

July 2017

Upcoming@St. Mark's
EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, & OPPORTUNITIES
FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH



WE ARE "PAVING THE WAY" IN JULY!

Will you miss dodging potholes in the parking lot? If not, we are pleased to share that we will be resurfacing the parking lot (weather permitting) during the week of July 10th.

DURING THE REPAVING PROCESS, FROM MONDAY, JULY 10TH THROUGH FRIDAY, JULY 14TH, THERE BE NO PARKING AT ST. MARK'S. THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE LOCKED, AND ALL EVENTS HAVE EITHER BEEN MOVED OFF-SITE OR HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. THE CHURCH PARKING LOT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS BOTH PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING THE REPAVING.

During the repaving, church staff members will be working in the office and will receive calls from 9am-3pm. Pastors and staff can be contacted by phone or e-mail, as usual.

The 2016 "Project St. Mark's— the Sequel" Campaign had two main objectives: (1) complete a pay-off of the debt on the original "Project St. Mark's" capital campaign, and (2) resurface the entire parking lot. Through your generosity, we have received gifts and pledges that will not only enable us to pay off the current debt within two years, but have also given us a good start toward the amount needed for the resurfacing.

Because of the importance of maintaining our parking lot in well-marked and structurally safe conditions, we applied for and have been approved to extend our current loan in order to use the funds if necessary as a bridge loan for the approximately \$80,000 still needed to initiate construction. However, we believe that we can raise, or significantly reduce, the remaining amount through timely donations and pledges. Gifts from some outside groups that meet at St. Mark's, as well as a generous matching donor, gave us a jump start of just under \$10,000, and congregation members have already doubled that amount.

Will you help? One way to look at the overall cost spread across our congregation is that each parking space will "cost" around two hundred and fifty dollars. (\$250.00) Checks can be made out to St. Mark's, with "Paving the Way" on the memo line. Or, you may use one of the pledge cards from the Project St. Mark's the Sequel that are available at the information desk in Garton Hall or in the back of the sanctuary. If you have questions, please contact the church office at 812-332-5788.

We look forward to our continued ministry together at St. Mark's. Thank you for your generosity.

(A Little) PAVING HUMOR



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COMMUNITY INTERFAITH BUILD



THE ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY IS PART OF THE 2017 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COMMUNITY INTERFAITH BUILD

St. Mark's & our friends in other faith communities have been partnering with the Diaz family, this past year. As we join together to finish building their home, we continue to build relationships with one another.

PARTICIPATING FAITH COMMUNITIES INCLUDE:

The Bahá'í Faith of Bloomington
Congregation Beth Shalom,
First Christian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First United Church
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
St. Paul Catholic Center
Unitarian Universalist Church

The IU Student Interfaith Coalition:
Muslim Student Association
Christian Student Fellowship
UKirk
Hillel
Project IMPACT
Indian Student Association

YOU CAN STILL BE PART OF THE INTERFAITH BUILD!

Saturday, July 8th and possibly Saturday, July 15th

BUILDERS ARE NEEDED TO FINISH THE HABITAT HOME:

You can participate in the build on Saturday, July 8th and possibly on Saturday, July 15th. E-mail Cindy Chen (ec@monroecountyhabitat.org) if you can help build.

Saturday, July 22nd, 4:00pm at 520 W. Duncan Drive, Bmgt
INTERFAITH HABITAT BUILD:

DIAZ FAMILY HOME DEDICATION

Dedication of the Diaz family's home will be Saturday, July 22nd at 4:00pm at 520 W Duncan Drive. Plan to be there, with many of our friends from other faith communities, as we celebrate with the Diaz family!

GET YOUR OWN COMMUNITY INTERFAITH HABITAT BUILD T-SHIRT!

These are available for the special St. Mark's price of \$10, in Garton Hall or from the church office. All proceeds go to support the build. Extra donations are welcome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 23rd, 3:00pm at McCormick's Creek State Park

BUDDIES OF ST. FRANCIS DOG-FRIENDLY HIKE

The Buddies of St. Francis, a small group based at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, is planning a dog-friendly hike at McCormick's Creek State Park on Sunday, July 23, at 3:00 pm. More details will be shared through the weekly email newsletter. We would love for you and your canine friends to join us.

