

This Week at Saint Mark

Sunday, August 6

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

Monday, August 7

7:15a Augustine Fellowship
9:00a ESL classes
10:00a Finance volunteers
7:00p Saint Mark@Home groups
7:00p Sentimental Journey rehearsal
7:15p Summer Singers rehearsal

Tuesday, August 8

7:15a Augustine Fellowship
8:45a ESL testing & registration
9:00a ESL classes
2:30p Supper Club prep
7:00p Crystal Meth Anonymous
7:00p drama rehearsal
7:00p Stewardship Committee meeting

Wednesday, August 9

7:15a Augustine Fellowship
9:00a ESL classes
8:00p Augustine Fellowship 3

Thursday, August 10

7:15a Augustine Fellowship
7:00p drama rehearsal
9:00a ESL classes

Friday, August 11

7:15a Augustine Fellowship

Saturday, August 12

9:00a Breakfast Club
10:00a Crystal Meth Anonymous
11:30a Open Doors
2:00p drama dress rehearsal

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.

Congregational Care

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 Kelly Locklear
Andrew Land's father Jerry
John Speedy
Sam Vaught's mother Toni Vaught Roseboro, NC
Judi Verdin

In Care Facilities

Mark Corsale's father OR
Stephen Fifeild Foxglove, East Point
Julie Jones' mother Shirley Park Springs, St. Mtn.
Tom Lawson Woodland Ridge, Smyrna
Jeff McMullen's mother Sandra Milledgeville GA
Bill Murray Pruitt Brookhaven Rehab Ctr
James Stevenson Lenbrook Square

In Military Service

Candice King's daughter-in-law, SGT Rachel King Fort Wainwright AK
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 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

Today at Saint Mark (continued)

New Faith Seekers class *Interfaith Relations* series begins Each Sunday in August a different guest speaker from a different faith tradition will discuss their religion and answer questions concerning their faith, belief and practices. Today and next Sunday, August 12, will focus on Islam. Today's guest speakers are Edward Ahmed Mitchell, Executive Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), Georgia Chapter and Ruwa Romman, Director of Communications for CAIR, Georgia Chapter. Next Sunday, August 13 the conversation on Islamic faith continues as the class welcomes guest speaker Mrs. Noor Abbady from the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta. More details about additional speakers later this month will be announced soon. This series is open to everyone, and the class encourages participation from others in the congregation who are interested in learning about other faiths. Coffee and refreshments are served and the class meets Sunday mornings at 10:10 in room 205.

New Foundations Class series begins next Sunday

Beginning next Sunday, August 13, the Foundations class will begin a new 6 week series of *New York Times* bestselling author 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 inspiration and challenge to our faith. Our study time includes watching a documentary-style video each week chronicling Bonhoeffer's life, therefore you do not have to read the book to participate. The Foundations class meets in room 111 every Sunday morning at 10:10am. Everyone is welcome!

Habitat for Humanity Build Begins this Saturday, August 12

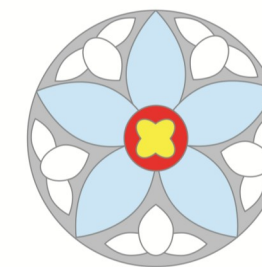
Every Saturday now through October, Saint Mark will participate in a local Habitat for Humanity build. The first day of the 8 week build takes place this Saturday, August 12; the final day is October 7. No experience is necessary, training is offered and tools are supplied - there are opportunities for 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).

Socks Needed for Blessed Are the Feet

Once a quarter on Saturday morning, Saint Mark's Blessed Are the Feet ministry provides shoes and socks (when available) as needed to our friends who are part of Breakfast Club. Currently we need men's new, white athletic socks and shoes (preferably in larger sizes). If you can donate new socks or new or gently used shoes, please contact the church office. The members of Breakfast Club thank you!

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WELCOME HOME
TO



SAINT MARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, August 6, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.
Communion Sunday
Ninth 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

Sheila Stephens

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

Prelude on Amazing Grace – Trey Clegg

*INTROIT

Blessed Assurance

UMH No. 369, 1st stanza

ASSURANCE

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Isaiah 55

One: Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

Many: You that have no money, come, buy and eat!

One: Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Many: Why spend money for that which is not bread, and labor for that which does not satisfy

One: Listen carefully to God, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Many: Incline your ear, and come to God; listen, that you may live.

One: God will make with us an everlasting covenant,

All: Because of God's steadfast, sure love for us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace

UMH No. 378

AMAZING GRACE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH

Jess Cusick

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 32:22-31

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

SERMON

"Crossing Over"

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER

Josh Noblitt

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

The Invitation

Offertory

I Love to Tell the Story – Benjamin Kornelis

*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

Jess Cusick

At the preparation of the table

Hymn of Preparation

Be Thou My Vision

UMH No. 451

SLANE

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

Let us pray together. **Holy God, we come before You in humility, for we do not live as we ought. We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbor as ourselves. So we pray, in all humility, that You will change our hearts and minds, that You will show us again how to love others the way You love us, that You will put power and courage in our hearts to do Your will. This we pray in Jesus' name and for His sake. Amen.**

Response

Lord, Have Mercy

Repeated sections are sung first by the Leader and then by All.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Have Mercy' in 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chris - te e -'. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: 'mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. mer - cy. le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. le - i - son.' There are first and second endings indicated by brackets and numbers 1 and 2 above the staff.

Words of Assurance

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

Communion Liturgy after the Prayer of Confession, UMH, page 15

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up**

to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and our praise.**

Mark Miller Musical Setting TFWS, 2257b - d

Communion Hymn

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH No. 496

SWEET HOUR

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sheila Stephens

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Sheila Stephens

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

Because He Lives

UMH No. 364

RESURRECTION

*BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

POSTLUDE

Carillon de Westminster - Louis Vierne

Today at Saint Mark

August is Methodist Month! In addition to enjoying beloved hymns and special music all month, beginning today we will celebrate Methodist Month, reflecting on how our past traditions such as camp meetings, revivals, and Homecoming can carry us from the past into the future. Throughout the month, we'll recognize the contributions of both John and Charles Wesley, contemplate the need for revival (both personally and within the church) and we'll look at 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 on Sunday, August 27) as we celebrate Saint Mark!

MAC Food Drive Update Thank you for your tremendous response to our July food drive for the Midtown Assistance Center! To date, Saint Mark has donated 153 bags of food! Today is the final Sunday to return your donations to church. To learn more about MAC, visit www.midtownassistancectr.org. Thank you for your support!

A new Faith Seekers class series begins today (see the back of your bulletin for more details.)

You are invited to the Installation service for our New Atlanta Emory District Superintendent Mike Long today at 2pm at the First United Methodist Church of Lawrenceville (located at 395 W Crogan Street in Lawrenceville, 30046). Do come and greet Mike and his family and welcome them to the district!

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: Eric and Joyce Norman

Communion Servers: 9:00 V. Lee Edwards, Craig Pigg, and Scott Vanderbeck
11:15 Jill Lee-Barber, Roger Brown, and John Flatt

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