

NEW ADVOCACY TASK FORCE

In the listening session on May 9, the conversation generated with many great ideas about how to address concerns related to the pro-marriage amendment and the United Methodist Church's position on homosexuality. We discerned the need for a task force to continue this dialogue and set some initiatives for Saint Mark for the coming months.

The first official meeting of this newly forming task force will be this Sunday, June 13, at 6:30 pm in the Pathfinders classroom (Room 204).

If you would like to be part of this task force, please join us then, or contact Boyd Darsey (ext. 10, bdarsey@stmarkumc.org) to sign up.

ASHTON'S TO HOST JERUSALEM HOUSE FUNDRAISER FEATURING AN EVENING WITH ECLECTIC SOUTHERN MUSICIAN AND STORYTELLER DANIELLE HOWLE

Decatur, GA - On Thursday, June 17th, Ashton's in Decatur will host an evening of music and a silent auction to benefit the Atlanta-based non-profit organization Jerusalem House. Currently celebrating its 15th year in operation, Jerusalem House has grown to provide more than 50% of the permanent housing for people living with AIDS in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

Danielle Howle, an eclectic Southern musician and storyteller from South Carolina, will perform. Her unmistakable voice and signature between-song banter warms crowds young and old with ease. Howle has become a local favorite over the years and has played in just about any Atlanta venue you can name, either headlining or opening for such notables as Indigo Girls, Ani DiFranco, or Elliot Smith.

Her most recent CD, Skorborealis, was released on local label Daemon Records to critical acclaim. Howle was even profiled in Newsweek Magazine to mark the release. A silent auction is to be held during the course of the evening as well, with items including signed memorabilia donated by Grammy Award winning artists Indigo Girls, Lucinda Williams, and Speech from Arrested Development.

Ashton's, located in downtown Decatur, serves dinner, coffee, and desserts including homemade ice cream. The café is located at 314 East Howard directly across from the old Freight Room and is within easy walking distance from the Decatur MARTA station. The all-ages event on Thursday, June 17th is open to the public with a suggested donation of ten dollars. The silent auction begins at 8:00pm and Danielle Howle performs at 8:45pm. Funds raised will go directly towards Jerusalem House's Scattered Site program which links rental assistance to supportive services for hard-to-serve homeless persons with HIV/AIDS. For further information regarding Jerusalem House please visit www.jerusalemhouse.org. For directions or questions regarding Ashton's menu please call 404.378.6310

CELEBRATE WITH KIMBERLY!

Travel with others on a bus to Athens on Tuesday, June 15th to attend Kimberly's commissioning ceremony. \$20 pays round trip & includes a reception afterward. The bus will leave for Athens Classic Center at 4pm, provide transportation to First UMC of Athens for a short reception, and return to Saint Mark a little after midnight. If interested contact Bob Wood (bobwoodat@aol.com) or Jackie Watson (Jackie.m.watson@atl.frb.org).

COMING UP AT SAINT MARK



Sunday, June 13
 8:45 Morning Worship 11:15 Morning Worship
 9:00 Impromptu! 12:30 Staff Parish Committee
 10:00 Job Network 6:30 Advocacy Task Force
 10:10 Christian Growth Classes

Monday, June 14
 East Naples (FL) UMC Youth Group
 9:00 Finance/Membership Volunteers 1:30 Ministers' Worship Planning

Tuesday, June 15
 East Naples (FL) UMC Youth Group 7:00 Archives Committee
 11:00 Remarks Volunteers 7:00 CMA
 6:00 New Warriors

Wednesday, June 16
 East Naples (FL) UMC Youth Group
 11:30 VBS Lunch 7:30 Companions in Christ
 6:30 Saint Mark Ringers 7:30 Chancel Choir
 7:30 Simplicity Group 8:00 AA

Thursday, June 17
 East Naples (FL) UMC Youth Group
 7:45 ClubMARK Screen on the Green: Sound of Music

Friday, June 18
 East Naples (FL) UMC Youth Group

Saturday, June 19
 9:30 Breakfast Club 10:00 Saint Mark Brass
 10:00 Girl Scouts

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE June 6, 2004			
8:45	274	11:15	304
Total Worship		578	

