

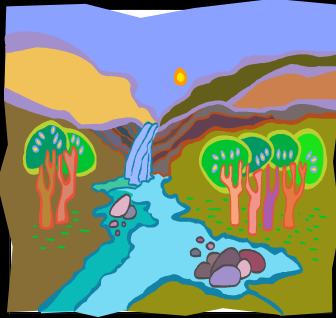
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ST MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, GASTONIA

July & August 2010

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Wade in the Waters

Vacation Bible School

August 9 - 13

9:30 am through 12:30 pm

This year at St. Mark's

Daily Bible Stories

Creation
Noah's Ark
Jesus' Baptism
Calming the Storm
The Woman at the Well



Ages

4 years old to
4th Graders
Welcome

Volunteers needed
for lots of different tasks
Call Polly at the Church to say
you can help that week.

Storytelling

Art Activities

Water Play

Drama

Science

Music

Lunch



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weekly schedule

sundays

- HE Rite I - 8:00 am
- Prayer Shawls Group - 9:00 am, Balthis
- HE Family Service - 9:30 am in Parish Hall
Adult Class continues in Balthis at 9:30 am
- HE Rite II - 10:30 am
- ECW Events as announced throughout the summer
- Daughters of the King
1st Sun after church
- Brotherhood of St. Andrew
2nd Sun 5:30pm w/dinner

mondays

- ARC Kamp Kaleidoscope
Mon-Thurs 9-3 upstairs
June 21-August 5
- Vestry 6:00 pm varied weeks
- AA Meeting 8:00 pm, PH

tuesdays

- Self Defense Classes (also on Thursdays) 8 pm in PH (contact Dan Gilbert for information)

wednesdays

- Bible/Book Study - 5:00 pm, followed by HE (6:30), Balthis & Sanctuary

thursdays

- Scrapbook Group 6:30pm, PH
- Order of St. Luke 1st, 3rd, & 5th Thurs 7:00 pm
- PFLAG Meeting 3rd Thurs, Balthis, 7:00 pm
- Next Newsletter Deadline - August 16**

A Day of Recovery and Renewal at Kanuga Conference Center

Thursday, September 9 from 8:00 to 5:00

This is a continuing education opportunity for both laity and clergy to learn about the physical, spiritual, and emotional aspects of addiction, to ask questions about methamphetamine, dual addiction and depression with addiction, and to experience a 12-step meeting to better talk to friends and family about these resources.



A note from our Bishop: *"As your bishop, as a fellow pilgrim on the way and as a grateful recovering alcoholic, I am overjoyed to be part of A Day of Recovery and Renewal. While each of us has our own history and story, when we share where we have been and where by God's grace God is leading us, then the whole Body of Christ is strengthened."*

"On this day, we will gather together to remember not only what God has promised, but that God's promises are always true. I invite you to this day of recovery and renewal to remember God's story of bringing us out of slavery into freedom, out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. I hope to see you September 9. +Porter"

Cost is \$35.00 and includes all activities and lunch. Scholarships are available from the diocesan office. Registration should be before August 20 by calling Alice Keenan at 828-225-6656.

Back to School—School Tools Collection



These hard economic times have many people worried about how to get their children ready for the school year that begins in August. The county school system is not allowing long wish lists of supplies to be sent out this year by schools. St. Mark's will collect "School Tools" for several of our most needy schools. Suggested items are listed below. Bring any of these to the yellow bin in the parish hall or take them by your local neighborhood school by mid-August and they will be distributed. Many, many thanks!!

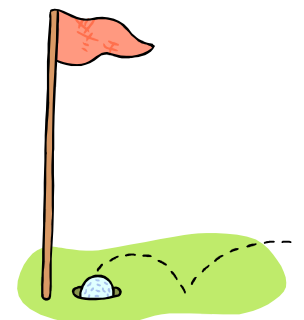
- pencils
- erasers
- highlighters
- glue sticks
- folders
- scissors
- spiral notebooks
- composition books
- crayons
- brown lunch bags
- cotton balls
- hand sanitizer
- Kleenex
- paper plates (large & small)
- dry erase markers
- disinfectant wipes
- bandaids
- craft items (eyes, pipe cleaners, paint sets, etc.)
- bigger kid book bags, plain and stronger for books

Annual St. Mark's Gold Tournament

Sunday, September 26

Organized by Judy Hobbs

Be Watching for Details in August!!



