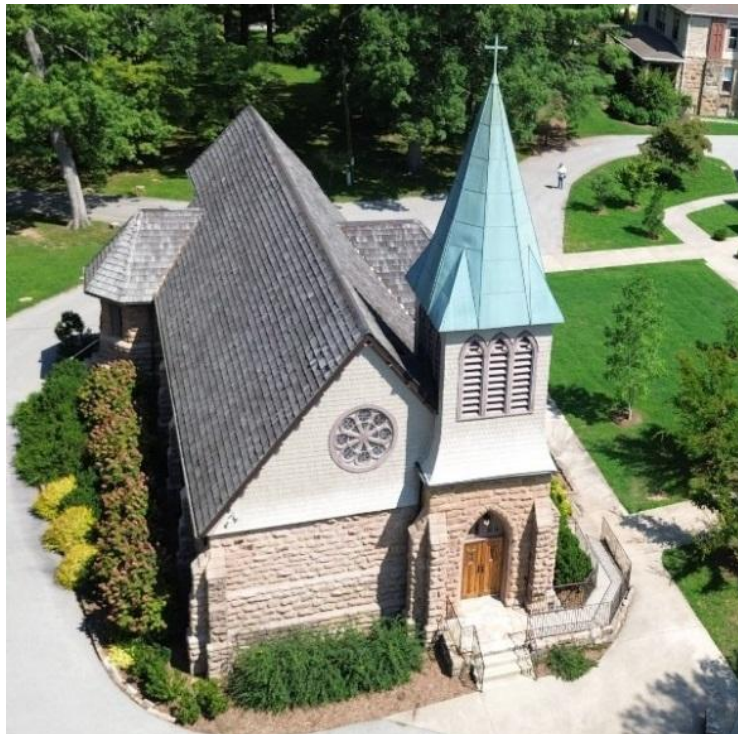


—The Episcopal Parish of —
**St. Mark
& St. Paul**
—On the Mountain —

October 2024



From the Senior Warden: Consecration Sunday is coming!

Dear Parishioners of St. Mark and St. Paul-on-the-Mountain,

If you're like me, you sometimes get queasy about our yearly request for a monetary pledge. After all, shouldn't the world of mammon be kept separate from the world of the spirit? Over the years, however, I have come to realize that the money we give to the church is not just a way to pay its bills. Rather, giving can help us grow our relationship with God. It becomes a tangible way of expressing how important our faith is, to us and to the world.

To that end, our parish Stewardship Committee is using the Consecration Sunday program to remind us of the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving. More even than the need of the church to receive is our need to give, which is foundational to our spiritual development. Instead of treating people like members of an organization who should pay dues, our community regards people as followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of

discipleship. Consecration Sunday encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning services on Consecration Sunday, we will invite members to make their financial commitments to our church's ministries in this community and beyond.

Everyone who completes a pledge card does so voluntarily. The procedure is done in such a way that no one is singled out if choosing not to fill out a card. As we will be doing no home solicitations for pledges, we urge everyone to attend one of the Consecration Sunday services on October 13. Adam Conley will preach the sermon and invite members to make their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

Thanks in advance for your participation in this event, which provides us with the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to each other and to this community. Regretfully, Julia and I will not be able to join you as we will be teaching in Slovenia, but we will make our own contribution from afar. As we do so, we will reflect on how much you all mean to us.

With love,



Robin Bates



Oktoberfest

Sunday September 29th, 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm: "Fall" into good spirits and great company at Oktoberfest offered by the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul! This feast includes German brats, regular or veggie hot dogs, potato salad, sauerkraut, with apple cider, tea, beer, and water to wash it all down. There is no charge; donations are welcome. Bring your kids and friends for fun with music, games, and pumpkin/gourd decorating for all ages!

Animal Blessing

We will again join with members of St. James Episcopal Church for a service of blessing of animals in commemoration of St. Francis of

Assisi Sunday, October 6 at 3:00pm
at St. James, 898 Midway
Road. Please bring your beloved
animal(s), or if that is not convenient,
a photo of the animal(s) you wish to
be prayed for.



