

DOWNTOWN ATLANTA ARTS WALK

Thursday, October 3, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., \$2 donation to Club M.A.R.K. On the evening of the first Thursday of each month, 18 downtown galleries remain open providing patrons an opportunity to view galleries throughout the downtown district. Meet at Folk Art and Photography Galleries, 133 Peachtree Street NE, Georgia-Pacific Center Contact Steve Hargrove at hargrove1961@aol.com or 404-635-0525 if you are interested in participating.

RAINBOW CLASS UPCOMING TOPICS

Sept 29: Lisa Whitstine, Homosexuality and the Bible

What the Bible says about same sex relationships. Is the Bible mostly condemning or condoning of homosexual practice?

Oct 6: Lisa Whitstine, Homosexuality and the Church

A discussion of how the church has historically treated gays, the church's view of gays in society and the church today, and what the future holds in store for welcoming congregations.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST CLASS

The Sunday Breakfast Class welcomes The Rev. Nanci Hicks to guest teach its class on September 22 & 29, 2002. Her topic is "The Hospitality of God." She will be using Genesis 8 and the Gospel of Luke in connection with the lesson. The Sunday Breakfast Class meets in Wade Hall during the Christian Growth Hour from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM. A light breakfast will be provided.

AIDS WALK 2002, SUNDAY OCTOBER 20TH

Come One. Come All. Let us walk together in the AIDS WALK as a church family. For more information, see Bryan Arwood. Or contact him at JourneyRN@yahoo.com. Or call 678-613-5994. or you can sign up on line at: <http://www.aidswalk.net/atlanta/index.htm>, just be sure to sign up under the Saint Mark team.

"CHURCH DAYS" GEORGIA TECH VOLLEYBALL

Present your Saint Mark worship folder at O'Keefe Gymnasium and receive free admission to any Friday or Saturday Georgia Tech Volleyball match. Call 404.894.6265 or visit www.ramblinwreck.com for more details.

MIDTOWN ASSISTANCE CENTER UPDATE

Midtown Assistance Center aided 443 individuals and families in August with rent, utilities, transportation, photo ID and grocery assistance amounting to \$26,123. Volunteers are crucial part of this ministry. Volunteer opportunities include meeting with clients, bagging groceries, helping with data entry and working in the men's clothes closet. Currently their greatest need for volunteers is Monday mornings from 9:30am until 12:30pm. If interested in volunteering, call Dorothy Chandler or James Williams at 404.681.0470.

WE NEED ACOLYTES AND CRUCIFERS!

(Translated: We need people to light the candles and carry the cross in worship on Sunday mornings.)

This is an important and symbolic part of our worship experience. Adults can sign up; parents can sign up with their children (2nd grade and up). Call Paul Trantham at (404) 876-7139.

And, no, you won't always have to wear those robes!

ReMARKable Gifts to Date
\$524,747.99

Restoration Expenses to Date
\$635,403.17

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 29

- 8:45 Morning Worship
- 9:30 *Impromptu* Children's Music
- 10:10 Christian Growth Classes
- 11:15 Morning Worship
- 1:00 Correspondence Ministry
- 4:00 UMYF
- 4:00 Instrumental Rehearsal
- 6:00 Concert Bell Choir
- 6:30 Sunday Evening Worship

Monday, September 30

- 9:00 Finance/Membership Volunteers

Tuesday, October 1

- 11:00 Remarks Volunteers
- 1:30 Staff Meeting
- 7:00 Club Mark Design Team
- 7:30 Walking in the Spirit

Wednesday, October 2

- 11:00 HIV/AIDS Support
- 6:00 Dinner/Program
- 6:30 Saint Mark Ringers
- 7:30 Chancel Choir
- 8:00 AA

Thursday, October 3

- 12:00 Common Ground Lunch

Friday, October 4

- Church Retreat
- 8:00 Coming Out of Homelessness Benefit

Saturday, October 5

- Co-Ed Workshop
- Church Retreat
- 9:30 Breakfast Club
- 8:00 Coming Out of Homelessness Benefit

