

August 2017

Upcoming@St. Mark's

St. Mark's Community Picnic

Sunday, August 20th, 2017

11:30AM - 2:00PM

PLAN TO BE HERE & SIGN UP TO HELP!

There will be food, friends, games, and music for all ages! We will have a Picnic lunch (in Garton Hall and on the front porch), Music, Children's and Youth activities, a Cake Walk, Face Painting, a rousing Wiffle Ball game for all ages, plus much more. Mark your calendars, and invite friends and neighbors!

Please sign up to help bring food, be a part of set up/clean-up crew, help with activities or donate towards food costs. You can sign-up on the sheets in Garton Hall, by contacting the church office (812-332-5788), or on the "Sign-Up Genius" link which you can find on the church website or all-church e-mail. The goal is for everyone to do a little, so no one needs to do a lot!

If you are able, bring a can/box of food or a hygiene item for Monroe County United Ministries "Each One, Feed One" annual collection drive.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

"PAVING THE WAY" PARKING LOT REPAVING PROJECT- UPDATE

If you have driven on the St. Mark's parking lot recently, you likely noticed that your ride was really smooth, and that the lot is now more structurally sound, safer and offers a welcoming entrance to the church property. Thank you to everyone who has given or pledged to the "Project St. Mark's, the Sequel" capital campaign (which included the parking lot), and to *Paving the Way* (a special fund designated for the lot)! We are also very grateful for the donations from many individuals and non-profits who meet at St. Mark's. A generous anonymous donor matched a portion of these gifts, as well.

The initial estimate for the parking lot repaving was approximately \$107,000. Once the work began, it was discovered that the subsurface was in worse shape than expected. The Trustees determined that this remedial work was necessary, and received approval from the Leadership Council to proceed (adding a little over \$30,000). Please prayerfully consider donations and pledges to this project if you have not, yet, donated or can help a little more. For more information, please contact the church office.

HELP KIDS GET READY FOR SCHOOL

BACKPACKS & SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY

In conjunction with a number of local faith communities, we collected back-to-school supplies for Monroe County children, grades K-8. The collection bin in Garton Hall is overflowing with donations! Now comes the fun part! Volunteer to load the backpacks with supplies and give the backpacks to kids! To volunteer for any of these events at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church, email Connie Phares at cphares@socc.org

Monday, July 31, 1-3pm—Sorting & Counting

Tuesday, August 1, 10am-12pm—Packing backpacks

Wednesday, August 2, 8-11am—Giving backpacks away (volunteers arrive 7:30am)

To volunteer to hand out backpacks and supplies at St. Paul's UMC (near Ivy Tech) on Wednesday, August 2nd from 4-6pm, email Laura Hall laura@stpaulbloomington.org.

YOU CAN STILL BE PART OF THE INTERFAITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD!

GET A COMMUNITY INTERFAITH HABITAT BUILD T-SHIRT!

On July 22nd, we celebrated with the Diaz family at their home dedication! "Community Interfaith Build" T-shirts are still available, for the special St. Mark's price of \$10 (in Garton Hall or from the church office). All proceeds go to close the fundraising gap for the build. Extra donations are welcome. Thank you to the St. Mark's community, our friends from more than a dozen faith communities and community organizations and the Diaz family for making this Build possible!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, August 8, 4:20 pm to 9:30 pm

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE AT ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS

Join friends from St. Mark's for a road trip to West Terre Haute to attend another one of the monthly, ecumenical Taizé services hosted by the Sisters of Providence. Our group last made the trip during Holy Week, and our souls were fed deeply. The Taizé services run from 7 - 8 pm, and they include short readings, moments of silence and songs we quietly repeat with the help of a few talented musicians and singers. These meditative services are held in the Church of the Immaculate Conception which is worth the drive itself. Our group will carpool from the south parking lot of St. Mark's at 4:20 pm. We will stop in downtown Terre Haute around 5:35pm for a light dinner at the unique Aracari Kitchen before heading across the Wabash to the campus of St. Mary-of-the-Woods. For more information contact Charlie Matson (812-331-0413, matsonhoosier@yahoo.com)

Wednesday, August 30th, 6:30-8:00pm (Date & Time Change)

EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST (XYZ) DESSERT AND CONVERSATION

This XYZ program will be an opportunity to join our St. Mark's pastors, Mary Beth Morgan and Jimmy Moore, for a time of conversation about your reflections and hopes for St. Mark's in the coming year and beyond. Gather in Garton Hall for dessert at 6:30pm, We will then move into Room 8 for our conversation. Dessert and beverages will be provided. All adults are invited to this fall kick-off event. Those new to the St. Mark's community are especially invited. We hope you join us!

