

THE WAY

The Newsletter of

St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church

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Summer 2019



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Cheerful Notes



During my nine-plus years at St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church, I have written about the many times I have been blessed by our Lord in His placing me in unique and wonderful situations, relationships, and ministries. On my last birthday, I was meditating upon the words of Psalm 90, which is not a psalm of King David, but rather a Prayer of Moses! The passage in Psalm 90, which I have remembered many times over the years, is found in Verse 10 (NIV):

“Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.”

Because of this Moses intercedes for us in Verse 12, asking our Lord:

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom!”

Reviewing these verses was most enlightening to me because for the past few years when my age has come up in conversations, I have said that I am not sure what I am going to be when I grow

up, but that Moses is my role model!

You see, Moses grew up in the palace of the Pharaoh of Egypt and later became captain of Egypt’s southern army. Being aware of his Hebrew lineage, he became incensed at seeing an Egyptian overseer’s brutal treatment of a Hebrew slave; and in Moses’ anger, he killed the overseer. He then fled for his life from Egypt. At this time his life had spanned about 40 years.

After wandering in the Sinai desert, he came to the dwelling place of Jethro, the priest of Midian. When he arrived there he drove off a band of ruffians who were terrorizing the daughters of Jethro.

Jethro welcomed Moses to his abode; and before long he gave his daughter, Zipporah to Moses in marriage. Moses then spent his next 40 years tending Jethro’s flocks and learning the entire history of God’s dealing with His “chosen people,” Israel, from Jethro, who was himself a descendent of Abraham through the line of Midian, one of Abraham’s sons.

At the tender age of 80, Moses saw the famous “burning bush” while tending the flocks near Mt. Horeb.

As Moses was in awe at what he was seeing, God called him to go back down to Egypt and tell the present Pharaoh, Ramses II with whom Moses had grown up, to “Let God’s People Go!” The miraculous events and plagues ensued, and surely enough, the Hebrew slaves were freed and saved from the pursuing Egyptian army at the Red Sea.

Under Moses’ leadership they spent the following 40 years wandering in the Negev desert because of their own unbelief that they could possess the “Promised Land” as God had intended. Through all those years, Moses was a

humble, wise, and Godly leader of the troublesome people. At the age of 120, Moses climbed Mount Nebo; and God showed him the “Promised Land of Milk and Honey.” God then took him home to heaven! The Scripture goes on to say, *“Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak, nor his strength gone!”*

Now, if we could all live to be that old, and still have our faculties and be able to climb mountains, 120 years of life might be a realistic goal. When I talk about Moses being my role model, I am mostly jesting, of course; but in the deep misty corners of my mind, I know that all things are possible with our God! I do know that for as long as God gives me life, I want to serve Him and to be a means of others coming to know and serve Him as well! And I also know that for those who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and who are filled with the Holy Spirit, many things beyond our human understanding are possible!

In the coming issues of our newsletter, I plan to relate to you some more of the wonderful life experiences God has given me, not all in the field of music! In so doing, I hope to be encouraging to all of you to trust our dear Abba Father, our Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit to fill all of us to the brim with heavenly joy, love, faith, and wisdom for ministry to each other, to our community, our state, our country, and the world!

Shortly before our Lord Jesus went to Calvary’s Cross and died that each of us might live eternally, He took Peter, James, and John up on a mountain. And when they

reached the top, Jesus began to pray. He and His clothes began to radiate with brilliant heavenly light! He was joined by, you guessed it, Moses! Also present there was Elijah, who had done such a faithful job as God’s prophet that God took him to heaven in a fiery chariot! The Scripture tells us that our Lord Jesus, Moses, and Elijah were that day discussing the events that were about to happen when Jesus would die for the whole world to save us all from the penalty for our sins, and then rise again in glory to give us victory and eternal life! Can you just imagine what the transfiguration was like for the three disciples?

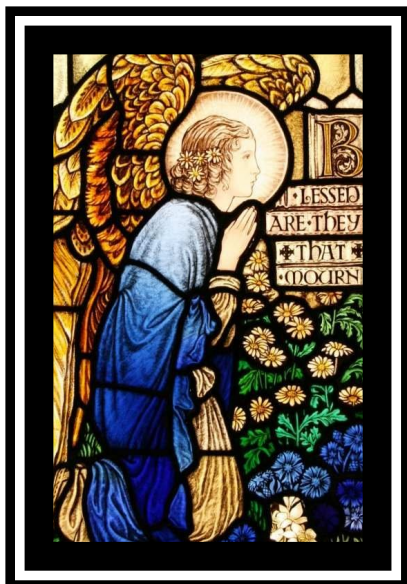
Thank you for allowing me to minister in music among you and occasionally to share my thoughts of faith in Christ with you! I am so blessed to be with you at St. Mark’s! Cherry and I love you all!

*Your Director of Music,
Warren Ottey*



Forever in our hearts...