The ECW Covenant Circle is off for the summer. They will resume meeting in September. **ECW General Group** meets Monday August 16 at 6:30 in the Vestry Room for a covered dish salad supper and a talk on humor by Liz Domenico. Every woman of the parish is invited and encouraged to attend.



Prayer Shawl Ministry is meeting during the summer from 9:00 to 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Balthis Room. Contact Ruth Burns or Nancy Brewbaker for information.

Vestry meets on Saturday, July 31 from 9 to 1 with the Rev. Randy Ferebee.

Foyer Group Update: Foyer Groups have been meeting this spring and summer. Foyer Groups are a unique opportunity to get to know members of the parish in a more informal way over a shared meal. If you are interested in being part of a Foyer Group in the fall when they reorganize, put your name on the list near the elevator or call Jeanna Tiller or Ruth Burns.



Houston Matthews sends his thanks for all the prayers and cards he has received. He hopes to return to church when he is able to be in large crowds.



Susan Stragand sends **birthday greetings** to members of St. Mark's each month. If you are not getting a card from her and the church, send her your birth month and day (no years, please) and she will add you to her list. You will get a card and be prayed for the week of your special day. Email her at mbstamey@mac.com.



Miles of Pennies change continues to be collected each Sunday in the large jar located near the main doors. Drop your change in each week. All moneys are used for children's literacy programs provided through the Church Periodical Club. Nancy Brewbaker is in charge.



Transitions In Our Parish Family

Death: Ruth FitzSimons, long time member
6-16-2010



Salvation Army Meals

St. Mark's has had a very active outreach ministry to the Salvation Army for over 20 years. We have literally provided thousands of meals to the needy over this period and I personally thank all our current and past participants for their generous support.

Unfortunately, support is dwindling a bit. There are a variety of reasons for this decline...a couple of which are health issues and several people who are simply ready to retire after years of service. I am appealing to the entire congregation for more volunteers to step forward.

The work and time involved is minimal...about 2-4 hours, 4-6 times a year. The personal satisfaction one achieves by helping others is invaluable. Hopefully, some of you will be able to find time to support this worthy mission of St. Mark's. Contact me and I will tell you how to get started.

Thanks, Brook Crawford
home - 704-868-8962
cell - 704-813-5645
brookc@carolina.rr.com

An Old-Fashioned Church Homecoming September 12, during 10:30 service followed by lunch

Do you know of people who have moved away or otherwise stopped coming to St. Mark's - for whatever reason? Would you like to invite them back for an old-fashioned church homecoming day & "dinner on the lawn"? St. Mark's would like to have just such a celebration September 12. If you know of people who should be invited to come back for this Sunday, particularly if you have an address, call the church office and give Jean their name and contact information. She and the Vestry will do the contacting so think of those names and get them into the office.





The Endowment Funds — *The St. Mark's Memorial Fund*

This month our highlighted fund is the St. Mark's Memorial Fund. This fund was established to receive gifts by individuals and entities in memory of loved ones or friends. The purpose of the fund is to generally provide for worship and altar items or special gifts chosen by the deceased's family with the Vestry's approval. Income can be expended at the discretion of the Vestry. The principal can be expended at the discretion of the Vestry as well. The Worship and Music Committee shall make recommendations to the Vestry on the use of this fund for special events or items outside of that committee's normal operating budget. Any major expenditure made from the fund shall be reported to the congregation at the annual meeting and at such additional times as the Vestry deems appropriate.