Prayer Line: (404) 873-2636 ext. 31
E-mail: stmarkumc@mindspring.com
Website: www.stmarkumc.org

Minister On Call: Rev. Kimberly Broerman
Emergency Pager: (404) 280-8404
Please use for emergencies **ONLY!**

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE 09-22-02

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| 8:45 | Worship | 217 | Evening Worship | 22 |
| 11:15 | Worship | 381 | Total Worship | 620 |
| | | | Visitors | 154 |

MAKE YOUR MARK DAY

Saturday, October 19 will be this fall's Make Your Mark service day. More details will follow, but reserve that day on your calendar now so that you can participate in this wonderful opportunity to be of service to our community.

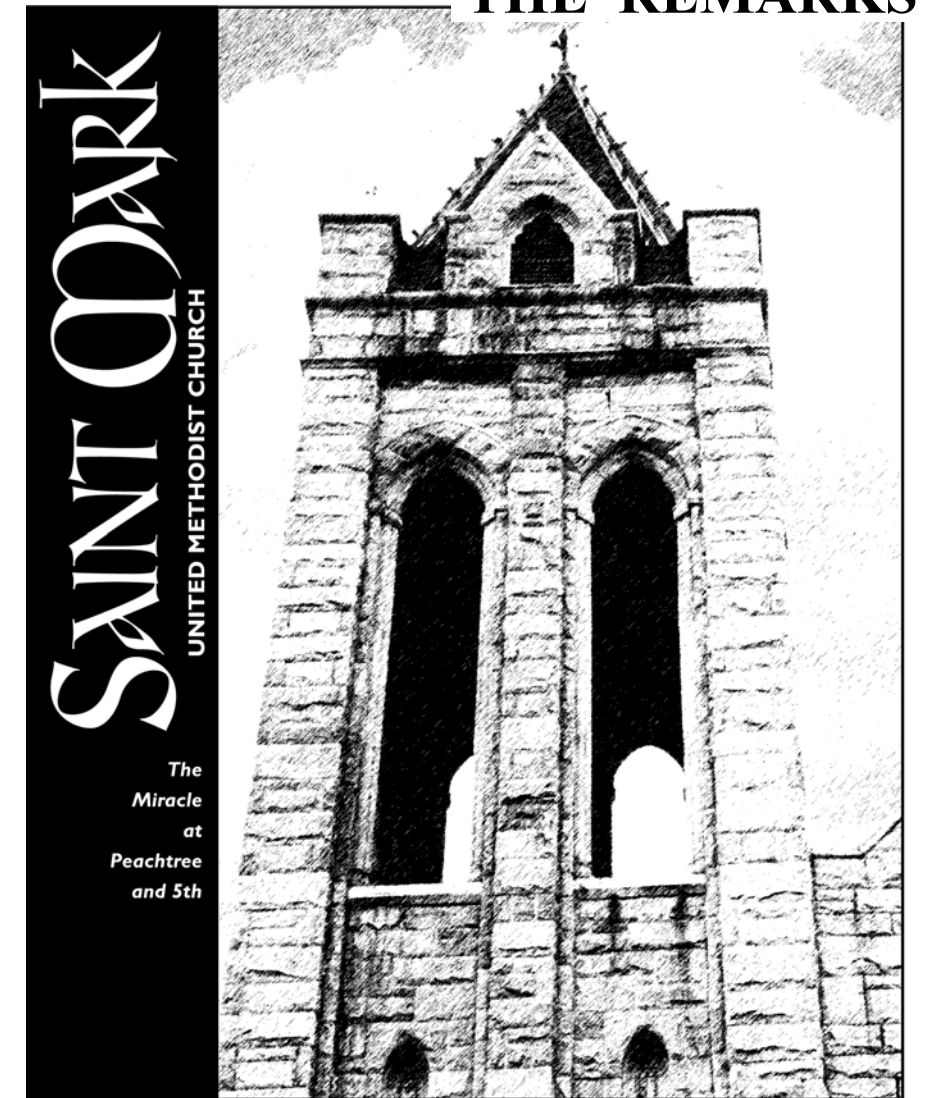
- CHURCH STAFF**
- Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick.....Minister Emeritus
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 - Rev. Kimberly Broerman.....Minister of Christian Ed. & Nurture
 - Rev. Gary Arnold.....Minister of Fine Arts
 - Mr. Michael Bryant.....Associate Director of Fine Arts
 - Mr. Michael McDowell.....Director of Music Emeritus
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 - Ms. Deana Hilton.....Business Administrator
 - Mr. Jonathan R. Smith.....Systems Technology
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 - Mrs. Kathi Urban.....Children's Choir Director
 - Mr. John Chepkuta.....Night Security
 - Marty Collier.....Missionary

