

SAINT MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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## *The Story of Saint Mark's is Written by You*

Over the last year, we in the Saint Mark's community have been exploring our story: What it has been in the past, what parts are yet to be told, and what we want our story to be in the future.

One part of this process has been to reflect on our past, present and future, and to set goals as we move together toward our 75th anniversary in 2026. You can see these goals posted in the parish hall.

Just this past year we have added a great deal to our story:

We are building relationships with our local community. Our youth group is meeting regularly and is planning for a mission trip. The Saint Mark's choir had a very successful residency in Wells, England. Our livestreamed service regularly has between 40 and 60 people worshipping along with people in person, and it has become an important way for people to get to know Saint Mark's. We have expanded and improved our level of communications, and we are growing our presence on social media. We are gathering again in lots of different ways from coffee hour to supper club, from Lent programs to book groups, both in-person and in hybrid formats. Children's and Adult Formation programs are re-energized and our First Sunday Outreach program is an easy way for people to join in the work of reaching out to our community.

All of these and more are exciting chapters of the Saint Mark's story for 2022.

What is your part in the story of Saint Mark's?

Saint Mark's depends on your gifts of time and talent. All of our programs and activities depend on people to make them happen. Sunday worship services depend on ushers, lectors, choir members, chalice bearers, acolytes, livestream producers and many more. That is just one example.

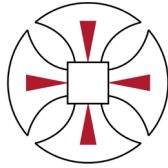
The story of Saint Mark's also depends on your financial gifts that fund worship and ministry programs, administration costs, and building expenses. Pledges received during the stewardship campaign determine how the Treasurer and Vestry arrive at the budget for the year ahead.

We will kick off this year's Stewardship Campaign on Sunday, October 9 with a Fall Festival followed by Ingathering Sunday on October 23.

Is there a ministry or program you are interested in or a skill or talent that you have that you would like to use at Saint Mark's? Do you have the capacity to increase your pledge from last year? Or maybe decide to pledge for the first time?

Look for more information in your mailbox and on the website at [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/stewardship](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/stewardship) and consider what parts of the Saint Mark's story will be written by you.





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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).

**The Epistle** is the monthly newsletter of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. The rolling deadline is the third Monday of the preceding month. Send photos, announcements, or story ideas for inclusion in the Epistle to: [Communications@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:Communications@saintmarkscolumbus.org).

## Ten Things To Know About Saint Mark's and the Annual Stewardship Campaign

10. Nearly 80% of Saint Mark's annual budget comes from pledges.
9. 110 households made a pledge in 2022.
8. Your pledges pay for the building, staff, and supplies that create space for worship, learning, and service to the community.
7. Saint Mark's depends on financial pledges as well as your gifts of time and talent.
6. You can give a gift of stock to Saint Mark's. This may give you some capital gains tax savings.
5. Our ministries are led by lay volunteers. Can you help with something additional this year?
4. You can donate to Saint Mark's from your required annual distribution from your IRA or 401K.
3. To fund the ministry of Saint Mark's at the 2022 level we need \$500,000 in pledged income - or \$4545 per pledging household. That is about \$87 per week per household.
2. Could you add \$20 per week to your pledge from last year?
1. God Loves you. No Exceptions.





## In & Around Saint Mark's

### Bishop Smith's Visitation - Sept. 11

The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith, Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Southern Ohio, visited Saint Mark's on September 11. He was celebrant at 10:30 worship service and administered the sacraments of Confirmation and Reception into the Episcopal Church and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows to seven parishioners.

Prior to the service, members of Saint Mark's joined Bishop Smith for a casual and candid conversation that covered a wide range of topics. The following are summarized excerpts from that discussion. You can view the entire conversation by visiting the Saint Mark's website: [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/adult\\_formation](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/adult_formation).

### On electing the next Diocesan Bishop

*I am pleased to say the Standing Committee has identified and formed a search committee for the tenth Bishop of Southern Ohio.*

*Bishops are not appointed they are always elected by diocesan convention, which is a body composed of clergy of the diocese and elected lay representatives. The date for the election is set for September 30, 2023 and ordination is set for the next February.*

Editorial Note: Four delegates from Saint Mark's will attend the diocesan convention and vote on the next Bishop. The Senior and Junior Wardens serve as delegates ex-officio and two additional delegates plus four alternate delegates will be elected at Saint Marks' 2023 Annual Meeting on February 12. If you are interested in serving as a delegate, contact any of the members of the vestry or Pastor Vicki.