Back in the late 1980s Annie Robinson, a longtime parishioner, gave the Memorial Fund \$5,000.00 as a gift and asked that it be held in the account to earn income until the time of her death. "Miss Annie", as she was known, was quite the lady back in those days. She sang in the choir for many, many years, told the funniest jokes, held the ladies' championship golf trophy over her head out at Gaston Country Club on several occasions, and didn't mind letting folks know what she thought on any topic. Everyone knew if *Miss Annie* was around, laughter would ensue! She died November 20, 1995 at the age of 98! Our most recent expenditure from the St. Mark's Memorial Fund went towards the construction of the enclosure wall around our columbarium. The cost for this construction was \$49,000.00. \$12,257.00 came from donations specifically designated for the wall and the balance was withdrawn from the general fund. This wall provides privacy for family and loved ones during interments as well as creating a haven of tranquility for the beloved departed.

The Endowment Fund Board (EFB) consists of five members appointed by the Vestry for up to a three-year term and, as non-voting members, the Rector, Senior Warden and Parish Treasurer. Currently, Steve Campbell (Chair), Chuck Forbes, Judy Hobbs, Ed Hoerning and Tom Mecca serve as your board members. The board meets on a monthly basis and provides quarterly reports to the Vestry and an annual report to the Parish. In cooperation with the Vestry, the Endowment Fund Board will be conducting a brief survey of the parish members in the fall. At that time, we welcome your hopes, dreams and suggestions to determine the parish goals for the next three to five years.

- Judy Hobbs

St. Mark's Spotlight on Safety:



Tactical Flashlights—Flashlights are an often neglected piece of safety equipment and really should take a more prominent position in our thinking about home and personal safety. They have come a long way in the last few years. Every home and purse should have at least one good quality tactical flashlight. So, what is a tactical flashlight? It is a small LED light that has multiple settings: one for normal illumination and one or more settings to be used for self protection. A typical tactical flashlight will have a setting for normal illumination, a high intensity setting, and a strobe light setting. The high intensity and strobe lights are designed to buy you time - to get away, lock a door, call 911, or take whatever action is needed to make sure you and your family are safe. If you do decide to buy this type of light, please practice with it so you understand how it works. They can be expensive, but a good one can be purchased at Sam's Club fairly cheaply. Look for the Serengeti II online or in your local store. If you have questions, or would you like a quick demonstration just let me know. Be safe.... Dan Gilbert

Retreats for a Retreat !!

**A Celebration to Benefit
Lake Logan Center**



Again this year the Board of Directors and Board of Advisors for Lake Logan are having a Raffle, Silent Auction and party to raise money for Lake Logan's Annual Fund and Debt Relief. Raffle Tickets priced at \$75.00 are available from Tim and Candy Grooms or by contacting cherylsmith@lakelogan.org. Each ticket includes a chance to win the grand prize—a week in the Florida Keys for up to 8 people this fall—plus admission to a great party at Pack's Tavern in Asheville on August 29 from 4-6pm. There will be a silent auction of other vacations and items during the party. A flyer is in the hall outside the nursery if you want more information, or contact Tim and Candy to get your tickets.

July & August Schedules and Servers

(Subject to change)