Vestry Highlights: Regular Meeting of September 19

- Held an in-depth conversation with Ned Murray on the benefits of having an endowment, and how to structure one.
- Noted the start of the nomination process for vestry members to be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting November 10.
- Looked at areas on our leasehold potentially to add parking spaces to make up for the street parking lost along our frontage.

Annual Parish Meeting and Vestry Elections Sunday, November 10, at 9:45am in Kennerly Hall

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for November 10. At this meeting we will be electing three new members to the vestry. 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."

Vestry Service at St. Mark & St. Paul (Fall 2024)

Vestry members serve three-year terms and must be out of office at least a year before standing for election to another full term.

The formal qualifications for Vestry members are :

- Confirmed member in good standing of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul. (Clergy are enrolled members of their diocese, not a particular parish, and thus aren't eligible.)
- At least 16 years of age
- Regular in worship attendance
- Have made and are fulfilling a pledge in the current year
- Not an employee of St. Mark & St. Paul or another organization or institution of the Diocese of Tennessee
- Complete a background check by the Diocese of Tennessee

Informal qualifications are important, as well:

- Committed to the Christian life and ministry of this parish
- Approach the work prayerfully
- Work well in a group, listening openly and respectfully to points of view that differ from their own
- Speak their minds straightforwardly during deliberations while supporting decisions the Vestry reaches as a whole

What do Vestry members do?

- Complete "Safeguarding God's People" online training
- Prepare for and attend monthly regular meetings and any called meetings

- Stay up-to-date on parish communications
- Participate in an annual retreat
- Help envision the ministry and needs of the parish in the present and future
- Be on duty about once a month for the early service and between services, or for the late service and after church.
- Serve as a Teller (counter of offering) about once every two months
- Act as chair of, or liaison to, a particular committee or ministry area
- Adopt the annual parish budget and monitor parish finances
- Deliberate and decide important issues in the life of the parish
- Enjoy the privilege of serving the people of God at St. Mark & St. Paul

The **Nominating Committee** customarily consists of the Vestry members completing their terms and not eligible to run for 2025: Diane Jones, Lynn Stubblefield, and Beth Wiley. You may contact any member of the Nominating Committee to recommend yourself or someone else (with that person's permission).

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."

Parish Picnic

We kicked the year off with a fabulous parish picnic. We had a large crowd and cooperative weather.



Holy Eucharist with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

On September 7, Deacon Betty and Jaxon Rudder were among those who were able to attend this special service in Nashville.



Christian Formation

By Jeannie Babb, Director of Christian Formation

formation@stmarkstpaul.org 423-255-6479 cell

Sunday School for All

Through a dedicated cadre of teachers and helpers, the parish offers classes for the Christian formation of babies, children, tweens, teens, and adults. Please register online for children's Sunday School:

The Nursery offers play time with gentle supervision from 8:20am until noon. We meet on the playground when the weather is nice, so please dress children in play clothes. 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. Cara Kitzrow serves as our Nursery Coordinator. Caregivers include Brook O'Donnell, Madeleine Leone, and Kenneth Woodford.



Please register your child for Nursery online:

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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.

Godly Play 1 introduces children ages 3-5 or 6 (through kindergarten) to the Godly Play spiritual practice. Children experience a story and reflect on it through wondering together, working with the story materials, or creating art. They share

prayer and a “feast” of apple slices or crackers. If there’s time, they will go to the playground. Teachers are Wendy Prothro Howard, Aaron Elrod, Cara Kitzrow, Madeleine Leone, and Kenneth Woodford.

Godly Play 2 offers children in grades 1-3 an opportunity to learn enrichment lessons and go deeper into the story. The structure is the same as in Godly Play 1 – story, wondering, work, feast, maybe playground. Teachers include Babara Prunty, Cheryl Lankhaar, Jori Smith, Beth Wiley, and Jeannie Babb.

4th/5th Class takes children in grades 4 and 5 beyond Godly Play. They learn about Episcopal worship and structure, and go deeper into the stories with maps and further study. This class is led by Julia Bates, Jocelyn Snider, and Matthew Mitchell.



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.

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Youth Sunday School offers middle schoolers and high schoolers a time to encounter God and get to know one another. We are using a curriculum called Weaving God’s Promises that increases biblical literacy and builds on the reflection skills taught in Godly Play. The class is taught by Paul and Andrea Richaud, with occasional assistance by Marilyn Phelps, Jeannie Babb, and others.

