

# the EPISTLE

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## What Is Your Why?



I'm Betsy Gillespie. I started singing with the Saint Mark's choir in 2015 and joined the church about a year later. I am a member of the church with my two children, Madelyn and Gabriel, and we are very involved at Saint Mark's.

I sing with the Saint Mark's Choir; I am also a member of the Vestry. Madelyn sings with the Canterbury Choir and also recently became an acolyte. Gabriel is moving through the levels of Children's Formation from the Nursery to Godly Play and this year he gets to start in Children's Chapel.

We joined the church for music but we stay because it has become an extension of our family. We all feel so at home at Saint Mark's. I joke sometimes that my children feel a little bit too much at home at Saint Mark's!

Saint Mark's is a family atmosphere where church members know you and your children by name, and who make sure that all feel welcome.



Engage with the Saint Mark's community on Facebook and Instagram for inspiration, information, and weekly e-news parish announcements.

## Saint Mark's Flower Guild - Where Dedication and Talent Blossom

Seemingly without fail, beautiful floral arrangements grace the Saint Mark's altar for Sunday services. They bring a big splash of color, an uplifting addition to the faith we celebrate.

It seems like magic, but really, the arrangements come from the dedication and work of the parish Flower Guild. While a variety of people take care of various horticulture locations on the Saint Mark's campus; the Flower Guild's roots run nearly four decades in Saint Mark's history.

The group currently takes care of the altar arrangements plus arrangements for various receptions and events during the year. It also helps with the Advent wreath-making activity and maintains spring, summer and fall flowers in exterior pots on the patio and the large wooden planter outside the church office. "We're blessed with very talented people," said Barb Keyes, chairwomen of the Flower Guild.



**Continued on p. 4, See Flower Guild**

Parishioners and community members alike took in the view of the UA Fourth of July fireworks display from one of the best seats in the city: Saint Mark's own front lawn.





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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](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/vestry-meetings).

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## Masks Required Indoors

### Franklin County Raises Community Spread Level to "High"

Saint Mark's is proud to be a community where "all are welcome – no exceptions" and we are committed to providing a safe environment that considers the health and well-being of our parishioners and guests.

COVID-19 Community Levels are a tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area.

While Franklin County's Community Spread Level is High, please be reminded of the following Saint Mark's COVID-19 protocols:

### Masking

Indoor masking is required by all individuals over the age of 2, regardless of vaccination status.

### Receiving Communion

Restricted to communion of one kind (i.e., consecrated bread only)

### Singing

Congregational singing is permitted regardless of vaccination status.

### Social Distancing

The parish is currently seating at full capacity. If you wish to attend indoor worship in person while remaining distanced, please notify an usher or vestry member when you arrive and you will be directed to alternate seating.

### Offerings

Passing of the collection plate during the offertory is permitted.

### Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour and other events where there is consumption of food are permitted outdoors.

For more information and updated status visit Saint Mark's website: [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/covid-19](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/covid-19). Community Spread Levels are reviewed weekly, so please check it often and regularly.

We remind those who wish to refrain from attending in person to access worship services remotely. To access livestream worship services visit: [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/online-worship](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/online-worship).

Learn more about how COVID-19 Community Levels are measured and view CDC's full list of individual and community recommendations for each level at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html)



## MUSIC

### ***Choir Celebrates Successful, Memorable Wells Cathedral Residency***



The Saint Mark's Choir had a wonderful residency trip to England in the first part of July. As the resident choir at Wells Cathedral, the group sang a total of seven services during its residency week, each with its own unique music. It was truly a privilege to sing in such an extraordinary space and to be part of a worship tradition that goes back to the early 13th century. The cathedral staff was very welcoming and highly complimentary, even going so far as to lead a round of applause and invite us back publicly during our final service of Choral Evensong. Other highlights of the trip included sightseeing trips to London, Stonehenge, Salisbury, Glastonbury, and Bath. It was a deeply rewarding experience for everyone.



### ***Canterbury Choir Camp Sept. 9–10***

Do you know a child who likes to sing? A new season for the Canterbury Choir begins in Sept. and the choir is looking for new members! Open to boys and girls ages 7 to 14, the Canterbury Choir rehearses weekly on Wednesday afternoons and sings for the 10:30 a.m. service on the first Sunday of every month, from September to May. The season begins with Canterbury Choir Camp (held at Saint Mark's) the weekend of September 9–10. Participation in the choir offers an excellent opportunity for children to learn not only about the basics of singing and music theory but also about the Episcopal faith and its liturgy. The choir is open to all members of the community, regardless of religious affiliation, and there is no cost to participate. No musical background is required.