\$\$FINANCIAL REPORT\$\$

YTD Operating Budget Income thru week of May 30th \$403,842
 YTD Operating Budget Expenses thru week of May 30th \$446,724 (\$42,882) deficit

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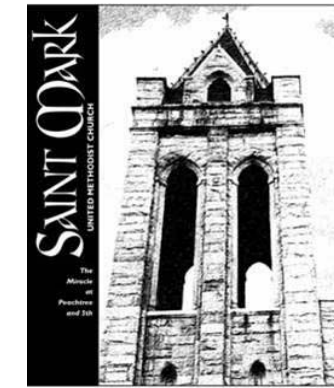
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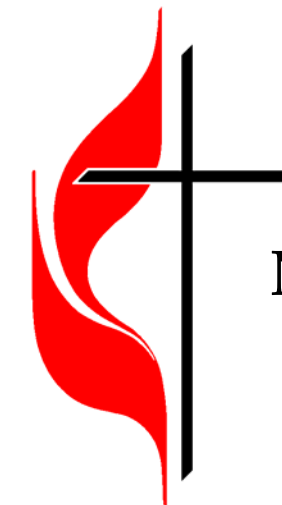
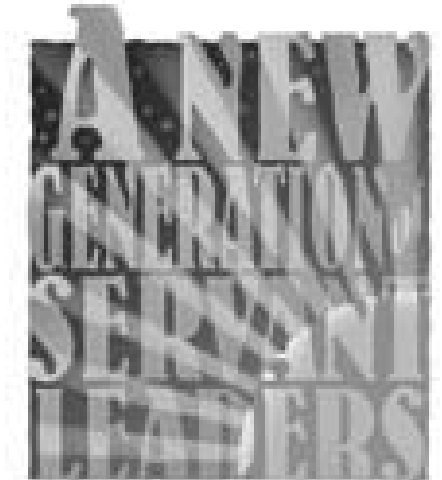
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THE REMARKS



**Saint Mark
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 June 8, 2004**



**North Georgia Annual
 Conference 2004
 June 15-18
 Athens Classic Center**

IT HAPPENS IN ATHENS

Next Tuesday delegates from all over North Georgia will gather at the Classic Center in Athens and the 2204 North Georgia Annual Conference will be called to order by Bishop Lindsey Davis. The almost 2000 delegates will be equally divided between lay and clergy, and they will spend the rest of the week singing and worshiping and dealing with the business of the Conference.

Saint Markers will be especially interested in the ordination services on Tuesday night. Our own Kimberly will be commissioned a Probationary member of the Conference, a critical step on the road to ordination. This is a high moment in any Pastor's journey, and it is exciting to know that so many of you are planning to come to Athens to show your love and support of Kimberly. It will be a great night, celebrated in true Saint Mark fashion.

There will be other matters for the Conference to deal with, including electing leaders for the next four years, adopting a budget, and dealing with unfunded liability for pensions for pastors. I am excited that the missions focus this year will be on campus ministry. The United Methodist Church has a long history of strong support for higher education and campus ministry, and our mission offering this year will go to support student interns from our campus ministries. The expectation is that many of these interns will become the next generation of leaders for our church. Stuart Gulley, President of LaGrange College, will preach the Wednesday night missions service.

Mary Abbott Waite and Jackie Watson join Kimberly and me in representing Saint Mark. We will report to you the actions of Conference when we get back. Please be in prayer for us and for all of the delegates and leaders as we gather in Athens.



SOFTBALL INFO

Games on Monday nights at McCoy Park in Decatur
—check weekly info for game times. Directions to McCoy Park in Narthex.
For more information contact Rick Laws at 404.209.9017.

UNITED WAY ANNUAL SHOWCASE EVENT

You are invited to attend United Way's Annual Showcase at the Westin on Peachtree, Thursday, June 10 from 11:30-1:00. The Keynote Speaker will be Mayor Shirley Franklin. The topic is homelessness. For more info, go to <http://www.unitedwayatlanta.org/rsvp/annualmeeting2004/evite.html>

On Saturday, May 29, Jack Stapleton, son of members Jackie & Tamara Stapleton, was involved in a serious boating accident. He is currently hospitalized at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Egleston. To follow his recovery or send well wishes, go to www.caringbridge.org/ga/jacksjourney/index.htm.

