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The Epistle is the monthly newsletter of Saint Mark's Episcopal Church. The deadline for submissions is the fifteenth day of the preceding month. Send photos, announcements, or story ideas for inclusion in the Epistle to: communications@saintmarkscolumbus.org.

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From the Rector

Intergenerational Formation in August

In August we will offer an opportunity for formation for all ages between the two Sunday services. We will adapt the Messy Church program, which started in England about a decade ago.

On Sundays Aug. 11, 18 and 25 we will gather in the parish hall at 9:30 a.m. We'll start with a story from the Bible and then move on to a messy craft that can be done by individuals or families. There may be a snack, too. We will end by 10:15 so there is time to clean up before church.

This will be somewhat messy, so wear clothes that you would be okay with spilling something on.

Pub Theology

Saint Mark's will start a Pub Theology discussion program in August. We will meet at the pavilion at Littleton's at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month.

We'll grab a table. People can get something to drink (alcoholic or not) and order an appetizer if you'd like. We will talk theology until 8 p.m. Pastor Vicki will have topics prepared, but bring your own ideas, thoughts and questions, too.

The first Pub Theology will be Tuesday, Aug. 20.



Beverages, discussions and God

Summer at Saint Mark's

Farmers' Market

The Upper Arlington Farmer's Market is held on the Dorset Road sidewalk in front of Saint Mark's on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Saint Mark's opens our building to vendors and shoppers and has a hospitality table during the market.

We have seen lots of our neighbors take advantage of our bathrooms and water. Many of them also look around the church. It's a lot of fun to people watch during the market and welcome people to Saint Mark's. It's also a time you can support our community relations efforts while working on a personal project—bring your cellphone, laptop, knitting/stitching, crossword puzzle or other activities to enjoy while you act as a greeter.

Set-up and take-down are simple and an instruction sheet is provided to make it even easier to help out. To volunteer for a Wednesday session you can sign-up on the sheet posted in the parish hall or go to our Saint Mark's website for a link to the Farmers' Market Sign-Up Genius page.



US Farmers' Market customers get a chance to learn more about Saint Mark's



Signs point the way for folks to use the bathrooms or get out of the heat for a moment

A Message of Support for Teachers at Tremont Elementary

To show our appreciation for local educators, we are again putting together gift bags for the teachers at Tremont Elementary, and their principal, Jaclyn Prati. We hope to deliver the gifts to Tremont before school starts on Aug. 14.

If you would like to contribute to the gift bags, you can make a donation to Pastor Vicki's discretionary fund. If you would like to help with assembling or delivering the gift bags, let Pastor Vicki know.

Add a Taste of Summer to Your Cooking with Fresh Herbs

The Saint Mark's herb garden is in the wooden planter outside the office door at the end of the ramp. There are a wide variety of herbs in the garden including summer favorites like basil, dill and parsley; all are available for you to harvest. There is a basket with scissors and small bags on the end of the planter. Please help yourself to fresh herbs and enjoy!

Pilgrims Gain Insight into Hawaiian History & Culture

By Pastor Vicki

Fourteen pilgrims from Saint Mark's in June explored the presence of God on the island of Oahu, Hawaii..

We explored the presence of God in several ways. We started off with a hike to explore the presence of God in the nature of the Hawaiian islands. Over the course of the week, we also, at least some of us, learned to surf. We swam with sea turtles. We also spent some sabbath time on Waikiki Beach.

We explored the presence of God in the history of Hawaii. We went to the Lelani Palace and heard about the history of Hawaii. We learned about King Kamehameha and Queen Emma, who are saints of the Episcopal Church and Queen Lili'uokalani, the last Queen of Hawaii, who was added to the calendar of saints of the Episcopal Church at the General Convention in Louisville in late June. We also learned about Hawaiian chant. We attended Sunday Eucharist at the Cathedral of Saint Andrew in Honolulu, participated in a service that included Hawaiian chant and learned more about the history of Hawaii.

