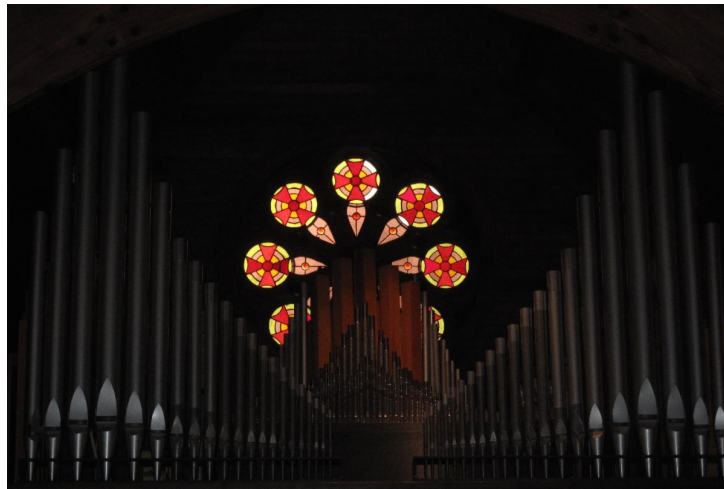


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**St. Mark  
& St. Paul**  
—On the Mountain—

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September 2022



### News from the Rector

#### Two New Seminarians for St. Mark & St. Paul



**Lucas Crossland** is a postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of East Carolina and is a familiar face to Sewanee. Lucas graduated St. Andrew's-Sewanee School and the College of Arts and Sciences of the University, and is now a senior in the School of Theology. After college, he served as an AmeriCorps VISTA as a grants manager. Lucas and his partner, Sam are engaged to be

married in December. They are excited to be joining the community of St. Mark and St. Paul!

Tom DuMontier is a postulant from the

Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and a senior at the School of Theology. Before seminary, he worked with Habitat for Humanity and was actively involved in community radio in Staunton, VA. Tom is married to Nicole (a nurse at Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation in Chattanooga). They have two daughters, Wallis (9) and Saskia (4). Wallis is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at SES. Saskia is in preschool at SCC.



(Note:

Tom does not currently have a beard!)

### **New Tenant in Brooks Hall**

For the first time in a number of years, a seminarian is living in part of the upstairs of Brooks Hall starting this semester. (The Youth room and Deacon's office remain used by the church upstairs in Brooks, and meetings continue to take place downstairs.) Bahley (pronounced "bailey") Minor is a 2022 graduate of the College, a Junior in the School of Theology, and a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Winchester. Please welcome him when you see him around!

### **Christian Formation News by Jeannie Babb, Director, Christian Formation**

#### **Godly Play**



August marked the beginning of a



wonderful new year in Godly Play. This program invites children into the wonder of story and encourages questions rather than pat answers. Using a Montessori approach with beautiful and tactilely pleasing materials, the storyteller presents a story from the Bible or from church history. Children are invited to consider what they like about the story, why it is

important, and what part they can relate to. They also have time for reflection through art or play.

Godly Play meets from 9:45-10:45 each Sunday. Currently we are gathering in the Godly Play rooms for our story. We are also spending a lot of time outdoors, to reduce contact time and let them take off their masks. (Note that masks are required indoors when CDC levels are High and recommended at Medium.) They children have had a blast running around the playground, getting some of that energy out before Eucharist. When the weather is nice, parents collect their children from the playground rather than the classrooms.

Godly Play 1 is for children 3 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Sept 11 – The Ten Best Ways told by Colin Rice

Sept 18 – The Ark & the Tent told by Barbara Prunty with Aaron Elrod

Sept 25 – The Ark & the Temple told by Colin Rice with Cheryl Lankhaar

Godly Play 2 is for children in 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades.

Sept 11 – The Story of Jacob told by Julia Bates with Aaron Elrod

Sept 18 – The Story of Joseph told by Julia Bates

Sept 25 – The Exodus told by Julia Bates with Aaron Elrod

*Please note: We need a doorkeeper Sept. 11 and 18. Contact Jeannie for more information*

## **Nursery**

Nursery is now open from 8:15 to 11:45 on Sunday mornings. We are meeting in the middle classroom downstairs in Sewanee Children's Center, and remaining outdoors as long as the weather is nice. Children are usually brought into the church doing the announcements to participate in Eucharist with their parents. Please communicate with staff about this at drop-off.