No XYZ in July. The next XYZ will be Wednesday, August 23rd.

EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST (XYZ) DINNER AND PROGRAM

Extra Years of Zest (XYZ) will not meet in July. The next XYZ Dinner and Program will take place Wednesday, August 23rd and on September 27, October 25, November 15 and December 13 in 2017.

Throughout the Month of July:

BACKPACK SUPPLIES COLLECTION

In conjunction with a number of local faith communities, for the month of July, we are collecting back-to-school supplies for Monroe County children, grades K-8. Place donations in the collection bin in Garton Hall. Here are some items you can purchase and donate to children in need:

Backpacks	Scissors	Colored Pencils
Pencil boxes	Lined Paper	Rulers
Markers	Spiral Notebooks	Pocket Folders
Crayons	Composition Notebooks	Pens
Glue Sticks		Erasers

Additionally, you can volunteer in the preparation and distribution of these materials at Sherwood Oaks Christian Church on these days:

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)

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Sunday, July 9th, 6:00pm at DeAngelo's

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.

Wednesday, July 12th, 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.

Monday, July 17th, 10:30am

SHOEBOX PROJECT

Shoebox Project meets on this special date in July because of the paving project. Please join others to assemble boxes of personal items and small toys that will be donated to local agencies supporting families in need.

Tuesday, July 25th, 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. No meeting on July 12

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.

Each Friday, 12:15pm—1:30pm. No meeting on July 14

CONVERSATIONS ON LIFE MEN'S GROUP

During July the *Conversations on Life* men's group will be reading & discussing Marcus J. Borg's book "*Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*." The group meets every Friday at 12:15 pm in Room 15.

SUNDAYS @ ST. MARK'S

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Occasional schedule changes will be shared on the church website, e-mail and other publications.

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	Will not meet in July	
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
<p><i>*SPECIAL NOTE: On July 30th, the 5th Sunday of the month, there will be no Children's or Youth Sunday School. This is a "Sanctuary Sunday" when we encourage all children and youth to stay in the sanctuary. Childcare will be available for Preschool-1st graders in Room 22 during the 10:30am worship service.</i></p>		

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2 10:30am Sanctuary Worship Communion & Backpack Buddies	3	4
9 10:30am Sanctuary Worship Appalachia Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip Sunday 6:00pm Parents of Youth at DeAngelo's	10 PARKING LOTS & BUILDING CLOSED 7:00pm Trustees Meeting (Offsite)	11 PARKING LOTS & BUILDING CLOSED
16 10:30am Sanctuary Worship	17	18
23 10:30am Sanctuary Worship Operation Friendship (OF) Sunday with our Guests from Holland	24 ARTICLES AND EVENTS FOR THE AUGUST EDITION OF UPCOMING @ ST. MARK'S ARE DUE TODAY!	25 6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
30 10:30am Sanctuary Worship	31	

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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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			JULY 1 3:00pm Memorial Service for Gerald Stout
5 1:00pm Quilters & Crafters	6 Rehearsal: 7:30pm Chancel Choir	7 12:15pm Conversations on Life Men's Group	8
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26 1:00pm Quilters & Crafters	27 Rehearsals: 7:30pm Chancel Choir	28 12:15pm Conversations on Life Men's Group	29

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

JULY 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 9:30am in Room 10 for fellowship and discussion of selected readings on issues related to faith, spirituality, or social justice. All are welcome; no preparation required.

PILGRIMS

In July, 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.

July 2nd: Lecture #24 - **"Sites of the Trial and Final Hours of Jesus"**

Are there archaeological sites in Jerusalem that we can connect with places mentioned in the Gospel account of the death of Jesus?

July 9th: Lecture #25 - **"Early Jewish Tombs in Jerusalem"**

Ancient tombs in Jerusalem, usually located outside the walls of the city, were used by a family over the course of several generations.

July 16th: Lecture #26 - **"Monumental Tombs in the Time of Jesus"**

The fashion of rock-cut tombs had spread so widely among the Jerusalem elite that the city is now ringed by 900-1000 rock-cut tombs.

