

—The Episcopal Parish of —
**St. Mark
& St. Paul**
—On the Mountain —

July/August 2025

From the Rector:

Fall Schedule

The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 and 11:00am beginning on August 3. Godly Play will start August 3; Sunday Forum and the Welcoming Picnic will be on August 24 following the 11:00 am service.



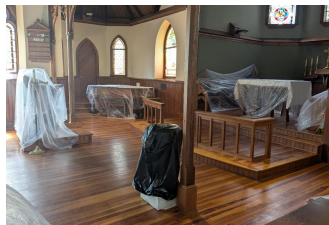
Our Hope for Years to Come

The replacement of the church roof has been completed.

We are developing a Request for Proposals to replace the 20+-years-old HVAC units in the church, and to move deteriorated condensing units out from underneath the CAC ramp as they are replaced so the new units won't be subject to the same corrosion.



Before any work began on the roof, Milnar Organ Company was called in to cover the organ and pipes to



Church staff covered everything from the pews to the altar to protect church furnishings from debris. While very little debris fell inside the church, our preparations made cleanup easy.



"Fiddler on the Roof?" . . . No, not a Sewanee staging of the famous musical, but the first step in the roofing process. Unlike that famous fiddler, our roofers relied on safety

protect them from any debris that might fall from the ceiling.



The roofers used huge plastic tarps to protect the church gutters as well as the bushes from falling debris.

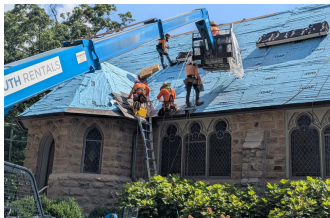


The tarp carried everything down to the pavement without damaging the bushes.

lines secured to the ridge to keep their balance.



The crew covered each roof section with new waterproof membrane after the shingles were removed to keep the church dry from sudden rain squalls.



Shingling began on Wednesday at the corner of the west transept and the main roof.



The west side of the roof complete except for the final ridge cap.



The new roof showing off some new copper drip edge.



Removing the old shakes on the east side followed the same pattern as the west side.



Shingling the east side went smoothly. The job called for more skillful and detailed work where the roof met the bell tower.



Finishing off the north end of the church on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

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Choir Notes

From Wyatt Poe, Organist & Choir Director

Adult Choir: Adult choir will begin rehearsing August 3 in between services since there is no forum. Then once the forums begin, choir practice will be Sundays 12:30-1:30. The first anthem will be August 31.

Many of you have indicated to me that you “would join the choir, but...” I invite any that are interested to talk to current members and/or myself, and to come to a few rehearsals in a no-pressure, no-commitment fashion!

Children’s Choir: Rehearsals begin Wednesday August 13 after school.



As Children’s Choir continues to grow, we are looking for more volunteers to help Janet and I out on a weekly basis. This would require the time commitment of Wednesdays 2:20-3:30, and responsibilities would include assisting with serving snacks and helping manage behavior throughout the rehearsal. Please email Music@StMarkStPaul.org if you are interested and willing!

Celebration of Oliver Jervis' 90th Birthday





Not a photobomb, it was also the birthday of Jaxon Rudder.



**Parish of St Mark & St Paul
Celebrates the 4th of July**



Claiborne in the spirit of the Fourth!



Kennerly Hall was the site of the annual cake contest.



The parish offered cold water to quench the thirst of people and beasts.



Christian Formation

By Jeannie Babb, Director of Christian Formation
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Rite-13 Mission Trip

One of the hallmarks of the Rite-13 and J2A programs is that it teaches young people the importance of loving God, loving our neighbors, and loving ourselves. This summer, 10 young people (and 4 intrepid adult chaperones)

took the opportunity to practice loving our neighbors in new ways. From July 6-12, the group traveled to Breathitt County, Kentucky, to work with Appalachia Service Project, helping provide warm, dry, and safe housing for folks in a region devastated by catastrophic floods in 2023. The group stayed at a local elementary school (about the size of Sewanee Elementary), sleeping on the gym floor, eating in the school cafeteria, and showering in a trailer outside.

The group split into two teams, "Motorcycle" and "Seedling." Motorcycle's mission was to work on refurbishing the bathroom of a family home. While we didn't know much about drywall at the beginning of the week, we learned not only how to mud and sand, but also how to rip out old dry wall, cut new drywall to size, and install new drywall. We even managed to get a coat of paint down as well! While Motorcycle didn't really complete a project, we learned the importance of picking up the work from the previous group, and setting up the next group to finish the work (which they did!). Seedling was tasked with building a deck (vital for providing safe entry into many homes) and to put down flooring inside. We learned how important it is to measure twice, how hard it can be to work outside in 90+ degree heat, and felt the pride of a job completed.

