the event as well as the day of the event. To volunteer contact Joyce Acton at actongroup@gmail.com.

May 29: Street Church, help with the meal prep at Saint Mark's and/or the handing out of food at Street Church; after the 10:30 service. Contact Roberta Morton for more information at notvmorton@gmail.com

Anytime: Could you knit a blanket, hat or booties for the layette ministry? They are always needed. Do you sew? Would you be willing to sew a bib or burp cloth? All materials are provided. If you might be able to help, contact Leslie Winters or Barb Keyes.

NNEMAP will soon allow clients to do their own shopping (as opposed to receiving a pre-packed box). If you have a few hours you would like to donate to the pantry, let Bill Karl know and he will get you connected. There are quite a few people from Saint Mark's who volunteer. Go on the same day if you'd like to be sure you will know someone. NNEMAP also needs drivers for home deliveries. Contact Mrbill.karl@gmail.com.



THANK YOU!

April was National Volunteer Recognition Month. Hopefully it's not too late to say thank you to all the Saint Mark's volunteers that helped the Outreach Ministry with its projects, from the cookie walk, to the bake sale, to Street Church and beyond. Saint Mark's could not have served nearly as many people without all the assistance you provide. Your financial, in-kind, and in-person gifts are very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone who volunteered in some way to Saint Mark's Outreach Ministries. We wish we could recognize each of you by name, but wonderfully there are just too many to name.

May Collection

While Outreach is not sponsoring a formal collection this month, there is always a need at NNEMAP. This is especially true as grocery prices have risen. There is always a need for toiletry items and toilet paper. The food items we collect also provide some of the much-appreciated variety in the pantry. While you are shopping, if you are able to pick up some items to donate, it would be appreciated. The baskets for NNEMAP are by the front doors.



PASTORAL CARE

Sorrow Without Death: When No One Seems to Understand Your Loss

By Brenda Hammersley

Loss is a frequent human experience. Although our society recognizes the pain of loss through death, many other losses are overlooked, treated as unimportant or even ridiculed. Grief experts know that non-death losses can cause deep sorrow and long-lasting pain. While the non-death losses below are common in adulthood, it's important to understand that any of these may affect us whether they are happening to us or to someone we love.

It's also important to note that several of these losses are viewed as positive by some people – which sets us up to expect ourselves to ignore sadness and “get over it” if we don't feel good about what's happening in our lives.

Non-death losses include but are not limited to: illness, injury, loss of employment, retirement, trauma, physical or mental abuse, loss of home, incarceration, marital discord, divorce, separation, mental illness, dementia, infertility, empty nest, crime, estrangement, loss of sobriety, relationship breakup, life transitions

And let's not forget the challenges of normal aging which may include loss of: mobility, independence, vision, hearing, income, connections, social activities, feeling safe, physical strength, endurance

These losses are real and can profoundly affect our emotional wellbeing. They may lead to grief from the loss of security, hopes, dreams, innocence, independence, health and mobility, comfort, community, connection, competence, love, intimacy, trust, or faith. They can also cause shifts in our self-perception, identity, purpose, or worldview.

Put simply, non-death losses change our lives and can cause a surprising amount of sadness and distress, especially when society does not supply a way for us to share our pain. To cope with non-death loss, we start by realizing that over the years losses pile up and can have a cumulative effect if we aren't able to manage some common roadblocks.

1. We don't feel our feelings. We may be self-critical to the extent that we don't recognize or acknowledge feelings of sadness, anger, regret, guilt, and anxiety. “Feeling it to heal it” is the first step in moving through the pain of non-death loss.

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2. We aren't certain that we have the “right” to grieve a non-death loss. In loss we are often harder on ourselves than we'd ever be with others who are going through similar challenges. Once we acknowledge that the loss is having an impact, it's time to start caring for ourselves as we would for others.

3. We feel that our loss is misunderstood or unsupported. This reaction may lead to anger and ultimately to isolation from the friends and family who might provide support. Instead, we can use the rule of thirds to find people who will support us. (“The rule of thirds says that when you're in grief, you'll typically find

that about one-third of the people in your life will be a help to you, one-third will neither help nor harm you, and one-third will be a hindrance to your healing.” Alan Wolfelt)

4. We try to stifle the pain through avoidance and negative coping. Many non-death losses are complicated. Job loss, divorce, illness, dementia, and aging bring changes to daily life. These may include how to navigate paying bills, how to stay on track with life's details, how to manage relationships with others, how to identify and manage legal issues, or how to organize medical treatment. Ignoring the need to deal with complications of a non-death loss may result in disaster. Additionally, self-medicating with food, alcohol, spending, or substances prevents coping and may create other losses. We can get help from experts on finance, relationships, legal issues and navigating the medical system. Grief counseling may also help us name and prioritize what we need to do next.

Processing grief isn't fun, but it's important. We all should reach out to professionals if our grief doesn't improve over time, results in frequent mood swings, makes emotions hard to manage, causes long-term physical symptoms, affects responsibilities or relationships, or takes away our interest in activities we used to enjoy.