One of the pilgrims, Anna Markwardt, said, "I found Hawaii to be an extremely beautiful and interesting place. Getting to know about its history and the part the church plays in it was a unique feature of the trip. Attending a church service that was partially in native Hawaiian was particularly moving for me, as well as getting to hear about the history of the church afterwards. I also loved getting to see the sea turtles!"

We explored the presence of God through service. We went to Pearl Harbor and the USS Arizona Memorial. We also worked with a local group to remove invasive plants on the Hawaiian beaches and replant native plants in an effort to restore the native ecosystem to Hawaii and remove the damage done by plantation farming. As a part of this we learned a Hawaiian chant and about how native Hawaiians view the land and mountains and beaches. Part of this work included cleaning up items left by unhoused people; housing and homelessness are major issues on all of the islands of Hawaii

Another pilgrim, Charlotte Davis, said, "The experience was truly breathtaking; everything from the beach clean-up to the hike was yet another teaching moment. The realization of my luck getting to live in a safe house with few worries of starvation or extreme weather was a huge takeaway from the beach clean-up, for there was a tent, clothes, and a journal on the site."

The youth group generally does trips on a three-year cycle. One year we do a local project. One year we do a regional trip and one year we do a trip somewhere more distant.

Hawaii was suggested by the youth group in the fall of 2021 as a possible destination for a trip.





Arriving at camp after a long flight



View from the top of the hike



Cleaning up the island



Removing unwanted trash



Learning to surf



The pilgrims at Saint Andrew's Cathedral, Honolulu

Annual Labor Day Bake Sale Coming!



Get ready to bake! The Saint Mark's Annual Labor Neighbor Day Bake Sale to fight hunger is scheduled for Labor Day, Sept. 2. Donations of shelf-stable baked goods and other homemade treats like jams or candies are needed. Pretty packaging in small quantities is much appreciated, but we will have volunteers to break down and package larger quantities. Monetary donations in lieu of baked goods are welcome.

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success, including help with setting up, staffing the sale tables, and take down/clean up at the end of the day. A Sign-Up Genius will be posted on the Saint Mark's website for volunteers.

Ohio Village Muffins Outing

The Ohio Village Muffins are the baseball team of the Ohio History Connection.

They are a group of enthusiastic lovers of the game who carry on the traditions of the sport as it was played in mid-nineteenth-century America. The first thing we tell people new to “vintage” base ball is that, historically, “base ball” was two words. This is important because we like to do everything as the base ball players of 1860 did it: We play by their rules, dress in their uniforms, and exemplify their gentlemanly behavior.

Over Labor Day Weekend, the Muffins host the Ohio Cup Vintage Baseball Festival at the Ohio History Connection. More than 25 teams from all over the country are gathering to play; there are usually 4 games going on at the same time.



The Muffins, including our own David Boop (pictured above, bottom row, second from right) are playing games at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30. Saint Mark's is going to attend the 11 a.m. game. There will be a lot of food trucks if you'd like to grab lunch after the game. You can also stay for the 1 p.m. game or watch some of the other games if you'd like.

IN AND AROUND SAINT MARK'S



Mark Your Calendars!

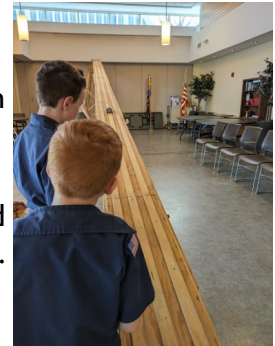
Get to know parishioners and learn more about Saint Mark's robust outreach ministries at one of the following events coming soon.

- Diapers and Spices packing Aug. 14
- Labor Day Bake Sale Sept. 2
- Outreach Summit Sept. 22

Welcome Back Cub Scouts

Cub Scouts will return to Saint Mark's. The pack will meet at Saint Mark's on Tuesday evenings during the school year.

Cub Scouts will join us on the patio for the Farmer's Market on Aug. 7 and 14 and will have their open house at the shelter at Fancyburg Park on Friday Aug. 23. After that you may see the scouts around the church on Tuesday evenings.



