This Week at Saint Mark

Communion Sunday, September 3

9:00a Morning Worship

10:10a Christian Education classes

11:15a Morning Worship

4:30p ASCA

Monday, September 4 Labor Day (church office closed)

7:15a Augustine Fellowship
7:00p Sentimental Journey rehearsal
7:00p Saint Mark@Home aroups

Tuesday, September 5

7:15a Augustine Fellowship

9:00a ESL classes

10:00a Finance volunteers

2:30p Supper Club prep

7:00p Crystal Meth Anonymous

Wednesday, September 6

7:15a Augustine Fellowship

9:00a ESL classes

7:30p Chancel Choir rehearsal 8:00p Augustine Fellowship 3

Thursday, September 7

7:15a Augustine Fellowship

9:00a ESL classes

Friday, September 8

7:15a Augustine Fellowship

Saturday, September 9

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.

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 / 678-357-6713).

Mark your calendars for the Saint Mark Fall Festival and Streets Alive

on Sunday, September 24! Once again we have the opportunity to be a good neighbor as we join in *Streets Alive* (atlantastreetsalive.com), an initiative of the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition. Saint Mark will have a bounce house, face painting, snacks and games for all - come and join the fun!

Congregational Care

At Home

Dave Atkinson's mother Peggy Sue Knoxville, TN Rex Burruss David Cranford

Jennifer Hansen's nephew Edward Lehman Carol & Jana Harden's brother Rick

Susie Kezh's mother Beth Bice Stacy Ladd's mother Sue Alexander

Trudy Lee-Barber Kelly Locklear

Andrew Land's father Jerry

Vanessa Meeks Bill Murray John Speedy Sam Vaught's mother Toni Vaught Roseboro, NC Judi Verdin Zaria Wright

In Care Facilities

Mark Corsale's father
Stephen Fifield
Foxglove, East Point
Julie Jones' mother Shirley
Park Springs, St. Mtn.
Tom Lawson
Woodland Ridge, Smyrna
Jeff McMullen's mother Sandra
James Stevenson
Milledgeville GA
Lenbrook Square

In Military Service

Eric Lauer Army, Ft Gordon, GA
Al Thomas' grandson Cory CarterFt 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 & Evan

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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

Please join us in helping those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is working with United Methodist conferences in the affected areas of Texas to respond, and you can help! There is great need for UMCOR Cleaning Kits ("flood buckets"). This morning you'll find orange buckets in the narthex. Take a bucket home, fill it with the cleaning supplies (supply lists are in each bucket), and then return your donated Cleaning Kit to Saint Mark by Sunday, Sept. 24 to help a needy family restore their home. You can also make a donation to UMCOR for hurricane relief. Today's Communion offering will go to support UMCOR relief efforts (see the other side of your bulletin for details).

September newcomers class series begins next Sunday!

This class series for newcomers will meet Sundays, September 10, 17, and 24 at 10:10am in the parlor. If you are new to Saint Mark or considering joining the church, we invite you to participate. You will have the opportunity to join the church during Morning Worship on Sunday, Sept. 24. For more information, contact Rev. Josh Noblitt at jnoblitt@stmarkumc.org.

Midweek Retreat News

Mark your calendar! Midweek Retreat, along with our fellowship dinners, begins Wednesday, September 13. Options for this fall include the following:

Pam Buzbee will facilitate a study of Phillip Yancey's book What's So Amazing About Grace? In his most personal and provocative book ever, Yancey offers compelling, true portraits of grace's life-changing power. Please plan to read the first 2 chapters by the first class session on Sept. 13.

Bruce Roaden will lead a session on Max Lucado's book *Glory Days*. This book explores what it means to "Live Your Promised Land Life Now" and helps us embrace the notion that our best days are still ahead. The study is in line with where Saint Mark is today as we look towards visioning for the coming years. If you would like to participate in either book study, contact Sheila Stephens to pick up a copy of your book next Sunday, September 10.

Ever wanted to learn how to play bridge? Now is your chance! We'll also offer bridge lessons on Wednesday nights following dinner.

In addition to the above classes, Beth's 5pm Study of the Bible class will continue. Dinner is served beginning at 5:30pm and programming begins at 6:30pm. Fill out a reservation form and drop it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or contact the church office (office@stmarkumc.org / 404-873-2636), preferably by Monday afternoon. Join us!

