

The Grapevine
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



October 2011

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Jay Follansbee
Bill Horner
Lisa Bell-Loncella
Pam Mayer

In trying times such as these, you have come forward and taken an important role in helping to make decisions that matter to our Church.

Our sincere gratitude to the retiring Vestry who have have worked so hard these past years:

Kitty Batrus
Dolly Lopresti
Larry Shaffer
Amy Whitlow

You truly exemplify what it means to be a member of St. Mark's.

THANK YOU

Todd Wagner

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Our Staff:

Priest: Rev. Martin Wright

Organist: Dolly Lopresti

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Treasurer:

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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

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



2011 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 following dates:

10/9(1), 10/23(2), 10/30 (2), 11/13 (1),
12/5 (1), 12/12 (1), 12/18 (2) 12/25 (1)



Remember Today In Your Prayers:

Jack Cromb, the McKiersan Family, June & Travis Kania.

Family and Friends Serving Our Country:

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

Please Continue To Remember In Your Personal Prayers:

Lois Bender, Liz & Don Hysong, Joy Brehm, Dorthy Veale, Jack & Carroll Green, Angie & Jack Herbein, Regina Hoover, Cindy Leap, John Michyna, Ed & Marjorie Ajay, Gloria Coulson, Betty McGrath, Louis Hoffer, Sue Kelly, Ethel Arthur, Hassell & Polly Sledd, Maggie Lesosky, Deneen & Blanche Brant, Stanley Gimza, James Hargreaves, Bernice Ketterer, John Fry, Mary Hider, Vivian Marple, Joan & Bill Berresford, Phyllis Miller, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladden, Catherine Woods, Joy Howard, Dave Maxwell, Linda Russell, Msgr. Orbanek, Jeff Gates, Hal Trevenen, Connie Derzack, Helen Leap, Carole Caroff, Tim Whitford, Bob Armstrong, Keith Barkley, Peter Keitsock, Jeff Nelson, Bill Eidenire, Kelly Plowchin, Frankie Weaver, Agnes Swarney, Shawn McKinley, Ignacio Panebianco, Barbara Munderlein.





From The Rector's Desk

It hardly seems possible that another month has come and gone. Time keeps flying by and just when it seems you're getting a handle on things, something else happens. The next couple of months promise to be incredibly busy ones for us.

I announced at the annual meeting that Dawn and I, having decided it was not feasible to try to spend another winter in the house we currently rent, have found a house in Shanksville and will be moving over the course of the next two months. We are excited to have found such a nice place. Adam and Jake will be starting school this month also. Now add to that everything that's happening with St. Mark's.

We will be hosting a preconvention meeting on October 19th for the diocesan convention in November. We continue to prepare for a contemporary worship service led by our young people. Stay tuned for the upcoming rollout. I am also planning to begin an informal gathering on Wednesday evenings at which we will begin with a short video and then have some open discussion and questions. I hope this forum will provide an opportunity for people to raise those spiritual questions and issues that are on their minds at the time and create an avenue for spiritual growth that our traditional Sunday morning services don't provide.

As you can see, it is a busy time indeed and before we know it, we'll be into the Advent season and preparation for the holidays. It is also an exciting time in the world and for the church. Never have I had a greater sense of urgency in our need to proclaim the gospel and be about the work of making disciples. I hope that some of the new things we will be doing will bring to us new people with whom we can share our faith and invite to be a part of our community.

Please keep your leadership in prayer as we navigate through this challenging time together. May the Lord richly bless you.

Marty+



Happy October Anniversary!

Amy & Penn Whittow
October 10, 1981

Mary & Kevin Boyden
October 12, 1985

Angie & Jack Kerbein
October 29, 1983

Happy October Birthday



<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>James Hargreaves</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Josh Balamuta</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Carroll Green</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Johan Rogers</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Kim Pasko</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Pauline Sledid</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>James Russell</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>Joy Brehm</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Abigail Shawley</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Zachery Rager</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Elizabeth Hysong</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Connie Bokros</i>	<i>28</i>
<i>Mark Wojtaszek</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>Angie Kerbein</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Lisa-Bell Loncella</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Craig Campbell</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Mildred Russell</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>Richard Burkert</i>	<i>29</i>
		<i>Danny Thompson</i>	<i>31</i>

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@atlanticbbn.net.

Thanks, Joanne



ECW October

UPCOMING EVENTS

-UTO Offering is due by October 10th. Please make check payable to St. Mark's UTO Offering and drop in the collection basket or mail it in to the office.

-United Way Breakfast, Thursday, October 27th at 8:00 am.