For help finding a free grief counselor or to connect with a Stephen Minister, call Saint Mark's church office at 614-486-9452.

EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

Adult Formation

A Bible study on the topic of refugees and migrants will be the focus of Sunday morning Adult Formation sessions from May 8 to May 22 from 9:30 to 10:15 in the parish hall. The study will be based on the AMMPARO project (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The formation sessions also go along with the Embroidering Hope art exhibit that Saint Mark's is hosting during May.

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet Sunday May 1 following the 10:30 a.m. service.

The youth will create a temporary labyrinth on the front lawn of Saint Mark's.

The labyrinth will be available to the congregation and the wider community for prayer and meditation. The youth group took a field trip this fall to Covenant Presbyterian Church to explore their labyrinth.

All youth grades 6 – 12 are welcome.

Nursery

We will resume staffing of the Nursery on Sunday, May 1.

The Nursery will be staffed from 10:15 a.m. until the end of the 10:30 a.m. service on Sundays.

Parents are invited to pick up their children and bring them forward for communion or a blessing if they wish. Parents also are welcome to be in the nursery with their children anytime they wish.

We are still looking for a few teenagers to serve as nursery assistants. If you are interested in helping with the nursery or have questions, contact Julie Moll at julied5.jm@gmail.com.

At Home Faith Materials



The arched rack in the parish hall has become home to materials for exploring faith at home.

The Forward Day by Day booklets are there as are a variety of resources for individuals and families to use at home and to share with others.

There will be seasonal materials as well. For example, the Rogation Days are May 23, 24 and 25 this year.

These are days where the church focuses on the natural world. It is a time to pray for those who produce our food and to celebrate the glory of creation. There will be some materials for individuals and families to use on walks or hikes in honor of the Rogation Days.

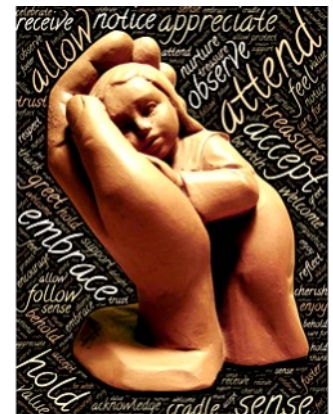
There will also be materials with prayers for the nation around the 4th of July and materials for the Advent and Lent seasons.

If there is a type of material that you would like to see, please let Pastor Vicki know. She can be reached by email at rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org.

High Tea - May 1

There is something wonderful about tea parties, and in them we find ourselves in a place of things that are good and delicious. They are sometimes fancy and sometimes not, they can be long or short, but they all encourage us stop in the middle of the day and be present with ourselves or among company.

Plan to stay after the 10:30 service on May 1. We have a special high tea-inspired Fellowship Hour in celebration of our children, our families, our mothers and fathers, our creator, and all of the ways God calls us to love one another, nurture one another, and care for all of his creation.



Grief Support for Bereaved Adults

Saint Mark's Church Grief Support Group for bereaved adults will meet at 3 pm on Thursday, May 12, in the Canterbury Center. For more

information contact Brenda Hammersley at b.hammersley@yahoo.com or call 614-330-1436. No matter where you are in your journey, you're welcome to join us – you'll be in good company!

Coffee Hour Resumes

As long as the COVID Community Level for Franklin County remains at low or medium levels, we will be able to have coffee hour.

The coffee hour tables will be set up in the parish hall. Weather permitting, the doors to the patio will be open and we encourage people to spill out onto the patio.

We need a few people to be bakers or treat providers for coffee hour. It isn't necessary to make treats from scratch, just to provide some cookies or other treats. If you are interested in helping out, contact Cindy Anderson at cindy.anderson@snet.net.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

We celebrate the following births:

Dwight and Elizabeth Anstaett announce the birth of their grandchild, **Benjamin Keller Boeglin**, born March 31, 2022 to Sarah and Will Boeglin (married at St. Mark's in July of 2019) They live in Chicago and all are doing well.

Tyler and Julie Robertson announce the birth of their child, **Colin Tyler Robertson**, born April 14.

We welcome the following into the Body of Christ through baptism:

Agnes Bowman, daughter of Michael and Megan Bowman received the sacrament of baptism on April 24.

We celebrate the following graduations:

Graduating from Thomas Worthington High School on May 22 is **Henry Markwardt**.

Graduating from Hilliard Davidson High School on May 26 is **Clay Hess**.

Graduating from Upper Arlington High School on May 29 are **Peter Milburn**, and **Jordan Clevenger**.

Delaney Jacob will graduate with a Master of Arts in Communication Sciences from Case Western Reserve University. Delaney is the daughter of Vanessa Tucker, and granddaughter of Ila Jean Stamper and the late Robert V.A. Stamper.

