

## This Week at Saint Mark

### Sunday, August 20

9:00a Morning Worship  
 10:10a Punch on Peachtree  
 10:10a Christian Education classes  
 11:15a Morning Worship  
 12:30p Punch on Peachtree  
 4:30p ASCA

### Monday, August 21

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

### Tuesday, August 22

7:15a Augustine Fellowship  
 8:45a ESL testing and registration  
 9:00a ESL classes  
 2:30p Supper Club prep  
 7:00p Crystal Meth Anonymous

### Wednesday, August 23

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

### Thursday, August 24

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

### Friday, August 25

7:15a Augustine Fellowship

### Saturday, August 26

7:30a Habitat for Humanity build (offsite)  
 9:00a Breakfast Club  
 10:00a Crystal Meth Anonymous  
 11:30a Open Doors

### 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.

### Jerusalem House presents

#### **Journey with Compassion: Supporting Loved Ones Affected by HIV/AIDS**

Join us for this compassionate, educational event. Individuals directly affected by HIV/AIDS and individuals with affected family members will share their experiences in a panel discussion, including sharing and learning about testing positive, journeying with loved ones through treatment and illness, and evolving relationships with loved ones. This event is free and open to the public. It will take place on Saturday, September 9 from 10am to 11am at the Rush Center Annex, located at 328 Mell Avenue, Suite B in Atlanta (30307). To learn more, please visit [www.jerusalemhouse.org](http://www.jerusalemhouse.org).

### In Sympathy

Saint Mark expresses sympathy to Gates McNeilly on the death of his mother Mary Grace Schilling on August 10 in Aiken, South Carolina.

### Congregational Care

<b>Hospitalized</b>		John Speedy
Zaria Wright	Children's Healthcare of Atlanta	Sam Vaught's mother Toni Vaught Roseboro, NC
Mike Podett	Temple University, PA	Judi Verdin
<b>At Home</b>		<b>In Care Facilities</b>
Dave Atkinson's mother Peggy Sue	Knoxville, TN	Mark Corsale's father
Rex Burruss		Stephen Fifield
Jennifer Hansen's nephew Edward Lehman	AL	Julie Jones' mother Shirley
Carol & Jana Harden's brother Rick		Tom Lawson
Dick Johnson		Jeff McMullen's mother Sandra
Susie Kezh's mother Beth Bice	Ellijay	James Stevenson
Stacy Ladd's mother Sue Alexander		
Trudy Lee-Barber		
Kelly Locklear		
Andrew Land's father Jerry		
Vanessa Meeks		
Bill Murray		
<b>In Military Service</b>		
		Eric Lauer
		Al Thomas' grandson Cory Carter

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

### Thank You from the Midtown Assistance Center!

MAC is so grateful for Saint Mark's tremendous response to their recent food drive! Saint Mark contributed a total of 168 bags of groceries, valued at \$30/bag. We also put in 20 hours of volunteer time in the process. Many thanks to everyone who participated!

### Next Sunday, 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. If you can help in the church kitchen next Sunday, please contact the church office. Bring a friend and join us!

### Reconciling Ministries Network Reception, Tuesday August 29

Please join us for a reception at Saint Mark on Tuesday, August 29 at 7pm to meet Jan Lawrence, Interim Executive Director of the Reconciling Ministries Network. This is a great time to connect with other Reconciling United Methodists and learn about the work of RMN. Dinner will be provided for those who RSVP by Monday, Aug. 28 to Kim Sorrells at [Kim@rmnetwork.org](mailto:Kim@rmnetwork.org) (please indicate if you have dietary restrictions).

### 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](mailto:ssstephens@stmarkumc.org). We are hoping to meet the needs of our Saint Mark community, so please share your ideas!

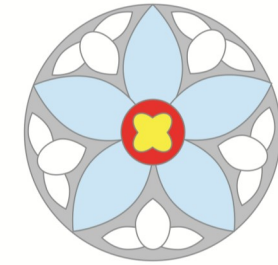
### Black August Bail Out

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, 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 by many to get back on their feet after leaving jail. To learn more about Black August or make a donation, please visit [bit.ly/blackaugustbailfund](http://bit.ly/blackaugustbailfund) or contact Jon Luke Davila at [jrobertson01@gmail.com](mailto:jrobertson01@gmail.com).

### Habitat for Humanity Build Has Begun

Every Saturday now through early October, Saint Mark is participating in a local Habitat for Humanity build. 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](mailto:jhsmithtiger@gmail.com) / 678-357-6713).

WELCOME HOME  
TO



SAINT MARK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, August 20, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.  
 Eleventh 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

*Blessed Assurance* - J. Bert Carlson

#### \*INTROIT

*Blessed Assurance*

UMH No. 369, 3rd stanza

ASSURANCE

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 67

Jess Cusick

One: May God be merciful to us and bless us,

**Many: May the light of God's countenance shine upon us and come to us.**

One: Let God's ways be known upon earth,

**Many: God's saving health among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**Many: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge all people with equity**

One: You guide all the nations upon earth.

**All: May God, our own God, bless us and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.**

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH No. 140

FAITHFULNESS

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### \*HYMN SING

UMH No. 723, stanzas 1 & 4

*Shall We Gather At the River*

HANSON PLACE

UMH No. 377, 1st stanza

*It Is Well With My Soul*

VILLE DU HAVRE

UMH No. 170, stanzas 1 & 2

*O How I Love Jesus*

O HOW I LOVE JESUS

UMH No. 310, 1st stanza

*He Lives*

ACKLEY

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

New Testament Lesson *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32* LuAlice Waite (9:00)

Sarah Caldwell (11:15)

### THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH

Sheila Stephens

#### \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Standing on the Promises*

UMH No. 374

PROMISES

#### \*Gospel Lesson

*Matthew 15:21-28*

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

#### SERMON

*"Mercy for All"*

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jess Cusick

**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

Jess Cusick

#### Offertory

*When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* - arr. Dick Bolks

#### \*The Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH No. 95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

OLD 100th

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

#### \*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

Sheila Stephens

## WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

#### \*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Sheila Stephens

#### \*HYMN OF DEDICATION

*Victory in Jesus*

UMH No. 370

HARTFORD

#### \*BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

#### POSTLUDE

*There's a New Name Written Down in Glory* - Diane Bish

## 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. Be sure to join us every Sunday this month (including **Homecoming Sunday, August 27!**)

**New Foundations Class series continues** The Foundations 6 week class series continues, 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 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 still participate without reading 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 the class welcomes 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. Next 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. This 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 flowers in the sanctuary this morning were provided by Larry Lucas.**

*You are invited to the installation of the Rev. Mark Larson as the Senior Pastor at our next door neighbor, the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer (located at the corner of 4th and Peachtree Streets) today at 3pm.*

### 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!

*If you would like to provide fresh flowers in the sanctuary for Sunday morning worship, please contact Christia Holloway in the church office.*

### Assisting in Worship Today

Soundboard: Kale Wright & Deanna Dennis

9:00 Greeters: Terry Davis and Greg Brown

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

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