

The Grapevine
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



January 2012

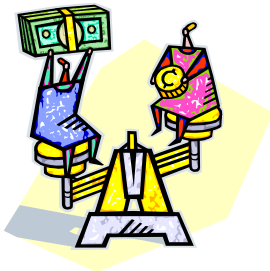
**SPECIAL PARISH
MEETING**

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Following the 10:00 am Service

**All Parishioners are encouraged
to attend!**

**The purpose of the meeting is to
receive permission to balance the 2012
budget with potential withdrawals from
the St. Mark's Trust Fund.**



St. Mark's Episcopal Church
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Our Staff:

Priest: Rev. Martin Wright
Organist: Dolly Lopresti
Bell Choir: Annis Rogers
Treasurer: Dolly Lopresti
Secretary: Joanne McKinley
Sexton: Nikki Forsythe

The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Pamela Hysong
Junior Warden: Todd Wagner

2012

Greg Lilly
Todd Wagner
Lucie Whittle
Lorraine Zitnay

2013

Richard Burkert
Cynthia Greig
Jack Herbein
Pam Hysong

2014

Lisa Bell-Loncella
Jay Follansbee
Bill Horner
Pam Mayer

*Please remember
St. Mark's Church in your will.*



2012 Weekly Altar Flowers & Monthly Altar Candles

Donation price is \$30 a Sunday for flowers and \$8 a month for candles.
Please contact Joanne in the Parish Office or Doris Horner with your requests.

We have openings for the entire year.



Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Edward Ajay, Cindy Leap, George Zitnay, Kay Humphries, Regina Hoover.

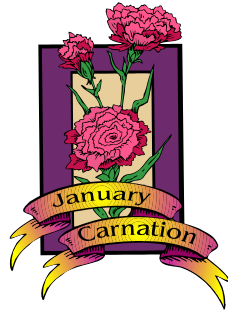
Family and Friends Serving Our Country:

Jason Medsger, Clint Cable, Justin Erdley, Chad McLaren, Michael Custer, Jeff Bright, Ryan Bracken, Dan Kell, Valerie Hantke, Gary Hogman, Joseph & Adam Wright.

Please Continue To Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Lois Bender, Liz Hysong, Joy Brehm, Dorthy Veale, Jack & Carroll Green, John Michyna, James Hargreaves, Sue Kelly, Connie Cross, Bernice Ketterer, Marjorie Ajay, Gloria Coulson, Clara Bell, Betty McGrath, Allie Ireland, Louis Hoffer, Maggie Lesosky, Deneen & Blanche Brant, Stanley Gimza, John Fry, Mary Hider, Vivian Marple, Phyllis Miller, Ethel Thomas, Catherine Woods, Joy Howard, Dave Maxwell, Linda Russell, Msgr. Orbanek, Jeff Gates, Hal Trevenen, Connie Derzack, Gordon Gladden, Carole Caroff, Tim Whitford, Bob Armstrong, Keith Barkley, Peter Keitsock, Jeff Nelson, Bill Eidenire, Kelly Plowchin, Frankie Weaver, Agnes Swarney, Shawn McKinley, Ignacio Panebianco, the McKiersan Family, Donna Herndon, Tres Kelly & Scott, The Gocella Family, George Quinn, June & Travis Kania, the Kellerhouse Family, and the Autumn Danchanko Family.





No January Anniversaries



Happy January Birthday

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
Greg Karlick	14	Magnus Rogers	27
Stephen Balamuta	15	Richard Mayer	27
Hayley Bragdon	17	Michelle Shawley	30
Jack Follansbee	19	Connie Mayer	31
Kenn Leap	22	Fr. Charles Martin	31

If we have forgotten your Birthday or Anniversary, please let us know. Call the office with your Information (535-6797) or e mail us at stmarks@atlanticbnn.net

Thanks, Joanne



URGENT

It seems like we are always asking for volunteers to help with the various functions at our Church, but it becomes very disheartening when we have to depend on the same people make to those events happen.

Thank you to those who gave up their morning to decorate the Church in time to welcome the Christ Child. We had a wonderful day with delicious food and fellowship!