Godly Play Training - Oct 26 and Nov 16

Godly Play is not a curriculum but a spiritual practice that is deeply enriching for the storyteller and the doorkeeper as well as the students attending class. We’d love for you to join us! Our next two Godly Play Training sessions are Oct 26 and Nov 16. Please contact Jeannie Babb for registration information. The parish covers the cost and participants receive certification as a storyteller or doorkeeper as desired. All volunteers who will be working with children or youth receive training including Safeguarding God’s Children, and consent to a background check by the diocese. Please email Jeannie Babb for more information or to register formation@stmarkstpaul.org.

Rite 13

Rite 13, for youth currently in grades 6-9, meets Sunday afternoons at 4 pm in Brooks Hall. The group is led by Hilary Bogert-Winkler and Aaron Elrod. To be included in Rite 13 communications, please email Hilary (hbwchurch@gmail.com).

On September 22, the group gathered with church members at Lake Cheston for the baptism of Max and Theo Leffler-Mitchell. Hilary Bogert-Winkler preached the sermon, played guitar and led singing, accompanied by Cabell Thompson. Rob Lamborn performed the baptisms and celebrated, assisted by Deacon Betty Carpenter and seminarian Liam Nieman. It was a beautiful day for such a joyful occasion under the towering pines.



We will take a trip to Granddaddy's Farm on the afternoon of October 5th, from 2:30 until about 6:30pm. Details to come. Please contact Hilary and sign up for BAND to stay in the loop!

Camping trip & Dollywood, Oct 18-19. We are finalizing details for this trip. The cost per youth is \$70, which covers transportation, campsites, breakfasts, and tickets to Dollywood. Youth will need to bring money for dinner on 10/18, and lunch and dinner in the park on 10/19 (the food there isn't overly expensive as far as theme parks go, in my experience). We need to know by Friday, October 4 if your youth is planning to attend. There will be further communications for the group that is going closer to time. *Remember: if you need scholarship assistance, please let me know. We don't want money to keep a youth from going!*

Rite 13 is the first module of Journey to Adulthood (J2A). J2A is centered on inclusive, relational ministry and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and service projects. There are three modules included in the program: Rite 13, J2A, and 4Ward, each with lessons organized around Self, Society, and Spirituality." is led by Hilary Bogert-Winkler, who is a priest, longtime youth leader, and assistant professor of liturgy at the seminary. Rite 13 is open to youth in grades 6-8. Please contact Hilary Bogert-Winkler to be added to the email and text lists. hmbogert@sewanee.edu

NEW Lectionary Class

We have a brand new offering! On Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30, this Lectionary Class will meet in Brooks Hall to talk about the Gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday. This class is open to everyone in the community. It's a place to consider the lesson more deeply and reflect on it together. Organized and facilitated by Scott Lee, Mary Priestley, and Phebe Hethcock.

**Education for Ministry at St. Mark and St. Paul begins
Monday September 23 at 630 PM
in the Hethcock room!**

This four year seminar, covering studies of the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, History of Christianity, and contemporary theology of the Episcopal tradition utilizes reflection as a means to investigate various concerns from the readings of each of the four studies, the relationship of themes between each of the four studies, and the implications of those themes in today's world.

Reflection on these themes is guided by utilizing the four perspectives of experience, culture, Episcopal tradition, and personal beliefs. The goal of EfM is to deepen faith and to discover expressions of that faith in service to others.

A few spaces are still available!

If interested, please view <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/> for more information about the program and contact Wendy, the Sewanee EfM mentor at wendyprothrohoward@gmail.com to register.

Centering Prayer Workshop

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The Centering Prayer Workshop taught by Tom Ward was a wonderful success with 20 participants. Scott Lee is leading a series of six follow-up sessions for participants.

Centering Prayer support group at St. Mark & St. Paul

by leader Jennifer Michael

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 our neighbor. Having a core of people in the parish who practice contemplative prayer makes a difference.