Cub Scouts held a Pinewood Derby last March in the Saint Mark's parish hall

Good-bye to Nnedi Obianagha

Saint Mark's parishioner Nnedi Obianagha is moving on. After taking pre-med courses in Columbus she is departing to Mississippi, where she'll start medical school in the fall. Nnedi came to Columbus from Nigeria to attend college and has been an active member of Saint Mark's for the last three years. She has served as a lector, chalice bearer and usher. Nnedi's last Sunday at Saint Mark's was July 7. We sent her off with a cake and a small gift; she brought some Nigerian food for coffee hour, too.



Nnedi says goodbye



Nigerian food was enjoyed at coffee hour on July 7

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

Update on Families Flourish (formerly Move to Prosper)

You may have wondered how the Outreach Ministry determines whether the programs we fund are using our money wisely and effectively. We endeavor to be responsible and transparent with parishioners' money. Accordingly, we follow up on a program's progress by reading the program's newsletters, annual reports, and using client feedback, staff communications, community recognition and support, as well as parish volunteer involvement. In the case of Families Flourish, which we have funded for three years, there is a comprehensive outside evaluation available.

In April, Families Flourish was evaluated for the second time by the Ohio State University City and Regional Planning Program. This report, which was presented at a public meeting, included both a summary of their evaluation and reviews of various supporters. (The full report is available at FamiliesFlourish.org)

The original concept of this program, conceived by OSU and community leaders, was to develop a nationally replicable model for the residential and financial stability of low-income families with children ages 13 and younger. The strategy is to move families into mixed-income, higher-resourced communities in Central Ohio and provide life coaching for success. They find apartments for low-income families in higher-resourced neighborhoods with better schools and environments, and provided them with three years of minimal rental support to allow them time to become established. (Finding landlords who are willing to participate in the program has been important for the program's success.)

The life-coaching aspect has four pillars: maintaining housing and career stability, improving financial literacy and well-being, improving educational achievement of the children, and improving health and wellness of everyone in the family.

About three years ago, the program became an independent non-profit organization that continues to partner with Ohio State to evaluate outcomes.

This year's evaluation of the three-year pilot program shows very positive outcomes. The results showed a 17% average income increase (to \$58,000), a 100+ point credit score improvement, housing stability that has lasted past the end of the program and the first four of the 18 youth have graduated from high school. **The good news is that a new group of families are on the path to duplicate, if not better, the pilot results.**

Several donors to Families Flourish set up a scholarship program for the youth involved in the program. Each child graduating from high school receives a check for \$1,000. They get to decide how the money will be used, from travel, to setting up their dorm room to paying for books or having a little spending money in college. This year we opened our doors to host the graduation celebration where the checks were presented.

Volunteers and participants decorated our fellowship hall for a buffet luncheon for the graduates and their families. One volunteer was a graduate of the program who talked of her upcoming wedding plans. Another graduate of the program, who has started her own candle business in addition to working full time for the State of Ohio, brought favors for the participants.

There were two high school graduates this year. The first, a young woman, told us the program had changed her life. She is headed to Capital University next year and plans to become a teacher. She talked about the influence her new school had on her plans to become a teacher. Without the resources of her new school, she didn't believe her plans would have become a reality. The other graduate was a young man who plans to take a gap year while finalizing his education plans. In the meantime, he works at Kroger. (see photos on next page)

The Outreach Ministry was proud to host this event for Families Flourish, and to have the opportunity to mingle with the families. Our continued funding of this program will be discussed at the Sept. 22 Outreach Summit.

OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

Street Church – June 30 Meal

Many thanks to all those who helped with our June 30 meal for St. John's Street Church ministry in Franklinton, and especially to Mark Drew, Marilyn Smith, Rick Wheeler, Wendy Hauswirth, George Knight, Tom Tepley, Pat Iams and Roberta Morton.

The congregants enjoyed 100+ pulled chicken sandwiches, chips, fruit, and hard-boiled eggs. Every bit of the food we provided was taken by the 53 congregants who came through the serving line. Our next Street Church collaboration is Sept. 29. Please contact Roberta Morton (notvmorton@gmail.com or 614-268-7021) if you would like to become involved in this ministry.

