

## This Week at Saint Mark

<b>Sunday, January 29</b>	<b>Wednesday, February 1</b>
9:00a Morning Worship	7:15a Augustine Fellowship
10:10a Sunday School classes	9:00a ESL classes
11:15a Morning Worship	5:00 Bible study class
12:30 <b>Marc O'Gwynn memorial service</b>	6:00 Fellowship dinner / program
1:00 AGMC rehearsal	6:30 Saint Mark Ringers rehearsal
1:30 Financial Peace University	7:30 Choir practice
American Sign Language class	
6:30 Seasons of Love	<b>Thursday, February 2</b>
	7:15a Augustine Fellowship
<b>Monday, January 30</b>	9:00a ESL classes
7:15a Augustine Fellowship	4:00 K Lewis music lessons
9:00a ESL classes	7:00 AGMC rehearsal
10:00a Finance Volunteers	
11:30a Staff meeting	<b>Friday, February 3</b>
7:30 AGMC Panache rehearsal	7:15a Augustine Fellowship
<b>Tuesday, January 31</b>	<b>Saturday, February 4</b>
7:15a Augustine Fellowship	9:00a Breakfast Club prep
9:00a ESL classes	10:00a Crystal Meth
11:00a Remarks Volunteers	Anonymous
2:30 Supper Club prep	11:30a Open Doors
6:30 Grief Support Group/ Job Network	
7:00 Crystal Meth Anonymous	



Financial Report: YTD Actual Operating Income/Expense Report through Jan. 27:  
Income: \$67,979, Expenses: \$68,571, Deficit -\$592  
Capital Campaign IV: Pledged \$1,252,511, Total Received \$1,035,371

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The Reverend Doctor Beth LaRocca-Pitts Senior Pastor  
The Reverend Phillip Thomason Minister of Outreach & Pastoral Care  
The Reverend Mandy S. Flemming Minister of Christian Ed. & Spiritual Formation  
The Reverend Joshua M. Noblitt Minister of Social Justice  
Ms. Jane Burke Minister of Fine Arts  
Mr. John Richardson Assoc. Director of Fine Arts & Organist  
Kim Sorrells Minister to children and youth

### Writers Needed for Lenten Devotional Guide

We invite you to consider writing a 300 word devotion (including a short prayer) for Saint Mark's 2012 Lenten Devotional Guide. This year's theme comes from Psalm 25:4-5: "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long." If you would like to participate, please contact Rev. Mandy Flemming at [m Flemming@stmarkumc.org](mailto:m Flemming@stmarkumc.org). The deadline to submit your entry is Monday, Feb. 6, so that the completed devotionals will be available on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. If you have any artwork that would fit with a Lenten theme, please feel free to send it along, too!

### New Ministry at Saint Mark

This year Saint Mark is starting a prayer shawl ministry. We will meet on the second Monday of every month from 7-9 pm. Our next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 13. If you knit, crochet, or are involved in some other craft that could be used to support those who are ill or shut in, please join us! All are welcome. For more information, contact Mandy Flemming at [m Flemming@stmarkumc.org](mailto:m Flemming@stmarkumc.org) or Christi Elliott-Earby at [ceeabc1@gmail.com](mailto:ceeabc1@gmail.com).

### Theology on Tap Returns

Theology on Tap will begin a new spring session on Wednesday, Feb. 29. The 5 week series will meet every Wednesday from 7:45pm - 9:15pm at Fifth Ivory (at the corner of Juniper and 5th Streets) through March 28. This series' featured book is Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together: the Classic Exploration of Faith in Community*. This study is open to everyone. For more information, contact Rev. Mandy Flemming at [m Flemming@stmarkumc.org](mailto:m Flemming@stmarkumc.org).

### Budget update for 2012

Our 2012 budget is still under construction. We have all but \$122,000 to cover with pledges in order to have our 2012 budget fully subscribed. This year's budget is about 3% higher than our 2011 budget due both to increases in the cost of things (like health insurance) included in last year's budget, as well as the addition of items (such as missionary support for Jennifer Hansen's work in Uganda) that were not in last year's budget. We are still waiting, however, for some who pledged in 2011 to let us know if they can pledge again for 2012. If everyone we have not heard from in that category can pledge, that represents \$104,000 of what we need. Please be in prayer for this process; hopefully we will be able to finalize our 2012 budget very soon. You can make your pledge online at [stmarkumc.org](http://stmarkumc.org) or contact Deana Hilton ([dhilton@stmarkumc.org](mailto:dhilton@stmarkumc.org) / 404-873-2636 x14). If you are currently set for recurring online giving but have not made your 2012 pledge, contact Deana to let her know your wishes.