The Centering Prayer support group at St. Mark and St. Paul's continues to meet faithfully every Monday night. 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. If you have questions or are interested in joining the group please contact Jennifer D Michael at jmichael@sewanee.edu



Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul, Sewanee, Tennessee

Saturday, October 26, 8:30 am – 5 pm CENTRAL TIME

Coming up:

Module 2 (*Spirituality of the Child and Parables*) – Saturday, October 26
Module 3 (*Supporting the Circle of Children and Liturgical Action*) – Saturday,
November 16 (*completion of all 3 modules = Godly Play Accreditation*)

*For more information or to register, please Jeannie Babb at
formation@stmarkstpaul.org contact or Kathleen Crevasse at
kathleen@gslookout.com.*

Sunday Forum resumed August 25th

Sunday Forum hosts a different guest speaker each week. Our theme this year is “This Fragile Earth, Our Island Home”— a phrase taken from Eucharistic Prayer C in our Book of Common Prayer. The series explores our relationship with God and our ecosystem, challenging what it means to walk as a Christian on a planet that faces unprecedented environmental challenges. Please see the schedule below for individual dates and speakers. The series is hosted by Robin Bates and the Christian Formation Committee. We meet in Kennerly Hall. The sessions are recorded to be enjoyed later as well.

You can help! Sunday Forum needs audio/visual volunteers to arrive a few minutes early, help the speaker set up laptop and microphone, and record the forum. You only need your cell phone, and training is provided. Please contact Robin Bates rbates@smcm.edu or Jeannie Babb formation@stmarkstpaul.org.

THIS FRAGILE EARTH, OUR ISLAND HOME

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 in Kennerly Hall

Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul

Aug 25	John Gatta	Imagining God's Creation of an Evolving World
Sept 1	Wyatt Poe	Introduction
Sept 8	Robin Gottfried	Caring for Creation, Spiritual Formation, and the Renewal of the Church
Sept 15	Kirk Zigler	Life Underground: Cave Biodiversity of the Cumberland Plateau
Sept 22	Kevin Goodman	Education for Ministry: From Seminars to Bayous
Sept 29	Nate Wilson	Fire on the Mountain: The Fire Ecology of the Domain
Oct 6	Rob Lamborn	Rector's Forum
Oct 13	Karen Kuers	Forest Bathing: Journey to Better Health
Oct 20	Tom Farthing	North American Guild of Change Ringers
Oct 27	Jennifer Michael	Divine Landscapes in 18 th Century Poetry
Nov 3	Deborah McGrath	Regenerative Farming: A Response to Climate Change
Nov 10	Rob Lamborn	Rector's Forum
Nov 17	Ned Murray	Hearing the Call: Adolescents Drawn Closer to God through Nature
Nov 24	Wendy Prothro Howard	On Sustainable Gardens in Malawi, Costa Rica, and Sewanee
Dec 1	Jeannie Babb	Intergenerational Advent Event
Dec 8	Jon Evans	Unlocking the Secrets of Sewanee's Forests
Dec 15	Robin Bates	Sir Gawain and the Green Knight: A Christmas Story

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Successful Book Launch

60 members of the community turned out on September 10 as Senior Warden Robin Bates read from his recently released book *Better Living through Beowulf: How Books Change Lives and (Sometimes) History*. Dr. Bates drew on a lifetime of reading and teaching great books as he provided examples of literary classics upending individual lives and sometimes even changing the course of history.



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 shop around 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.

TigerFest Block Party

CAC had the pleasure of being invited back to attend the 2nd Annual TigerFest Block Party. TigerFest is an event hosted by the Office of Economic Development and Student Life at The University of the South and the Sewanee Business Alliance. It gives new and returning students the opportunity to learn about the businesses in the downtown

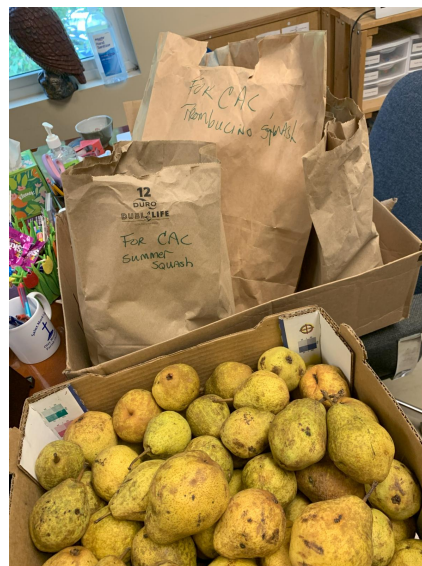


Sewanee area and local volunteer opportunities. We shared all about CAC and the work we do in our community. It was a great event and a wonderful opportunity to welcome students back to Sewanee!

