

This Week at Saint Mark

Sunday, August 13

9:00a Morning Worship
 10:10a Punch on Peachtree
 10:10a Christian Education classes
 11:15a Morning Worship
 12:30p Punch on Peachtree
 12:30p Visioning steering com. mtg.
 2:00p Drama dress rehearsal
 4:30p ASCA

Wednesday, August 16

7:15a Augustine Fellowship
 9:00a ESL classes
 7:30p Chancel Choir rehearsal
 8:00p Augustine Fellowship 3

Thursday, August 17

7:15a Augustine Fellowship
 9:00a ESL classes

Monday, August 14

7:15a Augustine Fellowship
 9:00a ESL classes
 10:00a Finance volunteers
 7:00p Sentimental Journey rehearsal

Friday, August 18

7:15a Augustine Fellowship

Saturday, August 19

9:00a Breakfast Club
 10:00a Crystal Meth Anonymous
 11:30a Open Doors

Tuesday, August 15

7:15a Augustine Fellowship
 9:00a ESL classes
 2:30p Supper Club prep
 7:00p Crystal Meth Anonymous

Come sing with the choir on Sundays this month!!

We're learning easy anthems on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 10:30 before the 9:00 and 11:15 services. There's no pressure or commitment to weekly rehearsals if you just want to give it a try. We hope to see you!

Church Parking Update

Please do not park in the lot on the other side of the 805 Peachtree condominium building (located across 5th Street from the church). The property has changed ownership and Saint Mark does not have a parking agreement with the new owners. Instead, please park in either of the 2 church parking lots located directly behind the church or in the lot at 763 Juniper Street.

In Sympathy

Saint Mark expresses sympathy to Julie Tootle on the death of her father on Sunday, August 6.

Congregational Care

Hospitalized		John Speedy
Mike Podett	Temple University, PA	Sam Vaught's mother Toni Vaught Roseboro, NC Judi Verdin
At Home		
Dave Atkinson's mother Peggy Sue	Knoxville, TN	
Rex Burruss		
Jennifer Hansen's nephew Edward Lehman	AL	
Carol & Jana Harden's brother Rick		
Dick Johnson		
Susie Kezh's mother Beth Bice	Ellijay	
Stacy Ladd's mother Sue Alexander		
Trudy Lee-Barber		
Kelly Locklear		
Andrew Land's father Jerry		
Vanessa Meeks		
Bill Murray		
In Care Facilities		
Mark Corsale's father		OR
Stephen Fifield		Foxglove, East Point
Julie Jones' mother Shirley		Park Springs, St. Mtn.
Tom Lawson		Woodland Ridge, Smyrna
Jeff McMullen's mother Sandra		Milledgeville GA
James Stevenson		Lenbrook Square
In Military Service		
Eric Lauer		Army, Ft Gordon, GA
Al Thomas' grandson Cory Carter		Ft Bragg NC, Army
		Army, Washington, DC

Please contact Rev. Beth LaRocca-Pitts to notify the church of a death or illness. To reach a minister after office hours in case of emergency, call 1-800-673-0411.

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The Saint Mark Care Line (after hours emergency): 1-800-673-0411

The Reverend Doctor Beth LaRocca-Pitts Senior Pastor
 The Reverend Jennifer Hansen Minister of Outreach & Missions
 The Reverend Joshua M. Noblitt Minister of Social Justice & Evangelism
 Ms. Jess Cusick Director of Youth Ministries
 Mr. Jonathan Easter Director of Fine Arts
 Minister Sheila Stephens Minister of Education & Spiritual Formation

Habitat for Humanity Build Has Begun

Every Saturday now through October, Saint Mark is participating in a local Habitat for Humanity build. The second day of the 8 week build takes place this Saturday, August 19; the final day is October 7. No experience is necessary, training is offered, and tools are supplied - there are opportunities for everyone! To get involved, look for the sign up sheets in the narthex this morning or contact Jay Smith (jhsmithtiger@gmail.com / 678-357-6713).