Vestry Person Responsible for Lock-Up: July - Jay Barnes; August - Kevin Knight

July 25, 2010	9th Sunday after Pentecost	August 15, 2010	12th Sunday after Pentecost
Layreaders: 8:00 Jeff Bozarth; 10:30 John Anderson, David Burns, Paul Johnstone		Layreaders: 8:00 Jeff Bozarth; 10:30 Fred Hadfield, David Burns, Joe Saunders	
9:30 Family: David Major Family		9:30 Family: Travis Feezell Family	
Ushers: Greg Dills, Alan Jolley, * Greg Montgomery		Ushers: Jim Butt and Mary Carter, * ___	
Acolytes: Elizabeth Vaughn, Ally Adams, Jackson Cloninger		Acolytes: Stewart Butt, Sophia Varriale, Mary Lyon	
Greeters: Russ and Jeanna Tiller		Greeters: Tim and Candy Grooms	
Nursery: Trish Anderson, Terri Williamson		Nursery: Nancy Brewbaker and Mary Vaughn	
Coffee Hour: Melanie Dyke, Brenda Gilbert		Coffee Hour: Pat Smith and Donna Taylor	
August 1, 2010	10th Sunday after Pentecost	August 22, 2010	13th Sunday after Pentecost
Layreaders: 8:00 Elizabeth Willett; 10:30 Jay Barnes, Liz Domenico, Chris Christy		Layreaders: 8:00 Ed Hoerning; 10:30 Pete Brake, Brenda Gilbert, Paul Johnstone	
9:30 Family: Vince Varriale Family		9:30 Family: Greg Dills Family	
Ushers: Bill Thrower, Will Thrower, *Dan Gilbert		Ushers: Pat Miller, Tina Queen, *Don Miller	
Acolytes: Alex Campbell, Reynolds Lyon, Mary Lyon		Acolytes: Coralie Watts, Jackson Cloninger, Duncan Queen, Valerie Queen	
Greeters: Kevin and Peggy Knight		Greeters: Bill Seabrook and Beth Elkins	
Nursery: Rebecca and Ally Adams		Nursery: Beth and Jason Sherrill	
Coffee Hour: Tina Queen and Ruth Burns		Coffee Hour: Jean Eaddy	
August 8, 2010	11th Sunday after Pentecost	August 29, 2010	14th Sunday after Pentecost
Layreaders: 8:00 Ed Hoerning; 10:30 Alex Williamson, Howard Wellons, Russ Tiller		Layreaders: 8:00 Jim Redd; 10:30 Claude Hueitt, Jeff Bozarth, Mike Janik	
9:30 Family: Don Miller and Scott Queen Families		9:30 Family: Greg Adams Family	
Ushers: Greg and Rebecca Adams, *Walter Hobbs		Ushers: Blaine and Cookie Rudisill, *Vernon Vaughn	
Acolytes: Austin Biles, Clay Williamson, Ally Adams		Acolytes: Elizabeth Vaughn, Duncan Queen, Stewart Butt	
Greeters: Celia Billings and Richard Martinez		Greeters: Lloyd and Jody White	
Nursery: Kenna and Coralie Watts		Nursery: Donna and Mark Taylor	
Coffee Hour: Janet Sarn and Marianna Davis		Coffee Hour: Judy Hobbs and Carol Feezell	



Open Invitation to Become a Lay Reader and/or Chalice Bearer

St. Mark's has a dedicated group of individuals who serve as lay readers and chalice bearers at our services. We look forward to their continued assistance reading the lessons and administering communion as we worship together. Over 25 people serve each month in this ministry and there is always room for others to participate.

If you wonder what is involved in being a lay reader or a chalice bearer or you would like to be part of this dedicated team, you are invited to join with those who already serve. It is a rewarding experience and there are many opportunities to serve throughout the year. For further details or more information, call Jean Eaddy at the church office (704-864-4531) or speak to Ed Hoerning (704-866-8200).



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St. Mark's, Gastonia

The Rev. Shawn L. Griffith, Rector

The Rev. G. Patterson Cheshire, Deacon

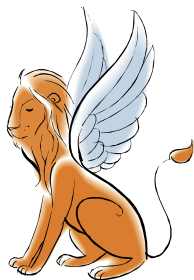
Mrs. Julia Bozarth, Director of Music

Mrs. Polly G. Redd, Director of Christian
Formation

Mrs. Trish Anderson, Business
Administrator

Mrs. Jean R. Eaddy, Church
Office Administrator

Mr. Lee Scott, Sexton



Vestry Leadership

Anne Carriel, Senior Warden

Ernie Adcock, Building & Grounds

John Anderson, Pastoral Care

Jay Barnes, Worship

David Burns, Christian Formation

Fred Hadfield, Stewardship

Mike Janik, Outreach

Kevin Knight, Junior Warden, Youth

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