Celebrate Johnstown was also a success because of the efforts of Kitty Batrus, Blanche Brant, Pam & Don Hysong, Fr. Marty, and John & Annis Rogers (who spent many hours in the kitchen preparing pulled pork), and spreading the warmth that is St. Mark's to the community.

Now comes another very important tradition at our Church—The Lenten Lunches. February 22nd is Ash Wednesday and the First Lenten Lunch will be served on Wednesday, February 29th.

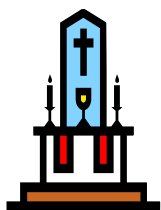
We need many volunteers to make this a success. I know that everyone is busy but please take time, even if for only one Wednesday during Lent to come and help prepare or serve the lunches, bake a cake or make a salad. Friends are always welcome here, so perhaps you have one that you would like to bring along. We'll even provide lunch (though we won't turn down any offers of donations! ! WE NEED YOU THERE!

The menu may also be revamped to replace some of the more intensive offerings. The dates are Feb. 29th, March 7,14,21, and 28.

We are also always looking for men and women to join the ECW. If you are interested please let me know.

Give me a call, tweet, Facebook post or e-mail if you can help!

Julie Follansbee



ALTAR GUILD

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who took time from your busy schedules to help prepare the Church for the Coming of the Christ Child.

The Christmas Tree was beautifully adorned, and the fragrance of the Greens and Poinsettias, illuminated by the twinkling tree lights and soft glowing candles, gently welcomed “Jesus” into our hearts.

Bill and I will be away during the months of February and March. Amy has graciously offered to fill in for me while I am away. I know that I can count on all of my Altar Guild Ladies during that time. We will be back in April.

Doris Horner

BIBLE STUDY



When: Every Tuesday

Time: 9:00 AM

Where: Sorella-Sorella Espresso
828 Diamond Boulevard

(across from the Westmont Middle School)

Our Bible Study has moved to a new date, time, and location. Each week we study the upcoming Gospel Lesson. Please take time from your busy schedule to join us.

For more information, please contact Lucie Whittle, 535-6601



PASTORAL CARE

Thank you to everyone who provided “shampoo & conditioner” for the Family Kitchen Christmas Baskets.

Thank you to everyone who donated food items for the Food Pantry and Gift Cards. We helped many needy families during the month of December. The Food Pantry will need to be restocked. We have plenty of pasta noodles, sweet potatoes, canned tomatoes, green beans, Peas, and cake mix. We do need cereal, pasta sauce, can corn, baked beans, can soups, dry goods.

In service,
Amy W.

“We must choose this day whether we will hide our eyes from the need and close our ears to the call or whether we will tackle with new decisiveness, mixed with humility and devotion, the unchanging command of a faithful God who is still seeking.” ~ Ralph Winter in Faithful in Christ Jesus – a Mission Reader

Mark your calendar for February 5th:

“Souper Bowl of Caring” Sunday



Daffodil Sunday

More information coming in the February Grapevine to order Daffodils.

Finance Meeting

**Wednesday, January 11th
5:30 pm**

Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, January 15th
After the 10:00 am Service**

Animal Welfare Ministry



The extra collection for the First Sunday of the month will benefit the needs of the Animal Welfare Ministry.

Youth Ministry Band

The extra collection for the Second Sunday of the month will benefit the needs of the Youth Ministry Band.



Fuel & Snow Removal

During the winter months, we are faced with high heating bills as well as costs for snow removal. The extra collection for the Third Sunday of the month (Jan. 15th) will go towards those costs.



Rwandan Orphan:

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 each month (Jan.29th) for our Rwandan orphan, Chantal.

Pastoral Care

All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (Jan. 22nd) for our Pastoral Care.

Soup & Study
at the home of John & Annis Rogers
6 – 8 pm
most Tuesday evenings

Join us for an evening of delicious homemade soup or other light fare and lively discussion in our home. We take turns providing a simple meal.

We are just finishing our study of *The Wisdom of Jesus, Transforming Heart and Mind – A New Perspective on Christ and His Message* by Cynthia Bourgeault.

By mid January we expect to select our next book.

Contact Annis Rogers 539 – 2295
shaman@atlanticbb.net