Vinton County School Supplies Drive a Success

Two hundred children in Vinton County will begin school with new backpacks filled with school supplies to help them get off to a good start for the school year. Your generosity in combination with a grant from the diocese allowed Saint Mark's to provide much-needed supplies to an area that has no support from any other group.

The partnership we have established allows Saint Mark's to help mothers and children in Vinton County in many ways. The biggest project we do is the book bag/school supplies drive. **In 2022 we gave 50 filled bags. In 2023 the number jumped to 120, and this year we were able to provide 200!** The financial relief of getting free school supplies is giving these families a gift. Instead of partially supplying their children with what they can afford or having no supplies at all, this year 200 families will begin school with a smile and the knowledge that their children will be set up to succeed.

The Outreach Committee and the children of Vinton County thank you for your generosity,

Migration Ministries Volunteer Opportunity

Do you like to meet people? The Upper Arlington Library is looking for adults interested in leading group conversations with patrons who want to practice their English skills. The program is called ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)/English Conversations. Both the Tremont branch and the Lane Road branch of the UA Library provide these programs. Saint Mark's Migration Ministries sees the ESOL/English Conversations as another way we can welcome those new to our country. To find out more about this program, contact Michele Johnson at micheleljohnson@gmail.com or Elizabeth Anstaett at oxford4234@aol.com.

NNEMAP Food Pantry Update

Saint Mark's supports this food pantry by providing funds, volunteers, and helping with special projects. NNEMAP is a great place for teens who want community service hours. Please contact Bill Karl for details or questions at mrbill.karl@gmail.com.

Each month we provide approximately 2,100 diapers which are usually gone within two weeks. We pack diapers and create spice packets on the second Wednesday of each month in the parish hall at 10:30 a.m. Recently we also assembled 100 first-aid kits which were distributed within five hours. Our next diapers and spices packing day is Aug. 14. Many hands make light work, so come and join the fun if you are available. No experience required!

Additional opportunities at NNEMAP might be discussed at the September Outreach Summit.

Outreach Contact Information

If you have suggestions for the September Outreach Summit or questions about anything Outreach, email the Outreach Administrative Committee at Outreach@SaintMarksColumbus.org.

SAINT MARK'S YOUTH

Youth Group Pool Party



Splish, splash,, the Skoracki family will host a pool party for the youth group on Sunday Aug. 18. All youth grades 6 through 12 are invited to their home at 2740 Edington Rd., Upper Arlington, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Parents are welcome, too. Join in this fun time as summer starts to wind down—you'll be glad you did!

Bring a side dish, dessert, or snack to go with food from the grill.

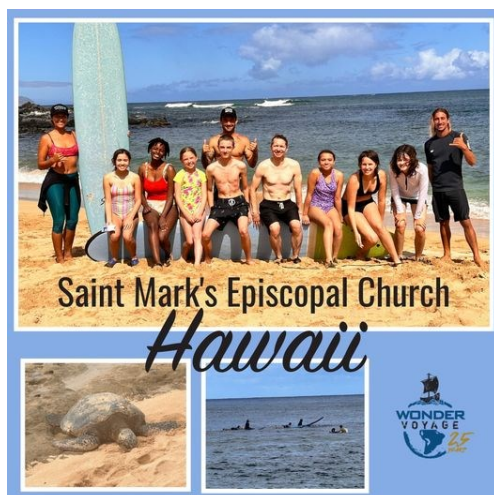
Regional Youth Event

Join other Episcopal youth from the Columbus region as they gather for a fall get-together.

The event will be at Scioto-Audubon Metro Park, 400 W. Whittier St., Columbus, on Sunday, Aug. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. for lawn games in the shade, snacks, and an obstacle course. This is open to all youth, grades 6 – 12. Let Pastor Vicki know if you are interested in coming and we will arrange carpools from Saint Mark's. Bring a water bottle and sunscreen.

What are you doing this fall?

Are you running track? trying out for a play? playing in the band? rowing? playing football? doing gymnastics? Let Pastor Vicki know what you are involved in this fall. Saint Mark's sponsors activities that our youth are involved in. We will take out ads in programs, sponsor activities or support your teams and activities in other ways. Pastor Vicki also likes to attend games, meets, tournaments, plays, regattas etc.... You can email Pastor Vicki at rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org or text her at 716-548-0339 and let her know what you are doing this fall.



