

## This Week at Saint Mark

### Pride Sunday, October 15

9:00a Morning Worship  
 10:10a Christian Education classes  
 10:10a Pride Float assembly  
 11:15a Morning Worship  
 12:00p Atlanta Pride Now & Then Exhibit  
 12:30p Church Barbecue  
 4:30p ASCA

### Monday, October 16

7:15a Augustine Fellowship  
 9:00a ESL classes  
 10:00a Finance volunteers  
 6:30p Staff Parish committee meeting  
 7:00p Sentimental Journey rehearsal

### Tuesday, October 17

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

### Wednesday, October 18

7:15a Augustine Fellowship  
 9:00a ESL classes  
 5:00p Beth's Study of the Bible class  
 5:30p fellowship dinner  
 6:30p Midweek Retreat programming  
 6:45p Handbell practice  
 7:30p Chancel Choir rehearsal  
 8:00p Augustine Fellowship 3

### Thursday, October 19

7:15a Augustine Fellowship  
 9:00a ESL classes  
 7:30p AGMC rehearsal

### Friday, October 20

7:15a Augustine Fellowship

### Saturday, October 21

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

### 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). Instead, please park in either of the 2 church parking lots located directly behind the church or in the lot at 763 Juniper Street.

### Usher Help Needed!

Saint Mark needs additional ushers for both Sunday morning worship services. Ushers are only on duty 1 month every quarter. Even if you cannot help out every Sunday in your assigned month, you can still participate. It's a rewarding way to serve our congregation and a great way to get to know your church family! To learn more, contact Head Usher Jon Atteberry at jonatteberry@hotmail.com or call 404-606-0380.

### In Sympathy

*Saint Mark expresses heartfelt sympathy to Barbara Green on the death of her mother on Thursday, October 12.*

### Congregational Care

#### At Home

Dave Atkinson's mother Peggy Sue Knoxville, TN  
 Rex Burruss  
 Michael Collin-Smythe's father  
 David Cranford  
 Audra Dial's mother Myna Dial  
 Jeff Hamil's father  
 Jennifer Hansen's nephew Edward Lehman AL  
 Carol & Jana Harden's brother Rick  
 Susie Kezh's mother Beth Bice Ellijay  
 Stacy Ladd's mother Sue Alexander  
 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 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

Jeff Cain's nephew Chandler Boyd (Army) Afghanistan  
 Keith Hutcherson's nephew Parker Heagerty, PFC, US Army, Syria  
 Al Thomas' grandson Cory Carter Ft Bragg NC 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

### Volunteers Needed for Open Doors / Open House Atlanta, October 21 & 22

Saint Mark will be participating in the 1st annual Open House Atlanta this year. Open House Atlanta provides public access to 40+ buildings throughout Downtown, Midtown, Buckhead, and along the Peachtree Corridor. Visitors are invited to explore new and historic buildings, learn their histories and study their architecture. Hosting Open House Atlanta is very similar to hosting our Saturday morning Open Doors program, only with extended hours. Our tour will be self guided so volunteers are needed mainly to provide a friendly welcome and answer basic questions. 2 Volunteers are needed for each shift on Saturday October 21 from 3 - 5pm and Sunday, October 22 from 12:30 - 2:30 pm and again from 2:30-5pm. If you can help, please contact Darrell Card at Darrell@darrellcard.com.

### Upcoming Community Road Races

**PNC Atlanta 10 Miler & 5K Event Next Sunday, October 22** This event is scheduled next Sunday morning from 7 - 10:30am. The course will begin and end in Atlantic Station but will also affect traffic and street access in Buckhead and Midtown. For details on the event, course, and road closures, please visit atlantatrackclub.org.  
 The annual **Atlanta Halloween Half Marathon / 5K** will take place the following **Sunday, October 29**, beginning at 8am. It starts and finishes in the Old Fourth Ward but the course will also go through Midtown, including 5th Street. For more details, visit halloweenhalfmarathon.com/events/Atlanta/.

**Oct. 25: Save the Date for Growing Strong: a Brunch and Silent Auction Benefiting Breakthru House** featuring Keynote Speaker Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson of the N GA Conference of United Methodist Church, at 1st Decatur UMC on Wednesday, Oct. 25 (coffee and silent auction at 10 am and brunch and program at 10:30 am). Tickets are \$60 / person or a table of 8 for \$480. contact Sherrese Jordan at sjordan@actionministries.net / 404-284-4658 ext. 3 or Rev. Jennifer Hansen at jhansen@stmarkumc.org for more information.  
 Did you know Saint Mark was instrumental in founding Breakthru House? Since its beginning in 1969 as the first long-term residential recovery program for women in Georgia, Breakthru House has worked to meet the unique needs of women struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. Utilizing the 12 Steps and a readymade therapeutic community, Breakthru House provides a safe, structured drug-free environment to foster a life of recovery.

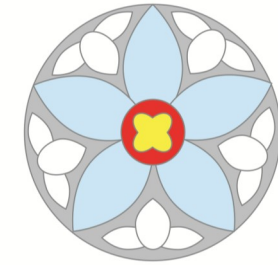
### Attention, parents!