This spring, St. Mark the Evangelist celebrated the lives of two faithful parishioners and friends, Bonnie Oliver and the Rev. Michael Ward. They will be remembered and deeply missed by their loving family at St. Mark the Evangelist.



Bonnie Oliver

April 27, 1949 – March 8, 2019

Bonnie Oliver, of the Valley in Syracuse, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 8, 2019 at Upstate University Hospital. Born April 27, 1949 in Rochester, she grew up in South



Onondaga. After graduating from Onondaga Central High School, she attended Oneonta State as a Home Economics major. Bonnie worked as an Administrative Assistant for the President of the St. Joseph's School of Nursing before deciding to leave the workforce to stay home with her children. She loved to read, cross-stitch, and spend her spring and summer working in the garden. She was also an avid animal lover, who adopted and cared for many rescue pets, and was an active member of her church.

She is survived by her husband, James; her two sons, Robert and William; her daughters-in-law, Meg and Jessica; her granddaughter, Faye; her grandson, Bram; her brother, William Bex; and her sister-in-law, Susan.

Funeral services were held Thursday, March 14, at 2:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of St. Mark the Evangelist, 1612 West Genesee Street, Syracuse. No calling hours were held. The family received friends following the service, where a light meal was served. Private interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse.

Donations may be made to St. Mark the Evangelist Church.

Arrangements were with the Fairchild and Meech DeWitt Chapel.

The Rev. Michael A. Ward
September 4, 1957–March 14, 2019

The Rev. Michael A. Ward, 61, of LaFayette, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2019, after a long illness.

Born in Syracuse, he was a graduate of East Syracuse Minoa High School, SUNY Plattsburg and Colgate Rochester School of Divinity. Ordained in 1985, Pastor Mike served congregations in Northern and Central New York. For 20 years, he served congregations in the Dakotas before retiring in the Syracuse area in 2016.



He had a love for rural ministry, children's ministry, gardening, canning, and quilting.

Pastor Mike is survived by his wife of almost 34 years, the former Karen I. Noble; his mother, Ann Schaff Ward; siblings, Patricia Ward, Thomas (Susan) Ward and Kathleen (Patrick) Wood; brother-in-law, Charles (Stephanie) Noble, and many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Services were held at St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church on Wednesday, March 20, at 10 a.m. with burial in Pine Plains Cemetery, North Manlius. Calling hours were held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, at Fergerson Funeral Home, 215 South Main Street, North Syracuse.

Memorial contributions may be made, in lieu of flowers, to St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church, 1612 West Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13204-1950.

May They Rest in Peace
And Rise in Glory
Alleluia!



EYC (Episcopal Youth in Christ): St. Mark the Evangelist's Youth Group What's Happening in 2019...

When we met fall 2018, I asked the kids of EYC what they wanted to do. They stated they enjoyed meeting with other youth groups in the area and missed the fellowship developed with St. Luke Episcopal Church in Camillus. So, when I reached out to Fr. Jon White at St Luke's, he shared that attendance at his Youth Group was small and he had reached out to other Episcopal churches in the immediate area. As a result, St. Luke's formed a partnership with St. James of Skaneateles and St. John's in Marcellus as well as St. Mark the Evangelist.

They meet every second Sunday of the month. There is a meal and fellowship then students break off by age for Bible study and reflection followed by a service with the Holy Eucharist. Parents are welcome to stay and talk with the rectors of the attending churches to discuss family issues or any other pressing issues they would like to discuss.

So far, there has been one social event which included ice-skating and community service time at the Samaritan Center and a sleepover at St. Paul's Episcopal Church downtown. My two daughters enjoyed going and meeting new kids their own age to discuss the teachings of Christ and how he can impact their everyday life.

At the end of this year, it will be evaluated if St. Mark's could host the second Sundays for the 2020 season. I hope this continues and word gets out and youth group numbers increase again.

David Richmond
Youth Leader



BOTTLE AND CAN COLLECTION to benefit the Youth Group at St. Mark the Evangelist Church

**Bring your empties to church and place in the collection bin or
to schedule a pick-up call Phyllis Honsinger (315) 214-9847**

Faith, Fellowship, Food and Fun

Hosted by The Mustangs



**St. Mark the
Evangelist Episcopal
Church
PICNIC
Sept. 8**



10 AM
Sunday Service and Picnic
At Shove Park, Camillus

(Directions will be provided)

The church will provide hot dogs and buns with all the fixings and some drinks. Please bring a dish to share and lawn chair. You may also bring games, bug spray. **SORRY: No alcohol or pets allowed.**

**A sign-up sheet can be found on
one of the Undercroft Café tables**



Looking to help? Here's some ways...



Latest Food Pantry Needs

Thank you all for your generous donations in support of this important ministry

The Food Pantry is currently in need of the following items:

Cereal
Canned Green Beans
Canned Carrots
Canned Potatoes
Tomato Soup
Tuna Helper

Pasta Sauce
Canned Hash
Pork & Beans
Mac & Cheese (yellow box)
Canned Fruit



Circle V News

The next Circle V meeting will be held at noon on Thursday, Oct. 3 in the Parish Hall. YOU are always welcome to attend our meetings. Just bring your own lunch; dessert, coffee and tea are provided. The Dec. 4th meeting will be our Christmas luncheon at a place to be determined. ALL ARE WELCOME!