### On the Sacrament of Confirmation

*I was confirmed having been baptized in another tradition. It gave me the opportunity to receive the laying on of hands and to say 'Yes' to the way of being Christian in this tradition. It is a sacrament of maturity; it is also a sacrament of identity. And those are really important needs. "I am an Episcopalian." Confirmation allowed me to say that with clarity.*



### Eagle Scout Project - Garden Shed

Youth Warden, Lukas S., is seen (left) with members of Boy Scout Troup 555 constructing an 8x10 storage shed that will house lawn equipment and garden tools for Saint Mark's campus. Lukas is raising money for the shed, estimated to cost \$1,500, with a GoFundMe page. For details on how to make a contribution, please contact the office at 614- 486-9452



From left: The Rev. Vicki Zust, Melanie Tepley, Elisa B., Adam Kezac, The Rt. Rev. Wayne Smith, Bruce Klemesrud, Lynn Klemesrud, Jodi Porreca, and Jennifer Ryan

### Ministry Fair



The 2022/23 ministry fair, which took place on September 11, introduced the parish to many opportunities to be involved with the life of the parish.

From watering to worship and all areas in between we have ways to help Saint Mark's and meet new friends at the same time! A new booklet that lists all the ministries and groups can be found in the parish hall. Pick up a copy for a handy resource on groups and the contact person. There are also sign up sheets in the parish hall for you to indicate an interest.

## MUSIC

### *The View from the Organ Loft – Some reflections on the Wells Cathedral Residency*

by Michael Schreffler, Organist



Well, what view?! Upon arriving at Wells Cathedral late on the morning of July 4th with our choir, one of the vergers escorted me to the organ loft. Picture, if you will, a nave dominated by the famous ‘scissor arches’ in the crossing (installed centuries ago to prevent the central tower from collapse!). As one walks eastward and is about to pass into the quire portion of the cathedral there is, to the right, a very narrow door giving access to a spiral stone stairwell that ascends to the organ loft. It’s a tight passageway and, near the top landing, one of the Cathedral’s regular organists had helpfully attached a note cautioning one to ‘mind one’s head’ at the last turn, with a small picture of Henry VIII attached for emphasis! The key desk, consisting of four keyboards and pedalboard, is attached directly into the southward side of the organ case, which sits atop the crossing screen, and this, along with a bench and some space in which to change from one’s street shoes into organ shoes, comprises the paltry acreage of the loft – just enough room for the organist and a page turner of modest dimensions. With a curtain to my left, I could peek into the nave, a bit. To the right of the organist is the quire, with no clear view of either the choristers or the director (helpful, right?). Not to worry, several cameras provide various shots of the cathedral so the organist, by means of a series of toggle switches, can pivot his view of the action as needed, including to a grainy image of the conductor viewed through a screen about the size of your average cell phone.

Wells Cathedral is an active worship center, with a full schedule of Anglican services each week, numerous cultural programs and, of course, tours for the public. As such, a visiting organist is afforded one hour, early each morning before tours begin, to practice ‘all out’, that is, using the full resources of its heroic sounding pipe organ. Preparation in advance of the trip proved key to being able to maximize this time and be ready for afternoon rehearsals with Matt and the choir, followed by choral evensong. Learning something about the organ through its builder’s website ahead of the trip also helped me know what to expect in terms of the instrument’s stops and how I might best use it to accompany the full slate of canticles, psalms and anthems that our choir had so diligently prepared. The Cathedral’s vergers, whom I came to know as Tim Verger and Simon Verger, were immensely helpful in providing access to the organ loft, showing me how to toggle among the various cameras for services, providing a little extra practice time where possible and assisting with all the timing issues inherent in processions. With seven services in seven days, I can only add that the week flew by.