NEW TO ST. MARK'S?

August 27th, 11:30am, Room 8

Meet and Greet for Those New to St. Mark's

Are you new to St. Mark's? Do you have questions and want to meet a few church leaders and others who are new? Join us after worship on Sunday, August 27 in Room 8. Both pastors will be present, as will staff members and lay leaders of some of our ministries and committees. We would love to get to know you a little better, and share in a brief time of conversation. Light snacks will be available.

September 10th & 17th, 9:30am, Room 15

New Member Classes in September

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church? Perhaps you are undecided, and would just like to explore what membership would mean. If so, plan to attend our next set of membership classes at 9:30 a.m. on September 10 and 17 in Room 15. You will be able to meet some of the church's leaders, learn more about St. Mark's understanding of faith and mission, and explore where you could connect and invest yourself in our congregation. Email Jimmy Moore at jimmymoore@smumc.church, or contact the church office, for more information or to indicate your intention to attend.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 8th & 22nd, 6:30pm—8:00pm

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join this group in the Parlor of Garton Hall to enjoy knitting and crocheting in the making of prayer shawls and other yarn products.

Each Wednesday, 1:00pm—3:00pm.

ST. MARK'S QUILTERS & CRAFTERS

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

Wednesday, August 9th, 5:30pm—7:00pm

MEAL SHARE FOOD REPACK

Each month, St. Mark's volunteers go to Hoosier Hills Food Bank to repack donated food for agencies which provide food for families. For more information, contact Glenda Murray at glmurray@indiana.edu.

Each Friday, 12:30pm—1:30pm.

CONVERSATIONS ON LIFE MEN'S GROUP—AT BELL TRACE

During August, the Conversations on Life men's group will be reading & discussing Richard J. Foster's book *Streams of Living Water - Celebrating the Great Traditions of the Christian Faith*. The group now meets every Friday at 12:30 pm in the downstairs meeting rooms of the main building (tallest) at Bell Trace. Visitors are always welcomed.

Sunday, August 13th, 6:00pm at Anatolia Restaurant

PARENTS OF YOUTH NIGHT

All parents of youth (and grandparents/other loving adults caring for pre-teens and teenagers) are welcome! Enjoy some food & conversation with other folks raising teens. If you have questions or would like to be on a contact list for future gatherings, contact Dawn Walters at dquillen@indiana.edu or the church office.

Monday, August 28th, 10:30am

SHOEBOX PROJECT

Please join others to assemble boxes of personal items and small toys that will be donated to local agencies supporting families in need.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, & FAMILIES

Tuesday, August 1st, 1:00pm

MONROE COUNTY FAIR WITH ST. MARK'S

Meet St. Mark's families at the fair on this family-oriented day. We will gather at 1pm in front of the livestock barn. Sarah Gettie will provide her cell number in the event your family needs to arrive after 1:00pm and you want to join us. Fair events include:

<u>Shelby County LP Gas Family Stage</u>	<u>Draper-Earles Auditorium</u>	<u>Kids Big Top</u>	<u>North Plaza</u>
3:30 & 6:00 P.M. Joe and Jan Edwards (Free)	1:00 – 8:00 P.M. Free Activities All Day-Sponsored by WTIU	12:00 P.M. & 4:30 P.M. Silly Safaris (Free)	4:30, 6:00, 7:30P.M. - R/C Racing (Free) in front of the livestock barn
7:30 P.M. Chad Russ (Free)	2:00/5:00 P.M. Magic Show	2:00 P.M. Buddy the Clown	
	3:00/6:00 Science Show	6:00 P.M. Register for Pedal Tractor Pull	
	4:00/7:00 Party Games	4:00 P.M. Pedal Tractor Pull	
	PBS Kid's Characters All Day	6:30 P.M. Pedal Tractor Pull	

August 5th, 12:30-1:30pm, St. Mark's Play Yards (final location TBD)

PARENTS OF BABIES AND YOUNG CHILDREN GROUP INAUGURAL MEETING

Join other parents of babies and toddlers for this play date! As it is the inaugural meeting, we will discuss the needs of this group and how you would like to see it take shape going forward. If you wish to be on this group's email list, contact Sarah Gettie at sarahgettiemcneill@smumc.church. Final notice about this group's meeting location will be sent out to the email list. Information will also be posted to the St. Mark's Parenting Facebook Group.