August 27 is Homecoming Sunday!

Once again this year we'll enjoy our **annual potluck/covered dish dinner** after the 11:15 service on Homecoming Sunday! Please bring the suggested item that corresponds with the first letter of your last name: A-E: dessert; F-M: side dish or vegetable; N-S: casserole, meat or protein dish; and T-Z: appetizer. Bring a friend and join us!

Midweek Retreat News

Mark your calendar! **Midweek Retreat, along with our fellowship dinners, begins Wednesday, September 13.** If there is a topic, subject or special interest that you would like to see offered this fall, please submit your suggestions to Sheila Stephens at sstephens@stmarkumc.org. We are hoping to meet the needs of our Saint Mark community, so please share your ideas!

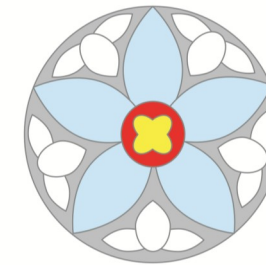
Volunteers needed for The Living Room's 8/19 Taste of Life fundraiser

For over 20 years, the Living Room has provided housing support for people living with HIV/AIDS in Georgia, including 1,500 individuals and families annually. The Living Room needs volunteers to assist with their *The Taste of Life* fundraiser this Saturday, August 19 (6 - 10 pm) that raises money for those living with HIV/AIDS. The event will be held at the trendy Westside Cultural Arts Center and features a wine pull, silent auction, and raffle. Volunteers are needed to help with: Decorating (setting up and cleaning up); Silent Auction (setting up and monitoring); Food service; Greeters, registration & ticket sales representatives, and Sales host for raffle tickets. If you can help, please contact Erin Linley at erin.linley@livingroomatl.org. To learn more about the Living Room or to purchase tickets to Taste of Life, visit <http://tolatl.com/>.

Black August Bail Out

Black August has long been a month of resistance for the black community. It originated in San Quentin prison to honor fallen Freedom Fighters Jonathan Jackson, George Jackson, William Christmas, James McClain and Khatari Gauden. It's a time to embrace the principles of unity, self-sacrifice, political education, and resistance; and more recently it has also been a time of celebration of black cultural production and community. To show your support and stand in solidarity with the black community, please join with *Southerners on New Ground* and *Black Lives Matter* and donate to the Black August Bail Out action, which, as a continuation of the Black Mama Bail Out, raises funds to provide support for black men and women who remain in jail simply because they cannot afford to post bail. Black August Bail Out also supports the assistance needed to get back on their feet after leaving jail. To learn more about Black August or make a donation, please visit bit.ly/blackaugustbailfund or contact Jon Luke Davila at jlrobertson01@gmail.com.

WELCOME HOME
TO



SAINT MARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, August 13, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Enter to Fellowship ✠ Sit to Pray ✠ Stand to Worship ✠ Leave to Share

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

* - Where indicated, those who are able, please stand.

We sing from 2 hymnals during Sunday morning worship. The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) is the large red hymnal in the pew racks. The Faith We Sing (TFWS) is the smaller black hymnal found in the pews.

WE GATHER

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

Leader: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.
Many: Thanks be to God!

CONCERNS

Leader: For all these persons and all who are in need.
Many: Hold your people near, O God.

JOYS

Leader: We give thanks to God for these blessings.
Many: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us take a moment to center our hearts on God.

PRELUDE AND CHIMES

Abide With Me
Gospel Daddies

*INTROIT

Blessed Assurance

UMH No. 369, 2nd stanza

ASSURANCE

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 85

One: Let us listen to what the Lord God is saying,
Many: For God is speaking peace to a faithful people

One: And to those who turn their hearts to God.

Many: Truly, God's salvation is very near.

One: Mercy and truth have met together;

Many: Truth shall spring up from the earth,

One: And righteousness shall look down from heaven.

All: The Lord will grant prosperity, and peace shall be a pathway for God's feet.