### Usher Team Captain Needed

We need a new usher team captain to coordinate usher needs during Morning Worship services for the months of February, May, August, and November. For more information, contact Head Usher Mark Haley at [custommaid@bellsouth.net](mailto:custommaid@bellsouth.net) or 404-374-7993.

WELCOME HOME  
TO



*Tree Shadows* by Rev. Erin Dunigan, from her photography series "Do You See What I See?" on display at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA until April 6.

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, January 29, 2012 - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Liturgical Color: Green, the color of growth

### Congregational Care

#### Hospitalized

Anne Marriott	Kennestone	Helen Coulson	Medlock Gardens
Kelly Brown	Brunswick	<b>Dennis Duffly's mother Flo</b>	The Villages, FL
		Terry Goggin's father, Delbert Goggin	TX
		Jennifer Hansen's aunt, Aylvia Piechna	AL
		Phil Hulst's mother and Brett Hulst's grandmother,	

#### At Home

<b>Julie Arms' mother Carla Fill</b>	Rockford, IL	Elaine Hulst	Statesboro GA
<b>Michael Beacham's aunt and uncle</b>		Chuck King's mother, Maxine King	Dothan AL
Reba & Charles Beall	Eufala, AL	Rick Laws' father, Ronald Laws	Henderson NC
James Bradley's aunt, Mary Pierce	FL	Jeff McMullen's mother, Sandra	Milledgeville GA
Suzi Campbell's brother, Tim Campbell		Joyce Norman's mother, Mary Newman	OH
Judi Cheney		Mary Elizabeth Upshaw Pike	Lenbrook Square
Susie Kezh's parents, Wallace & Beth Bice	Ellijay	<b>Pat Strickland's mother Dorothy Kelly</b>	Budd Terrace
Stacy Ladd's mother, Sue Alexander		Beth Suess' mother Gloria Klee	MN
Jill Lee <del>Barber's father Frank Barber</del>		Gladys Wiggins	St. George Village

Kim Lockhart's step-mother, Sue Lockhart CA

Mark McElroy's mother, Myra Nell Anniston AL

**Anne McQuade's mother Judy McQuade** PA

Justin Mercer's mother, Doris Mercer Valdosta GA

Michael Murphy's mother, Kathy Murphy Augusta

Terry Oxner's mother, Katie Oxner

Regina Robuck's mother, Winona Robuck

John Snyder's aunt Goldie Lockridge Fishersville VA

Judd Strong's mother, Mary Kay Strong FL

#### In Care Facilities

Mark Corsale's parents OR

#### In Military Service

Marlysa Brooks-All's brother Jonathan Brooks Iraq

Candice King's daughter-in-law, SGT Rachel King

Fort Wainwright AK

Zeb Lau Charleston Air Force Base, Charleston SC

Eric Lauer Army, Afghanistan

SGM Callie Leaver Guantanamo Bay

Kim Lockhart's cousin, Lt. Josh James

Army, Afghanistan

Joel Rose's brother, Michael J. Rose

GA Air Natl Guard

Please contact Rev. Phillip Thomason 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.

## 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.

MUSIC AS WE GATHER Phil Crumbly, piano

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH Beth LaRocca-Pitts  
One: These events are the heart and soul of the body of Christ.  
Many: Thanks be to God!

PASSING OF THE PEACE  
One: The Lord be with you.  
Many: And also with you.  
ALL: *LET US WORSHIP GOD!*  
*The congregation may be seated.*

PRELUDE AND CHIMES John Richardson  
*A Mighty Fortress - T. Albrecht*

INTROIT *We, Thy People, Praise Thee – ST. ANTHONY'S CHORALE*  
The Chancel Choir  
*We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!*  
*We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!*  
*Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light*  
*Tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.*  
*We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Mandy Flemming  
One: Praise the Lord! Let us give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart!  
Many: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.  
One: The Lord provides food for those who fear him, the Lord is ever mindful of them,  
Many: **The works of God's hands are faithful and just,**  
One: **all God's precepts are trustworthy,**  
Many: God sent redemption to the people;  
One: **Holy and awesome is God's name!**  
Many: Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.  
One: All those who practice it have a good understanding.  
ALL: **God's praise endures forever! - Psalm 111**

\*HYMN *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above – AMSTERDAM* No. 96

