—The Episcopal Parish of—

St. Mark & St. Paul

—On the Mountain—

November 2026



From the Rector: We have a Bishop-elect

On Saturday, October 24, the Diocese of Tennessee gathered in convention at Christ Church Cathedral for the purpose of electing the 12th Bishop of Tennessee. St, Mark & St. Paul was represented by delegates Jeannie Babb, Susan Holmes, Beth Wiley, Betty Carpenter, and me.

The day opened with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Once the convention was called to order and organizational tasks accomplished, we started with a test of the online voting system. Getting that working right turned out to be the most time-consuming thing, but of course it was crucial to get it right.

The candidates were:

The Rev. D.A. "Andy" Olivo, Rector of St. Elizabeth's Church in Ridgewood N.J.

The Rev. Canon Brian Cannaday, Canon to the Ordinary, the Diocese of Dallas

The Rev. Colin Ambrose, Vice-Rector & Chief of Staff at St. George's, Nashville

In the Diocese of Tennessee to elect a bishop requires a two-thirds supermajority of both lay and clergy delegates. This requirement has resulted in numerous ballots being necessary to elect at least our last two bishops. That was not the case this time. On the third ballot, Convention elected the Rev. Colin Ambrose.



The next step in the process is to seek the consent of the other dioceses of the Episcopal Church via their bishops and standing committees within 120 days of being notified of the election. This step is ordinarily routine and usually does not take nearly that long. Bishop-elect Ambrose's ordination, assuming his election receives the necessary consents, is scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2027.

On a personal note, I can say I have known Colin Ambrose during my 11 years here in the Diocese of Tennessee, and served with him on a diocesan commission. I have found him to be committed, thorough, and personable. More information on Bishop-elect Ambrose can be found here. Please join me in praying for him and the other candidates who participated in the election process, as well as for Bp. Bauerschmidt and our diocese through this transition.

Babb named Executive Director of Love's Arm; will continue at SMSP

Congratulations to Jeannie Babb for being selected as the next Executive Director of Love's Arm, a Chattanooga ecumenical Christian outreach ministry. Its mission is providing love, advocacy, and support for women survivors of trafficking, addiction, and all forms of commercial sexual exploitation. Love's Arm operates two residential programs, a prison ministry, a helpline, and four street teams.

This is great news for Jeannie and Love's Arm, *and* for St. Mark & St. Paul, since Jeannie will keep on serving as our Director of Christian Formation!

Jeannie has volunteered with Love's Arm since 2022 and served on staff there as Administrative Manager and Volunteer Coordinator since 2023. She says, "It is an honor to walk alongside people who are opening their lives to growth and transformation. That is the beauty of working with women at Love’s Arm, and of my ministry here in the parish.”

We give thanks for Jeannie's additional call to ministry, and for her ongoing excellent service here.

LOVE'S ARM



Vestry Update: At its October 15 regular meeting, the Vestry:
--elected Steve Blount to serve until the Annual Parish Meeting in the position previously held by Cheryl Lankhaar.
—received an update on the stewardship campaign for 2027
—examined possible solutions for the gravel path between the church and Kennerly.

The **Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 9:45-10:45am, in Kennerly Hall. A light breakfast will be served starting at 9:30am. We will review the year, look to the future, and elect vestry members (see information below). Under diocesan canons, "Confirmed Communicants in Good Standing in the Parish sixteen years of age or older may vote at a Parish Meeting, and no proxies shall be allowed."





Thanks go to all those who have returned pledge cards to honor God with our substance in 2027! Things are off to a promising start. If you haven't yet done so, we invite you to pray in thanks

for God's generosity and return a pledge card by mail or at church.



Marilyn Phelps provided a Stewardship Minute discussing the important work and outreach of the Community Action Committee during services on Oct 4.



The Rev. Canon Katie Pearson kicked off the campaign by addressing the Stewardship Leadership dinner.



Rev. Pearson also preached at both services on October 11.



Jay Fisher discussed his reasons for supporting the parish on Oct. 11.

Nora Jane Elrod spoke about the wonderful experiences in the Rite 13 and J2A (Journey to Adulthood) program offered by the parish on Oct 18.



Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1: Newcomer event 4:15pm Brooks Hall
- Nov 15: Annual Meeting 9:45-10:45am, in Kennerly Hall. A light breakfast will be served starting at 9:30am. We will

review the year, look to the future, and elect vestry members.
- Nov 15: Diocesan Youth Retreat 11-4 at SMSP. For youth in 6th through 12 grade.
- Nov. 26: Thanksgiving Day service. 10am in the sanctuary.



