

## This Week at Saint Mark

<p><b>Sunday, October 22</b>            9:00a Morning Worship            10:10a Christian Education classes            11:15a Morning Worship            2:00p Atlanta AIDS Walk            4:30p ASCA</p> <p><b>Monday, October 23</b>            7:15a Augustine Fellowship            9:00a ESL classes            10:00a Finance volunteers            7:00p Sentimental Journey rehearsal</p> <p><b>Tuesday, October 24</b>            7:15a Augustine Fellowship            9:00a ESL classes            9:00a ESL testing and registration            2:30p Supper Club prep            7:00p Crystal Meth Anonymous</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 25</b>            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</p> <p><b>Thursday, October 26</b>            7:15a Augustine Fellowship            9:00a ESL classes            7:30p AGMC rehearsal</p> <p><b>Friday, October 27</b>            7:15a Augustine Fellowship</p> <p><b>Saturday, October 28</b>            9:00a Breakfast Club            10:00a Crystal Meth Anonymous            11:30a Open Doors</p>
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### 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](mailto:Jonatteberry@hotmail.com) or call 404-606-0380.

### Congregational Care

<p><b>At Home</b>            Rex Burruss            Judi Cheney's brother Sandy Jacksonville, FL            Michael Collin-Smythe's father            David Cranford            Myrna Dial            Jennifer Hansen's nephew Edward Lehman AL            Susie Kezh's mother Beth Bice Ellijay            Stacy Ladd's mother Sue Alexander            Andrew Land's father Jerry            Vanessa Meeks            Bill Murray            Karen Podett's husband Mike            Sam Vaught's mother Toni Vaught Roseboro, NC            Judi Verdin</p>	<p><b>In Care Facilities</b>            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</p> <p><b>In Military Service</b>            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</p>
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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

### Today at Saint Mark

**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 through Sunday, November 5. The Foundations class meets every Sunday at 10:10am in room 111. All are welcome!

**New Faith Seekers Class Study continues** The month long 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** Once again a Saint Mark team will participate in the Atlanta AIDS Walk in Piedmont Park today. Registration begins at 11:30am. The 5K walk begins at 2pm (the 5K run begins at 1pm). If you are not able to walk with the Saint Mark team, it's not too late to make a donation or join the team as a virtual member. Visit the church website [www.stmarkumc.org](http://www.stmarkumc.org) and look for the link on the main page. Saint Mark is always one of the top 10 fundraisers for this event, and we want to keep it that way! We're typically the only church in the top 10, which also includes corporate donors. Help us keep this witness going!

### Wednesday, October 25: Save the Date for Growing Strong

*Growing Strong*, a brunch and silent auction benefiting Breakthru House, will be held at First Decatur United Methodist Church this Wednesday, Oct. 25 (coffee and silent auction at 10am and brunch and program at 10:30am). The event features Keynote Speaker Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson of the N GA Conference of United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$60 / person. Contact Sherrese Jordan at [sjordan@actionministries.net](mailto:sjordan@actionministries.net) / 404-284-4658 ext. 3 or Rev. Jennifer Hansen at [jhansen@stmarkumc.org](mailto: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.

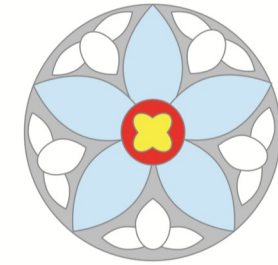
### Next Sunday at Saint Mark

**The annual Atlanta Halloween Half Marathon / 5K will take place next 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/](http://halloweenhalfmarathon.com/events/Atlanta/).

**Stewardship Season at Saint Mark begins** Beginning next Sunday and during the next few weeks, we will focus on opportunities to be good stewards - of our financial resources, time and talents. Plan to join us during worship when we'll explore how we can best use our individual time and talents.

**Youth lunch and Tie-Dye** After church next Sunday, from 12:30 - 3pm our youth will 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](mailto:jcusick@stmarkumc.org).

WELCOME HOME  
TO



SAINT MARK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Render to Caesar  
the things that are Caesar's,



Matthew 22:21

And to God  
the things that are God's.

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, October 22, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.  
 Twentieth 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

*Adagio from Symphony #5 - Charles-Marie Widor*

\*INTROIT *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH No. 381, 3rd stanza

BRADBURY

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Isaiah 45*

Sheila Stephens

One: God has said to the anointed, "I will go before you and level the mountains,"

**Many: "I will break the doors of bronze in pieces."**

One: "I will give you the treasures of darkness,

**Many: Riches hidden in secret places."**

One: So that we may know that it is the Lord the God of Israel who has called us by name.

**Many: God has called by name even those who don't know God.**

One: The Lord is God and there is no other.

**Many: God forms light and creates darkness**

One: God makes weal and creates woe.

**All: The Lord our God does all these things.**

\*HYMN *God of Grace and God of Glory*

UMH No. 577

CWM RHONDDA

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

#### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle Lesson *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10* LuAlice Waite (9:00)

Cheryl Thompson (11:15)

THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH

Josh Noblitt

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

## How Shall I Come Before the Lord

1. How shall I come be - fore the Lord and bow my -  
 2. Will fin - est gifts bring God's de - light? Will wealth bring  
 3. Let jus - tice shine in all your ways. Let lov - ing

self with heart out - poured? And shall I come with of - fer -  
 fa - vor in God's sight? What must we be? What must we  
 kind - ness rule your days, that, as this earth - ly path you

ing? What shall I give? What shall I bring?  
 do? What does the Lord re - quire of you?  
 trod, you shall walk hum - bly with your God.

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\*Gospel Testament Lesson *Matthew 22:15-22*

Jennifer Hansen

SERMON

"Belongings"

Jennifer Hansen

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Josh Noblitt

**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

Stewardship Moment

Mark Talliard

The Invitation

Josh Noblitt

Offertory *Give Almes of Thy Good - Christopher Tye*

*Give almes of thy goods and turn never thy face from any poor man.  
 And then the face of the Lord shall not be turned away from thee.*

\*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

Sheila Stephens

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

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Sheila Stephens

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

UMH No. 399

MESSIAH

\*BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES

Jennifer Hansen

POSTLUDE

*Voluntary on CWM Rhonda - Paul Manz*

### Aldersgate Homes Special Offering

Today we are collecting the Bishop's Special Offering for Aldersgate Homes, a United Methodist related agency providing housing and recreational program for the developmentally disabled. Please place your designated offering (note "Aldersgate") in the offering plate this morning. To learn more about Aldersgate Homes, see the enclosed insert in your bulletin or contact Board member Rev. Beth LaRocca-Pitts.

**Congratulations to Tiffany and Ashley Chen on the birth of their son Fox on Sunday, October 15!**

### 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 and Deanna Dennis  
 9:00 Greeters: Sybil Smith and Eric Hutcherson

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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