On Sunday, July 10, the Saint Mark’s choir moved from the confines of the Cathedral’s quire to the nave to lead the Eucharist and, with a sizeable congregation in attendance, I was able to use more of the organ’s resources to accompany the hymns and in the opening and closing voluntaries. As I finished playing Henry Smart’s robust Postlude in C major and the final, full organ chord died away in that vast acoustic, I confess I found myself a little overwhelmed, thinking “Well, now you’ve played in one of England’s great cathedrals.” If you had asked me a year before if anything like this experience would come my way, I would have assured you that it just wasn’t in the cards. Now, between the intensity of the experience, and the beauty of it, the memory of our trip to Wells is something I will deeply treasure. I will close by sharing one of my very first impressions: On July 4 as we crossed the park dominated by the great west front of the Cathedral, heading into rehearsal for our first evensong, I remember the late afternoon sun setting off the towers with a golden glow and thinking “Wow, this is where I get to work this week!” So, I was especially touched on September 25th to receive the choir’s gift of a beautiful sketch of the west front of Wells Cathedral, done by a gentleman who heard us while attending the service that first day. Thank you for this fine piece of artwork and thank you for the privilege of accompanying you on our trip to England.



## MUSIC

### Notes from the Director

Dr. Matthew Bester, Director of Music

Like so many others, I watched the recent state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II with great interest. Although I am by no means an avid follower of the British monarchy, it was powerful to see so many people turn out to honor the life and service of the longest-reigning monarch in British history. As a lover of Anglican worship and music, the funeral and committal service were particularly inspiring. The whole event was a fitting tribute to a remarkable woman who left an indelible mark on her nation and the world.



The music, in particular, contributed significantly to each service, a true testament to the power of the medium to elevate and enhance such an occasion. The choirs of Westminster Abbey, the Chapel Royal, and St. George's Chapel were superlative throughout both services, singing a number of well-known favorites of the Anglican choral repertory as well as some new music composed for the occasion.

It was also stirring to hear those magnificent buildings filled with full-throated hymn singing by all in attendance, led by the outstanding organists of each institution. The services included several of my favorite hymns, which are well-known at Saint Mark's, including:

- Hymn 24, "The day thou gavest, O Lord, is ended" (St. Clement)
- Hymn 518, "Christ is made the sure foundation" (Westminster Abbey)
- Hymn 665, "All my hope on God is founded" (Michael)

As it happens, the Saint Mark's Choir visited St. George's Chapel at Windsor Castle on the first day of its residency trip in July. Photography was not allowed inside the resplendent chapel, but I did capture the photo above of the Round Tower of Windsor Castle, built by Henry II in the second half of the twelfth century. The following morning, many of us attended Sunday Eucharist at Westminster Abbey. It was a glorious service filled with beautiful music sung by the Westminster Abbey choir.

Over the next couple of months, the Saint Mark's Choir will sing several of the anthems that were sung during the queen's state funeral service. Some of these selections were already planned for this fall. For instance, in October the choir will sing Ralph Vaughan Williams's anthem *O Taste and See*, for solo soprano and chorus, which was sung at the funeral service at Westminster Abbey. Vaughan Williams was born 150 years ago in 1872, and I had planned this anthem in recognition of that anniversary. Vaughan Williams composed the anthem for Queen Elizabeth's coronation in 1953, and thus the work is now linked both to the beginning and to the end of her reign.

Our service of Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday on November 6 also will feature a couple of choral works from the state funeral, including Hubert Parry's beautiful anthem *My Soul, There Is a Country*. Parry composed the work as part of his *Songs of Farewell*, a set of six choral pieces that he wrote between 1916 and 1918 following the death

of several of his pupils during the First World War. The text of this particular anthem, by the seventeenth-century Welsh poet Henry Vaughan, emphasizes peace in the country "far beyond the stars," making it a popular anthem for Remembrance Sunday in the UK. We will repeat the anthem at Saint Mark's the morning of November 13, two days after Veterans' Day.



### Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday on November 6

At 4 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, the Saint Mark's Choir will lead a service of Solemn Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday. Music will include the beautiful Evening Service in C by Charles Villiers Stanford and anthems by William Croft and Hubert Parry. Admission is free. Donations will be gratefully received in support of the Special Music Fund at Saint Mark's. Please join us for this beautiful and inspiring service, and be sure to invite some friends!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### Adult Formation

In October and November, Adult Formation will focus on an overview of world religions and Christian denominations. Pastor Vicki will lead this study of faiths of the world.

#### October

- Oct 2 *First Sunday Intergenerational Project*
- Oct 9 Overview of Major World Religions
- Oct 16 Connection and Development of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
- Oct 23 The Great Schism and Development of Orthodoxy (capital O)
- Oct 30 Medieval Theological Developments

#### November

- Nov 6 *First Sunday Intergenerational Project*
- Nov 13 The Protestant Reformation
- Nov 20 Methodism; American Denominations

Adult Formation meets from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the parish hall, except for the first Sundays of the month when we gather for the First Sunday Intergenerational Project.

### Children's Formation

Godly Play and Children's Chapel Fall Schedule:

#### October

- Oct 2 Children attend service in the sanctuary (w/ Canterbury Choir and child-friendly homily)
- Oct 9 Story of the Mustard Seed
- Oct 16 Story of the Treasure
- Oct 30 Halloween Party – Wear your costumes!

#### November

- Nov 6 Children attend service in the sanctuary (w/ Canterbury Choir and child-friendly homily)
- Nov 13 Story of the Lamp
- Nov 20 Create your own parable

Children's Formation, for children ages 3 through fifth grade, gathers twice on Sunday mornings in the Christian Education wing, except for the first Sundays of the month when we gather for the First Sunday Intergenerational Project in the parish hall.

- 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. (during Adult Formation) we offer stories and structured play.
- 10:30 to 11:05 a.m. (during Worship) we offer Godly Play for children in preschool and Kindergarten, and Children's Chapel for children in first through fifth grades. Children return to the sanctuary at the sign of the peace to allow them to participate fully in the Eucharist.



**SAINT MARK'S**  
*Children, Youth & Families*

### Program Year Registration

Please take a moment to complete registration for the 2022/23 program year for all children grades 12 and under, even if your child(ren) are returning from a previous year or if your children or grandchildren will attend on an occasional basis.

For more info visit [www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/children-and-youth-formation](http://www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/children-and-youth-formation).



### Youth Group

Youth Group, for middle- and high- school age kids, gathers for lunch and an activity on the First Sundays of the month following the 10:30 a.m. service.

- Oct 2 After lunch in the parish hall, Youth Group will carpool to Escape It - Grandview. Youth will be brought home after the escape room because we aren't sure quite when we will be done.  
An electronic release form must be filled out before participating in the escape room, contact Pastor Vicki at to be sent the link.
- Oct 28-30 SLAY - Middle School Weekend Retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Southern Ohio (see details below)
- Oct 30 Youth Group will sponsor pumpkin carving and decorating during coffee hour in the parish hall.



All 6th-8th graders are invited to join us for an amazing experience at Procter to play games, be friends, eat incredible food (including plenty of candy), and explore what it would look like if middle school students were the bishops of their communities.

To Save Your Spot Text "SLAY" to 812-430-4464.

## PARISH LIFE

### First Sunday - Oct 2

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

St. Francis of Assisi is remembered as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Born in Italy in 1182, he was noted for his commitment to justice and deep love of all creation. St. Francis died on October 3, 1226. The church celebrates his life and ministry each year on October 4. Saint Mark's will carry out a blessing of pets on October 2 in remembrance of St. Francis.

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

The first is a Saint Mark's tradition. Bring your pet with you to the 10:30 service on Sunday October 2. You can bring your stuffed pets too. You can also bring pictures of your pets, either those who won't do well worshipping in person or those who are no longer with us, who you would like to have remembered.

The second is for pets who are not well suited to attending indoor worship service. Pastor Vicki will be on the front lawn of the church from 9:15 to 10:15. You can drop by with your pet for a blessing. We will be publicizing this in the community too, so be sure to invite your friends to bring their pets by for a blessing.

#### **First Sunday Outreach Project**

In the parish hall from 9:30 to 10:15 our First Sunday project will be bagging dog food for the NNEMAP food pantry. This helps people who are struggling keep their beloved pets with them.