August 12th, 9-11:30am in Garton Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER TRAINING

At this training for Sunday School teachers, assistants, and paid staff, we will explore your class' curriculum, meet with teaching teams, review safety guidelines and best practices, and learn and play games you can utilize in your classrooms on Sunday morning -- all making your experience in our Sunday School program more enjoyable! A light breakfast will be provided. If you have signed up to teach this fall,

Sunday, August 27th, 5:30pm-7:30pm

YOUTH POOL PARTY AND PARENT GATHERING

All St. Mark's youth, in 6th - 12th grades, are welcome to our back-to-school pool party from 5:30 – 7:30pm at Pam and Lenne Vanzant's home (4119 S. Gran Haven Dr.). Friends of St. Mark's youth are also welcome. Youth are welcome to swim in the pool or relax in the hot tub or hang out on the deck. Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be provided as well as s'mores for the bon-fire. Sarah Gettie also looks forward to talking with youth about some possibilities for how to spend time together in a fun way while also growing in faith as young people in our world. Please RSVP to Rev. Sarah Gettie McNeill.

While the youth are outside, parents and grandparents of youth will gather inside the Vanzant's home. This will be an opportunity to talk with Mary Beth and Jimmy about youth ministry needs, hopes and possibilities. We will also do some planning, so please bring your calendars and your ideas. Thank you to Pam and Lenne for their hospitality!

SUNDAYS @ ST. MARK'S

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

BREAKFAST	9:30am	Garton Hall
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 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
Celebration! CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORSHIP	Restarts August 13 9:30am –10:30am	Room 8
SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30am	Sanctuary
*CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 4 years-1st Grade 2nd-3rd Grades 4th-5th Grades Youth	10:30am-11:30am	Room 22 Room 4 Room 9 Room 3

August 13th Sundays, 9:30 - 10:15am, Room 8

CELEBRATION! WORSHIP BEGINS AGAIN

Celebration Worship is a kid-friendly time for families to gather with hands-on play, Bible-based art projects, story, song, and prayer. Though it's been on vacation this summer, Celebration! Worship returns with flair on August 13. Spend quality time with your family as you grow in faith together.

August 13th, 10:30am Sanctuary Worship

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

All students, preschool through adult, are invited to bring backpacks, lunch boxes, or any school item to Sanctuary Worship. We will offer a blessing for them and all public, private and homeschool learners. Teachers, classroom & office assistants, principals, cafeteria workers, custodians, bus drivers, and anyone else in education, including parents, are also welcome to be blessed. If you forget your item, just bring yourself to St. Mark's on August 13th!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

AUGUST CLASSES:

BIBLE BANTER

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

NOMADS

The Nomads class meets each Sunday at 9:15am in Room 10 for fellowship and discussion of selected readings on issues related to faith, spirituality, or social justice. In August, Nomads will discuss *Ten Prayers That Changed the World - Extraordinary Stories of Faith That Shaped the Course of History* by Jean-Pierre Isbouts. All are welcome; no preparation required.

PILGRIMS

In August, Pilgrims' Sunday Morning Class is continuing a study of the Holy Land using video lectures, *The Holy Land Revealed*, by Dr. Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. The lecture series covers the ancient history of the Holy Land from 906 BC through 70 AD. Historical sources, such as the Hebrew Bible, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the writings of Josephus and Philo, the New Testament and the Mishnah and Talmud, along with the archaeology of the ancient Near East provide a more complete picture of ancient societies. All are welcome to join Pilgrims at 9:15am each Sunday in Room 13.

August 6th: Lecture #29 - **“Masada—Herod’s Desert Palace and the Siege”**

Masada, the most famous of the three remaining Jewish rebel fortresses after 70 A.D., was the site of a very controversial mass suicide.

August 13th Lecture #30 – **“Flavius Josephus and the Mass Suicide”**

The siege of Masada took place during a winter/spring season and probably lasted no longer than two or three months.

August 20th: Lecture #31 – **“The Second Jewish Revolt against the Romans”**

The Jews awaited the day the Romans would grant them permission to rebuild the temple, but as the decades went by, the Jews became increasingly anxious.

