## **JULY 2016**

# Opcoming St. Mark's

#### EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

#### **UPCOMING @ ST. MARK'S**

is published each month as an information resource and guide to the activities and events within and around the St. Mark's church community. Copies are distributed the first Sunday of each month along with the Sunday worship bulletin, and thereafter are available at the Welcome Center Desk, at the main entrances to the building, or upon request by contacting the church office.

UPCOMING @ ST. MARK'S is also available on our church website (www.smumc.church).

#### SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR FUTURE ISSUES:

All ministry areas, church committees, and interest groups are encouraged to submit articles for upcoming issues.

Articles for August need to be submitted by Monday, July 25th.

For more information, and to submit articles for publication, please contact the

> Church Office 812-332-5788 office@smumc.church

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#### MONDAY, JULY 4TH, INDEPENDENCE DAY: ST. MARK'S OFFICE AND BUILDING CLOSED

St. Mark's will be closed Monday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day. There will be no one in the office or in the building that day. If there is a pastoral emergency, please call 812-219-8377 or 812-325-9406.

## SUNDAYS @ ST. MARK'S Our Regular Sunday Worship Schedule\*:

BREAKFAST	9:30am	Garton Hall
<b>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> Pilgrims Nomads Bible Banter	9:15am 9:15am 9:30am	Room 13 Room 10 Room 11
INFANT & TODDLER CARE Infants & 1-year-olds 2- & 3-year-olds	9:30am -11:30am	Room 24 Room 25
<b>Celebration!</b> CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORSHIP	9:30am	Room 8
SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30am	Sanctuary
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 4 year old - Kindergarten 1st-2nd Grade 3rd-6th Grade 7th-12th Grade	10:30am-11:30am	Room 4 Room 9 Room 1,2 Room 3

\*Occasional schedule changes will be shared on the church website, in printed announcements, and weekly email updates.

## **Upcoming Special Worship Services**

## SUNDAY, JULY 3RD, 10:30AM SANCTUARY SERVICE BACKPACK BUDDIES OFFERING

On the first Sunday of every month at the 10:30am worship service, you are welcome to bring food items for the Community Kitchen Backpack Buddies program. Through this program, each Friday, approximately 250 children in need from local elementary schools are sent home with a backpack of food. Children are also provided food during Summer Break. These backpacks help meet basic weekend food needs of their families. A list of items is below. Please place the Backpack Buddies offering on the altar in worship on the first Sunday of every month, or you may leave your items during the week in the collection box in Garton Hall. This month you are also welcome to bring items on Sunday, July 10th.

Backpack Buddies Food List

- Individual fruit cups (applesauce, tropical fruit, pears, etc.)
- Instant Oatmeal (individual portions)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Small boxes of cereal
- Easy-to-prepare food items (instant mashed potatoes, dried soups, beans, meal helpers, rice or pasta meals, etc.)
- Granola/fruit/cereal bars
- Dried fruit (raisins, cranberries, cherries, tropical fruit, etc.)
- Canned or pouch chicken or tuna
- Small bread mixes (cornbread, muffin, biscuit, etc.)

### SUNDAY, JULY 10TH, 10:30AM SANCTUARY SERVICE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The table of Holy Communion is Christ's table. It is not the table of The United Methodist Church nor the table of the local congregation. As the invitation to the table says, Communion is open to anyone who seeks to respond to Christ's love and to lead a life of peace and love.

## **Celebrating "CALL": Two Special Services in July**

### SUNDAY, JULY 24TH CELEBRATING THE CALL TO MINISTRY

JillAnn Meunier, a seminary student at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, will preach the sermon. JillAnn was baptized at St. Mark's, and is taking Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) at Bloomington Hospital this summer. This is a Sunday in which we seek to enhance the "Culture of Call"—creating an environment in which members are encouraged to consider various forms of Christian Ministry as a life vocation.

There will also be a Mission Moment to invite contributions for the Reverend Chuck Myers Scholarship fund, which is designated to provide scholarship assistance for UMC seminary students. Chuck served churches in the South Indiana Conference, including St. Mark's, and also served as a district superintendent. Chuck saw pastoral care as his strongest asset. He also possessed a fine baritone singing voice which he loved to share by preaching "sermons in song." Chuck's wife, Beth, continues to bless us at St. Mark's with her wisdom, faith, and kind and generous spirit.

### SUNDAY, JULY 31ST CELEBRATING THE CALL OF ALL CHRISTIANS

This service will celebrate the calling all Christians have to serve God and others in the world. During worship, those attending will be invited to bring some symbol of their work or service in the world and to place their symbol in the chancel area. Breakfast that morning will be provided by retired UMC clergy and families, and all donations will go to the Chuck Myers Scholarship Fund.