Also, we are still collecting items for the personal care bags, i.e. shampoos, combs, wash cloths, deodorants for either men or women, shavers for women or men, bar soap, toothpaste and brushes, etc. Your donations are always welcome!!



If you have any questions, just ask Barb White, Nancy Morrison, Joan Green, or Shirley Keech.

God Pause: God has Enough Work for Everyone

“John said to him, “Teacher, we saw a man casting out demons in your name, and we forbade him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not forbid him; for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us. For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ, will by no means lose his reward. “ ~ Mark 9:38-50



"Teacher! Sam isn't following directions. We tried to tell him, but he won't listen." Such words begin already when we're young. We worry about who isn't listening or who is doing something they shouldn't. We talk to them directly, but if they don't respond, we tell someone else. Often, we tell the person who can really do something about it. Sometimes this is helpful; other times it is not.

As adults, we need to know why we're saying something. Is it for the other person's protection or our own? John's words to Jesus sound very similar to those of the young man talking to Moses earlier this week. Both are concerned about someone unauthorized doing the Lord's work. Jesus gives a similar answer as Moses: "Let him continue because he is doing my work." We are not the gatekeepers to decide who does the Lord's work; there is enough work for all.

Jesus, help us be fully accepting of all who do your work, as we are all your disciples. May words of thanks and praise flow from our lips to those doing your work in this world. Amen.

*René L. Mehlberg, '18
Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Laporte, Minn.*



Memorial donations appreciated

If you have a listing for a Sanctuary Lamp or Altar Flower memorial, a donation is welcomed and appreciated.

There are some open dates available:
Sanctuary Lamp — Aug. 25, Sept. 29



If paying by check, please make it out to, “St. Mark’s Flower Fund.”

*Thank you,
Joan Green. Flower Fund Chair*

St. Mark the Evangelist enjoys long-standing partnership with Porter Elementary School

St. Mark the Evangelist and Porter Elementary School have been enjoying a relationship that today has spanned more than a decade. We thought you might enjoy a look-back at two articles published in the 2009 July/August THE WAY. While some of the programming has changed over the years, the kinship developed between the school and the church has not.

This year, parishioners from St. Mark the Evangelist presented 81 5th-graders with congratulatory certificates and Byrne Dairy Cookiewich coupons on Monday, June 24. Currently, the Mustangs annual drive is under way to fill backpacks with much-needed school items for students in need. Also being collected are socks and underwear which will be given to the school nurse/social workers to have on hand for emergencies.

To learn more and/or to become part of the St. Mark the Evangelist Mission & Outreach ministry, please contact Jim Miller at 315-422-4818 or email him at miller84@twcny.rr.com.

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OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH PORTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Another school year has come to an end. Here are some of the events that took place at Porter School in the month of June. The annual Duck race to end Racism was held. One of Porter School's ducks came in first. The prize awarded the school is a multi-cultural kit that contains sets of books, audio visual materials and teacher lesson plans. The kit is valued at \$800.00. The school also received \$200 from the sale of the raffle tickets. Thank you for your support in this event. A musical program was held in early June. The orchestra was awesome. I counted 16 children playing violins! (Remember, we donated funds to purchase two of these instruments). Mr. Kraus's chorus of students in grades 2 - 4 entertained us with six patriotic songs. It was an enjoyable evening of music.

The 6th grade graduation was held on June 23. Jim Miller, Father Amaya, and Joan Green greeted each graduate with a certificate and a coupon for a Byrne Dairy Cookiewich. The faithful weekly volunteers at Porter this school year were, of course, Jim Keech and Chris with their floor hockey program; Jeanne Avery and her friend, Ginger Merrill, who worked diligently with students for whom English is a second language. Ginger's student became so attached to her that Ginger even went to gym classes with her—Jeanne was invited to the home of the young girl that she tutored through out the school year. Both Jeanne and Ginger volunteered "under the umbrella" of our partnership with the school. We owe them both a large thank you and hope they continue this fine effort the next school year. Joan Green finished her 12th year as a volunteer in the library media center.

Coach's Corner

Jim Keech, Detached Worker Program

Our youth worker Chris Schlactar is good at what he does. All he wants is an open space, some floor hockey sticks, a wiffle ball, and some traffic cones. What follows is 90 minutes of rapid fire group therapy. He has a repeating rifle to shoot down defiance and deception and he never seems to run out of ammunition.

A boy has been suspended from playing in the school gym because he kicked the door. For some reason he thinks it was our fault and vows to never return. Here he is expecting to play and saying he meant it for only

one day. When Chris reminds him of the door kicking incident, the boy says he didn't kick the door or do anything wrong. Chris said he heard a noise which sounded like kicking a door right after he left in a huff after losing a game. We suggest he plead his case with the vice principal.