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Finance Meeting

**Tuesday, October 11th
5:00 pm**

Vestry Meeting

**Sunday, October 16th
After the 10:00 am Service**

Youth Ministry Band

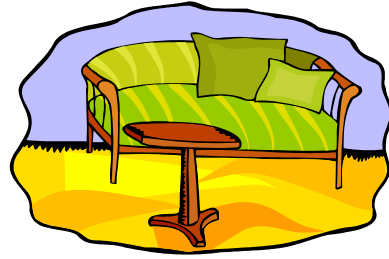
The extra collection for the Second Sunday of the month will benefit the needs of the newly formed Youth Ministry Band.

Rwandan Orphan

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the third Sunday of each month (Oct. 16th) for Chantal, our Rwandan orphan. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for her.

Pastoral Care

All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (Oct. 23th) for our Pastoral Care. Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Pastoral Care.



Living Room Furniture Needed

Fr. Marty and his family will be moving shortly and are need of living room furniture (sofa, loveseat, chairs, etc.

He will be available at the Sunday services or you can reach him by phone (724-875-1983) or you can e mail him at revmwright@gmail.com





ANIMAL WELFARE MINISTRY

St. Mark's is proud to announce the establishment of a new ministry. We now have an Animal Welfare Ministry. This Ministry will help animals in various ways. This includes saving Shelter Animals' lives, helping provide the needs of our local shelter, promoting spay/neuter (to prevent unwanted animals), etc.

St. Mark's believes that we recognize St. Francis' teachings and show love and compassion for all of God's creatures.

If you would like to become a part of this ministry or find out how you can help, please contact Steven Hoover at 814-410-3832.

The extra collection for the **First Sunday** of each month will go towards the needs of our Animal Welfare Ministry.

Bake Sale

We are going to have a Bake Sale at Walmart on Saturday, October 15th and would appreciate donations of baked goods.

Many Thanks, Steve Hoover



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

Tuesday October 11, 2011
Tuesday October 25, 2011

Join us for an evening of delicious homemade soup or other light fare and lively discussion in our home. We usually read two chapters and meet every other week to talk about what we've read. We take turns providing a simple meal.

We recently finished a study of *This Far By Grace, A Bishop's Journey Through Questions About Homosexuality* by J. Neil Alexander. We highly recommend this book for anyone who is concerned about the direction of the Episcopal Church regarding the issues of human sexuality.

Our current readings are from *The Wisdom of Jesus, Transforming Heart and Mind – A New Perspective on Christ and His Message* by Cynthia Bourgeault.

Contact Annis Rogers 539 – 2295
shaman@atlanticbb.net

PASTORAL CARE



Please continue to keep those on our St. Mark's prayer lists in your daily prayers. We are thankful for continuing recoveries, the blessing of a weekly phone call, a card in the mail and caring words. We pray for the health and well being of our friends in faith, our family and those we do not yet know.

For the month of October, please consider a donation of dry goods, household products (paper towels, toilet paper, soap, detergent) or canned goods to the St. Mark's pantry. Your financial donations from the open plate collection on the fourth Sunday continue to help put food on the table of families in need. Many special requests are received at this time of year to help with increased sewage, water and fuel bills. Donations to local charities of gently worn clothing and warm coats are greatly appreciated.

Please share your ideas as to how we at St. Mark's can better serve the needs of those in our parish and in our community. Each of us can make a difference in the life of someone in need.

Please remember those less fortunate this month by making a donation to the St. Mark's food pantry. Some items that are greatly appreciated are:

Cereal	Boxed dinners, pasta, rice	Paper Towels
Canned fruit	Canned vegetables	Dish Soap
Tuna	Canned Meat	Toilet paper
Pasta	Soup	Cleaning Items
Sauce	Apples Sauce	
Peanut Butter		

Blessings,
Amy



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



St. Mark's Breakfast Club

Don't forget, join us at our Breakfast Club on Sunday, October 2nd at 8:30 am.

So what is breakfast club? A small breakfast with a speaker, usually someone involved in Christian Ministry in one way or another.

What does it cost? Nothing, It is free, but donations are always accepted to cover the food.

And a donation may be taken to help support the speakers ministry.

Why 8:30? So those from early service can join us as well as those involved in Choir.

RAC AGAINST HUNGER UPDATE

The RAC Against Hunger Competition between District 4 & 2 against Districts 1 & 3 began in July and will continue through October 31st.

Pastoral Care Funds	\$514.00		514 points
Food Items	255	Food Items*	255 points
Volunteer Hours	20	Volunteer Hours	200 points
Bulletin Inserts	30	1 per month	30 points

*71 Items received from Angelfood Ministry

Angelfood Ministry

As you may well know by now, the Angelfood Ministry has closed indefinitely due to problems within their company. At this point in time, it is uncertain if Angelfood Ministry is going to reorganize.

St. Mark's was only in the program for two months and orders were beginning to increase.

So many people in our area were in need of food programs such as Angelfood Ministry, so it is a sad not only for them but also for us.

Always remember that "St. Mark's is a church committed to the Lord and to ministry in downtown Johnstown. We are a congregation where everyone is important."