### **Evening Knitting Group - Oct. 10**

Do you knit? Do you want to learn how to knit? Do you enjoy getting together with others to chat and build relationships?

If any of those describe you, then the Evening Knitting Group might be for you.

Evening Knitting Group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in the Canterbury Center. The October meeting is Monday October 10.

You don't have to have any experience knitting.



We will have needles, yarn, and simple patterns for beginners.

### **Saint Mark's Grief Support Group - Oct. 11**

Autumn is a beautiful season with many reasons to celebrate, but holidays, parties, and anniversaries can be challenging for those grieving the loss of a loved one. If you or someone you know are heartbroken or feeling isolated or wondering how to cope with the future, Saint Mark's support group can help. Join with others on the mourner's path in a supportive community focused on easing and healing grief while honoring the love that never dies.

We meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday each month in the small conference room in the office. The next meeting is October 11. Brenda Hammersley, RN and grief counselor, facilitates the group. Please contact her at 614-330-1436 or [b.hammersley@yahoo.com](mailto:b.hammersley@yahoo.com) for more information.

### **Parish Family Dinner - Oct. 12**

The October Parish Family Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, in the parish hall.

We will open with grace and then eat dinner. We will all help clean up beginning around 6:30 pm. You don't need to sign up. You don't need to bring anything.

There will be a basket for a free-will offering to offset the cost of the dinner, but no set amount (or any donation at all) required.

Come, have dinner, talk with other Saint Mark's folk, and maybe meet someone new.

### **Acolyte Training - Oct. 23**

Are you interested in being a part of leading the worship services? Do you like to know how things work behind the scenes? Are you in third grade or older? Then being an acolyte is for you.

Acolytes at Saint Mark's serve at the 10:30 service. They generally work in teams of two to four. Acolytes are usually scheduled once every four to five weeks and we work around your schedule.

There will be a meeting for those who are interested in serving as an acolyte following the 10:30 service on Sunday October 23.

If you can't make the meeting, get in touch with Pastor Vicki at [rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org](mailto:rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org) to express your interest.

### **Pastor Vicki Away for Professional Development - Oct. 17-19**

Pastor Vicki will be away for professional development October 17 to 19 and will return to the office on October 20 in the afternoon. She is slated to attend a Gathering of Leaders gathering outside of Portland, Oregon.



## SAINT MARK'S IN THE COMMUNITY

### Syntero Virtual Parent Workshop - Oct 4 How to Talk with Kids About Traumatic Events

October 4, 2022 - 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Have you ever had a moment when a child asks you a question and all you can think is "what do I say to that?" These moments happen more often than we think and can feel overwhelming. This is especially true after they experience or hear about scary events happening to others. Children may have questions we aren't sure how to answer or find themselves scared about what happens next. Join us to learn tips for talking with children after traumatic events. Participation is free!

No registration is required. To participate or view details for the entire workshop series, visit [www.syntero.org/parent-guardian-workshops](http://www.syntero.org/parent-guardian-workshops).

#### Upcoming workshops in this series include:

- Nov. 29 Setting Boundaries with Adolescents in the Age of Social Media
- Feb. 7 Mental Health 101: Introduction to and Understanding Mental Health in Children and Adolescents
- Apr. 18 Mental Health 201: Practical Skills for Supporting Your Student

### Are We There Yet? - Movie Screening and Discussion - Oct 6

St. Stephen's and Trinity Episcopal Churches will sponsor a screening of the documentary film, **Are We There Yet?** at 7 pm. on Thursday, October 6, at the Gateway Film Center, 1550 N. High Street.

**Are We There Yet?** is a documentary short film by Marisa Prince and Calvin Lee that explores issues around the Doctrine of Discovery and the rise of White Christianity Nationalism.

A Q&A with the filmmakers will follow the screening. More information is available at: [www.ststephens-columbus.org/are-we-there-yet-film-screening-and-qa-with-the-directors-on-october-6th](http://www.ststephens-columbus.org/are-we-there-yet-film-screening-and-qa-with-the-directors-on-october-6th).