New changing tables have been installed for your convenience in the restroom near Wade Hall and in the restroom across from room 204 on the second floor in the Education building.

### Attention, Youth! Join us for lunch and Tie-Dye!

After church Sunday, October 29 (note date change) from 12:30 - 3pm, we'll enjoy lunch and tie-dye! Bring some lunch money and a white t-shirt (or whatever you'd like to tie-dye). Also bring / wear something that you don't mind getting permanent dye on! Cost is \$6. For more details about this and other upcoming youth events, contact Youth Minister Jess Cusick at jcusick@stmarkumc.org.

**WELCOME HOME  
TO**



**SAINT MARK**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, October 15, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.  
 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
 Pride Sunday

## 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

#### SHARING OF PRIDE THEN AND NOW

One: The Lord be with you. **Many: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us take a moment to center our hearts on God.

PRELUDE AND CHIMES *All Are Welcome* - Chris Lenz

\*INTROIT *Many Gifts, One Spirit* – Allen Pote  
*Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.*  
*Many reasons, one promise, many questions, one choice.*  
*O God we pray for unity, give guidance from above,*  
*In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.*

*O God remind us we are not alone.*  
*Though we walk on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.*

*Help us learn to love each other, show us ways to understand.*  
*We are members of one family, growing strong by joining hands.*

*O God remind us we are not alone.*  
*Though we walk on different pathways, we are walking to your throne.*

*Take our many ways of working,*  
*blend the colors of each soul into the beauty of a rainbow,*  
*Give us life, Lord, make us whole.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 84* Josh Noblitt

One: How wonderful it is to be in a dwelling place for God!  
**Many: The boundless springs of God's love refresh and restore us.**  
One: There is a place here for everyone. No one is turned away.

**Many: We are always welcome in God's house.**

One: Praise to God who invites and shelters us all!  
**All: Praise to God who makes for us all a house of belonging! Amen.**

\*HYMN, stanzas 1, 2, 4, & 5 *All Are Welcome* Insert

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle Lesson *I John 4:7-21* Sharon Smith (9:00)  
Mike Smith (11:15)

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH Beth LaRocca-Pitts

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Christ Has Broken Down the Wall* Insert

Old Testament Lesson *Genesis 32:22-31* Jess Cusick

SERMON Jess Cusick

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL 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 *He Never Failed Me Yet* - Robert Ray  
*I will sing of God's mercy, every day, every hour, He gives me power.*  
*I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out.*

*He is my God and I'll serve him, no matters what the test,*  
*Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.*

*I know God is able to deliver in time of storm,*  
*I know that he'll keep you safe from all earthly harm.*  
*One day when my weary soul is at rest,*  
*I'm going home to be forever blessed.*  
*Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out, He never failed me yet.*

*Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't he cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego?*  
*When I think of what my God can do,*  
*He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.*

\*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 Jennifer Hansen

### WE ARE SENT FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP Jennifer Hansen

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Draw the Circle Wide* Insert

\*BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES Jess Cusick

POSTLUDE *Toccata on All You Need Is Love* - Paul Ayers

### Today at Saint Mark

**Today is Pride Sunday!** Saint Mark Pride t-shirts are available for sale in the narthex today (\$10 for this year's *Draw The Circle Wide* shirt and \$5 for past Pride t-shirts). Join us on the front lawn after the 11:15 service as we enjoy a barbecue while we wait for the parade to pass by the church (Cost is \$10/person). As usual, Saint Mark will have a float in the parade this year. You are invited to join the parade and walk with our float once it passes by the church. Many thanks to everyone who helped us prepare for Pride!

**Today is the final day of the Pride: Then and Now exhibit!** Don't miss the opportunity to see this amazing visual exhibition (located in the chapel) dedicated to the history of Pride in Atlanta from its beginning in 1970 to the present! Many thanks to Tony Holland for organizing this event!

**New Foundations Class Study continues** The Foundations class' 6 week study of Adam Hamilton's series *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet* continues. The Foundations class meets every Sunday at 10:10am in room 111. All are welcome!

**New Faith Seekers Class Study continues** The Faith Seekers class series on the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes also continues, facilitated by Bruce Roaden. The Faith Seekers class meets in room 205 at 10:10am every Sunday; all are welcome!

### Atlanta AIDS Walk Next Sunday, October 22

Join Saint Mark as our team prepares for this year's Atlanta AIDS Walk next Sunday, October 22 in Piedmont Park. To join the Saint Mark team, contact Rev. Josh Noblitt or follow this link to the Saint Mark Team Fundraising page: [http://events.aidatlanta.org/site/TR/Walk/General?team\\_id=1084&pg=team&fr\\_id=1040](http://events.aidatlanta.org/site/TR/Walk/General?team_id=1084&pg=team&fr_id=1040). Last year we were the third highest fundraiser for this event. Let's keep this witness going!

### 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 & Barry Stearns  
Usher Team: Jon Atteberry, Head Usher; Bill Cox and Jon Atteberry, team co-captains; Glen Anderson, Joe Black, Joel Black, John Flatt, Joseph Hackett, Shirley Horan, Eric Hutcherson, Mark Jefferson, and Russell McKinney

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