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Phillip Thomason  
One: You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life following the commandments of God and walking in God's holy ways: draw near in faith, acknowledge your need, and make your humble confession before God.  
Many: Almighty God, when the world gets us wrong, set us right. When we know what we've forgotten but can't find what we've lost, calm our fears. Call us to mind. We count less than we thought. We're worth more than we imagine. You are our maker, our savior, our friend. You are the light, the truth, and Love's Way. Amen. - *Appalachian Lord's Supper*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Kim Sorrells  
*Children who are preschool age and younger may be taken to the nursery after the Children's Time. Children who are in Kindergarten and older should remain in the sanctuary during the worship service and are welcome to use the activity sheets and worship bags in the narthex.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (9:00) Julie Cundiff  
(11:15) Mike Smith

\*HYMN *Be Thou My Vision – SLANE* No. 451

EPISTLE LESSON *I Corinthians 8:1-13* Mandy Flemming

SERMON *The Best Things in Life? Wisdom* Mandy Flemming

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

OFFERTORY *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – arr. L. Smith*  
The Chancel Choir  
Phil Crumbly, piano  
John Richardson, organ

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;*  
*Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.*  
*For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;*  
*His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate,*  
*On earth is not his equal.*  
*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;*  
***Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.***  
*Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;*  
*Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,*  
*And he must win the battle.*  
*And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to undo us;*  
*We will not fear, for God hath willed His will to triumph through us;*  
*The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;*  
*His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure,*  
*One little word shall fell him.*  
***That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;***  
***The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:***  
*Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;*  
***The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,***  
*His kingdom is forever.*

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95  
*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow - OLD 100TH*  
(an alternate text for those who wish to utilize it)  
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;*  
*Praise God above ye heavenly host; Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost, AMEN*

\*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING Phillip Thomason

\*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION Insert  
*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love – ST. BRENDAN'S*

\*BENEDICTION AND TRINITY CHIMES Mandy Flemming

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE refrain  
*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love – ST. BRENDAN'S*

\*POSTLUDE *Improvisation* John Richardson

***"The Best Things in Life:"Sermon Series***  
Today is the fifth in a 6 week series of sermons on "The best things in life."  
Kim Sorrells will preach the final sermon in the series next Sunday, February 5  
(Children's Sabbath).

**A memorial service for Marc O'Gwynn will be held in the chapel**  
today at 12:30pm

American Sign Language class continues  
Our beginner level sign language class continues on Sundays at 1:30pm in the conference room in Wade Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. Contact Anne McQuade at [anne.mcquade@rocketmail.com](mailto:anne.mcquade@rocketmail.com).

Rookie Ride at Stone Mountain Today  
Saint Mark's cycling club is offering "Rookie Rides" for adults who would like to try cycling again. Join us today from 2 - 3 pm at Stone Mountain Park. For details, contact Belva White at [Belva.white@comcast.net](mailto:Belva.white@comcast.net)

Job Network Welcomes Darcy Eikenberg this Tuesday  
You are invited to attend Saint Mark's Job Network this Tuesday, Jan. 31 at 6:30pm in room 206 as we welcome speaker "Coach" Darcy Eikenberg, author of the new book *Bring Your Superpowers to Work* and founder of Red Cape Revolution ([www.redcaperevolution.com](http://www.redcaperevolution.com)) as she presents the topic "*Bringing Your Superpowers to Your Job Search.*"

*Love Letters*  
Just in time for Valentine's Day, the Saint Mark Drama Ministry presents the Pulitzer Prize nominated play *Love Letters* in Wade Hall on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 4pm and again Monday, Feb. 13 at 7:30pm. The play centers on 2 characters, Melissa Gardner and Andrew Makepeace Ladd III, reading the notes, letters and cards - in which over nearly 50 years, they discuss their hopes and ambitions, dreams and disappointments, victories and defeats - that have passed between them throughout their separated lives. Tickets are \$12 general admission for either performance; or (on Sunday) \$30 general admission with after show prix fixe Valentine's Dinner at The Fifth Ivory (located at the corner of Juniper and 5th Streets). Buy your tickets online at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/223246](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/223246) or call 1-800-838-3006.

Pennies from Heaven update  
Last month we collected \$57 to help the homeless in our community. Look for the clear box in the narthex and bring your change. Every little bit makes a big difference! Thank you for your donations!

Assisting in Worship Today  
*Interpreters for the Hearing Impaired:* Don Schoner and Farren Avret-Irish  
*Hospitality Team:* Mark Haley, Head Usher; Ted Hatcher & Giselle Lawn,  
Co-Captains: Glenn Anderson, Jon Atteberry, Joel Black, Laura Butler,  
Bill Cox, John Flatt, Bill Fleming, Todd Fuller, Shirley Horan, Mark Jefferson,  
Russell McKinney, Robby Stiles, and Sam Vaught  
9:00 Greeters: Craig Pigg and Cooper Prudent (also 9:00 acolyte and crucifer)  
Acolytes: (11:15) Jackson Flemming