### ***Saint Mark's Choir Seeks New Members***

The Saint Mark's Choir is looking for new members for the upcoming season, which begins in early September. The choir is open to adults and high school-age singers who are able to make a regular commitment on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings. Singers of all voice parts are welcome. Some previous experience with choral singing and sight reading is recommended.



If you or someone you know may be interested in singing in Saint Mark's Choir or Canterbury Choir, please contact Matthew Bester ([directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org); 614-486-9452, ext. 309) to arrange a meeting. Visit [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/music](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/music) for more information.

Matthew Bester  
Director of Music



## In & Around Saint Mark's

### Flower Guild (continued from front page)

Barb took over the post from Diane Hartney about three years ago after Diane had enthusiastically led the group for more than two decades. Barb has been a guild member for about 10 years. "When I was in the choir, that took all my time, but then I had to quit singing. Diane said I should help do the flowers. I enjoy the colors, I enjoy seeing the beautiful colors at the altar. It's a nice way to serve the church," Barb said. There are about 10 active members and the group welcomes new members. "They don't have to be big-time flower arrangers, they can work with other people and learn."

Those intrigued might want to watch Flower Arranging 101, a series of videos available on the Flower Guild's page on the Saint Mark's website, [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org). Use the search function on the top right of the website's home page and search for Flower Arranging 101.



The guild began in 1983, when then-rector Ed Chalfant encouraged parishioner Betty Gorman to organize a group. She did and the group formed its own fund to finance their efforts. General donations from parishioners as well as donations for Christmas and Easter flowers provide funding now. The Flower Guild obtains flowers from Roman J. Clapgood Co., a longtime Columbus floral wholesaler. In 1998, Betty Gorman wrote a history of the guild; she told of their achievements but she also wryly noted "Things don't always run smoothly – leaky containers, wilted flowers, spilled water and arrangements falling over – a few disasters."

In the end, Betty Gorman wrote, the flower arrangements serve to glorify God. Barb concurred: "Anytime you can make the house of the Lord look good, it's very rewarding. He's the one who created all the beautiful flowers. We're using what He created to enhance His beauty."

### Memorial Garden Work Complete

With the horticultural refurbishment of Saint Mark's Memorial Garden complete, the garden returns as a sacred space for prayer, contemplation and eternal rest.

Landscapes by Terra, of Marysville, removed some existing plantings that had become overgrown and replaced them with new, young plants such as boxwood, brunnera, hosta, hydrangea, pulmonaria and speedwell. The garden was given a thorough refreshing overall.



"It was clear by last year that the landscaping needed redone. Given the size of some of the plantings, nothing had been redone anytime recently," said Bruce Johnson, a vestry member who is the unofficial custodian of the garden.

The garden's purpose is simple: "To provide a place at the church for the ashes of parishioners who wish to be interred at the church," Bruce said. "It is a sacred space and purposely landscaped to be a quieter space, where people can go and just sit and enjoy the peacefulness."

A plaque in the garden lists the 107 names of those interred there. "It's our hope the parish and the families enjoy the garden, enjoy the memories of those who are there," Bruce said. The garden contains space for additional interments.

The project cost \$9,500, which came from the parish Memorial Garden Fund. The fund is supported by donations and has existed for many years, Bruce said, the money being saved for major projects such as this one.



**"GOD ALMIGHTY FIRST PLANTED A GARDEN AND INDEED IT IS THE RAREST OF HUMAN PLEASURES." FRANCIS BACON**

## EDUCATION & PARISH LIFE

### Summer Reading Group

The Saint Mark's reading group is reading ***Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*** by Rachel Held Evans. It is an interesting and engaging book and a fun read.

The Summer Reading Group meets at 6 p.m. on Thursdays in the parish hall. The Summer Reading Group will run through Aug. 25.

You don't have to have read the book, or come to previous meetings. You don't even need to have a copy of the book. We take turns reading portions of the book and then talking about what we read. Bring yourself, a drink if you want, and come and join the conversation.

