

## This Week at Saint Mark

<b>Sunday, October 8</b> 9:00a Morning Worship 10:10a Christian Education classes 11:15a Morning Worship 12:00p Atlanta Pride Now & Then Exhibit 12:30p Steering (Visioning) Com mtg. 4:30p ASCA	<b>Wednesday, October 11</b> 7:15a Augustine Fellowship 9:00a ESL classes 5:00p Beth's Study of the Bible class 5:30p Pride fellowship dinner 6:00p Atlanta Pride Now & Then Exhibit 6:45p Handbell practice 7:30p Chancel Choir rehearsal 8:00p Augustine Fellowship 3
<b>Monday, October 9 Columbus Day</b> 7:15a Augustine Fellowship 9:00a ESL classes 6:00p Atlanta Pride Now & Then Exhibit 7:00p Sentimental Journey rehearsal	<b>Thursday, October 12</b> 7:15a Augustine Fellowship 9:00a ESL classes 6:00p Atlanta Pride Now & Then Exhibit 7:30p AGMC rehearsal
<b>Tuesday, October 10</b> 7:15a Augustine Fellowship 9:00a ESL classes 9:00a ESL testing & registration 10:00a Finance volunteers 2:30p Supper Club prep 6:00p Atlanta Pride Now & Then Exhibit 7:00p Crystal Meth Anonymous	<b>Friday, October 13</b> 7:15a Augustine Fellowship 6:00p Atlanta Pride Now & Then Exhibit <b>Saturday, October 14</b> 9:00a Breakfast Club 10:00a Crystal Meth Anonymous 11:30a Open Doors 12:00p Atlanta Pride Now & Then Exhibit

### 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.

### 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](mailto:jcusick@stmarkumc.org).

This fall, Beth's Wednesday night 5pm Study of the Bible class is focusing on a book study of *Torah Queeries: Weekly Commentaries on the Hebrew Bible* (Eric Drinkwater and Rabbi Joshua Lesser, editors). The class will not meet this Wednesday but will resume meeting on October 18. All are welcome to participate. Contact Rev. Beth LaRocca-Pitts for more information.

### Congregational Care

<b>At Home</b> 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 <b>In Care Facilities</b> 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 <b>In Military Service</b> Jeff Cain's nephew Chandler Boyd (Army) Afghanistan Al Thomas' grandson Cory Carter Ft Bragg NC, Army Army, Washington, DC
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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** Join the Foundations Class in Room 111 for a 6 week study of Adam Hamilton's series *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. The Foundations class meets every Sunday at 10:10am. All are welcome!

**New Faith Seekers Class Study continues** Join the Faith Seekers class in room 205 at 10:10am each Sunday morning this month as Bruce Roaden leads the class in a discussion of the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes.

### Pride Celebration Dinner this Wednesday, October 11

Join us for a special dinner at 5:30pm this Wednesday. The menu will include rib eye steak and salmon filet, and the entertainment for the evening will feature a cabaret performance by *Voices of Note* including members of the *Atlanta Women's Chorus* and the *Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus*. (Regular Midweek Retreat programming will resume next week). Cost is \$20 / person. Make your reservation in person in the narthex today or contact the church office at 404-873-2636 / [office@stmarkumc.org](mailto:office@stmarkumc.org). All are welcome!

### Join Saint Mark as we prepare for this year's Atlanta AIDS Walk

on 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!

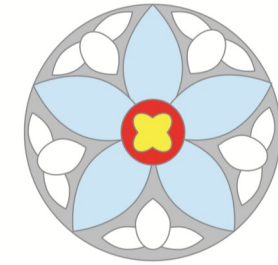
### Volunteers Needed for Open Doors / Open House Atlanta

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](mailto:Darrell@darrellcard.com).