Towards the end of the game Chris inserts the boy in the game for one minute. A lesser player is sent in, in his place. This deflates all the defiance and lies. It reminds me of the scene in the "Wizard of Oz" when the wicked witch is melted down when touched by the magic wand of the fairy princess. Meanwhile a boy is saving time in the penalty box for swearing. He complains his penalty is too long but yet he hasn't figured out it's because he keeps stepping out onto the floor. "Behavior Mod" works but sometime needs to be repeated. They boy complains that another boy swore. Chris responds was "I heard you, and I don't like squealing." Another boy asks, "Is "Frig", o-k? Chris' response, "NO". Another boy speaks up and says "Is friggin o-k?" Again Chris responds, "NO, no more "friggin". By this time I am laughing so hard, tears are coming to my eyes.

We have a term to cover a situation set up so a boy can make his mistake. We called it, "come in Ruben".

About the author

James Keech retired in 1988 from the Syracuse City School District where he worked as a social worker. As part of St. Mark's Detached Worker Program, Jim continued his afterschool modified behavior floor hockey program at Porter School, supported by St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church, until June of 2017. Jim passed away peacefully in February 2018 at the age of 90.



September 15, 1927 —
February 11, 2018

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Mustangs plan third annual retreat



In September of 2017, St. Mark the Evangelist's women's group, the Mustangs, attended their first retreat at St. Margaret's House in New Hartford (pictured at right).

The Mustang's third annual retreat at St. Margaret's House in New Hartford is planned for Friday, October 4, through Sunday, October 6. The cost is \$150 for accommodations and meals for Friday evening till breakfast Sunday morning.



The facility has single bedrooms equipped with a sink and linens. There are multi-stall showers and toilets on each wing. Also available for use are the library, great room, meditation room, chapel and the lovely grounds.

“At our past retreats, we enjoyed spiritually-based movies as well as popular movies, coloring prayer, games and Bible study. We even tried our hands at arts and crafts!” said Debra Richardson, organizer of the retreat. “We invite all women of the church to join us. There is room for 25 people.”

For more information or to register, please contact Debra Richardson by Friday, September 20. Checks should be made out to St Margaret's House.

Mustangs' Backpack Drive for Porter School



The Mustangs are collecting school supplies for 4th- and 5th-grade students at Porter School. There are lists of what is needed on one of the Undercroft café tables and posted around the church. There is a box in the back of the Undercroft to put your donations in. If you would like to make a monetary donation; the Mustangs will be glad to shop for you. The money can be given to any Mustang member. For items needed, please see page 13.

Back-to-School



Porter School Supplies Needed



Contributions of any of the items listed below will help the Mustangs supply one dozen or more backpacks to the 4th- and 5th-graders at Porter School. We will meet on Sunday, Aug. 11, to organize the items, so if you can bring them in by that Sunday, that would be great! Please give items to Deb Richardson, Deb Denny or Dana Marzynski or place in the box marked for Porter School in the back of the Undercroft. *Thank you!*

3-Ring Binder Dividers

One-subject notebook

**Black-and-white
composition notebook**

**Wide-ruled, loose-leaf
paper**

**Large bottles of hand
sanitizer, *pump please***

**Package of #2 pencils
(*one-dozen count*)**

Pocket folders

24-count crayons

Glue sticks

Washable markers

Facial tissue boxes

Pink or white erasers

One-prong folders

Baby wipes

Plastic crayon boxes

**Plastic sandwich bag
packages**

St. Mark also provides the school's social worker/nurse with socks and underwear for emergencies. The underwear can be sizes 6-10 and the socks can be almost any size for children.

Calling all Shoppers!



You won't want to miss
St. Mark the Evangelist's



Upcoming CLOTHES CLOSETS

Browse through

Men's, Women's and Children's Clothing, Shoes, etc...

ALL FOR ONLY A 25-CENT DONATION PER ITEM!

Also Available — Loaves of Bread for a 25-cent Donation

SATURDAYS, AUG. 10 & SEPT. 14

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

The Green Café is open during this Clothes Closet with a FREE light breakfast for shoppers

THURSDAYS, 4-6 PM

AUG. 22 & SEPT. 26

The Evening Clothes Closets include a FREE Neighborhood Dinner!



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Service: Sundays, 10 a.m.

St. Mark's Clothes Closet funding is made possible in large part due to a generous grant from the Teen Funders of the Jewish Community Foundation of CNY, Inc.