CALLING ALL TEENS AND TWEENS

IT'S NEVER TO LATE TO BECOME AN ACOLYTE AND IT IS A GREAT WAY TO SERVE THE PARISH

TALK TO DEACON BETTY AND GET TRAINED SO YOU CAN MAKE THIS YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH



Let it snow!?

The Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul follows Franklin County Schools for closures due to winter weather. Sewanee Children's Center decides and publicizes when it will close.

Do you like being out in the snow on the rare occasions we have it? If you are sound of back and heart, would you like to join other volunteers on the **St. Nicholas Guild** for snow removal? Please contact Junior Warden Chris Asmussen if you're willing to assist in our being able to hold services safely.

Constant Contact Newsletter Email: When you get to the bottom of your email you may see "[Message clipped] View entire message". To see the full newsletter click on "View entire message."

Happenings



Sewanee Children's Center Open House

On September 27 the SCC opened its doors for parishioners to see their facility and learn more about the program. One of the highlights was a chance to tour the new outdoor classroom.



Saturday October 3rd Kennerly Hall was filled with laughter and music as we celebrated Oktoberfest. There were brats, sauerkraut, soft pretzels and so much more. A hearty thank you to the Parish Life Committee and all the volunteers who helped make it a fun and festive evening. For those who missed it, Dorothy Gates won the candy corn guessing game.















First Sermon

Arielle Latiolais, our seminarian for this year, delivered her first sermon on October 4.



Blessing of the Animals

Fr. Rob and Deacon Betty joined Rev. Goodpaster at St. James church for the annual Blessing of the Animals on October 4. Along with the traditional dogs and cats there were more unusual animals offering a rare opportunity to observe snake handling Episcopalians.





Holmes & Maynard renew marriage vows



To mark their 40th anniversary Susan Holmes and Greg Maynard renewed their marriage vows during the service on Oct. 11. The Rev. Robert Lamborn officiated the renewal.



Parish Work (half-)Day



Thank you to the 11 people who took part Saturday, October 31.

Parishioners enjoyed the day as they completed tasks from landscaping to parking lot painting to cleaning rugs to pressure washing to cleaning ceiling fans and windows.



It was a joy to spend time together caring for God's house, and to conclude our time with lunch
together. Unfortunately, we were all so busy working we forgot to take a picture of our group. We wish to thank John Gatta, Dorothy Gates, Jaxon Rudder, Steve Blount, Betty Barton Blythe, Betty Carpenter, Joe Wehrmeyer and Rob Lamborn for joining in. Particular thanks go to Junior Warden Chris Asmussen and Parish Administrator Dan Amundson for organizing the projects.

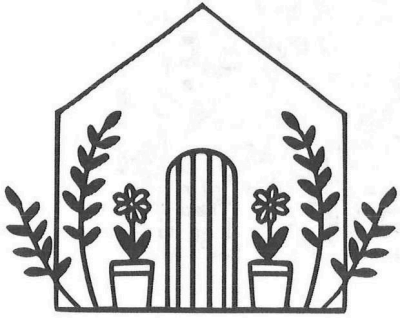
Evangelism Committee

The Evangelism Committee is on a mission to weave deeper connections throughout our community!

Winter Foyer Groups

Looking for an opportunity to connect with other SMSP parishioners for fellowship, guided scripture reflection, and prayer?

Consider joining one of the three Winter Foyer Groups planned for the month of January. Groups meet once a week for 1.5 hours for a period of three consecutive weeks. You may indicate your interest by completing this google form .



Paper interest forms will be available during November and December in the back of the church or in Kennerly Hall.

Childcare can be provided upon request.

The Children's Choir:

Has sung during two services so far this fall. The choir will sing again at the 11am service on Sunday November 15. They will be singing “Jubilate” by Michael Bedford.

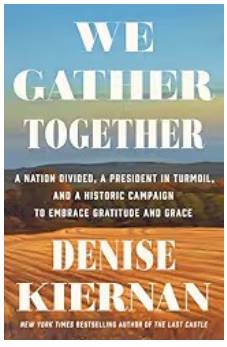
Parents of choristers are invited to bring their children to the Hethcock Room at 10:15. Our choir team will escort the choristers to rehearsal in the church from there. Parents are welcome to remain in the Hethcock room to socialize during rehearsal.

We look forward to hearing the Children's Choir.