Children's Ministry Update

We are back in full swing and excited about things to come! Next Sunday, September 10 is Promotion Sunday! Our children will begin new Sunday School classes for the year and our 3rd graders will be presented with Bible during Morning Worship. Beginning Sept. 13, our children's choir rehearsals resume on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm. Contact George Evans at geexplorer@yahoo.com for details. Sunday, Sept. 24 is our Fall Festival along with Streets Alive, sponsored by the Atlanta Bicycle Coalition. Saint Mark has been designated as part of the Kids' Zone. Please place these dates on your calendar and plan to join us!

WELCOME HOME TO





THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, September 3, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. Communion Sunday Thirteenth 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

Josh Noblitt

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 Nicea - Healey Willan

*INTROIT TFWS No. 2236, 3rd stanza

Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 105

Josh Noblitt

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name Many: Make known God's deeds among the peoples.

One: Sing to God! Sing praises to the Lord!

Many: Tell of all God's wonderful works!

One: Let us glory in God's holy name

All: And let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

*HYMN OF PRAISE Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God, Almighty! UMH No. 64

NICAEA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH Steve Fazenbaker

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 3:1-15

Steve Fazenbaker

SERMON "Meeting God on Holy Ground" Steve Fazenbaker

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER Josh Noblitt

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

The Invitation Josh Noblitt

Offertory

Let There Be Peace on Earth - arr. Hawley Ades

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me,

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our Creator, children all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

*The Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
UMH No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

Josh Noblitt

At the preparation of the table

Hymn of Preparation Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me

UMH No. 336, stanzas 1-3

MEYER

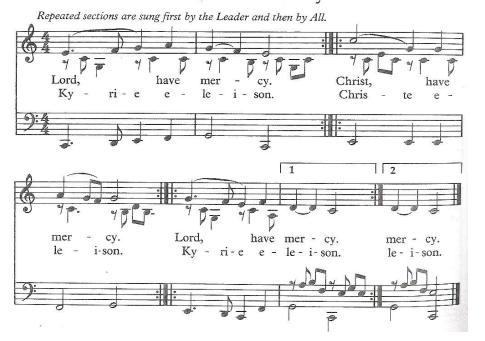
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

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



Words of Assurance

Steve Fazenbaker

Communion Liturgy after the Prayer of Confession, UMH, page 9

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.

Musical Setting A, UMH p. 17

Communion Hymn Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me UMH No. 336, stanzas 4-5

MEYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Josh Noblitt

WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Josh Noblitt

*HYMN OF DEDICATION Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service UMH No. 581 BEACH SPRING

*BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES

Steve Fazenbaker

POSTLUDE

Fanfare on Nicea - Piet Post

Today at Saint Mark

Today's Communion Offering goes to benefit UMCOR (umcor.org), the United Methodist Committee on Relief. UMCOR is a ministry of the United Methodist Church whose goal is to assist the most vulnerable persons affected by crisis or chronic need. UMCOR's work includes programs and projects in disaster response, health, sustainable agriculture, food security, relief supplies, and more. UMCOR spends 100% of designated donations on the projects their donors specify. To specify US disaster response / relief for those affected by Harvey, note 'Advance #901670' on your donation.

Foundations Class series continues based on Eric Metaxas' book Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy. We continue to examine the major themes of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writings and how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith of people throughout the world today. Our study time includes watching a documentary-style video each week, 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 series: The Wesleys and the Roots of Methodism begins this morning. The Wesleys and the Roots of Methodism is a 4 week study facilitated by Mary Abbott Waite. The class will look at the history and ideas of John and Charles Wesley, the early Methodist movement, how that informs the current church, and finally how we might draw on this history to work for full inclusion in our church today. The Faith Seekers class meets every Sunday in room 205 at 10:10am. All are welcome to participate!

Assisting in Worship Today

Soundboard: Kale Wright & Deanna Dennis

Communion Servers: (9:00) Dale Becker, Pam Buzbee, and Perry Rountree (11:15) Pam Buzbee, John Flatt, and Mike Smith

Usher Team: Jon Atteberry, Head Usher; Tom Baugh, team captain; Walter Allen, Brian Bennett, Tracy Brown, John Davidson, Will Mathews, Hayden McArthur, Ryan McArthur, and Saundra Kelley

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