### Great Columbus Pulpit Swap - Oct. 30

Ten Episcopal congregations in the Columbus area will participate in a pulpit swap on Sunday, October 30. The priests in the congregations will all head to different congregations for the morning.

Pastor Vicki will go to the Church of Saint Edward in Whitehall and The Rev. George Glazier, priest-in-charge of Trinity Church in London, Ohio, will come to Saint Mark's.

### Women's One-Day Retreat - Oct. 8

#### Becoming: Transformation from the Inside Out

In our perpetual becoming, what is our role and what is God's? How do we embrace the circumstances of life in a way that keeps our hearts soft and open to transformation? Can we reflect on who we are without regret, look forward to who we will be with hope, and still remain awake to the Holy Spirit's invitation in the present moment?

As we retreat, we will explore the inner landscape of transformation – the ways we grow, the necessary ingredients of trust, surrender, intention, and letting go – through silence, journaling, guided discussion, and creative practice. Join spiritual companion and retreat leader, Christine Hiester, in a day of reflection and community.

**Where:** St. Patrick's Episcopal Church 7121 Muirfield Drive, Dublin 43017

**When:** October 8, 2022, 8 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$30 Includes light breakfast, Freedom a la Carte boxed lunch, snacks, drinks, and all retreat materials. Scholarships are available.

**Contact for Registration:** Deby McGinnis 614-596-9311 or Val Pittsenbarger 419-733-0935

## FROM THE MAIL BAG

Rev. Zuzt,

September 2022

*Thank you so much for making payment on the church's investment in our families. Together we are transforming lives!*



Shiloh Todorov

Development Director, Move to Prosper

Editorial Note: Last May, Saint Mark's pledged a three-year funding commitment to further the housing mission of Move to Prosper.

Hi Saint Mark's,

September 2022

*Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for so kindly providing gift bags to our staff! We were all so touched by your thoughtfulness. It was so uplifting to be given a gift for our first day back.*

*Thanks so much!  
The Tremont Staff*





## OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE



### Bake Sale

As we dressed the tables Sunday afternoon, and started to price the baked goods on hand, we wondered if we would have enough baked goods to fill the tables, and whether the weather would spoil our sale. But come Monday morning, parishioners sloshed into the church to deliver their items. Miraculously, by 10:00 the tents were up, the tables were overflowing, and we were ready to sell. Then we waited as the sky continued to thunder and the rain poured (Vicki had warned us that while she was praying for good weather, but she had no special connections in that department). And we waited, hoping the sky would clear and the customers would come. About 11:00 things began to clear up and the customers started to come. As the sun came out, and everything dried up, we began to get busy and stayed busy until 4:00. By midafternoon we were able to get the popcorn machine outside. Jackson Moll ran the machine and it was a big hit with our customers and those passing by. Thanks to the Drews, we had tents up. We put our table and chairs under the one tent and it became a place to enjoy baked goods. And, although the signs and tents got soaked in the morning, the sun dried them up allowing easy tear down and clean-up.

The day turned out to be a big success with sales in line with prior years. We raised just over \$1200 for the food pantry, NNEMAP, and our Migration Ministry was able to sell quite a few of Eluteria's embroidered items, taking orders for even more items for Christmas gifts.

Overall, the Outreach Committee was very happy with the day, but it wasn't just because of the funds raised. It was wonderful to see the extraordinary number of parishioners who came together to make the day a success. We had people of all ages participate from grade school age on up. And some who couldn't volunteer to work the event showed up to purchase items. It was truly a parish wide event. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this fundraiser/community event a big success.

### St. John Columbus Street Church

Would you like to participate, but don't have the time or energy to attend an event? Well, how about an activity you can do when it suits your schedule?