Saint Mark's Youth Group made memories at Waikiki Beach during their pilgrimage to Hawaii. See pages 4 & 5 for the complete story and more pics.

MUSIC

RSCM Participants

Three choristers from the Canterbury Choir recently took part in a Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) summer camp. Maria Bester, Michael Bester, and Madalyn Ralley all attended the RSCM DC Course, based at The Catholic University of America, July 15–21. I also attended the course as an adult participant. RSCM summer camps include choral rehearsals, voice instruction, beautiful services, and lots of fun activities. Choristers' participation in RSCM summer camps is subsidized by the Gary L. Garber Canterbury Choir Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in helping to support this fund, contact Matthew Bester or Phill Glandon.



Michael, Maria and Matt Bester and Maddy Ralley at RCM. (Matt was on faculty)

Canterbury Choir Camp September 6–8

Do you know a child who likes to sing? A new season for the Canterbury Choir begins in September, 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 6–8. 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. For more information, visit <http://canterburychoir.saintmarkscolumbus.org> or contact Matthew Bester (directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org or 614-486-9452, ext. 309).

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, please contact Matthew Bester (directorofmusic@saintmarkscolumbus.org;



Saint Mark's Choir

Fall Special Events

Choral Evensong for All Saints' Sunday
Saint Mark's Choir
Sunday, Nov. 3, 4 p.m.

Choral Eucharist for the Feast of Christ the King
Saint Mark's Choir
Sunday, November 24, 10:30 a.m.

Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols
Saint Mark's Choir and Canterbury Choir
Sunday, December 8, 4 p.m.

Pastoral Care: What does it mean to “make meaning”?

“I have been trying to make the best of grief and am just beginning to learn to allow it to make the best of me”.

Barbara Ascher

Making meaning is an awkward phrase which some would change to “creating meaning”. In grief there’s a distinct difference in making versus creating meaning after a death. For instance, as you live your life, you actively create meaning when choosing an educational discipline, entering a career, committing to a life partner, and deciding to be or not be a parent,. These efforts allow you to ensure your life has a direction consistent with your goals and are done by choice. Making meaning after a death is not so much about choice as about what to do when life has handed you lemons and you don’t like lemonade. Because the death of someone you care about can wreak havoc on your routine, life plan, finances and self-assurance you may find that you have a lot of lemons to juggle – and that’s where the concept of making meaning comes from. The lemons are not something you chose – they were imposed on you.

Loss is simply what happens to you in life. Meaning is what you make happen. David Kessler

In grief, you’ll work to make meaning after a death because the research shows that doing so is essential for healing the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual wounds of grief. It’s important to understand that the goal of making meaning is not to be happy about the death or to understand why it happened the way it did. The idea is that by making meaning after a death we shift its impact, so that grief and loss eventually affect our lives in a purposeful and positive way.

How do you make meaning when someone dear to you has died? You start by taking a hard look at the important questions that come up after a death. You’ll reflect on the following: *How can I feel safe in this world if such losses are possible? Who am I now after this loss? Why am I here? What meaning can I bring to the rest of my life? What meaning can I find in those who are living?* These questions don’t provide an answer to why the loss happened but instead teach you how to live without the answer.

Your grief work will help you reach a point in the future where you are able to acknowledge and accept that you’re not the same person as before the loss. Death of a loved one is not a lesson, but you do learn from grief by exploring your individual assumptions about life and your purpose on earth.

Eventually, you’ll want to answer the question *How have I changed since the loss?*, and you’ll pay attention to how your answers evolve over time as years go by after a death. You’ll think about how your life might reflect a positive trait, value or belief of the person who is no longer in your future. This can be a way to honor the deceased through ongoing recognition of the importance of the loss while building a hopeful future for yourself.

You’ll apply coping skills developed over your lifetime and adopt new ones to make meaning in a world that is deeply challenged by painful loss. You learn to appreciate the ways supportive relationships help you form a new identity that expands both your involvement in and appreciation for life itself.