Christian Formation

By Jeannie Babb, Director of Christian Formation
formation@stmarkstpaul.org 423-255-6479 cell

Book Studies



November Book Study:

We Gather Together: The True Story of Thanksgiving and the Woman Who Fought to Make It an American Holiday, by Denise Kiernan.

Tuesdays 5:00-6:00 **New Time**
Brooks Hall Nov. 3, 10, 17
Please bring a drink or snack to share.

From Ancient Rome through 21st-century America, this book is a biography of an idea: gratitude, as a

compelling human instinct and a global concept, more than just a mere holiday. Spanning centuries, *We Gather Together* is anchored amid the strife of the Civil War, and driven by the fascinating story of Sarah Josepha Hale, a widowed mother with no formal schooling who became one of the 19th century's most influential tastemakers and who campaigned for decades to make real an annual day of thanks. It will be a three week study due to holiday travel in the fourth week of November.

Intergenerational Advent Event



Sunday, Nov 29th, 9:45-10:45 in Kennerly Hall

On the first Sunday of Advent (Nov 29th), the parish will gather in Kennerly Hall rather than disbursing to various Sunday School classes. Wendy Prothro Howard will lead us in a reflection on the beginning of the season and work together making Advent wreaths for each household. *Please bring clippers if you have some*. Evergreen clippings and other supplies provided; you are invited to bring your own clippings to enhance your wreath or to share. A donation of about $20 per wreath is requested to cover material costs is requested but not required. We will light the first candle together, and you'll take your wreath home to continue this practice throughout the season.

A Visit from St. Nicholas

Sunday, Dec 6th during Sunday School and Coffee Hour

December 6th is St. Nicholas Day. Around the world, there are several traditions surrounding the Feast of St. Nicholas, 4th-century Bishop of Myra in modern-day Turkey. In German-speaking areas of Europe, children receive special cookies, candies, and gifts. On the evening of December 5th, children may leave letters for St. Nicholas, and carrots or grass for his donkey or horse. In the morning, they find small presents in their shoes or stockings, or on their plates or under their pillows. Common gifts include oranges and chocolate coins; both are reminders of the legend of St. Nicholas rescuing three poor sisters by paying their marriage dowries with gold. Candy canes are also popular because they are made in the shape of a bishop's crozier.

At St. Mark & St. Paul, our children will leave their shoes outside the door during Godly Play to see if St. Nicholas leaves them oranges, candy, and a perhaps a note.

Come back for Coffee Hour immediately after the 11:00 service, where we will receive St. Nicholas and perhaps receive some individual words of encouragement.

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec.13th at 4:30pm

McCrory Auditorium at St. Andrews-Sewanee School
Registration:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4CACA929A3F5CE9-65688749-2026

Children and youth of all ages are invited to register now! This wonderful tradition allows participants to experience Christmas from the inside of the story.
Many volunteers are needed to pull off this production: Artists, photographer, videographer, someone to operate the lights, help with costumes, training narrators, working with children on lines, and so much more. Contact Jeannie Babb 423-255-6479.

Key dates:
Oct 11 - Registration opens
*Oct 25 – Casting & Costuming **
Oct 26-Dec 13 Song practice 9:45-10:05 in church (then Godly Play)
Nov 1 - Costuming, cont.
Dec 12 – Dress rehearsal at SAS 4:00pm for actors with lines, 4:30 everyone else
Dec 13 - Pageant at SAS, 4:00 call time, 4:30 pageant
Line practice and narration instruction will be conducted some Sundays as well.
Children who want speaking roles need to register by 4pm on Oct 23. Children registered late may participate in non-speaking roles and the music. There is no limit to the number of angels and animals.

RITE13™ J2A JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD™

Rite-13 & Journey to Adulthood

On October 4-6, the youth group traveled to Pigeon Forge for our annual Dollywood trip. This year we upgraded from camping to a cabin, and 15 youth and 3 adults braved a very rainy Dollywood Day to ride all of the rollercoasters they could handle (which was a lot!). This trip provides a way for the youth to integrate the new kids into the larger group. While it's definitely a fun occasion, it's also really important for helping the group coalesce at the beginning of the year!

Two weeks later, we served at the Stewardship Dinner as a fundraiser. The youth helped prep some of the food items, set up the hall, and served food for the evening. A big Thank You to Paul and Andrea Richaud for their generosity in inviting the youth to help as a fundraising opportunity.