Can you make Chili? If so, please consider making a pot of chili to share with our westside neighbors who attend St. John's Street Church. The Outreach Committee is looking for about 15 individuals and families to make a pot of chili to feed 8-10 people. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Roberta Morton or sign up on the sheet in the parish hall and take a freezer bag from stack next to the signup sheet during the month of October. The meal won't be served until October 30, so you have a whole month to make and freeze the chili, or if you'd like, you can bring a heated crock-pot of chili the morning of October 30. The chili will be mixed together that morning and packaged into cups to be taken to the Street Church congregants. We call this Community Chili because it involves the community of Saint Mark's giving to the larger community of those in need. Thank you for considering participating in this opportunity. You will make a difference for those who are hungry and without resources. If you have questions, contact Roberta Morton at church on Sunday or at [notvmorton@gmail.com](mailto:notvmorton@gmail.com) or 614-268-7021

### Diapers and Spices

Each month we repackage giant boxes of diapers into small packs to be delivered to NNEMAP for mothers in need. We also pack spices into kits that can be used in a meal kit at NNEMAP. Our next packing event will be at 10:30 am on Wednesday, October 12 in the parish hall. While our hands are busy, it is a wonderful time to catch up on the lives of your fellow parishioners. It is truly a fun event and only takes about an hour. So come and join us. No sign up or preregistration necessary. After the October packing, stay for more visiting and brunch.

### CATCH Court

CATCH Court helps victims of human trafficking rebuild their lives by participating in a strict multi-year program supervised by Franklin County Municipal Court. Help us support the women of CATCH Court as they work to rebuild their lives. On the second Thursday of each month, Saint Marks provides lunch for the participants. Pat Iams coordinates the volunteers. She is always in need of people to bake, prepare lunch, or to go to court and serve the lunch. By attending a court session, you will have a much better understanding of the scope of the problem in our community and the trauma these women have been through. If you are willing to help in any way, contact Pat Iams at [pati51@aol.com](mailto:pati51@aol.com).

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

### We celebrate the following births:

Maggie Ruth Slee was born August 18 to parents Megan and Eric Slee and sister Kennedy. The family resides in Madison Mississippi Maggie and is the granddaughter of Sam and Nancy Slee.

Ophelia Kay Warren was born September 24 to parents Erik and Sara Warren, and joins her siblings Theo, Gwendolyn, Veronica, and Jeremiah.

### We celebrate the following public reaffirmation of baptismal vows:

Lynn Klemesrud

### We celebrate the following individuals who were received into the Episcopal Church:

Adam Kezac  
Joanna "Jodi" Porreca  
Jennifer Ryan  
Melanie Tepley

### We celebrate the following individuals who received the sacrament of Confirmation:

Elisa Bester  
Bruce Klemesrud



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.

### We celebrate the following recent new members:

Steve and Joan Beetstra  
Nickolas and Kathryn Conklin and children Keegan and Ellen  
Alex and Linda Johnson  
Norman and Heidi Jones and son Riley  
Pat McClure  
Joanna "Jodi" Porreca  
Melanie Tepley

### We celebrate the following relocation:

Stella Farr has a new address that can be located in the Parish Directory.

### We celebrate the following life milestone:

Tom and Roberta Hurley celebrated 50 years of marriage on September 25.

### We offer condolences to the families of:

H. Gene Garner (father of Linda Wheeler) was interred at Saint Mark's September 11.

Susan Gillespie (mother of Betsy Gillespie) passed away on August 31.

Longtime Saint Mark's parishioner, Larry Shurr, passed away on September 6. Larry will be interred with his late wife, Carolyn, at their family home in Texas.



## 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)*

Collin Wheeler	10/1	Anice Ellis	10/9	George Reed	10/21
Lisa Copeland	10/2	Adam Parson	10/9	Barbara Wilcox	10/22
Dale Hartney	10/2	Quinn Porterfield	10/12	Brenda Hammersley	10/23
Linda Wheeler	10/3	Cy Hess	10/12	Susan Galbreath	10/27
Cassie Myers	10/4	Clay Hess	10/12	Ron Linville	10/28
Cecily Alexander	10/5	Mary Clevenger	10/13	Marti Rideout	10/29
Ben Leibowitz	10/5	Tim Thurston	10/14	Charles Tuttle	10/30
Cooper Myers	10/5	Stacy McIntyre	10/17	Dixie Norman	10/31
Virginia Tuttle	10/8	Leah Smith	10/17		
Jackson McIntyre	10/8	George Hauswirth	10/20		