In grief meaning is made by working through the sorrow and life changing effects of loss, which let’s you learn how to feel hopeful again so you can step into a future that you didn’t plan or want, but are able to accept with a feeling of purpose and engagement instead of isolation and despair. For more information about grief support, contact Brenda Hammersley at b.hammersley@yahoo.com or 614-330-1436.

We Offer Condolences



Dale Thomas Hartney, 81, of Upper Arlington, passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024, after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was born on October 2, 1942, in Akron, Ohio to John and Helen Hartney. He moved to Ashland, Ohio as a young boy. He was a 1960 graduate of Ashland High School and attended Ohio University where he was a member of the varsity track and cross country teams. He was also a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. He transferred to The Ohio State University in 1964 where he graduated in 1965.

He began his teaching and coaching career in 1965 at Hastings Junior High in Upper Arlington, where he taught history and government and coached boys basketball, cross country and track. In 1977 he moved to Upper Arlington High School where for the next 28 years he taught history and government and coached girls and boys basketball and girls and boys cross country and track. During that time he coached numerous league, district, and regional cross country and track champions, three girls cross country state champions, and one girls state championship runner up in track.

In 1988 he received the Summa Cum Laude Award from Upper Arlington Education Association for his teaching excellence. In 2001 he was inducted into the Ohio Track and Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame. In 2013 he was awarded the Lou Berliner Award for his exemplary contribution to high school athletics and in 2018 he was inducted to the Upper Arlington High School Athletic Hall of Fame. Many of his former athletes have gone on to run in college and to continue on as teachers and coaches.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Diane (Clark) Hartney, daughter, Erin Layden, granddaughters, Lydia and Anna Layden, twin brother, Gale Hartney, brother and sister-in-law, David and Sherry Hartney, sister-in-law, Terri Hartney, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Dale's funeral will be at Saint Mark's on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 2 p.m.. with private interment in the church's memorial garden followed by a reception at the church. Calling hours will be held on Friday, Aug. 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Schoedinger Northwest, 1740 Zollinger Rd., Columbus, 43221.



James "Jim" Vaigl, Sr., died on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. He was born on July 21, 1941.

After serving eight years in the Air Force maintaining C-130's he settled in Columbus, working as an engineer at Doctors Hospital and Sears Distribution Center total energy plant. He entered management at the One Hundred East Broad Corp. as assistant Chief Engineer of the Rhodes State Office Tower and then as Chief Engineer of the Borden Building. He then worked for The Hines Company as the original Chief Engineer of the Huntington Center.

In 1990 Jim and Dee left Columbus as he took a position with Prentiss Properties as the Director of Engineering for the northeast region to develop and manage Fairview Park, a 200-acre office park in Falls Church, VA.

He and Dee spent from 2002 to 2017 living and loving the Florida lifestyle on the southwest side of the state, starting on Pine Island, moving to Cape Coral and finally to the Landings in Fort Myers. In 2017 He and Dee came home to Columbus to be near family and friends.

He had a wonderful, blessed life. He obtained a commercial pilot's license with instrument rating and a Coast Guard 100-ton offshore captain's license. He and Dee were avid skiers, sailors, power boaters, fishermen, tennis players and golfers. Remembering many, many wonderful memories with Deb and Jim Jr. through the years.

LIVING IN FAITH. GROWING IN LOVE. CELEBRATING GOD'S PEOPLE.

*O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live:
 Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep,
 and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

BIRTHDAYS

William	Pilotte	8/02	Philip	College	8/16
Judy	Babcock	8/04	Mark	Barno	8/18
Debbie	Hodson	8/06	Dianne	Silliman	8/22
Betsy	Gillespie	8/07	Zoe	Evancho	8/22
Ann	Getz	8/09	Stefanie	Bester	8/23
Johanna	Lutz	8/10	Cathy	Utgard	8/24
Elise	Neckers	8/10	Barb	Keyes	8/25
Ross	Bagby	8/12	Barbara	Wiseman	8/28
Judson	Utgard	8/13	Nancy	Slee	8/30
Cora	Hartranft	8/15			
Peter	Milburn	8/16			

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.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Larry	Anderson	Joanne	Hylton
Sue	Barna	Lynn	Klemesrud
Stuart	Brace	Carole	Kollmer
Anice	Ellis	John	Mogan
Gary	Garber	Michael	Murray
Andrew	German	Mark	Wood
Ashley	Groholski	Leo	
Patrick	Hreachmack		

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Amen.