### Saint Mark's Represents at RSCM North Carolina Course for Girls and Adults

RSCM America is the branch of the Royal School of Church Music in the United States, providing high quality choral music education and vocal training. Saint Mark's Canterbury Choir choristers work through the RSCM *Voice for Life* curriculum throughout the year and have the opportunity to participate in one of several week-long summer music camps held in regions throughout the US.

In July Canterbury Choir chorister Matilda Drew, attended the RSCM North Carolina Course on the campus of Duke University. The choir was made up of 50 girls ages 10-18 and 40 adults.

The immersive week of sacred music, Christian education, rehearsals, vocal lessons, and group activities culminates in a service of Choral Eucharist on Sunday morning and Choral Evensong in the afternoon.

"It's intense," said Matilda of the program. She adds, "You work hard, but it's a lot of fun and at end of the week it was really hard to leave the friends I had made."

Course participants are required to come to camp prepared with a working knowledge of the music repertoire, and a very special Thank You to Dr. Bester for his one-on-one coaching.

Matilda's participation was made possible through the Gary L. Garber Canterbury Choir Scholarship Fund, which was established by Saint Marks' Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus, Gary Garber, and is dedicated to helping choristers attend RSCM camp.

A recording of the service of Choral Evensong is available at: [www.carolinarscm.org/news/2022-services](http://www.carolinarscm.org/news/2022-services).



### Intergenerational Formation

In August Pastor Vicki will lead an intergenerational formation program in the parish hall from 9:30 to 10:15 on Sunday mornings. Each week will have different activities and topics; there will be a combination of presentations, conversation, and activities.

Everyone is invited to come to any or all of the programs. The topics are:

Aug. 7 *What do we know about God? And how do we know it?*

Aug. 14 The Ven. Paul Scanlan, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, will discuss *The Ministry of Lay People, Deacons, Priests, and Bishops: How They are Different and How They Overlap*.

Aug. 21 *Praying through Art*

Aug. 28 *Praying in Motion*

### Youth Group

Saint Mark's Youth Group is for anyone in grades 6 through 12. The group gathers once a month (usually the first Sunday) right after the 10:30 service for lunch and an activity. Activities include things like bowling and escape rooms, spiritual exploration and group-building and service activities.

On Aug. 21 the youth group will gather to eat pizza, get the youth lounge ready for the school year and talk about the 2022-23 schedule.

For more information, contact Rachel Dwyer-Markwardt, Martha Belury, or Pastor Vicki.

### Children's Formation

Our Children's Formation program, which will begin in September, is looking for volunteers. There are several ways that you can help:

- Help teach or substitute teach either the Godly Play (for children ages 3 through kindergarten) or Grade School (for children grades 1-5) programs. These take place during the first half of the 10:30 am service.
- Help with Children's Formation program that takes place during Adult Formation (9:30 - 10:15 a.m.).
- Help with seasonal programs like the Christmas Pageant and Easter Egg Hunt.

For more information, contact:

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## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Volunteer Opportunities In Aug.

**Aug. 3** - Ohio State Fair parking fundraiser at NNEMAP, contact Bill Karl at [mrbill.karl@gmail.com](mailto:mrbill.karl@gmail.com) to volunteer.

**Aug. 10** - Diaper and Spice Packing- Parish Hall, 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome, just show up.

**Aug. 11** - CATCH Court Lunch- Help with preparation or serving. Contact Pat Iams at [pati51@aol.com](mailto:pati51@aol.com) for more information. Volunteers urgently needed.

Sewing and knitting projects are always available. Contact Leslie Winters at [mslesiewinters@gmail.com](mailto:mslesiewinters@gmail.com).

### Dog Days of Summer



During these dog days of summer, NNEMAP has reminded us that pets need to eat, and that their clients often can't afford food for their companions. NNEMAP would love donations of dry cat or dog food. They have volunteers that can repackage big bags of food into smaller bags for distribution. If you have any pet food you would like to donate, please leave it in the Outreach bins in the lobby and we will take care of getting it to NNEMAP.

### Toothpaste Collection A Big Success

Thank you to everyone who donated toothpaste for Star House. We collected over a 160 tooth brushes, over a hundred mini tubes of toothpaste, 60 full size tubes of toothpaste and 8 containers of floss. Poor oral hygiene can impact your overall health, leading to other medical problems. So, thank you for helping the homeless youth at Star House maintain their dental care.