Ministry Schedule: AUGUST 2019

	<u>4th</u>	<u>11th</u>	<u>18th</u>	<u>25th</u>
LECTORS	Kaley R. Dave C. Kara P.	Forrest A. Shirley K. Kitty M.	Dottie D. Bill Z. Warren O.	Sally T. Dave C. Becky G.
CHALICE BEARER	Ethel A. Dana M.	Ethel A. Tom M.	Jim M. Ethel A.	Ethel A. Gary N.
GREETERS	Marie B. Jane S.	Phyllis H. Bob K.	Barb W. Sally T.	Marilyn G. Ernestine L.
USHERS	Bill Z.	Bill Z.	Jackie E.	Jim M.
PRESENTER OF THE GIFTS	Not needed	Not needed	Not needed	Not needed
ALTAR ASSISTANT	Alex A.	Dana M.	Gary N.	Hendrik L.
ACOLYTES	Adam A. Stefania M.	Alex A. Marie B.	Stefania M. Phyllis H.	Tom M. Adam A.
ALTAR GUILD	Team D	Team A	Team B	Team C
V.P.O.D.	Cherry O.	Debra R.	Barry G.	Gary N.

THANK YOU!

*I would like to **THANK** everyone who has hosted coffee hour this year. There are no formal coffee hours during the summer, but if you would like to make a pot of coffee or put out some cold drinks, please feel free to do so. Coffee Hours will begin again on September 15. Please look for a signup sheet.*



*Many thanks,
Jackie Eberline*

A Blast from Trinity's Parish's Past

TRINITY SUMMER SCHOOL

Circa 1920s

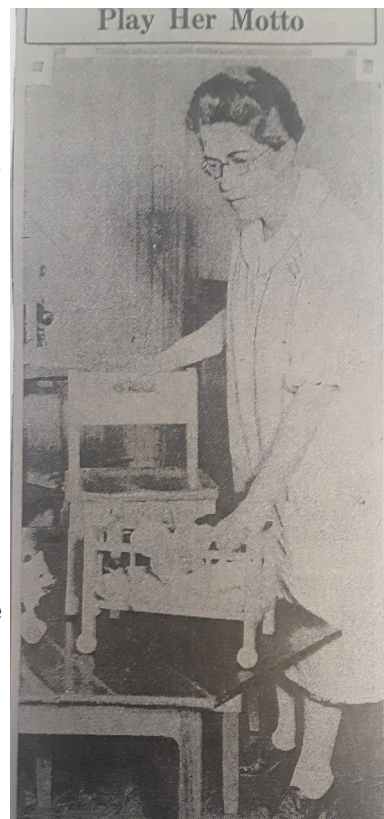


The original caption read: Refreshment time at Trinity Episcopal Summer School is one of the happiest moments of the morning, according to Joseph Ferrer and Shirley Hinman, two of the youngest attendees at the school. There are 100 people in the classes this year.

Please enjoy these newspaper clippings from the former Trinity Parish (one of the churches that came together with three other parishes to form St. Mark the Evangelist). These were donated by Joan Green, Diocesan archivist and St. Mark the Evangelist parishioner, who came across the article in the Archives of our Diocese.

It would be difficult to read the articles if printed in this newsletter, so here are a couple of interesting and noteworthy nuggets from them:

"The morning program begins with the flag raising, done usually by the older boys. Then follow the class periods, in which the girls learn to model Biblical terms, to make notes on their lessons, to weave rugs and to do other handy things, and the boys do sloyd, read and study."*



The original caption for above read: Under the direction of Miss Mildred Fish plans are being completed for the annual non-sectarian summer school of Trinity Episcopal Church. Play and recreation are the principal items in the curriculum.

THIRD YEAR OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER SCHOOL

OPENS

JULY 6th, 1925

IN

TRINITY PARISH HOUSE

CORNER WEST ONONDAGA ST. and SOUTH AVE.

FOR ALL CHILDREN 4 TO 12 YEARS

DAILY SCHEDULE

MONDAYS -- FRIDAYS

9:00 Assembly.
9:30 Instruction. Stories.
10:00 Recreation and Lunch.
11:00 Hand Work.
12:00 Closing.

Tuition Ten Cents
Per Week



CRITERION PTO. CO.

"This is the last week of the school and mothers...are bemoaning it, too. The sum of 10 cents a week has been asked ... and many mothers have urged those in authority to charge 10 cents a day. The mothers claim that it is worth that price to know that their boys and girls are in good hands during the morning, relieving the mothers of looking after the "kiddies" when other duties are pressing them to their limit."

*Sloyd (Slöjd), also known as Educational sloyd, is a system of handicraft-based education started by Uno Cygnaeus in Finland in 1865.

From the Treasurer's Desk: Semi-annual Financial Report

Here is a round-up of special offerings so far this year:

Spring UTO in-gathering:

\$272 was collected and sent to them.

Good Friday:

\$144 was collected and matched by the Church; \$288 was sent to the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society.

Blanket Sunday:

\$230 was collected and matched by the Church and \$460 was contributed to Church World Service for blanket Sunday and confirmed.

