**NOMINATE SAINT MARK**

We know Saint Mark is the best house of worship, but let’s make sure everyone else does too! Please help us nominate Saint Mark as the Best House of Worship in the Georgia Voice’s annual Best of Atlanta awards! Follow the link on our website www.stmarkumc.org and nominate Saint Mark for Georgia Voice Best House of Worship 2019!

**This Summer at Saint Mark**

Midweek Retreat programming and fellowship dinners have ended for the spring. Both will resume in early September.

Due to a decline in participation in recent years, we will not offer VBS this summer.

**Summer Mission Project -- Atlanta Habitat House Build**

The start date for Saint Mark’s Habitat house is Saturday, August 10 (instead of August 3). August build dates are Saturdays the 10th, 17th, and 24th. September build dates are Saturdays the 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. The final build date and dedication will take place on October 5. Volunteers are needed on each build day (no skills or tools required – only the willingness to work with a group to help a family obtain their first house. For more information, contact Phil Ihrig at pijhrg@gmail.com.

Please Note

Did you know that gifts can be made to Saint Mark without any of the money going to the United Methodist denomination? Simply designate your gifts to the local church budget only, or to a specific ministry or program. Electronic gifts can be designated by contacting Deana Hilton at dhilton@stmarkumc.org or calling 404-873-2636.

3 Ways to Give at Saint Mark: Online, Mobile, and now Text!

Giving to Saint Mark just got that much easier! Now you can give to Saint Mark via text. Saint Mark’s assigned number for text donations is 74483. To give via text, text the word “operating”, a space, and the amount you would like to give. For example, to give $25 you would text 74483, type the word “operating” then (space) 25. Follow the prompts to sign in to your existing account (or to create a new account) with SecureGive (and to receive a confirmation of your donation). Questions? Contact Deana Hilton in the church office at 404-873-2636 ext. 14.

**3 Ways to Give at Saint Mark**

- **Online**
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- **Mobile**
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- **Text**
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**Congregational Care**

- **At Home**
  - Julie Atkinson (nephew)
  - Larry M. Atkinson (nephew)
  - Jennifer Atkinson (nephew)
  - Shane Atkinson (nephew)
  - Todd Atkinson (nephew)
- **In Care Facilities**
  - Steve Freiberg (nephew)
  - Matthew Freiberg (nephew)
  - John Freiberg (nephew)
  - Christopher Freiberg (nephew)
  - Timothy Freiberg (nephew)
  - Brian Freiberg (nephew)
  - Jonathan Freiberg (nephew)
- **In Memory**
  - At Home
  - Congratulations, please call 1-800-673-0411.
Many: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy
Many: Your saving health among all nations.
Many: May God show us the light of their countenance and come to us.

**THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**
Enter to Fellowship  Sit to Pray  Stand to Worship  Leave to Share

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**


**THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH**  Josh Noblitt

if you have not already done so this morning, please take this opportunity to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: UMH p. 888**  Josh Noblitt

**HYMN OF PRAISE: Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song**  Beth LaRocca-Pitts

**Gospel Lesson**  John 14:23-29

**SERMON**  “The Advocate”  Beth LaRocca-Pitts

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**PASTORAL PRAYER 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**
The Invocation

Jennifer Hansen

Offertory  Peace I Leave With You  Walter Pelz

*Offertory Response  Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  UMH No. 94  LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! 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**

**HYMN OF DEDICATION**  Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart  UMH No. 500  MORECAMBE

**DEDICATION**  Beth LaRocca-Pitts

**RESPONSE**  The Peace of the Lord  N. Grant Pfeifer

**POSTLUDE**  Chorale and Toccata on Come, Creator Spirit  Maurice Durufle

**WE GATHER**

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH  Jess Cusick

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  Joe Utterback

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart  UMH No. 318, 5th stanza  TRURO

*INTROIT  Christ Is Alive
UMH No. 318, 5th stanza  TRURO

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 67  Sheila Stephens

One: May God be merciful to us and bless us, Many: May God show us the light of their countenance and come to us.

One: Let your ways be known upon the earth, Many: Your saving health among all nations.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God: Many: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy

One: May God, our own God, give us their blessing. All: And may all the ends of the earth stand in awe!

*OPENING HYMN  God of Grace and God of Glory  UMH No. 577  CWM RHONDDA

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Welcome, Visitors!
We’re so happy you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop in the narthex (near the front doors to the sanctuary) before you leave to receive a special gift!

New Summer Worship Schedule Begins Today!
Now through Sunday, September 1 (Labor Day weekend), we will offer one Morning Worship service at 10am.
Sunday School for children, youth, and adults will begin at 9am.

Church Parking Update
Parking options for Sunday worship this summer include:
• either of the 2 church parking lots located directly behind the church (Free parking is available in these lots on Sundays until 4pm).
• the Lanier parking lot located at 730 Peachtree Street (at the corner of 4th and Peachtree, directly across the street from the Lutheran Redeemer Church).
• the parking lot located at 811 Peachtree Street (on the other side of the 805 Peachtree building next door to the church).
Cost for parking at 730 Peachtree or 811 Peachtree is $5 and must be paid in advance. Please bring your parking ticket with you to church so that the ushers can reimburse you. Look for the Saint Mark volunteer outside who will be available if you need help finding a place to park.
Free parking is also available on some nearby side streets.
If you park along Fifth Street on Sunday mornings, please move your car immediately following Morning Worship. Please be sure a Saint Mark parking decal is displayed on your windshield. Contact an usher if you need one on Sunday mornings or call the church office to request one during the week.
**Parking in the lots behind the church on Sundays until 4pm is free without a Saint Mark decal. At all other times you need to display a Saint Mark decal in order to park in either church lot for free.**

Today at Saint Mark
The Foundations Class study continues their 8 week study The New Testament You Never Knew Study Guide, which presents a tour of the New Testament story from Galilee to Golgotha and from Jerusalem to Rome. The study examines who Jesus is, the real meaning of his death and resurrection, the expansion of the church in the Greco-Roman world, and shows how Christians can live out the story of New Testament in their own lives today. The Foundations class meets in room 111 at 9am; all are welcome!

The Faith Seekers Class continues their series on the book of Leviticus, facilitated by Pam Busbee. We read about the importance of the laws in both the Old and New Testaments. To some the laws simply refer to the 10 Commandments, but they are much, much more, and most of them are found in the book of Leviticus. Pam writes, “The book of Leviticus is probably one of the least read books of the Bible. But do you really know what all it says? This month we will be coming through it - and you may be surprised at some of the laws.” Pagans in the Old Testament, a new month long class series facilitated by Rev. Beth LaRocca-Pitts will begin next Sunday, June 2. Beth explains “This was my dissertation topic - namely, what were the nations surrounding Israel doing in their religious practice that was distinct to them and as such, prohibited for Israel to do?” The Faith Seekers’ Class meets on Sunday at 9am in room 205. Coffee and refreshments are served.

Assisting in Worship Today
Soundboard: Kate Wright & Deanna Dennis
Usher Team: Jon Atteberry, Head Usher; Val Blankenship & Roger Brown, co-captains; Barbara Green, Jeff Hamil, Gary McClelland, Mark Taliafer, and Buddy Woldorf

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