Farm 2 Table

The summer season brought in lots of fresh fruits and vegetables for CAC! We received hundreds of donations from South Cumberland Farmers Market customers, which allowed us to purchase produce weekly for our neighbors. We also received an abundance of fruits and vegetables from Dayspring Farm. All season they donated squashes, beans, peppers, pears, and TROMBONCINOS! If you haven't tried a tromboncino, you are missing out!

Donations are accepted year round through the South Cumberland Farmers Market, and allow CAC to offer a variety of fresh options in addition to the items available in the food pantry.



CAC Community Meal

With the students back in session, CAC will host its first Community Meal of the semester on Friday, September 27th at 12:00 PM in Kennerly Hall. You may not know that the CAC community meals are an effort completely planned and executed by our student leaders. The community meals bring our students so much joy, and we hope everyone will enjoy the meals this semester. We encourage everyone to join us in good food and fellowship!

The Community Meal is a free lunch for all hosted on the last Friday of the month. For the fall semester, CAC will host meals on September 27th, October 25th, and November 22nd (notice the change due to the Thanksgiving holiday).



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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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.**

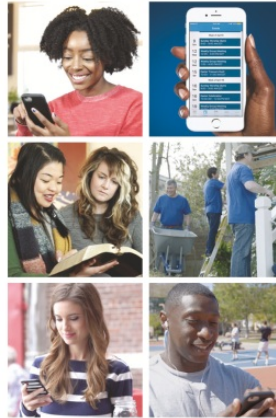
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- 🔍 Look up members
- 💰 Manage giving
- 📅 Create and join events

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, Lisa Cantrell, Corky Carlisle, Bill Davis, Margaret Edsall, Anne Griffin, Margaret Sage Hoare, Pat Kirby, Kirkland Leonard, Mike Mattei, Geraldine Piccard, Rachel Roberts, Jean Stell, Lynn Stubblefield, Evelyn Taylor, Ken Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Lauryl Tucker, Myron Van de Ven, Vello Virkhaus, Curt Williams, the people of Gaza, Israel, Kursk, Lebanon, Sudan, and Ukraine. Those harmed in the shooting in Birmingham, their families and loved ones.

September Birthdays



Neil Patterson 9/27, Jori Smith 9/30

Sophia Patterson 9/1, Michael Thompson 9/4, Sandy Baird 9/6, Lauryl Tucker 9/6, Jane Mauzy 9/7, Scott Lee 9/7, Peggy Peterson 9/8, Mary Ming Lynch 9/8, Sally Hubbard 9/8, Joshua Mauzy 9/9, Matthew Mauzy 9/9, Curtis Finn 9/10, Diane Jones 9/15, David Clough 9/17, Francesca Gray 9/17, Han Clark 9/17, Bruce McMillan 9/22, Bruce Baird 9/23, Ken Taylor 9/23, Larry Barker 9/24, Laurence Alvarez 9/27, Kate Wiley 9/27, Lynn Stubblefield 9/27,

October Birthdays

Steven Carpenter 10/1, Ruth Cook 10/3, Phebe Hethcock 10/5, Aaron Elrod 10/5, John Kearley 10/6, Sharon Zachau 10/6,



Zachary Blount 10/7, Rebecca Van de Ven 10/7, Michael Sturdy 10/7, Theo Leffler-Mitchell 10/7, Jo Ann Barker 10/8, Jim Pappas 10/9, Charles Beaumont 10/13, Sam Howick 10/14, Sam Frazier 10/17, Suzanne Cahoon 10/19, Beth Pride Ford 10/20, Sarah Edmonds 10/20, Jackson Frazier 10/22, Henry Fisher 10/26, Kathryn Bruce 10/26, Ray Gotko 10/27, Callan Cook 10/28,

Office Hours for 2024

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

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

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