*Submitted, Pat Dunn, Treasurer,
St. Mark the Evangelist*

The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist			
Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual			
January through December 2019			
	Jan - Dec '19	Budget	\$ Over Bud...
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 — Pledges	33,206.00	60,000.00	-26,794.00
4100 — Plate/Loose Offerings	3,065.23	4,600.00	-1,534.77
4200 — Major Feasts	963.00	1,480.00	-517.00
4300 — Long Term Inv. Income	10,300.00	24,000.00	-13,700.00
4500 — Diocesan CIF Income	1,698.55	3,500.00	-1,801.45
4600 — Memorial/Donations	100.00	150.00	-50.00
4700 — Building Use Or Don...	1,690.00	2,360.00	-670.00
4900 — Miscellaneous Income	316.15	350.00	-33.85
Total Income	51,338.93	96,440.00	-45,101.07
Gross Profit	51,338.93	96,440.00	-45,101.07
	Jan - Dec '19	Budget	\$ Over Bud...
Expense			
5100 — Diocesan Support	9,916.69	17,000.00	-7,083.31
5200 — Salaries	39,286.86	78,488.00	-39,201.14
5300 — Rector Benefits	2,171.77	5,375.00	-3,203.23
5500 — Church School	288.47	350.00	-61.53
5600 — Outreach	530.67	1,150.00	-619.33
5700 — Human Needs	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00
5800 — Committees	1,611.19	4,100.00	-2,488.81
6000 — Office Operations	5,524.82	13,325.00	-7,800.18
6100 — Insurance	6,340.13	7,100.00	-759.87
6200 — Other Financial Expen...	2,752.20	6,115.00	-3,362.80
6300 — Building Operations	6,311.86	19,575.00	-13,263.14
Total Expense	74,734.66	153,578.00	-78,843.34
Net Ordinary Income	-23,395.73	-57,138.00	33,742.27
Net Income	-23,395.73	-57,138.00	33,742.27



Fr. Nelson Gaetz: Transition Report

July 31, 2019

Dear Friends,

It hardly seems possible but it has been almost a year since I arrived at St. Mark's as your Interim Rector. The time has flown by, partly because the first task of an Interim Rector is to provide routine pastoral leadership, giving people a chance to experience what it's like to be a community with new and different leadership. You have made that task easy by welcoming me into your life so

well. I really do feel quite at home and I hope you feel that way too.

Not as evident, we have begun working on the tasks of seeking a permanent pastoral leader. The Vestry has selected a "Transition Team" made up of:

*Michael Auer
Debra Denny
Joan Green
Dana Marzynski
Jim Miller
Nancy Morrison*

It is important to know that this is not a "Search Committee" exploring options and interviewing possible clergy for St. Marks. This Committee will be selected by the Vestry quite a bit later in the process. The Transition Team will be doing the host of things that must be done before the search process can actually start. Among these tasks, but not limited to them are, in no particular order:

- Engage the congregation in a comprehensive conversation about hopes and dreams as well as becoming clear about who we have been and are now.
- Build a written "Profile" accurately describing the congregation, being sure to include all the things that St. Mark's is and does.
- Work with the Finance and Stewardship Committees to establish a realistic financial package for a future pastoral leadership. Diocese guidelines require that this be projected out at least 5 years.
- Design a "Job Description" that fits the needs of the congregation within the financial realities.
- Upgrade our Web Site to reflect St. Mark's in an inviting way and fitting within the standards of the Diocese.
- Suggest to the Vestry possible names for the Search Committee. This happens when most of the other tasks are done, or nearly done, keeping an eye out for potential candidates all along the process.

The first steps in accomplishing all this have already been done:

- The Transition Team and The Vestry met with the Bishop's representative The Rev. Cannon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent.

- The Transition Team has met to begin to design the instrument(s) that will be used to engage the congregation. We'll be meeting again next week (Aug. 8) and frequently there after although the entire team will not be working on every task and will only meet as an entire team as needed.

As you can see, there is plenty to do. To help advance all this, the Wardens and I are in conversation about my staying with St. Marks for up to one more year. (My current contract runs out September 17th)

Thanks for all you have done, are doing and will do to ensure that St. Mark's will have a strong future of ministry and mission.

Sincerely,
Nelson W. Gaetz
 Interim Rector

A Life Thought: That Smell!



“For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.” (2 Corinthians 2:1)

I don't know about you, but if you are anything like me, every day begins with an expectation and a sincere desire to get through an entire day by being kind, loving, patient, helpful, considerate, etc., etc. All those things you want to be in order to please God and be the “perfect” Christian person you feel you should be. You wake up optimistic you can do it, yet you get about 15 minutes into your day and something comes along to trip you up and you get upset, lose patience and all of your good intentions fly out the window; heck, now you're just happy to get one more cup of coffee in before another calamity arises. All of a sudden, you've become a grouch and a grumbler and not at all the sweet, calm person you want to be. As this happened to me one day, my frustration level rose even more as I realized I was losing control more and more frequently.

As I was pondering this, suddenly, I got a strong, pleasant aroma of the air freshener plug-in I had just refilled, wafting the sweet smell of strawberries through the kitchen. Even though it was right over the garbage can, even when I opened the lid to throw in a coffee filter, I didn't smell garbage; all I could smell was the plug-in.