### Saint Mark's School Supply Collection Gives Appalachian Children A Head Start



Thirty children in Vinton and Jackson counties will receive backpacks filled with school supplies as they graduate from the Help Me Grow Program and enter into the Head Start Program. This is thanks to the outreach efforts of Saint Mark's parishioners who gave financially or who shopped for supplies. Some of the bags will

also be given to the older siblings of the Help Me Grow babies.

Backpacks will be delivered the first week of Aug. to allow distribution prior to the start of school on Aug. 18.



### Connect With Us

Visit [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Connect-With-Us](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Connect-With-Us) to subscribe to receive information, including a full-color electronic version *the Epistle*, to your email.

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

Contact [Communications@SaintMarkColumbus.org](mailto:Communications@SaintMarkColumbus.org) or the parish office at 614-486-9452.

## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

### **Migration Ministries Will Meet Next in Sept.**

After a busy winter and spring, Saint Mark's Migration Ministries committee will resume meeting in September. At our next meeting, we will return to our Mission Statement to evaluate our last three years and plan future efforts.

Saint Mark's Migration Ministries began in July 2019. The impetus for this was twofold: the separation of families at our southern border and the incident of the 14-year-old Guatemalan boy who left his home to travel on foot to the United States to work to send money to his family because they were suffering from severe drought which caused them to lose all their crop income. As he crossed the Rio Grande River at the border he was shot and killed by the U.S. Border Patrol on the U.S. side. (There is a special relationship between the Saint Mark's family and Guatemala because of our 10-plus years of parishioner mission trips to La Labor, Guatemala.)

If you are interested in this ministry, please join us. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For information, contact Joyce Acton at 614-560-9219, [actongroup@gmail.com](mailto:actongroup@gmail.com) or Pat Iams at 614-582-5738, [pati51@aol.com](mailto:pati51@aol.com).

### **Saint Mark's Migration Ministries**

Welcomes the Stranger in our Midst

- support refugees, asylum seekers, and immigrants
- serve, engage, learn, and educate

Together We Can Make a  
Difference

### **Save the Date- Nov. 18**

#### **Harmony for Hunger Concert to Benefit NNEMAP**

NNEMAP's Harmony for Hunger Concert is scheduled for November 18 at Trinity United Methodist Church which is located at 1582 Cambridge Road in Marble Cliff, Ohio. This is one of NNEMAP's big fundraisers of the year. The concert will include performances by The OSU Men's and Women's Glee Clubs.

Ticket information will be provided as it becomes available. Hopefully, Saint Marks will have a big turnout showing its support for NNEMAP.

### **Labor Neighbor Day Event is Coming Up- Are you ready to bake?**



The Upper Arlington Arts Festival will be held on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 5. As usual, Saint Marks will host its annual Bake Sale to Prevent Hunger. We will need lots of bakers.

We also need lots of volunteers to staff the event, including set up, sales, layaway, sidewalk decorating, handing out water, making popcorn, photo documentation, balloon animal making and cleaning up. So come and join us for this community event. Let's show our neighbors our Saint Mark's hospitality. Volunteer sign up sheets will be in the back of the church.

Questions can be directed to Julia Johnson-Davis, [juliajohnson\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:juliajohnson_1999@yahoo.com) or Leslie Winters, [mslesliewinters@gmail.com](mailto:mslesliewinters@gmail.com).

### **Saint Mark's Grief Support: See You in Sept.**

The Saint Mark's Grief Support Group will not meet in July or Aug. and will resume meetings in Sept. at a convenient time for those with weekday jobs. In the meantime, Saint Mark's will continue to offer support from Stephen Ministers and no charge grief counseling to our parishioners, family, and friends. For information about Stephen Ministry please call the church office at 614-486-9452. To learn more about individual grief counseling please contact Brenda Hammersley at [b.hammersley@yahoo.com](mailto:b.hammersley@yahoo.com).

### **Supper Group - Sept. Kickoff**

September is fast approaching and that means Supper Group will start with our kickoff dinner at 6 p.m. on Sept. 10 in the Parish Hall, and on the patio. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Gloria Wylie at [gawylie@att.net](mailto:gawylie@att.net) or 614-738-1716.







## SAINT MARK'S IN THE COMMUNITY

### Batter Up!

***It's a baseball time of year. And Saint Mark's is getting into the swing of things with a pair of outings:***

***Saint Mark's Day: Ohio Village Muffins vs. German Village 9 – Aug. 20***



Ohio Village Muffins.