August 27th: Lecture #32 – **“Roman Jerusalem – Hadrians’ Aelia Capitolina”**

Judea was now largely empty of its Jewish population and to erase the memory of the people who had inhabited this province, Hadrian renamed it Palestine, a name that harkens back to the ancient Philistines.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

SEE GOD THROUGH THE EYES OF A CHILD THIS FALL.
HELP TEACH CHILDREN OR YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Curious about teaching Sunday School? We still need Sunday School teachers for this fall. We only ask you to teach once per month. Contact Sarah Gettie McNeill to sign up!

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Our breakfast event each Sunday continues to grow in popularity. It has become a great way to start the morning, to meet new people, and to provide a deep welcome to all who come our way. It is also a great way for those groups who help provide breakfast to receive free-will donations for their own mission effort or a cause they value. Sign up today in Garton Hall to provide breakfast on a future Sunday. Contact the church office or breakfast coordinator, Christine Conrad, at 812-961-2959 or silent2hear@gmail.com





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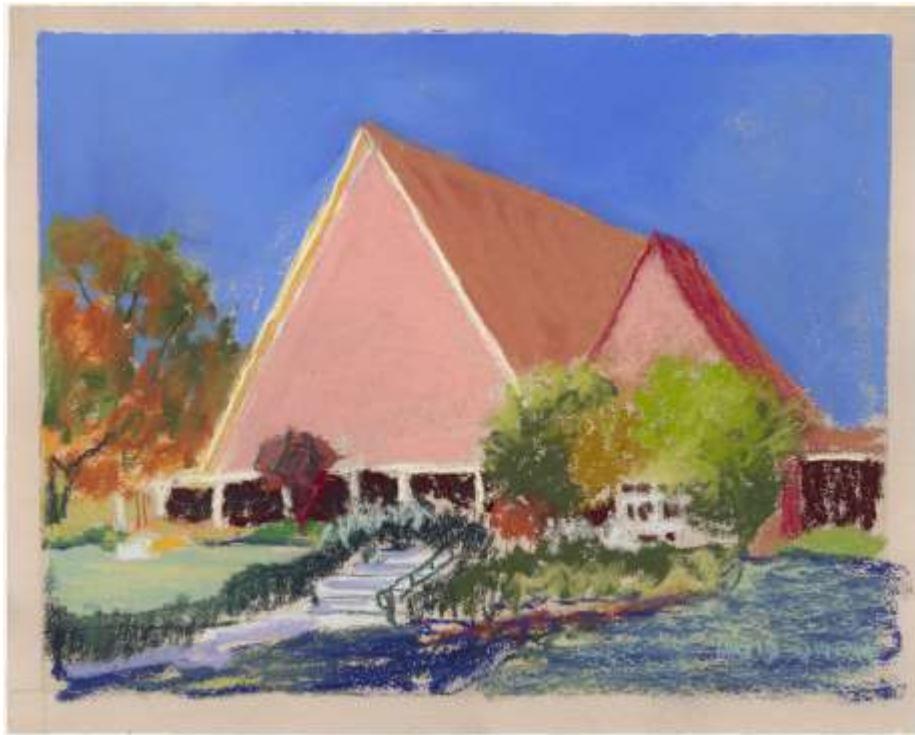
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3 9:30am Celebration! Worship 10:30am Sanctuary Worship Communion & Backpack Buddies	4 LABOR DAY Building Closed	5 9:30pm UMW Executive Board

@ St. Mark's

FOR FULL INFORMATION ABOUT SPECIAL EVENTS,
INCLUDING LOCATION AND CONTACT PERSONS,
PLEASE REFER TO THE RELATED ARTICLES IN THIS
EDITION OF UPCOMING@ST. MARK'S.

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2 1:00pm Quilters & Crafters	3	4	5 12:30pm Parents of Babies and Young Children Group
9 1:00pm Quilters & Crafters 5:30pm Meal Share Food Repack at Hoosier Hills	10 6:00pm Children & Family Ministry Team	11 12:15pm Conversations on Life Men's Group at Bell Trace	12 9:00am Sunday School Teacher Training
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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 at the beginning of each month along** with the Sunday worship bulletin. Additional copies are available at the Welcome Center Desk, at the main entrances to the building, or by contacting the church office. An online copy of Upcoming @ St. Mark's can be downloaded from our church website (www.smumc.church).

To Submit Articles:

All ministry areas, church committees, and interest groups are encouraged to submit articles for Upcoming @ St. Mark's. For more information, and to submit articles for publication, contact the Church Office: 812-332-5788 or office@smumc.church.

Articles for SEPTEMBER 2017 should be submitted by
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