In addition to working in the homes and getting to know the families, we got to know other groups who were with us, including youth from Iowa, Minnesota, and Ohio. We explored Breathitt and Owsley County some, Hilary introduced the group to Ale-8, and we got our fill of ice cream at the local dairy bar. The youth also learned how to use disposable cameras.

The team really came together and did a great job this week, all without phones (and very little service for the adults who did have phones with them). The youth will be presenting on their trip during the forum on September 28, talking about what they learned and sharing pictures from the week. We hope you'll come hear from them.

We are so thankful for all of the support from the parish to help us go on this trip, and Hilary is particularly thankful to the parents for entrusting us with their kids, and to Aaron Elrod, Sarah Edmonds, and Andy Thompson for coming along as adult chaperones.

All in all, it was a powerful week, and the group is ready to go back next summer and continue the work.



Nursery Notes – Help wanted

We have openings for additional Nursery staff for the 2025-2026 school year. Please share the word, and contact Jeannie Babb to apply or inquire.

We are currently on our summer schedule; Nursery meets for second service only during June and July. We meet on the playground when the weather is

nice. During inclement weather in the summer, Nursery will meet upstairs in Godly Play.

Children are usually brought into the church during announcements to participate in Eucharist with their parents. Please communicate with staff about this at drop-off. For more information, talk with our nursery coordinator Cara Kitzrow.

In August, Nursery will resume the full schedule from 8:20-noon, meeting on the playground or in Sewanee Children's Center (downstairs in the parish hall).



Please register your child for Nursery online:

<https://onrealm.org/StMarkStPaul/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZDk4ODBiZWQtNWQxOC00NjM0LWJhMmUtYjA1MzAwZmY1MTdi>

Please be sure to sign in on the Nursery clipboard, and indicate whether you'd like your child brought into the church during announcements to participate in Eucharist.

Sunday School for All Ages resumes in August

Children's Sunday School will resume August 3, 2025 for children at least 3 years old through 5th grade.

Godly Play 1 is for children aged 3 to 5. The basic Godly Play stories are introduced and considered. Learning is enhanced with art, music, and play. At times, this class will be combined with Godly Play 2.

Godly Play 2 offers children in grades 1-3 an opportunity to learn enrichment lessons and go deeper into the story. This classroom has the same structure as Godly Play 1 – story, wondering, work, feast, and sometimes a romp on the playground.

4th/5th Class takes children in grades 4 and 5 beyond Godly Play. This class will meet in Brooks Hall to read and talk about books, applying Scripture to fictional situations and their own lives. The schedule will also include time for food, fellowship, and fun with art, Legos, etc. The first book for this year is *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. Class leaders are Julia Bates and Matthew Mitchell.

Youth Sunday School will resume August 24th. This class offers middle schoolers and high schoolers a time to encounter God and get to know one another. Paul and Andrea Richaud led the class in 2024-2025 with a fresh, relational style based on teachable moments.

Help Wanted. The Richauds plan to teach again in the fall, with your help! We are seeking additional teachers to lead or assist the class on a rotational basis (you can specify once or twice a month) so all the teachers can continue their own formation as well.

You can also register your child for Godly Play online using this link or



QR Code. Your registration helps us protect and care for your child.
<https://onrealm.org/StMarkStPaul/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NWZjNjY2MTEtODJhZi00MTVhLTlmM2ltYjA1MzAwZjk4Zjh>



Parent Connections

Join fellow parents for coffee and conversation this fall during forum/Godly Play! This offering will be an opportunity to reflect on the gifts and challenges of faithful parenting, and build relationships with one another. Facilitated by our curate, Kelly Ramer Moody, Director of Formation Jeannie Babb, and a few others, we will use a theological reflection model to guide our conversations and draw on the wisdom of Christians throughout the ages.

Parent Connections

Sundays at 9:45

Hethcock Room

August 17-November 16

Sunday Forum resumes August 24th.

We closed out the year with Christopher Bryan, C. K. Benedict Professor of New Testament, Emeritus, at the School of Theology, who joined us by Zoom to talk about his most recent book *Mary of Nazareth: The Mother of Jesus as Remembered by the Earliest Christians*.

The Sunday Forum theme for 2025-2026 is from Micah 6:8 which tells us to do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. The Christian Formation Committee is currently scheduling a slate of speakers to help us apply this call to our own context. For more information, talk with Robin Bates or Jeannie Babb.