*HYMN OF PRAISE O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH No. 57, stanzas 1-6

AZMON

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Down In the River to Pray
Gospel Daddies

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

New Testament Lesson

Romans 10:5-15

Cooper Prudent (9:00)

Andrew Land (11:15)

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

*HYMN OF PRAISE

I Love to Tell the Story

UMH No. 156

HANKEY

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

SERMON

"Stilling the Storm"

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sheila Stephens

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

The Invitation

Sheila Stephens

Offertory

Ain'a That Good News – William Dawson
Gospel Daddies

*The Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

OLD 100th

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

Jess Cusick

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Jess Cusick

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Here I Am, Lord

UMH No. 593

HERE I AM, LORD

*BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

*RESPONSE

Irish Blessing
Gospel Daddies

POSTLUDE

Toccatina on Azmon - Alfred V. Fedak

Today at Saint Mark

Methodist Month continues! In addition to enjoying beloved hymns and special music throughout August, we continue to celebrate Methodist Month, reflecting on how our traditions can carry us from the past into the future. This morning we'll focus on the contributions of both John and Charles Wesley. Later we'll contemplate the need for revival (both personally and within the church) and we'll consider how forming a new church community creates a home in which all are truly welcome. Be sure to join us every Sunday this month (including **Homecoming Sunday, August 27!**)

This morning we welcome musical guests the Gospel Daddies: Allen Burrell, Brandon Bush, Joe Christley, Rick Dent, Jon Easter, Darrell & Jim Harper, Ron Jones, Rob McDowell, Tim Mullis, and Will Simpson.

New Foundations Class series begins The Foundations class begins a new 6 week series today, based on Eric Metaxas' book *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. Join us as we discover the major themes of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writings and speaking, and how he not only helped transform an entire faith community in Germany during WWII, but how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith of people throughout the world today. Pulling themes from all of his major books, Metaxas helps us understand why these spiritual truths meant so much to Bonhoeffer and how they can be an inspire and challenge our faith. Our study time includes watching a documentary-style video each week chronicling Bonhoeffer's life, so you can participate even if you don't read the book. The Foundations class meets in room 111 every Sunday morning at 10:10am. Everyone is welcome!

New Faith Seekers class *Interfaith Relations* series continues Every Sunday this month a different guest speaker from a different faith tradition will discuss their religion and answer questions concerning their faith, beliefs and practices. Today our conversation on Islamic faith continues as the class welcomes guest speaker Mrs. Noor Abbady from the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta. Next Sunday, August 20, the class will welcome Goparaj Das, an initiated disciple of H H Jayapataka Swami and member of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, Atlanta Temple. Das served as a pujari (braminical priest for deity worship) for over 15 years and he also conducts a weekly class on Vaishnava philosophy and practice. On Sunday, August 27, Shirley Banks will give a presentation on Buddhism. Ms. Banks has practiced the Dharma since 2000 and also studies Buddhism in American religious history. She will share an overview of the origins of Buddhism in India and its spread worldwide and discuss the similarities and differences among the major schools of Buddhist teachings. This series is open to everyone, and the class encourages participation from anyone at Saint Mark who is interested in learning about other faiths. The class meets Sunday mornings at 10:10 in room 205; join them for refreshments and great discussion!

Join us for Punch on Peachtree following the 9:00 service and again after the 11:15 service every Sunday this month.

The Steering Committee of the Visioning Committee will meet immediately following the 11:15 Morning Worship service today.

Welcome, Visitors!

We're so happy you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by the Visitor's Center in the narthex (near the front doors to the sanctuary) before you leave - we have a special gift for you!

Assisting in Worship Today

Soundboard: Kale Wright & Deanna Dennis

9:00 Greeters: Robert Giacomini and Craig Pigg

Usher Team: Jon Atteberry, Head Usher; Julie Arms Meeks, team captain; Roger Brown, Val Blankenship, Jeff Cain, Barbara Green, Todd Kimball, Gary McClelland, James Mullen, and Bruce Roaden