### July Adult Sunday School (for times and meeting rooms, see page 2) BIBLE BANTER

The Bible Banter class uses the Scripture text for the morning's sermon as a discussion-starter. We look at the passage in its larger context, and sometimes explore a bit of Bible-writing history. We offer some thoughts on what the morning's sermon might look like, based on the Scripture the pastor has selected. We leave time to discuss implications of the Scripture for our own lives, and often even delve into topics far afield of the morning's original topic. You are invited to bring some coffee/breakfast from Garton Hall into Room 11 and join the conversation.

#### NOMADS

In July, the Nomads class will continue discussion of Anne Lamott's 2013 book, *Stitches: A Handbook on Meaning, Hope and Repair*. All are welcome to join us (even without reading the book!).

#### PILGRIMS

On Sundays in July, the Pilgrims class will study the Old Testament using video lectures from Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. The goal of the series is to provide members of faith communities with richer insights into the literature that forms their bedrock. Each week, discussion follows the video. All are welcome.

## GODSPELL, JR.

### SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE, AUGUST 21ST: THE COMPLETE PRODUCTION OF GODSPELL JR. — AND THE CASTING CALL IS STILL OPEN!

Our worship service will center around a production of the musical *Godspell, Jr.* This hour-long adaptation of the original Broadway show is based on the Gospel of Matthew and traces the life of Jesus from his baptism through his crucifixion. If you were here on Vacation Bible School Sunday, you experienced a few scenes from our talented cast. On August 21st, the cast will present the entire drama, weaving the parables, songs, and lessons into what promises to be a memorable morning. Contact Bridget McIntyre if you're interested in joining the cast or crew.

## YOUTH

## St. Mark's Children & Youth Summer Sunday Schedule 2016

- Infant and toddler care continues every Sunday in July.
  Childcare is available from 9:30am 11:30am in rooms 24 and 25.
- July 3rd: No Celebration! Worship or Children and Youth Sunday School. Happy July 4th Holiday! Children and youth are welcome to attend sanctuary worship with their families.
- July 10th, 17th, and 24th: Regularly scheduled Sunday School. All age groups will meet in their designated classrooms. Please note that children and youth can go to the Sunday School class that they are "rising" into the Fall of 2016. For example, if a child is going to be in 3rd grade next school year, he or she is invited to move out of the 1st – 2nd grade Sunday School class and into the 3rd – 6th grade Sunday School class.
- July 31st: Sanctuary Sunday. No Children and Youth Sunday School. Children and youth are invited to remain in sanctuary worship with their families. There will be *Celebration!* that morning, as well as childcare for preschool – 3rd grade children in room 8.
- <u>August 7th</u>: Regularly scheduled Sunday School.
  All age groups will meet in their designated classrooms.
- <u>August 14th</u>: Backpack Blessing and New Beginnings for Children and Youth Sunday School.

All children and youth are invited to bring a backpack or other school item to the 10:30am sanctuary worship. A blessing will be shared for the start of a new school year. Additionally, a new curriculum and rooms assignments will begin for Sunday school. Age groupings and room numbers will be announced in July.

Contact Bridget McIntyre (<u>bridgetmcintyre@smumc.church</u>) or the St. Mark's church office (<u>office@smumc.church</u> or 812-332-5788) with any questions about Children and Youth Summer Sunday Schedule 2016.

## YOUTH

## Children & Youth Summer Sundays Your Guide to What's When

	DATE	EVENT	INFANT & TODDLER CARE	Celebration!	SUNDAY SCHOOL
	Sunday, July 3rd	July 4th Holiday Weekend	$\checkmark$		
JULY	Sunday, July 10th	Full Children & Youth Program	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
	Sunday, July 17th	Full Children & Youth Program	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
	Sunday, July 24th	Full Children & Youth Program	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
	Sunday, July 31st	Sanctuary Sunday (5th Sunday)	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
ST	Sunday, August 7th	Full Children & Youth Program	~	✓	~
<b>NUGUS1</b>	Sunday, August 14th	Full Children & Youth Program <i>Backpack Blessings</i> <i>New Beginnings</i>	~	$\checkmark$	~

## Special Events: July

### MONDAY, JULY 11TH, 6:00PM-7:00PM ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY PICNIC PLANNING MEETING — JOIN US!

All are welcome to be part of the planning team for this year's picnic, a church-wide celebration which will take place Sunday, August 21st. Each year, we look forward to this great event, filled with food, friends, games, and activities for all ages!