In addition to all of this, this December two youth (Nora Jane Elrod and Cabell Thompson) will accompany Hilary Bogert-Winkler to travel as part of the Diocese of Tennessee delegation to the Province IV youth leadership retreat weekend at Camp Mikell, in the Diocese of Atlanta. While there, they will have the chance to connect with other youth from the province and to explore the theme "Follow the Question," where they'll think about how Jesus's way of inviting us into a new way of life through asking hard questions (instead of giving easy answers) can help us be leaders in the world today.

Rite 13 and J2A will be meeting each Sunday, 4-6pm, with the following exceptions:
Nov 22—No meeting (Thanksgiving break)
Dec 20—No meeting (Christmas break, through Jan 10)

Other upcoming dates:
Dec 6 — Youth host Coffee Hour after 11:00 service
Dec 12—Pageant rehearsal
Dec 13—Pageant at SAS, youth group Advent party afterward.

Next semester:

April 2027	Crawfish Boil Dinner and Auction
May 2027	High School Urban Adventure
June 27-July 3, 2027	Appalachia Service Project Week
July 4 , 2027	Hot dog booth fundraiser
Summer 2028	High School Pilgrimage

You can donate here to support the youth:
https://onrealm.org/stmarkstpaul/-/form/give/now

Rite-13 is for students in grades 6 & 7. In fall of 2025, we launched Journey to Adulthood (J2A) for students in grades 8-10. Both groups meet Saturday afternoons, 4-6pm in Brooks Hall. This group is having a blast, growing in faith, and planning another mission trip! For more information, contact Hilary at: hbwchurch@gmail.com.



Nursery Notes

We have two new Nursery Caregiver Substitutes. Mary Blair Tankard is a sophomore at the college. Abigail Armstrong (Abby) is a senior at the college. Be sure to introduce yourself and welcome these terrific young women when you see them!

Nursery services are offered during church services and choir practice as needed. During Sunday School, the Nursery staff take the children upstairs to Godly Play. We meet mostly on the playground. We also use a children's classroom downstairs in inclement weather.

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.

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.

Tuesday Lectionary Class

The lectionary 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

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.

Sunday School for All Ages



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 1-4 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 graders are welcome in Godly Play 2 or the Tween Class, as best fits their needs.

Godly Play teachers include Wendy Howard, Barbara Prunty, Cara Kitzrow, Chas Womelsdorf, Reed Carlson, Jori Smith, Rebecca Gordon, Diana Rung, Mary Ming Lynch, and Jeannie Babb.

The Tween Class & Youth Sunday School currently meets as a combined class in Brooks Hall. The tween class takes children in grades 4-6 beyond Godly Play. We play games and learn and pray together. Youth Sunday School offers young people in 6th grade and up a time to encounter God and get to know one another. Currently we are studying the Nicene Creed, about one line per week and sometimes even more slowly. Some of the students already had it memorized, and the others are learning as we go! The pool of teachers for the Tween Class and Youth Sunday School include Matthew Mitchell, Arielle Latiolais, Shane Emory, Jenny Ramos, Dottie Mainord, and Jeannie Babb.

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=NWZjNjY2MTEtODJhZi00MTVkLTlmM2ItYjA1MzAwZjk4Zjhh

Sunday Forum

The theme for 2026-2027 is “Narratives that Transform.” The program runs on an academic year schedule, August 23 through early May, featuring excellent speakers from the community and beyond.

Recent Sunday Forums

Just a reminder that Sunday Forums are livestreamed to our Facebook page and remain there for 30 days.



Our own Jennifer Michael explored William Blake's "Bible of Hell" on October 4.



Robin Collins, joined us via Zoom for his presentation on, “The Greatest Story Ever Told: How

Theism Predicts Christianity” on October 11.



Fr. Rob presented on “St. Paul in Greece,” tying experiences on his pilgrimage to New Testament passages and stories on October 18.



The Very Rev. Chris Epperson talked about "Stories Families Tell" including several from his own family on October 25.