The Ohio Village Muffins are a group of enthusiastic lovers of vintage baseball who carry on the tradition of the sport as it was played in mid-nineteenth-century America. Back then, the sport was called “base ball,” two words. The Muffins do everything as the base ball players of 1860 did it: play by their rules, dress in their uniforms, and exemplify their gentlemanly behavior.

Games are played against other vintage teams from Ohio and across the country, as well as teams of local community members. Each season the Muffins play more than 40 games, including travel games around Ohio and elsewhere. The games are family friendly and team members before, during and after the games, enjoy answering questions about the differences between the game of the 1860s and the game of today.

Join us to cheer on Saint Mark's Parishioner and Ohio Village Muffins Base Baller David Boop as the Muffins take on the German Village 9 at 2 p.m. Saturday Aug. 20 at Ohio Village, 800 E. 17th Ave. Tickets to Ohio Village (and the Muffins game) come with admission to the Ohio History Center. So, if you want to come early you can explore the Center as well.

Ticket costs are \$13 for adults, \$11 for those 60 and older, or college students with ID, \$7 for children ages 4 to 12, free for children 3 and younger, or members of the Ohio History Connection.

### ***Saint Marks at the Clippers – Aug. 30***

Join us to cheer on the Columbus Clippers when they play the Iowa Cubs at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at Huntington Park. Round up your spare change as it will be dime-a-dog night at the ballpark.

Watch the This Week at Saint Mark's e-news and Sunday announcements for more information about the cost and how to get tickets in the Saint Mark's block.

### ***Compline in the Park at Quarry Trails***

If you've driven along Trabue Road recently, you have seen the new Quarry Trails development being built. People will be moving in to the new apartments and houses being built, and people are already enjoying the Columbus' newest Metro park.

Saint Mark's is trying something new to let our neighbors know that we are here.

Throughout the month of August Saint Mark's will hold Compline In the Park at 6:30 pm on Wednesday nights. Compline is a quiet, meditative service that takes about 20 minutes. We will gather near the lakes on the lower level of the Milken Falls area of the park.

You can get to the lower level of Milken Falls one of two ways. Coming from Upper Arlington, go over the river on Trabue Road and turn right on Quarry Trails Road (the first right past the river). Follow the signs around the apartment buildings that are under construction to the park entrance. There is a lot of parking and sidewalks to the lakes. You can also go to the park entrance on Dublin Road and climb down the stairs and walk around past the falls.

### ***Teacher Gift Bags for Tremont Elementary School***

Saint Mark's is putting together small gift bags to welcome back the teachers at Tremont Elementary School in Upper Arlington.

The bags will include pencils, post-it notes, dry erase markers and similar kinds of things that teachers spend a lot of their own money on each year and will include a note from Saint Mark's.

If you would like to contribute towards the supplies in the bags, please make a contribution to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.



## FROM THE MAIL BAG

### Thank You from Move to Prosper

Thank you so much for your pledge of support for our families. To have you on our team as we grow is a tremendous blessing. Thank you for investing in us.

-Shiloh and Amy

### Thank you from Habitat for Humanity

St. Mark's Friends- Thank you for your faithful continued support of Habitat MidOhio. Shawna and her girls were so excited to receive the keys to their new home on Saturday. The service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Thank you for your selfless service to others.

Blessings,

Kristina Ward, Faith Relations and Development

### Thank You from Open Shelter

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,500 to the Open Shelter. Your support makes sure we can "Stay behind those left behind" homeless and marginally housed men, women and children. We are blessed by the generosity and compassion you show us and those we serve.

The Open Shelter provides a base of operation for our advocacy and outreach efforts that are more necessary now. Every day there are hundreds of persons who are forced to sleep "on the streets," on park benches, and under bushes. The remaining shelters are already full. Those excluded and left behind continue to turn to the Open Shelter.

The range of assistance sought goes from the most basic needs (toothbrushes, toilet paper, clothes and food) to dealing with Social Security applications and appeals, on-going financial planning and payeeship services, housing applications and advocacy to help persons remain sheltered and housed.

This would not be possible without the support of loyal donors such as Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. Your support makes it easier for us to provide crucial needs to the most vulnerable in our community. We look forward to you being part of a new chapter in the Open Shelter's future. Because of your support, we are now able to assist those we serve in a bigger and better building. Thank you.