The planning team will meet Monday, July 11th from 6-7pm in Room 10. If you cannot attend the planning meeting, but would like to be a part of making this great day possible, contact Mary Beth Morgan.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH, 2:00PM-3:30PM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

### FUN, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP STYLE SHOW & TEA

Celebrate Monroe County United Ministries' provision of emergency food, affordable, quality childcare, and other services. Women from all over Monroe County and surrounding area churches are invited to "Fun, Food, and Fellowship Style Show and Tea," presented by Chico's and St. Mark's United Methodist Women. No admission, but a free will offering will be taken for MCUM. Since we plan for approximately 200 women, please consider providing food, preparation, or cleanup. Sign-up sheets are on the UMW bulletin board. For more information, contact Nancy Lumbley, Flo Davis, or Linda Crawford.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH, 5:30PM-7:00PM MEAL SHARE FOOD REPACK AT HOOSIER HILLS FOOD BANK

St. Mark's volunteers have been helping the Food Bank since the program started 15-20 years ago. It's time now to add some new volunteers! Join us Wednesday, July 13th, from 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Hoosier Hills Food Bank, 2333 West Industrial Park Drive (you can still enter from Hwy 37, but not from Vernal Pike west of the highway). Please let Glenda Murray know if you want to be added to the email list for monthly reminders, and please let her know if you can help on July 13th. You can email Glenda at <u>glmurray@indiana.edu</u>.

## Special Events: July (continued)

### SATURDAY, JULY 16TH, 9:00AM-12:00PM HELPING HANDS FELLOWSHIP WORKING TOGETHER TO CARE FOR OUR CHURCH

Do you have a gift or a love for tending the earth? Did you know that much of the landscaping work on our property is done by volunteers, who, by contributing their time and talents, save the church valuable resources that can be directed to other initiatives? No experience is necessary! Consider joining the Helping Hands team that cares for the beauty of the church grounds. For more details, contact Jeremiah Young or the church office.

### SUNDAY, JULY 17TH, 6:30PM VIEWING OF THE MOVIE "PRIDE" AT ST. MARK'S

The St. Mark's Reconciling Task Force invites all adults to a viewing of the film, "Pride." Inspired by actual events, the award-winning film details the unlikely friendship forged between a small community of striking miners in Wales and the London-based gay and lesbian activists who raise funds to feed their families during the summer of 1984. Please note that the movie has an "R" rating, and is intended for mature audiences. Please join us!

### APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT TEAM MISSION TRIP, JULY 24TH-30TH PLEASE BRING DONATIONS BY SUNDAY, JULY 17TH

The St. Mark's Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Team leaves for their week-long mission trip on Sunday, July 24th. This year, the team will be serving with the community in Martin County, Kentucky. Please support the team by bringing bottled water and individual bags of chips to Garton Hall by Sunday, July, 17th. We keep the ASP team in our prayers, and look forward to hearing about their experiences when they return.

## **Small Group and Committee Meetings**

## FRIDAYS, JULY 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND & 29TH, 12:15PM-1:30PM CONVERSATIONS ON LIFE MEN'S GROUP

Men are welcome to join this discussion group which meets in Room 15 each Friday throughout the year.

### TUESDAY, JULY 5TH, 9:30AM-11:00AM UNITED METHODIST WOMEN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

United Methodist Women (UMW) Executive Board, consisting of UMW officers, meets once each month in Room 12 for planning.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 5TH, 7:00PM-8:00PM TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING

Please note that the Trustees Committee meeting has been moved to the first Tuesday this month because of Monday's Fourth of July holiday.

## WEDNESDAYS, JULY 6TH, 13TH, 20TH & 27TH, 1:00PM-3:00PM ST. MARK'S QUILTERS & CRAFTERS

Bring your quilting or crafts to Room 10 and enjoy some time with others who enjoy quilting and crafting. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 8TH, 1:00PM-2:30PM AT ST. MARK'S LIBRARY TUESDAY, JULY 12TH, 7:00PM-8:30PM AT BELL TRACE FOOD FOR THOUGHT AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION

Discussions of the book *Permission to Speak Freely* by Anne Jackson will take place on the dates and locations above. You may choose the book discussion group that best suits you. It is not a requirement that you have read the book; all interested persons are included in the book group, which reads from the United Methodist Women's Reading program book list. If you would like to get a copy of the book or to learn more about our Food for Though Book Discussion groups, contact Linda Crawford (812-336-2277) or the church office.