Almighty God, may your blessing rest upon Henry, Clay, Peter, Jordan, and Delaney. May your love light up their lives. May hope spring from their hearts as they look towards tomorrow. May their days be filled with great adventures and discoveries, and may they walk forever in your love and peace and joy. Amen.

We celebrate the following retirement:

Saint Mark's vestry member, **Judith Grant**, announces her retirement from Ohio University on May 15 as Professor of 19th and 20th century political theory. Throughout her career Judith taught for 40 years including jobs at Wellesley College and University of Southern California, acted as chair of three departments, and is the author of five books and numerous journal articles.

We offer condolences to the families of:

Michael Garber passed away on April 6, 2022 at the age of 82. Michael is the brother of Saint Mark's Organist -Choirmaster Emeritus, Gary Garber.

Cheryl Johnson passed away on March 17, 2022 at the age of 74. Cheryl was a longtime member of St. Francis Episcopal Church in San Antonio and is the mother of Julia Johnson-Davis.

Longtime parishioner **Dr. John Johnson** passed away on April 12, 2022. He was 83.

Longtime parishioner **Dorothy Kell** passed away on April 7. She was 97.

Father of All, We pray to you for Michael, Cheryl, John, Dorothy, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. Amen.

If you would like to share an announcement of a birth or marriage of someone related to the parish, a job change, retirement, achievement, student news, etc, please send information to Robbie Hurley at hurley.robetta@yahoo.com or Communications@SaintMarkColumbus.org or by calling the parish office at 614-486-9452.



BIRTHDAYS



Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (BCP, p. 830)

Alexander Kumenchuk Nisbet	5/3	Bruce Warthman	5/11	Angela Wallenbrock	5/14
Jay Iams	5/5	Carter Findley	5/12	Jim Keyes	5/18
Cullie Rechner	5/7	Claire Iams	5/12	Deborah Brower	5/19
Sarah Alexander	5/8	Jane Iams	5/12	Andy Iams	5/24
Joycelyn Dunlap	5/9	Edward Maag	5/14	Laura Skoracki	5/29
Bill Shillington	5/10	Steve Hess	5/14	Matilda Drew	5/30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am First Sunday Outreach 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 11:30 am High Tea 11:30 am Youth Group Noon St. John's Town Street 8 p.m. Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AA Men's Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:30 pm Canterbury Choir 7 pm Book Discussion - hybrid</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1 pm Kitting and Stitching 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir 8 pm AA</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 pm AA</p>	<p>7</p> <p>12:30 pm LancasterChoral 6 pm Supper Group</p>
<p>8</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 3 pm LancasterChoral Rehearsal 8 p.m. Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7:30 pm LancasterChoral Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30 am Spices & Diapers 1 pm Stephen Ministry 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir 7 pm Book Discussion - hybrid 7:30 pm The Marksmen</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11 am CATCH Court 3 pm Grief Support 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir 7:30 pm Stephen Ministry 8 pm AA</p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>7pm LancasterChoral Rehearsal 8 pm AA</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8 am Columbus Vestry Day 8 pm LancasterChoral</p>
<p>15</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8 p.m. Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Meeting 4 pm Epistle Deadline 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm Sisters in Faith</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7 pm Outreach Committee</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:30 pm Canterbury Choir 7 pm Book Discussion - hybrid</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1 pm Kitting and Stitching 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir 8 pm AA</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 p.m. AA</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Noon - 4 pm Embroidering Hope Exhibition & Street Fair</p>
<p>22</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 9:30 am Church School 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 4 pm Choral Evenson w/ Canterbury Choir 8 p.m. Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:30 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7:30 pm Monday Night Book Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7 pm Migration Ministry</p>	<p>25</p> <p>1 pm Stephen Ministry 5:30 pm The Marksmen 7 pm Book Discussion-hybrid</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir 7:30 pm Stephen Ministry 8 pm AA</p>	<p>27</p> <p><i>Rector's Day Off</i></p> <p>8 p.m. AA</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p><i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i></p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Noon St. John's Town Street 8 p.m. Sunday Night AA</p>	<p>30</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>5:30 pm AA Men's Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Saint Mark's Choir</p>	<p>June 1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>

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COMING IN MAY

Sunday, May 1

9:30 am	First Sunday Outreach Project
Noon	Youth Group
Noon	High Tea
1 pm	Street Church

Saturday, May 21

Noon - 4 pm	Embroidering Hope Artisan Exhibit and Street Fair
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Sunday, May 22

4 pm	Choral Evensong with Canterbury Choir
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May 23-25

Rogation Days



Hand-stitched folk art created by people awaiting permission to seek asylum to the US.

Food Trucks, Games,
Activities, Music, and More!



EMBROIDERING HOPE

Artisan Exhibit & Street Fair

Noon - 4 pm
Saturday, May 21
Saint Mark's Episcopal Church



This rare exhibition is an opportunity to bring their stories to our community, to see and feel what is true and sacred to our neighbors.

See inside for a full calendar of May events and gatherings or visit www.SaintMarksColumbus.org.