Narratives that Transform

Sunday Forum 2026-2027
9:45-10:45 a.m. in Kennerly Hall
Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul

Oct 4	Jennifer Michael	William Blake's Bible of Hell
Oct 11	Robin Collins	The Greatest Story Ever Told: How Theism Predicts Christianity
Oct 18	Rob Lamborn	Rector's Forum
Oct 25	Chris Epperson	Dean of All Saints' Chapel and University Chaplain
Nov 1	Arielle Latiolais	Telling the Stories of Saints
Nov 8	Reed Carlson	God Created the World Good, Not Perfect
Nov 15	---	Annual Parish Meeting
Nov 22	Rob Lamborn	Rector's Forum
Nov 29	---	Intergenerational Advent Event
Dec 6	Ross MacDonald	Milton's Sonnet 7 – Vocation, Patience, and Divine Justice
Dec 13	Julia Bates, Theo Leffler-Mitchell	The One Great Commandment at the Heart of *Maniac Magee*

Education for Ministry
by EfM Mentor Wendy Prothro Howard

Education for Ministry (EfM), founded by Sewanee's School of Theology over 50 years ago, creates a community of curiosity that supports the exploration and expression of ideas where seminar participants reflect on ways to pursue a daily life of faith. The five core practices—living in community, vocational discernment, prayer and worship, study of Christian tradition, and theological reflection—provide a way to navigate

today's complex world with faith, hope, and love while examining life through the lens of journeying with God.



COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

CAC Information

More than a food pantry, the Community Action Committee (CAC) meets the basic human needs of those living in crisis in and around Sewanee. CAC offers neighbors quality food and emergency financial assistance. An outreach ministry of the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul, CAC seeks to make Christ's love manifest in the world through service, relationship, and dignity.

The CAC Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Stop in, visit our website: www.cacsewanee.org, or email Sarah at cac@stmarkstpaul.org to learn more and see how you can support this mission!

CAC is Here to Serve Our Neighbors

The CAC food pantry continues to serve our neighbors facing food insecurity on a daily basis. As food prices rise and the cost of living increases, we meet more families in need of our services everyday. In September, we welcomed 14 new families adding to the already 100+ families we serve a month. Throughout September, we served 134 unique families providing nutritious food to around 343 individuals. As families are able to visit once a week to receive groceries, CAC had a total of 266 family visits over the course of the month. The word continues to spread about our little food pantry, and we are grateful to be able to provide an array of services to our community. As we approach the holiday season, we expect to meet more families facing food insecurity and other challenges. This time of year can be especially difficult for those who are struggling to make ends meet, and we want to do our part to ensure that no one in our community feels forgotten.

In addition to serving neighbors through the food pantry, CAC provided utility assistance to 20 neighbors in September. This support included partial payments to help offset the costs of electricity, water, and rent, offering relief to households facing financial challenges.

If you would like to support the CAC mission, please read “Ways to Support CAC” to learn how to give.

Fall CAC Community Meals

Our Community Meals are in full swing at CAC! From September to October, we have loved having so many guests join us for lunch. Our last meal of the semester will be on Friday, November 20th. But don’t fret, they will return in the new year on February 26th with a whole new menu. Thank you for coming out to support our students and share a meal with our neighbors!



The September Community meal was a great kickoff another year of shared meals.



Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Thanksgiving at CAC

Whether we believe it or not, the holiday season is right around the corner. At CAC, we aim to provide additional support to our neighbors during this time. To help out with Thanksgiving, CAC provides a food box with a turkey and all the fixings for our families to have a complete meal. This offering is made possible through community support, as we rely on the generosity of the community to donate the food items to fill a box. I'm pleased to share that for the second year in a row we are partnering with the Piggly Wiggly to collect food donations. Head to the Monteagle store and you can purchase a bag for CAC. You are also welcome to take the shopping list and build a bag yourself. We need over 100 food boxes to support our neighbors. Please see the attached flyer for more information on how you can help us feed our neighbors this holiday season.



Ways to Support CAC

CAC's ministry is only made possible by the incredible community support and generosity we receive on a daily basis. Food donations of any kind are always welcome to add to our food pantry offerings. Some donations that are helpful include: cereal, bread, individual snacks, canned meat, peanut butter, toilet paper, toiletries, and laundry detergent. Donations can be dropped off on the porch outside the CAC office or inside the church doors at St. Mark & St. Paul, both at 216 University Ave, Sewanee. View the Amazon Wishlist, https://a.co/f6TXKX4, for easy shopping!

Financial contributions heavily support our food pantry and emergency assistance program to help keep people's lights on and water running. If you would like to make a donation to CAC, please visit the website at www.cacsewanee.org/donate to learn more. Through this link you are also able to set up recurring donations so you never forget to make your

contribution. We are grateful for all the support to better serve our community.



Three Eras of CAC Leadership

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.