Covid protocols for Nursery are as follows, based on CDC levels for Franklin County:

<b>Level</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Ages 2 and up</b>	<b>Ages below 2</b>
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High	Outdoors if possible	Masks required inside	No nursery unless outdoors
Medium	Indoors or out	Masks recommended but not required	Indoors or out
Low	Indoors or out	Masks optional	Indoors or out

## Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday school meets upstairs in Brooks Hall for Bible study, snacks, and games. We often begin outdoors playing Cornhole or sitting on the screened porch. This is a really great group! If you have a student in 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, we'd love to have them!

Sept 11 – Abraham and His Adventures with God taught by Lauryl Tucker with Andy Thompson

Sept 18 – Slaves in Egypt taught by Tom DuMontier with Alex Bruce

Sept 23 – The Passover & Exodus from Egypt taught by Andy Thompson with Lucas Crossland



## Fire on the Mountain for Youth

Fire on the Mountain is open to 5th-12th graders who want to have fun while learning and serving. Service hours may be earned for all our service projects. Our teaching and leadership approach are from an Episcopal perspective; however, students of all faith backgrounds are encouraged to participate. We are an inclusive group, not only in word but in deed. We'd love to have you!

We are still putting together our fall schedule, but please pencil in the dates below. We normally meet 4-6pm. Most activities will be at the church, but some will be at members' homes or other places such as Lake Cheston or Stirling's.

Sept 11 – Canoe or swim day

Sept 25 – Service project

Oct 2 – Episcopalooza in Nashville (see flyer below)

Oct 16 – Campfire

We need adult volunteers for all these events. If you play guitar, lifeguard, have a project or activity idea, own a van, like to draw – whatever your skillset, we need you! If you're willing to make or bring food, or just hang out with us, that works as well. Please contact Jeannie regarding requirements for volunteers.

See our [Facebook](#) page. We also regularly communicate by text and email. To join the list, please send a text to Jeannie at 423-255-6479 and ask to be added.



The poster features two strings of colorful triangular bunting flags at the top. The text 'EDTN' is in blue and 'Episcopalooza' is in green. Below the title, there are three photos: a boy with arms raised, a group in front of a church, and a girl with a white foam hat. The event details include the date 'October 2 2021' and time '3-4:30PM'. A list of activities includes Games, Fellowship, Prayers, and Snacks. The location is 'Diocesan Office Yard' at '3700 Woodmont Boulevard, 37215'. At the bottom, it says 'For more information and to register, visit our website. www.edtn.org/event/episcopalooza-youth-of-the-diocese/'.

**EDTN**  
**Episcopalooza**

**October 2 2021**  
**3-4:30PM**

**6th - 12th Graders**

Games  
Fellowship  
Prayers  
Snacks

**Diocesan Office Yard**  
3700 Woodmont Boulevard, 37215

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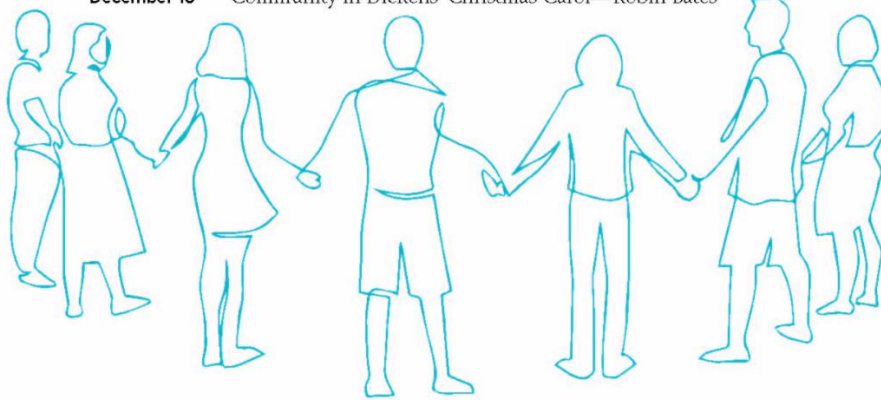


The Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul on the Mountain  
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## Life in Community: *Foundations, Challenges, and Blessings*

Sunday Forum Fall Semester 9:45-10:45am in Kennerly Hall

- August 28** Intro to Community—Julia Bates
- September 4** Oikos: Community in the Greco-Roman World—Karen Meridith
- September 11** Community in Ancient Israel—Becky Wright
- September 18** Community in Jesus' Life, Death and Resurrection—Scott Lee
- September 25** Women in Early Christian Community—Jeannie Babb
- October 2** Rector's Forum—Rob Lamborn
- October 9** Community in Early Church—Tom DuMontier
- October 16** Monastic Communities—Sr. Madeleine Mary
- October 23** Stewardship Sunday—Stewardship Committee
- October 30** Community in Colonial and 19th Century America—John Willis
- November 6** Rector's Forum—Rob Lamborn
- November 13** Annual Parish Meeting
- November 20** Community Around the Table—David Boyd Williams
- November 27** Community in Advent: Intergenerational  
Advent Wreaths—Giulianna Gray
- December 4** Rector's Forum—Rob Lamborn
- December 11** Community: An Anthropological View—Richard O'Connor
- December 18** Community in Dickens' Christmas Carol—Robin Bates



### **Light and Life**

**By Kathleen Sturgis**

Recently we lost a talented performer to cancer. Olivia Newton John brought entertainment to all of us through her music and acting. She suffered from cancer for many years but maintained her positive outlook. Her friend, Dee, said one of the things she will always treasure is the way Olivia would close her letters. She would say, "Light and Life", Olivia. That struck a nerve with me. Why would she choose such a greeting?

First I looked at the definitions. Light is something that makes vision possible. A sensation aroused by the visual receptors. Life is any system capable of performing the functions such as eating, metabolizing, excreting, breathing, moving, growing, reproducing and responding to external stimuli. So light arouses the receptors and promotes the sensations of life.

Now let's see what the Bible has to say about these terms. John 1: 4 -5 –“In Him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness is dispelled.” Light brought energy to the first ecosystems through the process of photosynthesis. The Light of Life transforms lives through the love of Christ by providing food, shelter and hope to men, women and children experiencing homelessness, poverty or addiction. The light is to restore them as healthy members of our community. That is what the CAC ministry is all about.

The scriptures often combine the concept of light with truth. “For the word of the Lord is truth and whatsoever is truth is light and whatsoever is light is Spirit, even the Spirit of Jesus Christ.” And, “the Glory of God is intelligence, or in other words, light and truth.” God explicitly said that He is indeed light. In the Hindu scriptures, “seeing the light” is equivalent to a spiritual awakening or seeing God.

In John 8:12, Jesus applies the title to himself while debating with the Jews and stated: “I am the light of the world whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Jesus' light is “the true light of the world “ because he is the source of the light which “proceedeth forth from the presence of God to fulfill the immensity of space. “ His light is the true light that lightens every man that cometh into the world. ” So how do we become a Light?

1. Be a light in the world and live GLADLY.
2. Be a GIFT to others.
3. HELP those who are in need of help.
4. Be a VOICE for these who believe they no longer have a voice.
5. Do no HARM.
6. SPEAK no evil.
7. Be a LIGHT in this world and JUDGE NO ONE.
8. Give FOCUS only to that which is life giving.
9. PRAY with all your heart.
10. Be a light in this world and honor your TEMPLE.
11. NURTURE your soul.
12. Find a SACRED CENTER free of loneliness, fear, and feelings of unworthiness.
13. Be a light in this dark world and LAUGH a lot.
14. DANCE through life.
15. Do all things in the name of LOVE.

What other “list “ does this remind you of? Yes, the Ten Commandments and the Great Commandment. “ Love God and Love one another as yourself.” Across cultures, light is an ancient symbol of understanding and intellectual thought.