### 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](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.

WELCOME HOME  
TO



SAINT MARK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, October 8, 2017 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.  
Eighteenth 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 *Prelude on Aurelia* - Timothy Albrecht

\*INTROIT *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
UMH No. 381, 2nd stanza BRADBURY  
*We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 19* Josh Noblitt  
One: The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows  
God's handiwork.  
**Many: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.**  
One: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,  
**Many: Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.**  
One: The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
**Many: The testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**  
One: By it your servant is enlightened, and in keeping it there is great reward.  
**All: Therefore let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, our strength and our redeemer.**

\*HYMN *The Church's One Foundation*  
UMH No. 545 AURELIA

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Epistle Lesson *Philippians 3:4b-14* Greg Brown (9:00)  
Bruce Roaden (11:15)

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

\*HYMN OF PRAISE *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*  
UMH No. 175 ST. AGNES

\*Gospel Lesson *Matthew 21:33-46* Beth LaRocca-Pitts

SERMON *"Killing the Messengers"* Beth LaRocca-Pitts

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PASTORAL AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Jennifer Hansen  
**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

The Invitation Jennifer Hansen

Offertory *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* - Dale Wood  
*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the Head and Cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one.  
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.*

*To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
With Thy wonted loving kindness hear Thy servants as they pray,  
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One.  
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.*

\*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 Jess Cusick

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

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP Jess Cusick

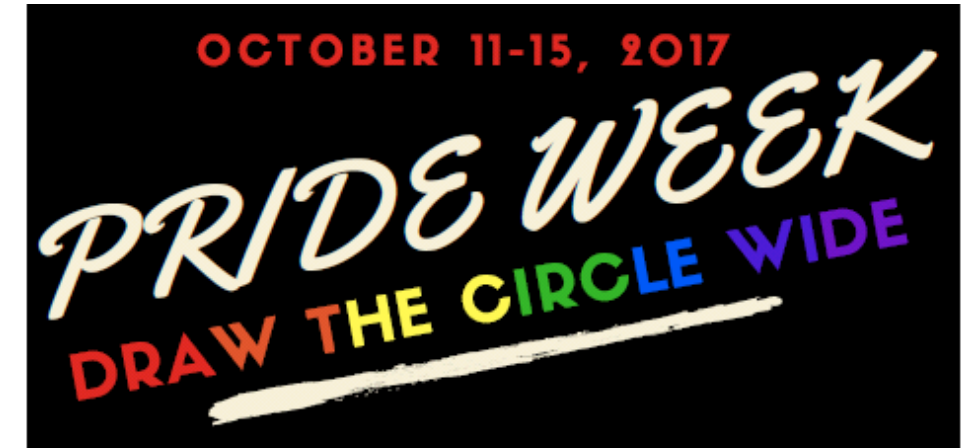
\*HYMN OF DEDICATION  
UMH No. 368 *My Hope is Built* THE SOLID ROCK

\*BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES Beth LaRocca-Pitts

POSTLUDE *Toccata on Lasst Uns Erfreuen* - Aaron David Miller

### 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!



2017 T-SHIRTS ON SALE WEDNESDAY 9/28, COST \$10  
PAST PRIDE T-SHIRTS COST \$5 (WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11 5:30PM  
PRIDE CELEBRATION DINNER FEAT. A CABARET BY VOICES OF  
NOTE (AGMC & AWC)  
COST: \$20/PERSON  
ATTIRE: AS FLAMBOYANT AS POSSIBLE!

OCTOBER 6-15 PRIDE (THEN AND NOW) VISUAL ART EXHIBIT  
FRANCIS WINSHIP CHAPEL AT SAINT MARK UMC

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14  
DECORATE THE SANCTUARY FOR PRIDE SUNDAY  
CONTACT BETHLP@STMARKUMC.ORG TO SIGN-UP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 15  
WORSHIP 9AM & 11:15AM  
PRIDE FLOAT ASSEMBLY @ 10:15AM\*  
PRIDE BBQ ON THE FRONT LAWN IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING  
11:15 SERVICE; \$10/PERSON

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22 ATLANTA AIDS WALK

\*SIGN-UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

#### Assisting in Worship Today

Soundboard: Kale Wright & Deanna Dennis

9:00 Greeters: Greg Brown & Robert Giacomini

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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