# OCTOBER 2022

## Parish Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sept 26</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 9:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 2 pm Dresden Tapestries Tour 8 pm Sunday Night AA	<b>27</b> 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7:30 pm Mon Night Book Group	<b>28</b> 9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Migration Ministries	<b>29</b> 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6 pm Marksmen Annual BBQ 6:30 pm Compline in the Park	<b>30</b> 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	<b>31</b> Rector's Day Off 8 pm AA	<b>Oct. 1</b> 8 am - 2 pm Red Cross Blood Drive
<b>2</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Outdoor Pet Blessing 9:30 am Intergenerational First Sunday Outreach Project 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II with Canterbury Choir and Blessing of the Animals Noon Youth Group Lunch & Outing to Escape It 8 pm Sunday Night AA	<b>3</b> 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group	<b>4</b> 9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg	<b>5</b> 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Compline in the Park	<b>6</b> 1 pm Knitting and Stitching Group 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	<b>7</b> Rector's Day Off 8 pm AA	<b>8</b> 5:30 pm Supper Group
<b>9</b> <b>Stewardship Kickoff</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 9:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8 pm Sunday Night AA	<b>10</b> 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 6:30 pm Evening Knitting Group	<b>11</b> 9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Sacred Conversations	<b>12</b> 10:30 am Spices & Diapers 1 pm Stephen Ministry Mtg 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Parish Family Dinner 6:30 pm Compline in the Park 7:30 pm Marksmen	<b>13</b> 11 am CATCH Court 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	<b>14</b> Rector's Day Off 8 pm AA	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 9:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Noon Usher's Mtg 8 pm Sunday Night AA	<b>17</b> <b>Epistle Deadline</b> 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7 pm Endowment Trustees Mtg 7 pm Sisters in Faith	<b>18</b> 9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7 pm Outreach Mtg	<b>19</b> 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Compline in the Park	<b>20</b> 1 pm Knitting & Stitching Group 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	<b>21</b> Rector's Day Off 8 pm AA	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Stewardship Ingathering</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 9:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 8 pm Sunday Night AA	<b>24</b> 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group 7:30 pm Mon Night Book Group	<b>25</b> 9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 6:15 pm Contemplative Prayer 7 pm Migration Ministries	<b>26</b> 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 5:30 pm Marksmen 6:30 pm Compline in the Park	<b>27</b> 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	<b>28</b> Rector's Day Off 8 pm AA	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Columbus Region Pulpit Swap</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Adult Formation 9:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Children's Formation 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Noon Pumpkin Carving 1 pm Street Church 8 pm Sunday Night AA	<b>31</b> 10:30 am Staff Mtg 5:30 pm AA Men's Group	<b>Nov 1</b> <b>All Saints' Day</b> 9:30 am Al-Anon 1:30 pm Columbus Clergy 7:30 pm Vestry Mtg	<b>2</b> 4:30 pm Canterbury Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm Compline in the Park	<b>3</b> 1 pm Knitting and Stitching Group 6:15 pm AA 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal 8 pm AA	<b>4</b> Rector's Day Off 8 pm AA	<b>5</b> 5:30 pm Supper Group





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### SPECIAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

#### Sunday, October 2

##### *Remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi*

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| 8 a.m.     | <i>Eucharist, Rite I</i>   |
| 9:30 a.m.  | <i>Outdoor Pet Blessing</i>  |
| 9:30 a.m.  | <i>Intergenerational First Sunday Project</i>  |
| 10:30 a.m. | <i>Eucharist, Rite II with Music by The Canterbury Choir and Blessing of the Animals</i> |
| Noon       | <i>Youth Group Outing to Escape It, Grandview</i>  |

#### Sunday, October 23

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| 8 and 10:30 am. | <i>Stewardship Ingathering</i> |
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#### Sunday, October 30

##### *The Great Columbus Pulpit Swap*

We welcome The Rev. George Glazier, Priest-In-Charge of Trinity Church in London, Ohio, for both 8 and 10:30 services, while Pastor Vicki will visit St. Edward in Whitehall.

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| Noon | <i>Youth Group Pumpkin Carving</i> |
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### Calling All Pets - Remember to Bring Your Humans to Church on October 2



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

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