Social Fabric - Weekly Crafting Circle

Would you like to do your handwork with others? Social Fabric, a spin-off of CAC, might be the group for you. Knitters, crocheters, menders, and crafters currently gather Tuesdays 11-1 at Stirling's, and we would love for you to join us. For more information, see Mary Priestley mpriestley0150@gmail.com.

Cub Scout Corner

Sewanee Pack 152

Cub Scout Pack 152 has gotten off to a roaring start for the 26-27 school year! In September, we learned about the Six Essentials that all Cubs need to have when camping or hiking, and we went on a Pack hike at Head of the Crow State Park.

This month we've been learning with the younger scouts about how to make good trail food that will give us the energy we need to hike. The older scouts learned knife skills so that they know how to safely use a pocket knife. We'll also be learning about white oak trees and collecting the acorns at Head of the Crow as part of the White Oak Initiative.

And just around the corner is our first ever Pack Campout. It's going to be great! If you've got a kid in grades k-5 interested in joining, be in touch with Hilary Bogert-Winkler, Pack Committee Chair (sewaneepack152@gmail.com)









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

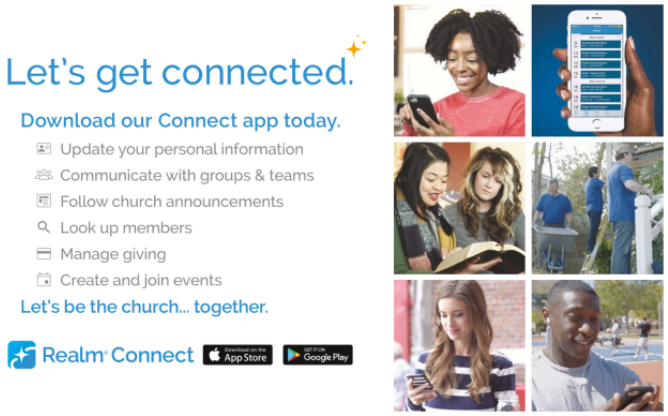
Bill Pay from Your Bank Website
Use the Bill Pay service provided by your bank. If your bank offers online bill pay services, follow their setup directions to add the church as a payee, and add recurring automatic payments. Use the name and address below for the payee:

Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul
P.O. Box 267
Sewanee, TN 37375
(931) 598-5926

By Mail
Mail us a check, or place cash or check in the offering plate on Sunday. If you are giving toward a pledge, please write “Pledge” on the memo or envelope. If mailing, send to us at the above address.

Online Giving
Convenient and secure -- You can make a one-time donation or set up a recurring gift. Choose credit, debit or bank account payments. If you already have a login for our Realm software, you can either **Give Now** or text “Otey$75” (or any amount) to 73256. Follow the prompts and manage your account. **More information regarding Realm below.**

Get Connected with Realm



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: Camilla, Debbie Blender, Liz Camp, Edward Curry, Larry Filachek, Ann Gildemeister, Brady Hall, Emily Shrader Hauze, Phebe Hethcock, Rebecca Gayle Howell, Mike Jones, Duane, Denis Lewis, Brenda Matthews, Mike Mattei, Greg McNair, Emmelia Leffler-Mitchell, Michelle Nelson, Wayne Pack, Susan Pontak, Farris Ralston, Rick Reuhling, Doug Seiters, Isaiah Shelby, Lynda Stephenson, Lynn Stubblefield, Evelyn Taylor, Ken Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Myron Van de Ven, Aaron Welch, John Wellborn, and those who are suffering the effects of war or violence.



November Birthdays

Katie Craighill 11/2, Madeline Sumpter 11/4, Freddy Tucker 11/5, Toby Van de Ven 11/5, Laura Willis 11/7, Jake Wiley 11/8, Robert Pearigen 11/9, Isabel Patterson 11/10, Meg Beasley 11/13, Nora Jane Elrod 11/14, Mary Finn 11/14, Iska Hoole 11/15, Geoffrey Ward 11/15, Emily Blount 11/18, Diana Rung 11/20, Elizabeth Wilson 11/20, Andrew Cowan 11/21, Bentley Cook 11/22, Ned Murray 11/23, Alice Finn 11/23, Bill Priestley 11/24, Lane Price 11/24, Jamie Pappas 11/26, Jan Stevens 11/26, Malkelm Leffler 11/26, Phoebe Pearigen 11/27, Phil White 11/28, Blythe Ford

11/28, Julia Sumpter 11/28, Betty Barton Blythe 11/29, Jennifer Michael 11/29, Melissa Williams 11/30.

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