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BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6
6:30 P.M.
On the front steps of the Sanctuary

IS YOUR LIFE “CRAMMED WITH HEAVEN”?

One of my all time favorite quotations is from Elizabeth Barrett Browning: “Earth is crammed with Heaven.” I love this quote because it is simple. It’s not too theological or philosophical. It says what it means.

I love that she used the word “crammed” in this profound statement. Again, it’s not a theological or philosophical or an academic type word. It’s simple and it’s real. Crammed. To me, that word implies slight discomfort or that something is too tight of a fit. But, maybe crammed is an accurate word in this case. She is not saying earth is dotted with Heaven and we’re ecstatic during the rare times we encounter these experiences of Heaven. She’s not saying earth is mostly full of Heaven and it soothes our spirits when we glimpse Heaven. No, she says “Earth is crammed with Heaven” or every extra available teeny tiny space is filled with a little bit of Heaven. The slight discomfort part of crammed applies here, too, because I believe we’re not always comfortable when we have some opportunities to experience Heaven.

For me, one of my favorite glimpses of Heaven is children laughing. Hearing their giggles and belly laughs and watching their eyes twinkle makes my day every time. The discomfort can come, though, when they stop laughing or when their laughter results from the children doing things that are extremely natural for a child, but do not fit into my adult ideas of good behavior or calm interaction. So, they wiggle and move...a lot! They have a great deal more energy than I do and they are not always willing to calm down in order to be equivalent to my energy level. They are still each little pieces of Heaven, sent here just the way God made them...wiggles and all. But, I can miss the Heaven in them if I get caught up in my discomfort.

Another glimpse of Heaven we get to experience often here at Saint Mark is Saturday Breakfast Club. Each of our guests on Saturday mornings are, like us, beautiful children of God. Through our hospitality and fellowship with these men and women who have no homes, glimpses of Heaven shine through very bright. We all know it can be uncomfortable, too, though. Seeing someone who has so little makes many of us wonder why we often think we need so much. Maybe we feel guilty or embarrassed. If we’d look up, though, there would be a glimpse of Heaven staring us in the face.

Where do you see Heaven? Do you hear it in music? Do you see it in other people? In nature? Do you find it when you create?

Pieces of Heaven surround us and sometimes it can get too close for comfort. Sometimes our feelings of discomfort overtake the experience. We should honor those feelings of discomfort and work to change the roots of those feelings, but don’t get so caught up in them that we miss the glimpses of Heaven around us every day.

Shalom,



MORNING WORSHIP

September 29, 2002

Thirsting for God

Exodus 17:1-7

Rev. Kimberly Broerman

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Seeking to create a welcoming space where all may encounter and be transformed by the living God through interactive worship experiences.

Join us for Sunday Evening Worship at 6:30 in the Chapel.