July 23rd: Lecture #27 - **"The Burials of Jesus and James"**

Our review of the burial customs and tombs of the Jesus in Jerusalem period has set the stage for a discussion of the evidence for the death and burial of Jesus and his brother James.

July 30th: Lecture #28 - **"The First Jewish Revolt: Jerusalem Destroyed"**

In AD 66, the first Jewish Revolt started as a result of tensions in Caesarea and very quickly spread to Jerusalem and the rest of the country.

All are welcome to join Pilgrims at 9:15am each Sunday in Room 13.

SPECIAL SUNDAYS & OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, July 9th, 10:30am Sanctuary Worship

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) MISSION TRIP SUNDAY

From July 2nd-8th, St. Mark's ASP Team is serving with the community of Knox County Kentucky, where 35% of the families live below the poverty line. Together, they are helping to make homes warmer, drier and safer. We look forward to seeing pictures & hearing about some of their experiences, as part of our July 9th sanctuary worship service.

Sunday, July 23rd, 10:30am Sanctuary Worship

WELCOME OPERATION FRIENDSHIP GUESTS FROM HOLLAND

We welcome our guests from Holland and their Operation Friendship (OF) host families! The Operation Friendship guests and St. Mark's hosts will participate in worship leadership. They will also be in Garton Hall that morning, which will give you an opportunity to meet our guests and enjoy their displays. Please plan to be here as we offer hospitality and welcome, and get to know, our new friends from Europe. Operation Friendship is a travel exchange program for youth that St. Mark's has participated in for generations. OF youth and families experience these life changing opportunities.

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

Do you love to be outside on a Sunday morning and witness the wonders of God's creation through inspecting the spots on a ladybug? What about building Solomon's Temple in the sandbox? We need your fun and creativity this summer! If you venture toward planned curriculum, we provide that, too! We are looking for Sunday School teachers to teach once a month in July & August. Contact Sarah Gettie McNeill, Director of Children's Ministries to find out more.

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our Sunday morning breakfast (9:30am-10:15am) has become a great way to start the morning, 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 raise contributions 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 to reach Jimmy Moore or contact, breakfast coordinator, Christine Conrad at 812-961-2959 or silent2hear@gmail.com

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday, July 16th

YOUTH JULY OUTING: URBAN AIR

If you're a rising 6th - 12th grader, jump with us Sunday, July 16th at Urban Air! We will have pizza at the church following worship and then will travel to Urban Air in personal cars (parents are required to transport their own child and/or to make carpool arrangements with one another), planning to arrive around 12:30pm. We will be there 1.5 hours, until 2pm. Pizza provided; Tickets for Urban Air cost \$16.99 and parents are asked to cover the costs of these tickets. Liability waivers will need to be completed in-person, or may be done online at <https://www.smartwaiver.com/w/5787b901bb9a1/kiosk/>. Should financial assistance be needed, please let Sarah Gettie know when you RSVP. Please RSVP to Sarah Gettie by 12 noon on Friday, July 14th at sarahgettiemcneill@smumc.church so an accurate pizza order may be obtained.

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 the following:

Shelby County LP Gas Family Stage

3:30 & 6:00 P.M. Joe and Jan Edwards (Free)

7:30 P.M. Chad Russ (Free)

Draper-Earles Auditorium

1:00 – 8:00 P.M. Free Activities All Day-Sponsored by WTIU

2:00/5:00 P.M. Magic Show

3:00/6:00 Science Show

4:00/7:00 Party Games

PBS Kid's Characters All Day

Kids Big Top

12:00 P.M. & 4:30 P.M. Silly Safaris (Free)

2:00 P.M. Buddy the Clown

6:00 P.M. Register for Pedal Tractor Pull

6:30 P.M. Pedal Tractor Pull

North Plaza

4:30, 6:00, 7:30 P.M. - R/C Racing (Free) in front of the livestock barn



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The St. Mark's Church Building
will be closed from Monday, July 10th—Friday, July 15th.
The parking areas surrounding the church will be repaved during this period.
For questions, contact the church office or one of the pastors.

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 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 AUGUST 2017 should be submitted by
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