From the Book of Common Prayer

For Our Country

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Member Care

Saint Mark's has an active member care ministry which provides meals to members who are recovering from illness or surgery, caring for a family member who is ill, welcoming a new baby, or just having difficulty making healthy meals themselves. Please contact Michele Johnson (micheleljohanson@gmail.com) if you know of someone who could use some help with meals or if you are interested in volunteering to help provide some meals.

If you have a pastoral care concern or would like to add a name to the prayer list, you can do so by contacting Pastor Vicki at rector@saintmarkscolumbus.org, by calling the parish office (614) 486-9452. You may also add a name to our prayer list at www.saintmarkscolumbus.org/prayer-request.

August 2024

For details on all services, meetings and events go to: www.SaintMarksColumbus.org/Calendar

Worship and Ministry

Outdoor Holy Eucharist Rite I: 8:00 a.m.	August 4, 11, 18 & 25	Patio
Indoor Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:30 a.m.	August 4, 11, 18 & 25	Sanctuary
Intergenerational Formation: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.	August 11, 18 & 25	Parish Hall
Columbus Clergy Bible Study: Tuesday, 1:30 p.m.	August 13, 20 & 27	Canterbury Center
Sisters in Faith: Monday, Monday, 7 p.m.	August 19	Canterbury Center
Rector's Day Off: Fridays, all day	August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	

Parish Life and Vestry

Knitting & Stitching: Thursday, 1 – 3 p.m.	August 1 & 15	Canterbury Center
Vestry meeting: Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	August 6	Canterbury Center
Trustees meeting: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.	August 7	
Epistle deadline for September issue: Thursday, 6 p.m.	August 15	
Youth Pool Party: Sunday, 12:30 p.m.	August 18	Skoracki's, 2740 Edington Rd., U.A.
Pub Theology: Tuesday: 7 p.m.	August 20	Littleton's Patio
Book Group: Monday, 7:30—8:30 p.m.	August 26	Canterbury Center
The Marksmen: Wednesday, 6 p.m.	August 28	To be determined

Outreach Ministries

Spices & Diapers: Wednesday, 10:30 — 11:30 a.m.	August 14	Parish Hall
Outreach Admin Committee: Wednesday, 1:00 p.m.	August 21	Canterbury Center

Community Events

UA Farmer's Market: Wednesdays, 3:30 – 6:30 p.m.	August 7, 14, 21 & 28	Dorset Road
Regional Youth Event: Sunday, 1—4 p.m.	August 25	Scioto-Audubon Park
Cub Scout meetings begin: Tuesday evenings	August 27	Saint Mark's
Muffins at Ohio Cup Vintage Baseball Festival: Saturday, 11:00 a.m.	August 31	Ohio History Center/Ohio Village 800 E. 17th Avenue, Columbus

Support Groups

AA meetings: Sundays, 8 p.m.	August 4, 11, 18, & 25	Parish Hall
AA Men's Group: Mondays, 5:30 p.m.	August 5, 12, 29 & 26	Parish Hall
AA Meeting: Mondays, 7 p.m.	August 5, 12, 29 & 26	Parish Hall
AA Meeting: Thursdays, 6:15 & 8 p.m.	August 8, 15, 22, & 29	Parish Hall
AA Meeting: Fridays, 8 p.m.	August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30	Parish Hall
Al Anon meetings Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m.	August 6, 13, 20, & 27	Parish Hall
Al Anon small meeting: Tuesday, 11 a.m.	August 27	Parish Hall



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Fall Kick-Off Weekend

Save the Date
September 6 - 8

Canterbury Choir Camp - 9/6 & 7

Work Morning - 9/7

Fall Kick-Off - 9/8

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