Sunday, September 29

Folk Service

Len Robertson will preach

Clint Stringer will play guitar

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Julius Blanton
Amberly Boyle
Joe Dawsey
Donna Farmer
Alice Fennell

Pat Hudson
Thomas Keith
Jay Lane
Karen Ryan
Terry Schneider

BENEFIT FOR COMING OUT OF HOMELESSNESS

8 p.m., Oct 4 & 5, Third Annual Benefit for Coming Out of Homelessness, a residential transitional program for homeless men overcoming addiction problems. Enjoy a night out: Superb dinner, new cabaret show, "Dinner at Eight" presented by Amy Holloway, Larry Manning, Jane Burke. Dress casual. Tickets still just \$25. Reservations: call Mary Abbott Waite, 404-872-0195.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS—“HELP US SEE”

If you see something needing repair, replacement or just have a suggestion, let Building and Grounds know by email at stmarkbuildings@mindspring.com or use the link on the Saint Mark website.

BUILDING USE RESERVATION REMINDER

When using the facilities at Saint Mark UMC for any function, please remember that it is necessary to reserve the space you will be using. There must be on file in the church office a “Green Sheet” form, or the space cannot be considered reserved. Blank forms are available in the Workroom and also online at www.stmarkumc.org/spaceres.htm/

DONATIONS & MEMORIAL GIFTS

Alan Montana gave a gift in memory of Ethel Wade. David Tuck gave a gift to Restoration in memory of Ethel Wade. Nan Harper gave a gift in memory of Ethel Wade. Jean Luttrell gave a gift to Restoration in memory of Ethel Wade. Pamela Cahoon gave a gift in memory of Robert Bryant.

Known III

Charles Weldon’s mother,

Jean Weldon DeKalb Medical

Mike Bryant’s brother,

John Bryant Winston-Salem, NC

Mike Beecham’s grandmother

Cleo Beecham Anniston, AL

Danny Beasley’s mother

Betty Beasley Dublin, GA

Helen Falk

Beverly Manor

Ken Maclean's sister,

Kathy Croscheck Iowa

Nancy Monroe's father,

Nelson Monroe Texas

Lea Clark

Ross Memorial

Gladys Wiggins

Arbor Terrace

Helen Thornton

DeKalb

Mike McDowell

Nurse Care

At Home

Anne Odour

Judi Verdin

Harold Putnam’s mother

Sarah Carruthers’ father,

Joe Carruthers

Ray Owens’ mother,

Birdie Owens

Teresa Boughton's mother,

Ann Briggs

John Gibson’s

mother, Jean Gibson

father, Bill Gibson

Joe Boughton

Betty Chambers

DISCOVER YOURSELF

An Invitation to the Enneagram

A workshop sponsored by the Club MARK Learning Konection

Friday, Sept 27, 7-9 p.m. & Saturday, Sept, 28, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Saint Mark Education Building

Facilitated by Richard Bondi, Pastoral Counselor at St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church

Description: The Enneagram is a modern development of an ancient perspective on personality formation. Enneagram work is a playful yet serious invitation to personal reflection and movement toward flourishing in love, work, family, & faith. This workshop introduces the emotional, intellectual, & spiritual dynamics of day-to-day living, for help with personal & professional relationships, & for reflecting on and participating in your own formation.

Contact Tim McDaniel for more information and to sign up,
timothymcdaniel@yahoo.com or 404.861.6792.

CORRESPONDENCE MINISTRY LUNCH THIS SUNDAY

Information and ThankYou session next Sunday, 1:00 p.m. in Wade Hall.

Contact Greg Lawson (greg.lawson@heart.org) for more information or to get involved in this important ministry.

LIVING A FREER LIFE & ACHIEVING EMOTIONAL EXCELLENCE

Join best-selling author, John Lee, who has appeared on *Oprah*, *20/20*, *CNN* and *Newsweek* for a discussion and workshop October 4th & 5th.

Seminars will be held in Saint Mark's refurbished auditorium.

Friday, October 4th - 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Learn invaluable tools to give up perfectionism and control in your life which can lead to a freer you. Cost \$30.

Saturday, October 5th - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm: This workshop teaches practical methods of better communication to enhance relationships with partners, friends, family and co-workers. Fun, fast-paced session will help you achieve emotional well-being. Cost \$130. Sign up for both and save - the cost for both is \$145.00. For more info call Turpin Mott at 404-386-1493 or log onto www.tohidu.com. Seating is limited. Deadline to register is Sept. 28.