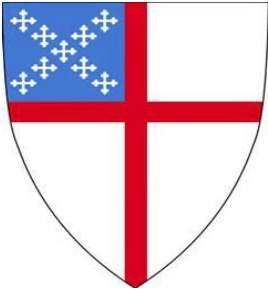


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HAPPENINGS

Monday, July 3, 2017

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ST. MARK'S UPCOMING CALENDAR

July 3rd – July 9th, 2017

Tuesday, July 4th

Office Closed

Wednesday, July 5th

10:00 am – Morning Prayer

Thursday, July 6th

4:15 pm – Spiritual Growth & Education Meeting

5:15 pm – Buildings & Grounds Meeting

Saturday, July 8th

8:00 am – Bible Study at Blue Moon

Sunday, July 9th

9:45 am – Nursery Available

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:00 am – Open Table

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 2 nd	First Sunday Potluck
July 4 th	Church Office Closed
July 9 th	Open Table
July 11 th	Soul Talk
July 12 th	No Morning Prayer

From Dean Catherine

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express the love and gratitude Bob and I feel every time we think about the retirement and farewell party last Sunday – but I’m going to try, anyway.

Clearly hours and hours of preparation went into every facet of this event. Thank you so much for the love; the kind words (both spoken and written in cards); the generous gifts; the heart felt hugs; the fantastic “crunchies” at each table; and the amazing evening! You made my visiting family members feel so welcome! I will treasure and hang the engraved St Mark’s Pro-Cathedral roof slate in a prominent place in our home. You also have excellent taste in purses!

Not all the surprises you had in store for me happened during the party at the Lark. At announcement time during my final service, you gave me a framed letter from the Bishop making me Dean Emeritus of Saint Mark’s Pro-Cathedral. I will treasure the honor for the rest of my life!

Most of all, Bob and I will cherish my memories of all of you. You are the most wonderful congregation of loving souls! You make it so very hard to follow through on my retirement, and actually leave. You will always be dear to our hearts. Thank you, dear friends!

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

Next week’s lessons

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67

Psalm 45:11-18

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

To come to Christ, is to come after Him; to take up our cross, is to take upon us His yoke; and though He calls this an easy yoke, yet it is easy because it is His yoke, and He makes it easy; still it does not cease to be a yoke, and it is troublesome and distressing, because it is a yoke.

Let us set it down then, as a first principle in religion, that all of us must come to Christ, in some sense or other, through things naturally unpleasant to us; it may be even through bodily suffering, such as the Apostles endured, or it may be nothing more than the subduing of our natural infirmities and the sacrifice of our natural wishes; it may be pain greater or pain less, on a public stage or a private one; but, till the words "yoke" and "cross" can stand for something pleasant, the bearing of our yoke and cross is something not pleasant; and though rest is promised as our reward, yet the way to rest must lie through discomfort and distress of heart.

-John Henry Newman, "The Yoke of Christ"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HAPPENINGS

We are excited to announce that Andy Gonzalez is now creating The Happenings newsletter each week! Please send your submissions, photos, and announcements to Amy in the office at stmarkshastings@gmail.com, or directly to Andy at andygonzalez@gmail.com. We love submissions, announcements, and photos of our members and friends!

ITEMS FOR YOU

The items on the tables in the undercroft need to find a new home. If there is anything you want please take it! After July 19 the items will go to Goodwill.

SOUL TALK

Soul Talk will replace the group previously referred to as Journey in Faith. Soul Talk will meet on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Common Room/Library here at St. Mark's. This is a casual group that gathers weekly for fellowship and spiritual discussion. Join us if you can as all are welcome.

OUTREACH ON JULY 9th

The Outreach Committee is gearing up for the next Open Table on July 9th! We could use your help in two ways: 1) Please volunteer and help us put together the sack lunches. It goes so quickly when we have lots of help! 2) If you are unable to volunteer, you can help us by donating granola bars, pudding cups, or fruit cups to be included in the sack lunches. Watch for the sales and stock up! A great big thank you to all who participate.

OUTREACH COLLECTIONS

Dipes & Wipes: The Outreach Committee is hoping that you can donate diapers and wipes for SASA and Healthy Beginnings during the month of July! Undie Sunday: The Outreach Committee will be donating Underwear and Socks to HPS for the start of the new school year in August. All sizes are acceptable, so watch those sales, and please donate if you are able. Thank you to all who give so generously!

COFFEE HOSTS/HOSTESSES

We are looking for Coffee Hosts for July & August. There is a sign-up sheet in the Library/Common Room. This year we are inviting any families who also want to sign up for this ministry. This would be a great way to teach your kids about serving in a ministry. Let's get everyone involved!

ST. JOHN'S SERVICES

We will NOT have a monthly service at St. John's during the months of July and August due to the heat and lack of air conditioning.

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Tuesday thru Friday

9:00 am – 11:00 am, and 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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