IN HONOR OF / IN MEMORY OF

Robert Manning gave a gift to the Outreach Ministry
in honor of Rev. Phillip Thomason

Thomas K. and Jade H. Leach gave a gift in memory of Ronald Boerner

IN SYMPATHY

Saint Mark UMC extends sympathy to Auverne Brady
in the death of her son-in-law Bob Johnson.

KNOWN ILL

HOSPITAL

Ed Ligon	
Judi Verdin	Northside
Ed Ligon	Piedmont
Jack Stapleton,	
son of Jackie and Tamara	Egleston
Anne McQuade's father	Philadelphia
Floyd Barnett's father John	Virginia
Michael King's mother Gloria King	

AT HOME

Eldon King
Jeff Watkins' father
Charles Beard
Helen Andrews
Clifford Joiner and Mary Barber Arwood
Susan Monroe's mother Mary Jean Payne
Chuck Green
John Conner
Vanessa Meeks' sister Ann Hopkins
Chris Arrington
Mike Bryant's brother John Bryant
Linda Contrada

CARE FACILITIES

Roy and Evelyn Hogg	Carestone at Milford
Marjorie Kirkpatrick	Wesley Woods
Frances Cox	Atria Buckhead
Betty Chambers	Manor Care
Mike McDowell	Nurse Care
Gladys Wiggins	Arbor Terrace



GET KONNECTED WITH CLUB M.A.R.K.!

For more information, please visit the website at
www.stmarkumc.org/clubmark.

To reserve, please contact the event leader listed below.

Thurs., June 10, 7:00 PM: P.A.L.S. Bingo (Holiday Inn Decatur) Contact: Terry Hopper (drhopper1@earthlink.net) or 678.362.0033

Thurs., June 17, 7:45 PM: Screen on the Green: *Sound of Music*
Contact: Chris Brown Chris J. Brown (cbrown@rmxglobal.com)

Sun., June 20, 12:30 PM: Sunday Brunch at Imperial Fez
Contact: Mark Haley (custommaid@bellsouth.net) or 404.815.7447

Thurs., July 1, 7:00 PM: Book Club Meeting
Contact: Cheryl Thompson (CherylCrT@aol.com) or 404.918.9240

Sat., July 10: Visit to The Little White House
Contact: Cheryl Thompson (CherylCrT@aol.com) or 404.918.9240

Sat., July 17: Whitewater Rafting
Contact: Michael Bosarge (mbosar@aol.com) or 404.745.4577

Mon., July 19, 8:00 PM: Screening of *My Fair Lady*, Fox Theater
Contact Chris Brown (brownc1@aol.com) or 770.423.1980

Sat., Aug. 21, 3:00 PM: Indoor Rock Climbing
Contact: Michael Bosarge (mbosar@aol.com) or 404.745.4577

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Equality = Justice: 2004 Saint Mark UMC's Celebration of God's Diversity (Pride). Diversity Dinner & Worship Service at Saint Mark, Thursday, June 24 /Pride Festival, June 25-27 / Pride Sunday, June 27.

Plan to be a part of Saint Mark's Celebration! For more information, contact Phil Hulst at 404.784.3222 or phulst@mac.com.

IMPROMPTU SUMMER BREAK

Impromptu!, our children's music program is on its summer break. Children 3 years old through 1st grade are invited to join us in Children's Church during the 8:45am and 11:15am worship services.

WE'VE MOVED!!!

Due to electrical renovations in the Sanctuary Building, all ministers and support staff have moved to the Education Building. We will be in these new offices for the next several months. Stop by for a visit when you can!

LETTER FROM HONDURAS

The following is an excerpt of an email received from one of our Honduras mission workers: "And finally the most touching moment for me was when we went to a village to deliver rice and beans and toys for the kids. Once we started passing out toys our van soon become mobbed by kids. The word of our presence spread fast and they all came running. Most of them had lice and did not have shoes or shirts. And yet they were all so happy to get their little toys. And when we ran out of toys, all we had left were pencils and so we said the pencils were for school. I expected them to be disappointed, but they were just as excited as when we gave them the toys: 'Mommy, mommy, look, a pencil for school!'" We feel honored as a church to have been a part of this ministry. To read the entire email, go to Saint Mark's website (www.stmarkumc.org) and click the link under "What's new at Saint Mark."