Dark often is considered frightening and sinister and not understandable. But light conquers darkness and brings order out of chaos. How much we need the

light of truth to illumine our life today. Olivia Newton John seems to have wisdom in her greeting. I plan to use this in my note writing in the future since I realize the strength of the wish. So I will start by wishing each of you.

### **Follow St. Mark & St. Paul on Social Media**

We invite you to follow and engage with the parish and one another on social media. We are currently on Facebook and Twitter @stmarkstpaul. We invite you to tag posts and photos with #stmarkstpaul. See you online!



#### **Greetings 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 Frieda Hawkins know in the church office at 931-598-5926 and we will contact you back.

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

### **Mental Health Resources**



*If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
and the light around me become night,"  
even the darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.*  
Ps. 139:11-12

Christians are not exempt from feeling the effects of isolation, loneliness, and fear, especially during these months of social distancing and quarantine. There is no doubt that the COVID-19 pandemic has taken a toll on mental health. While taking care to prevent physical complications of the disease, many neglect to safeguard their mental well-being in the process.

If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis, there is help available! You can call **855-CRISIS-1 (855-274-7471)** to speak with the State Crisis Line, or **text HOME to 741741**. Just need someone to talk to? Call the Church Office at **931-598-5926** and let us know. We will be happy to lend a listening ear, pray with you, and help connect you with any additional services you might need.

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

### **Bill Pay from Your Bank Website**

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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Sewanee, TN 37375  
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Interested or have questions?  
Call the Church Office at 931-598-5926.

**Prayer List: Prayer Requests:** Jeannie Babb, Phoebe Bates, Paul Cahoon, Leigh Ann Campbell, Corky Carlisle, Bill Davis, Elizabeth Grammer, Ed Hawkins, Sue Hawkins, Armeda Holmes, David Kearley, George Lynch, John Noland, George Ramseur, Sara Margaret Roberts, Don Shannonhouse, Jennifer Sturgis–Cummings, Greg Taylor, Freddie Tucker, those suffering from COVID-19, and the people of Ukraine.

## September/October Birthdays



### September

Sophia Patterson 9 / 1 ; Michael Thompson 9 / 4 ;  
Sandy Baird 9 / 6 ; Lauryl Tucker 9 / 6 ; Jane Mauzy 9 /  
7 ; Scott Lee 9 / 7 ; Declan Sweeney 9 / 7 ;  
Peggy Peterson 9 / 8 ; Mary Ming Lynch 9 / 8 ;  
Sally Hubbard 9 / 8 ; Joshua Mauzy 9 / 9 ;  
Matthew Mauzy 9 / 9 ; Mary Davis 9 / 12 ;  
Diane Jones 9 / 15 ; Francesca Gray 9 / 17 ;  
Han Clark 9 / 17 ; Lauren Goodpaster 9 / 19 ; Bruce McMillan 9 / 22 ;  
Bruce Baird 9 / 23 ; Ken Taylor 9 / 23 ; Laurence Alvarez 9 / 27 ;  
Kate Wiley 9 / 27 ; Lynn Stubblefield 9 / 27 ; Neil Patterson 9 / 27 ;  
Jori Smith 9 / 30 ;

### October

Phebe Hethcock 10 / 5 ; Aaron Elrod 10 / 5 ; Sharon Zachau 10 / 6 ;  
Ellie Jenkins 10 / 6 ; Zachary Blount 10 / 7 ; Rebecca Van de Ven 10 / 7 ;  
Jenna Black 10 / 8 ; Aden Rung 10 / 9 ; Jim Pappas 10 / 9 ; Charles Houston  
Beaumont 10 / 13 ; Sam Howick 10 / 14 ; Donny Rung 10 / 15 ;  
Sam Frazier 10 / 17 ; Suzanne Cahoon 10 / 19 ; Beth Pride Ford 10 / 20 ;  
Jackson Frazier 10 / 22 ; Stephen Carter 10 / 24 ; Henry Fisher 10 / 26 ; Kathryn  
Bruce 10 / 26 ; Alex Bruce 10 / 26 ; Ray Gotko 10 / 27 ; Callan Cook 10 / 28 ;

Douglas Cameron 10 / 29 ;

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