Best wishes,

Sheli Mathias, Director

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

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.roberta@yahoo.com](mailto:hurley.roberta@yahoo.com) or [Communications@saintmarkcolumbus.org](mailto: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)*

Judy Babcock	8/4	Judson Utgard	8/13	Stefanie Bester	8/23
Debbie Hodson	8/6	Cora Hartranft	8/15	Lindsey Chisholm	8/23
Betsy Gillespie	8/7	Peter Milburn	8/16	Cathy Utgard	8/24
Ann Getz	8/9	Gayle Glanville-Wilson	8/17	Barb Keyes	8/25
Johanna Lutz	8/10	Jeannie Brubaker	8/18	Martha Lentz	8/27
Elise Neckers	8/10	Dianne Silliman	8/22	Barbara Wiseman	8/28
Marlene Marchak	8/11	Bryce Sullivan	8/22	Susan Smith	8/29
Ross Bagby	8/12	Zoe Evancho	8/22	Nancy Slee	8/30



# AUGUST 2022

## Parish Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>July 31</b> <i>Preacher:</i> <i>The Rev. Vicki Zust</i> 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12 pm Youth Group Pool Party 1 pm St. John's Street Church 8 pm Sunday Night AA	<b>August 1</b> 5:30 pm AA Men's Group	2 9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy Bible Study 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	3 8 am - 7 pm Saint Mark's Parking Volunteers at the Ohio State Fair 6:30 pm Compline in the Park	4 1 pm Knitting and Stitching Group 6 pm Reading Group - <i>Inspired</i> by Rachel Held Evans 6:15 pm AA 8 pm AA	5 <i>Rector's Day Off</i> 8 pm AA	6
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### THINGS TO DO IN AUGUST

#### Every Wednesday

6:30 p.m. *Saint Mark's Compline in the Park at Quarry Trails Metro Park*

#### Wednesday, Aug. 3

8 a.m. - 7 p.m. *Saint Mark's Volunteers for NNEMAP at the Ohio State Fair*

#### Saturday, Aug. 20

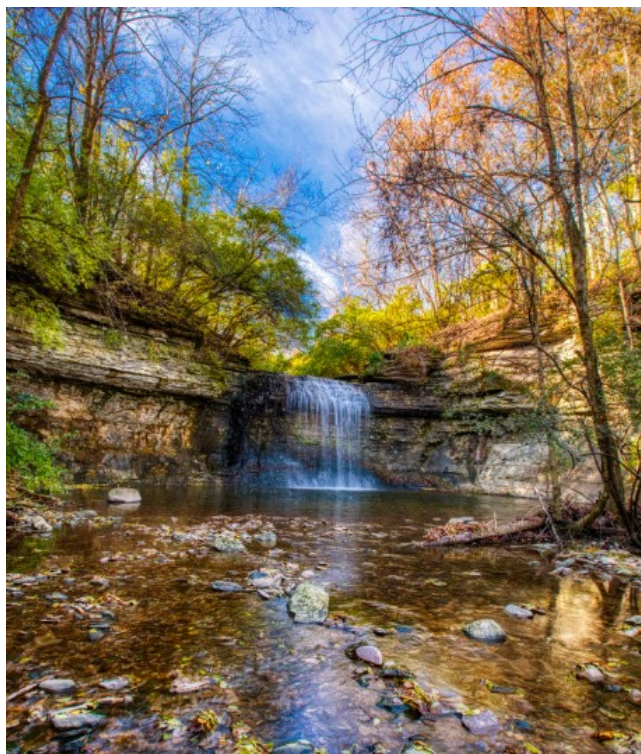
2 p.m. *Saint Mark's Day: Ohio Village Muffins vs. German Village 9 Vintage Base Ball*

#### Friday, Aug 25 - Sunday, Aug 28

*Free Admission to Nationwide Children's Golf Championship to support Open Shelter*

#### Tuesday, Aug. 30

6:15 p.m. *Saint Mark's Day: Columbus Clippers vs. Iowa Cubs Minor League Baseball*



#### Enjoy Compline at Quarry Trails Metro Park

Ohio's newest Metro Park is located on the site of the Marble Cliff Quarry, which was once the largest contiguous quarry in the United States and provided limestone for over a century that was used to build the Ohio Statehouse, roads, buildings and many other places in Central Ohio.

See inside for a full calendar of August events and gatherings and visit [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org).