The Lion's Tale

April 2023

News for St. Mark Episcopal Church Members and Friends

456 Woodman Drive, Dayton, OH 45431-2099

St_marks@ameritech.net;
www.stmarksdayton.org

Holy Week Schedule

April 2nd at 10:30am
Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
Palm procession in the church. Reading of the Passion according to Matthew. Holy Communion.

April 6th at 7:00pm
Joining St. Christopher, Fairborn
1501 N. Broad St., Fairborn, OH
Maundy Thursday/Commemoration of the Institution of the Lord's Supper
Hand/foot washing.
Holy Communion
Stripping of the altar

April 7th at Noon
Good Friday Liturgy
Sanctuary open from Noon to 3pm for private devotions.

April 8th at 7:00pm
The Great Vigil of Easter
With the folks from St. Christopher
Lighting of the Paschal Candle
Stories of Salvation
Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows
First Holy Eucharist of Easter

Senior Warden's Report
Libby Nicholson

March has been a continuation of St. Mark's period of transition. The Junior Warden and I have met with Cricket, the Interim Rector, to get to know her and to discuss roles and expectations. My two primary areas of focus this month have been with Outreach and with the Transition Team.

To support St. Mark's commitment to *Hope4Riverside* I attended the annual worship service at Stebbins High School on March 5. Fred and Phyllis also there represented St. Mark's parish. We were exposed to an alternative style of worship and were impressed with the energy and enthusiasm of those we were with. Fred will be holding an Outreach Committee meeting this Tuesday, 3/21. Our challenge, as I see it, is how to engage St. Mark's parishioners more actively with our Outreach efforts.

The Transition Team, chaired by Jim Rudd, met on Saturday, March 4. We had a rich discussion about what's working here and what are areas in which we have opportunities for improvement. When we meet next month, we will continue our review of the parish profile that was recently developed.

Con't on pg 2.

Senior Warden, from pg 1

I take this opportunity to remind folks that for the first time in the history of St. Mark's, we have a part-time priest. This is our new reality. I ask all members to thoughtfully reflect on what more they can do to support the day-to-day operations of the parish so that our mission is fulfilled.

Sunday Ministry Teams for April

April 2/Palm Sunday
Ushers: Ginny Tuxhorn & Tony Rubino
Acolytes: Will Day & Jackie Hoskinson
Lectors: Jackie Hoskinson & Judy Rudd
Chalice Bearers: Jim Rudd & Don Nancarrow
Tech: Katherine Wagner
Counters: Carol Nancarrow & Janet Reuter
Coffee Hour: Don and Carol Nancarrow
Open/Close: Wagner/Rubino

April 8/Easter Vigil
Lectors: TJ and Gabriel Walch
Chalice Bearers: Jim and Judy Rudd
Coffee Hour: Don and Carol Nancarrow
Open/Close: Park/??

April 9/Easter
Ushers: Carol Williamson & Jim Rudd
Acolyte: Gabriel Walch
Lectors: Gabriel Walch & Jim Rudd
Chalice Bearers: Kendall Rubino & Judy Rudd
Tech: Gary Welch
Counters: Kendall Rubino & Mary-Anna Welch
Coffee Hour: Vestry
Open/Close: Welch/Rubino

April 16/Easter 2
Ushers: Dave Reuter & Jim Rudd
Acolyte: Elizabeth Reuter
Lectors: Judy Rudd & Don Nancarrow
Chalice Bearers: Carol Williamson & Jim Rudd
Tech: TJ Walch
Counters: Janet Reuter & Tony Rubino
Coffee Hour:
Open/Close: Nancarrow/Rubino

April 23/ Easter 3
Ushers: Dave Reuter and Carol Williamson
Acolytes Elizabeth Wagner-Weber (W-W)
Lectors: Jim Rudd and Elizabeth W-W
Chalice Bearers: Elizabeth W-W
Tech: Katherine Wagner
Counters: Dave Reuter & Kendall Rubino
Coffee Hour:
Open/Close: Wagner/Reuter

April 30/Easter 4
Ushers: Ginny Tuxhorn and Jim Rudd
Acolytes: Scott Kelly & Elizabeth W-W
Lectors: Don Nancarrow and TJ Walch
Chalice Bearers: Elizabeth W-W & Don Nancarrow
Tech: Gary Welch
Counters: Dave Reuter & Jim Rudd
Coffee Hour:
Open/Close: Welch/Nancarrow

Altar Guild for April: Norma Peachey and Ginny Tuxhorn

From the Hearth
Cricket's Column

We are about to enter that Great Fifty Days called Eastertide. The church puts a lot of emphasis, and rightly so, on Holy Week and Easter. And then we just move on like teenagers who have just been confirmed.

Eastertide gives us the opportunity to ponder what the resurrection and ascension mean to and for us. The lessons on Sunday will reflect this. We loose our Lenten disciplines, stretch out our arms and legs, and consider what God may be calling us to do together.

Eastertide is about community. Therefore, coming together on Sundays is especially important. The past several years put a damper on coming together. We should acknowledge that and at the same time commit to being the Body of Christ in a specifically corporate way. That happens at worship.

Adult formation returns on April 16th, which gives folks another opportunity to gather, listen, and grow in faith together.

Easter is only the beginning of a long season of learning and rejoicing. Invite a friend to experience what community can look like. There are plenty of folks out there who are looking for a place to belong and be loved.

Faithfully
Cricket+

Vestry Highlights—March

The vestry reviewed committee reports which included these items:

- Carol Williamson has agreed to be our check writer.
- The continuance of Lent Madness as adult education.
- A meeting of the worship committee regarding Holy Week.
- A community-wide celebration of the Hope4Riverside project.
- Thank yous to all who have provided for coffee hour and a note that more volunteers are needed.
- The Parochial Report has been filed with the diocese and the Annual Report will be filed by the deadline. This ensures that the parish will have voice and vote at convention and the election of the next diocesan bishop.
- The water damage on the second floor of the community building is being addressed.
- On-line services continue to be improved and the new system will be set in motion by Easter.
- A new activity, Opportunities for Kindness, will begin as a part of our outreach.

Continued on page 4

EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Mark's will be hosting an egg hunt again this year, immediately after church Easter Day in the side yard, for any kids who'd like to participate. Please email Jenna Walch at jennawalch@gmail.com if you have kids or grandkids who'll be coming that day, so she knows how many to plan for. Also, let her know if you'd like to contribute filled eggs for the hunt. Thank you!

Image by Stefan Schweihofer/Pixabay

What Episcopalians Need to Know About the Bible

Beginning April 16th, and continuing through Pentecost, Adult Forum features a survey course on the Bible from the lens of an Episcopalian. We'll cover why the Bible is holy, how it was written and edited, and you'll have the chance to read several books of the Bible over these weeks. We'll meet in the Lounge at 9:15am on Sundays. Rev. Cricket Park will lead the discussions. Please bring your own Bible, preferably one you're willing to write in. A study Bible, such as The New Oxford Revised Standard Version or the Harper's Study Bible, is best, but if you don't have these, don't go buy one. (They're pricey!) Bring whatever version you may have. Be prepared to be disturbed!

Minutes, from page 3.

Also discussed were the Holy Week Schedule, the rector's discretionary fund, and succession planning for all lay leadership positions.

Deadline for the May edition of The Lion's Tale is April 15th. Finish your taxes and then send in a story!