Reed Carlson will launch this year's forum with a talk on social justice from the perspective of the prophets.

Tuesday Lectionary Class resumes in September

The Lectionary Class has been on summer break, and will resume September 2nd. The class meets Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 in Brooks Hall to talk about the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday. Led by the Rev. Scott Lee, this class is open to everyone in the community. It's a place to consider the lesson more deeply and reflect on it together.

Centering Prayer continues through Summer

Mondays at 7pm with Jennifer Michael

Tuesday afternoons at 2:30pm with Scott Lee

Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer through which we consent to God's presence and action within us. Those who practice it do so not in place of corporate worship and service, but rather as a necessary complement to those modes of engaging with God and with neighbor. With chairs encircling a candle at the front of the nave, we have a brief check-in about our prayer practice and anything else going on in our lives, and then we have a meditation session (what we call a "sit") together. For more information, contact Jennifer Michael jmichael@sewanee.edu.

Education for Ministry

by EfM Mentor Wendy Prothro Howard

Three of the Sewanee EfM Team graduated in May: Susan Horton, George Horton, and Kathy Pack.

EfM is a four year program of study which explores a wider concept of ministry by examining life through a theological lens. Participants from all four years, divided by their topic of study (Year 1- Hebrew Bible, Year 2 - New Testament, Year 3 - History of Christianity, and Year 4 - Contemporary Theology) reflect upon various concerns from their readings, the relationship of those themes between each of the four years, and the implications of the theme in today's world. Reflection on these themes is perceived through four different perspectives- experience, culture, tradition (Episcopal Church), and personal beliefs. The goal of EfM is to deepen faith and to discover expressions of that faith in service to others.

This year, 2025, EfM celebrates 50 years of journeys with God, in God, and through God. The Reverend Kevin Goodman, director of Education for Ministry, describes this experience as the ability to learn a discipline in order to figure out what God is calling us to do in the present day. Through Theological Reflection (a pedagogical method where class participants are invited to bring personal experiences to connect with tradition and culture) we are led into this discernment process.

Here is the link to review the DEBUT of the revised EfM program 50 years after

inception:

<https://educationforministry.substack.com/p/new-efm-formation-products-debut>

To review particulars about the EfM program, follow this link from The School of Theology at The University of the South:

<https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/pathwright/>

For information specific to the Sewanee area EfM program, please email your Sewanee Mentor at wendyprothrohoward@gmail.com

Participant registration OPENS on JULY 15, 2025!



CAC Information

The Community Action Committee (CAC) is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Neighbors are able to visit the office during this time to pick out groceries in the pantry and inquire about assistance with utility bills. The work of CAC is not possible without the support of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul.

Happy 4th from the Community Action Committee!

With the help of our amazing volunteers, CAC was able to “march” in the Sewanee 4th of July Parade! We love joining these festivities and showing our community what CAC is all about. We’d like to give a special shout out to Mary Priestley, Barbara Hart, Ally Syler, Annwn and Dixon Myers, Lydia Reinig, Wendy Howard, Kathryn Bruce, and Patten Mahler for their time and dedication to this event. CAC is not made possible without the help of our volunteers!





CAC Looks Towards the Future

CAC grows year by year in the programs it provides and the people it serves. In June, CAC had a total of 150 visits, which is double the average number of families served each month in 2024. As the food pantry continues to serve more families, the CAC board has considered options of how to improve the current CAC food pantry to better serve our neighbors. We are excited to share that the Vestry approved a redesign proposal submitted by CAC. These updates include a fresh coat of paint, new shelving, new furnishings, and outdoor signage. We already have a lovely patio set sitting on the back porch which offers a brightness to the CAC entrance (Thank you, Mary Priestley!). The proposed updates to CAC will be implemented towards the end of July. So take a look at the current food pantry, it won't look that way for much longer! If you are curious about the new design, or interested in helping us make it happen, please contact Sarah (cac@stmarkstpaul.org).



Thank you for your continued support of CAC and our work in the community!

If you are interested in learning more about CAC, and how you can help, please contact Sarah at cac@stmarkstpaul.org.



COFFEE HOUR – HOSTS NEEDED

Get your service power through coffee hour!

As one of the church's oldest methods of fellowship, coffee hour serves an enormous purpose.

We need HOSTS to continue this fellowship flow.