## Small Group and Committee Meetings (continued)

## MONDAY, JULY 11TH, 10:30AM-11:30AM SHOEBOX PROJECT

Shoebox Project (sponsored by St. Mark's United Methodist Women) meets in Room 12 to decorate shoeboxes and then fill them with items for children who are temporarily living in Bloomington's local shelters. Donations of personal hygiene products, small toys, and writing and coloring materials can be placed in the donation baskets in Garton Hall. Currently we are in need of new washcloths and pocket size tissues. Please join us on Monday, July 11th!

### MONDAY, JULY 11TH, 7:00PM LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

The St. Mark's Leadership Council will meet on July 11th in Room 8. All are welcome to attend. While only Leadership Council members can vote on motions that are presented, everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in discussion and planning.

#### TUESDAYS, JULY 12TH & 26TH, 6:30PM-8:00PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join others in the Parlor of Garton Hall to enjoy knitting and crocheting to make prayer shawls and other yarn products.

### XYZ SUPPER AND PROGRAM WILL NOT MEET IN JULY

Please watch the August issue of *Upcoming @ St. Mark's*, the church email newsletter, or other St. Mark's announcements for the next meeting date for the eXtra Years of Zest (XYZ) supper and program.

## **Announcements & Additional Opportunities**

### THANK YOU BRIGITTE AND DEB: TWO WONDERFUL TEACHERS!

On Sunday mornings, our youngest children at St. Mark's have been blessed by the loving care of volunteer and paid caregivers. Brigitte Colon is a regular Sunday morning caregiver that needs to move on from St. Mark's due to other employment needs. Brigitte's kind and gentle presence will be missed by many, especially the children and families who have come to trust and look forward to her care-giving. We wish Brigitte well as she moves forward in her journey of caring for children in her other work places. Thank you Brigitte!

Another familiar face in St. Mark's Children's Ministry is Deb Davis. Deb, among many other roles at St. Mark's, has been a monthly volunteer Sunday school teacher with the 3rd - 6th grade students. Deb dearly cares for her students and families and expresses that in her creativity and time shared each month in Sunday school. Deb is ready to move on and share her time differently at St. Mark's. We thank her for her amazing role as Sunday school teacher!

### SEEKING A SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEER AND A SUNDAY MORNING INFANT/TODDLER CAREGIVER

With the leadership transitions in Sunday Morning Infant and Toddler Care and Sunday school, we have two immediate needs to fill. Please consider being a volunteer Sunday school teacher. Although we have a need in the 3rd - 6th grade age group, we welcome a volunteer for any age group. This is a monthly commitment that doesn't take too much time. A curriculum and materials are provided. All efforts are made to accommodate volunteers to make the experience enjoyable and meaningful.

Additionally, a paid childcare position is open for the Sunday morning infant/toddler nursery. This position is for Sunday mornings from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm. St. Mark's is seeking a nurturing adult who can provide sound references and a love for infant and toddlers. This caregiver does not need to be a part of the St. Mark' congregation. Please contact Bridget McIntyre if you or someone you know would like more information.

## Announcements & Additional Opportunities (con't)

### ST. MARK'S HIKERS

Join the St. Mark's Hikers to hike/walk 200 miles in 2016 in celebration of Indiana's 200th birthday. Twenty-three people accepted the challenge. They are picking 'em up and setting 'em down on city streets and woodland paths. Six have reached 200 while some are just getting started. There is plenty of time. Sign up at Bicentennial Hikers Challenge and get moving. For more information and to be part of the challenge, contact Eleanor Lahr <u>elahr@indiana.edu</u> or 812-339-4209.

### CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE STILL AVAILABLE

St. Mark's church directories are still available. Contact the church office by phone, email, or in person to get your directory. There is no charge for a directory. We have additional directories for those who were not able to be part of the directory project.

### OPERATION FRIENDSHIP IS SEEKING HOSTS FOR THE 2017 INTERNATIONAL MEETING

It is the Bloomington chapter's turn to host the Operation Friendship International meeting which will be April 19-23, 2017. Guests will include mostly adults and a few young adults from European countries. The more hosts we have, the more guests we will be able to accommodate. Your commitment will only be to provide housing, but you would be welcome to join in on activities if your schedule permits. If you might be interested in hosting, please let us know (<u>tinacron@gmail.com</u> or 812-322-8941).

#### DO YOU HAVE AN UPCOMING MEETING OR ANNOUNCEMENT?

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## PEOPLE

## St. Mark's Leadership

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Contact information for any of the above leaders can be found in the St. Mark's Directory, or by calling the church office at 812-332-5788.

## PEOPLE

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## ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Reverend Jimmy Moore & Reverend Mary Beth Morgan, Pastors Andy Cron & Trina Mescher, Lay Leaders

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