At that moment, I began to conceptualize all of the unpleasant feelings and thoughts I'd been experiencing as an unpleasant odor. That's when I realized I was the one who was in need of a sweet smelling refill; and guiltily I knew the only place to start was in prayer and with a word from God. Why, I thought, did I always wait until my stress level and grumbling got out of control before asking for help?

I decided to try to read at least one verse from the Bible every morning and to pray before I found myself *needing* to pray. I need to start every day with a refill from God's sweet spirit and fragrant love. And to help me remember, I promised myself, I am going to make sure I always have an extra supply of plug-in refills on hand.

Dear Father, help me to remember to start each day with a word from You and a prayer to You in order for me to “plug in” to a good day and to help me be the person You want me to be.

Deb Denny

AUGUST 2019 FOOD \$ENSE MENU

Westside @ St. Mark's

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AUGUST Package* \$20.50:

- Bone-In Chicken Breasts, 3.5 lbs. avg.
- Beef Burgers, 1 lb.
- Pork Chops, 1 lb.
- Bologna, 1 lb.
- Ground Turkey, 1 lb.
- Fresh Eggs, 1 doz.
- Fresh Macaroni Salad, 1 lb.
- Beef Ravioli, 15 oz.
- Frozen Sliced Peaches, 1 lb.
- Frozen Mixed Vegetables, 1 lb.
- Fresh Produce
- Fresh Produce



**Projected package is subject to change*

AUGUST Specials:

Chicken Wings: 4 lbs. for \$10.50 -
The chicken wings are in a four pound bag and individually quick frozen.

Italian Sausage: 3 lbs. for \$10.50 -
The Italian sausage is a sweet sausage and locally made in Utica, NY.

American Cheese: 5 lbs. for \$11.50 -
The sliced American cheese is not individually wrapped.

Produce Box: \$15.00 - The Produce Box includes: peaches (3), plums (3), nectarines (3), oranges (3), pineapple (1), seedless red grapes (2 lbs.), and cantaloupe (1).

Shrimp: 2 lbs. for \$9.25 - The shrimp are uncooked, easy peel, deveined, and contain 26-30 shrimp per pound.

French Fries: 5 lbs. for \$4.50 - The French fries are ready to cook and are a straight-cut restaurant fry.

Popcorn Chicken: 10 lbs. for \$11.75 -
The popcorn chicken is ready to cook and can be used in the oven or fryer.

PLEASE READ:

We cannot hold food for you after the scheduled pick-up time. If there is a conflict, you may have someone else pick up your food for you. If you have any questions, please ask the volunteers when you sign up.

There are NO refunds or exchanges.

Any food NOT picked up on

AUG. 21 will become a donation.

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What is it? Food \$en\$e offers the opportunity to stretch your food budget by purchasing quality food at a discount.

Who is eligible? EVERYONE is eligible to purchase food from Food \$en\$e. No donated food is used in this program. It's a buying club -- so there is no income requirement.

How does it work? It's Simple. Order and pay in advance at our site.

Cost is ALWAYS \$20.50 per unit. Multiple units may be purchased, and/or single specials — YOU choose!

Cash or EBT are accepted. No checks. (EBT customers must bring card and sign a voucher).

When can I sign up?

**Sundays,
Aug. 4 & 11
10 AM –12 NOON**

**Friday, Aug. 9
6-8 PM**

**Saturday, Aug. 10
10:30 AM—12:30 PM**

Pick-Up Date & Time:

**Wednesday
Aug. 21
11:30-1:30 P.M.**



Join us for **Sundaes on Fridays**

Ice Cream Socials held on the second Friday of summer months from **6-8 PM:**

Enjoy neighborhood company while savoring Byrne Dairy Ice Cream Sundaes with your favorite fixings ... For just \$1.00!

Upcoming:

- Aug. 9
- Sept. 13



St. Mark's

UPCOMING CLOTHES CLOSETS

SATURDAY, AUG. 10

From 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

The Green Café is open during this Clothes Closet with a free light breakfast for shoppers

THURSDAY, 4-6 PM

AUG. 22

The Evening Clothes Closets includes a FREE Neighborhood Dinner!

Browse through men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, etc...

ALL FOR ONLY 25 CENTS PER ITEM!

Loaves of Bread also available for a 25-Cent donation...

You can also sign up for Food \$en\$e at any of these events!

**The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist
Vestry Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 17, 2019**

Present: Fr. Nelson Gaetz, Jackie Eberline, Gary Neddo, Phyllis Honsinger, Karen Ward, Nancy Morrison, Julie Dunn, Cherolyn Ottey, Barry Guinn, Jack Omilanowicz, Debra Richardson

Excused: Jim Oliver

Treasurer: Pat Dunn; Clerk: Debra Denny

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Fr. Nelson Gaetz at 7:00pm.