No need to bake a cake or shop until you drop for this - simply provide a small snack to serve with coffee after the 11am service in Kennerly Hall. *EVEN if you forget to bring a snack, St. Mark & St. Paul always has your back with extra snacks you can utilize if necessary.*

Coffee is simple to make in the coffee maker. The parish provides the coffee.

PLEASE consider signing up on the board in Kennerly Hall TODAY!

A Note from your Altar Guild



We wish to extend a warm welcome to our new parish members and a continued “thank you” to those who have been around a while.

The Altar Guild ministry is open to everyone – including men, as you may have noticed in the weekly bulletin listing those serving each Sunday. Some families like to get involved and that is certainly encouraged. We like

to utilize everyone’s particular skills. Some like to polish brass/silver while some like to wash linens for the Eucharist. I personally like the satisfaction of seeing the altar setup for the service – everything in its place and ready for the ministers to use during the service.

Like everything else, altar guild service is not for everyone. We welcome you to try it out for a month or two to see if it is as fulfilling for you as it is for those of us currently serving. We promise we will be there to walk you through everything and we utilize checklists, post photographs or diagrams of altar setups and provide manuals to help us all remember what to do.

What type of time commitment is involved? For our regular services we schedule 2 members a Sunday. They usually meet on Sat. morning to polish and get the vessels setup for Sunday. On Sunday morning, one person comes prior to the 8:30am service (around 8:00am) and sets out the prepared items. After that service both members clean what was used and resets for the 11:00am service. After that service the second member cleans and puts everything away. Of course there are special services such as funerals or seasonal services where we all pitch in according to our availability.

Interested and/or have questions? Please let Dan Amundson know in the church office at 931-598-5926 and we will contact you in a timely manner.

Lynda Gotko and Dorothy Gates – Co-chairs of Altar Guild

Giving to the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul

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Use the Bill Pay service provided by your bank. If your bank offers online bill pay services, follow their setup directions to add the church as a payee, and add recurring automatic payments. Use the name and address below for the payee:

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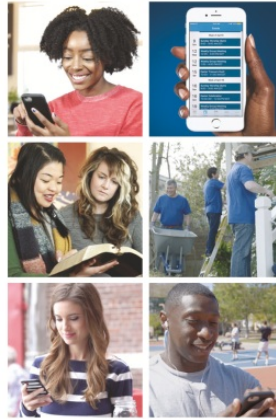
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Let's be the church... together.



Our church management software has expanded capabilities to help parishioners get connected and stay that way. You can easily update your personal information, see the status of your giving, and set up online one-time or recurring electronic giving. As always, we are still able to receive gifts by check.

Interested or have questions?
Call the Church Office at 931-598-5926.

Prayer Requests: Larry Barker, Peggy Bonds, Steve Burnett, Corky Carlisle, Margaret Edsall, Carolyn Fitz, Ray Gotko, Brady Hall, Mike Jones, Anita Larson, Mike Mattei, Brenda Matthews, Waring McCrady, Elizabeth Nolan, Richard O'Connor, Lane Price, Leah Rhys, Jean Stell, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Myron Van de Ven, Kim Zabbia, refugees and the people of Gaza, Israel, Kursk, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine.



July Birthdays

Claire Reishman 7/2, Clint Smith 7/2, Amanda Gott 7/2, Sue Moseley 7/3, Larry Wilson 7/8, Baird Smith 7/10, Andrea Richaud 7/10, Richard Winslow 7/14, Tilghman Myers 7/15, Clive Osborne 7/15, Allison Cahoon 7/18, Marilyn Phelps 7/18, Amy Lamborn 7/24, Oliver Jervis 7/27, Jaxon Rudder 7/27, Elliott Fisher 7/31.

August Birthdays

Cindy Potter 8/1, Caroline Lamborn 8/1,



Tom Ward 8/2, Loulie Frazier 8/2, Greg Maynard 8/3, Wesley Carpenter 8/4, Leah Rhys 8/6, Corky Carlisle 8/7, Alyssa Sumpter 8/10, Rob Lamborn 8/14, Peggy Ward 8/20, Nicole Noffsinger-Frazier 8/20, Dixon Myers 8/21, Lynn Taylor 8/22, Patton Watkins 8/23, Alex Bruce 8/23, Carolyn Davis 8/24, Harris Ward 8/26, Julia Gatta 8/28, Cash Sturdy 8/28, Carrie Mauzy 8/30, John Reishman 8/31, Fields Ford 8/31,

Office Hours for 2025

9:00am-4:30pm Monday,
Wednesday & Friday

9:00am-1:00pm Tuesday &
Thursday

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