2. Opening Prayer: Gary Neddo led the opening prayer.

3. May 20, 2019 Minutes: **Gary Neddo** made a motion to approve the May 2019 minutes as presented; the motion was seconded by **Karen Ward**. May minutes were approved.

4. Pastoral Report:

Report & Hours: Fr. Gaetz presented his May hours to the Vestry and gave a copy to be filed with the May minutes.

Update of Transition Process: Fr. Gaetz said he has received an email from everyone on the Transition Team's regarding their availability so a meeting will now be scheduled.

Update of Safe Training/Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Fr. Gaetz said he has spoken with a safe trainer in the Diocese who is willing to provide training for certification/recertification for those at St. Mark's who need and want it. He estimates it will mostly likely be scheduled on a Saturday in September. To date, those who wish to become Lay Eucharistic Visitors, that includes Phyllis Honsinger, Jackie Eberline, Debra Richardson and Karen Ward, need to have this training along with LEV training before they can begin visiting and providing communion to St. Mark the Evangelist's at-home parishioners on a monthly basis.

Diocesan Assistance for Building Repairs: Fr. Gaetz reported he has still not received a response from the Diocese regarding his request to possibly obtain some assistance with performing a St. Mark building assessment that could possibly lead to financial help with much-needed repairs.

Extension of Interim Priest: Wardens, Barry Guinn and Gary Neddo, announced plans to discuss the extension of Fr. Gaetz' interim agreement which expires Sept. 17. Fr. Gaetz is willing to extend his time at St. Mark's but has said he does not want to add any more hours to his current itinerary. The Wardens are willing to help work out an agreement that will be more amenable to his schedule.

Flowers/Cookiewiches: Fr. Gaetz extended an official note of appreciation to the Flower Fund and Joan Green said for the Cookiewiches for fathers on Father's Day as well as the flowers presented to the choir for their dedication and service.

5. Treasurer Report:

The May 2019 Financial Reports were presented for review by the Vestry. **Jack Omilanowicz** motioned to receive the report as presented and **Jackie Eberline** seconded. The report was unanimously accepted.

6. Committee Reports

Update of Security Task Force: Barry reported he has met twice with Sunday School teacher, Anna Amaya, about program changes that will possibly be made prior to September when it resumes. One change to be implemented is to not have just one person overseeing the program, therefore, some assistance will be solicited. Where the classes will be held is another change that might possibly be made. Barry also added that to date he has not spoken with the other member of the committee about overall building security.

Worship Team: Fr. Gaetz reported that the Worship Team has been busy and is planning some upcoming events. The team decided to move summer services to Undercroft where it is cooler. They will be held there from July 7 – Sept. 1 and resume in the sanctuary Sept. 15. The service and picnic is scheduled for Sept. 8 and St. Luke Episcopal Church in Camillus, whose picnic is also scheduled for that day, might join us. If not this year, a joint picnic with them next year will be discussed. He also announced St. Luke's choir will be joining our choir at for the annual Brighton Towers' Christmas concert.

7. Old Business

Stewardship: Fr. Gaetz said he is looking for volunteers to work on the Stewardship Committee. Gary Neddo, Karen Ward and Cherry Ottey volunteered and a meeting will be set up to plan for Stewardship process.

Annual Picnic: Gary Neddo announced the church service and picnic is set and Shrove Park in Camillus is reserved for Sept. 8. The event is sponsored by the Mustangs; hot dogs/ cones, buns, condiments and paper products are provided by the church. Those attending are asked to bring an item to share, lawn chairs and drinks. As mentioned above, St. Luke Episcopal Church's picnic is set for the same day and they may be joining us.

8. New Business

Fr. Gaetz reported that he and the Wardens had met with St. Luke's Wardens and Priest, the Rev. Jon White, and St. Luke expressed interest in supporting some of our community outreach programs as they don't really have these types of programs. Barry said they also talked about doing more with them regarding services. Gary said they plan on having more conversations with St. Luke about collaborating with them in general down the road. Barry explained both churches want to work together to strengthen each other and to have a stronger Episcopal presence on the West Side.

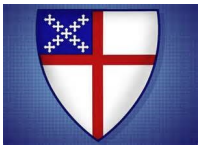
Fr. Gaetz asked for a consensus about not having an August Vestry meeting. **Nancy Morrison** made a motion to not hold an August meeting, which was seconded by **Cherry Ottey**. Motion carried.

9. Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Phyllis Honsinger** and seconded by **Jackie Eberline**. Meeting adjourned 7:44 p.m.

10. Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Gaetz.

Next Vestry Meeting: Monday, July 15, 7 p.m.

Next Wardens Meeting: July 30, 2 p.m.



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TO:

Service Time

**Sundays:
10 am-Holy Eucharist**

Office Hours

**Tuesday—Friday:
9 am to 2 pm**



Mission Statement: The Church of St. Mark the Evangelist is a community of faith sharing the love of Jesus Christ with one another and the world.