

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

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Easter tide 2022



From the Rector: (Re-)Building Christian community in changing times

Patterns of decline in American volunteerism and group participation have been documented since before Robert D. Putnam's best-selling book, *Bowling Alone* (2000). Overwhelming consumerism, summed up perfectly by Burger King's, "Have it your way!" is a serious challenge to community, where individuals subordinate personal preferences to the greater good. The increasing role of the Internet in daily life has allowed people to make connections that wouldn't have been possible before . . . and to find others who agree with them far more completely than physical neighbors, co-workers, even family members. A number of authors have identified an "epidemic of loneliness" afflicting our society.

We can respond in different ways to the headwinds community life faces. We could yearn for the good old days (never quite as good as we remember), or we could resign ourselves to loosening bonds of parish community and diminishing importance of Christian faith in people's lives. I don't want to do either! Instead I hope to lead and serve a church that is continually renewed as the strongly-knit-together Body of Christ able to flourish amidst changing circumstances. I want us to grow our sense of connection within the congregation and warmly

invite others to share in its benefits.

I am currently enjoying my 7th year as rector here, so that under Diocese of Tennessee policy and my letter of agreement with the parish I qualify for 3 months of sabbatical leave starting this summer. Those of you who have been in the parish long enough may remember sabbaticals taken by previous rectors. Because of COVID, however, I am delaying my sabbatical to start after Easter 2023, and am preparing an application for a grant to enhance the experience. Part of the arrangement will be for St. Mark & St. Paul to have good clergy coverage during my absence.

Clergy sabbaticals typically include three components: spirituality, learning, and personal renewal, and there is overlap among the three. My spiritual practice will be centered over a period of weeks on walking the Camino de Santiago, a route of Christian pilgrimage since the 900s. For personal renewal I'll delve into improving my musicianship, to culminate at an adult music camp where I'll play my trombone in band and chamber music, and take private lessons. What I am most enthusiastic to learn is more about how to nurture this parish so that our bonds of community in Christ will be as strong as ever amidst shifting circumstances.

At their best, clergy sabbaticals also provide an opportunity for the congregation to reflect and deepen its self-understanding. In my grant application I will be proposing some expert consultation for the parish during my absence so that our learning and reflection will be complementary. I pray the experience of sabbatical for both the parish and for me will deepen our connection with God, clarify our vision, and renew our energy for the next fruitful period of ministry together.

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

April 10

Palm Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Both services begin in front of Brooks.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week

April 11, 12 & 13

Holy Eucharist at 5:00pm

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Holy Eucharist, Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar, 5:00 pm

Good Friday, April 15

Community Stations of the Cross, noon

(beginning at St. Mark and St. Paul in front of Brooks Hall)

Solemn Liturgy at All Saints' Chapel, 1:00pm

Solemn Liturgy at St. Mark and St. Paul, 5:00pm

Easter Day, April 17

Festival Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 11:00am with a celebratory coffee hour following the 11:00 service.

COVID Update

The CDC continues to classify Franklin County's COVID-19 Community Level as "Low." Thus all events are in-person (some also livestreamed) and masking is optional. The 11am service is available to all, while the 8:30 service currently remains for those fully vaccinated.

Possible Organ Revoicing

A number of parishioners over the years have expressed concern about our pipe organ's volume. As a result, organist Kathy Sturgis is confining herself to using only 7 of our organ's 12 ranks (or sets) of pipes, restricting the palette of tone colors available. (For comparison, the organ at All Saints' Chapel has 67 ranks of pipes.)

Kathy has been joined by Rob Lamborn, Sr. Warden Joel Cunningham, and retired University Organist Robbe Delcamp in conversations with the Milnar Organ Company about how to improve the 5 problematic ranks. Milnar is our current organ tuner/servicer and also tunes the University's organs.

On April 4, Milnar tried some sample revoicing and shared some encouraging results with our group. They will be preparing a proposal to be considered by the Vestry to replace one rank of pipes (with used pipes, it is hoped) as well as to soften the other problematic ones. The goal is for our organ to be able to play with fire and brilliance when called for, but at volume levels that are just right instead of overpowering.

Coffee Hour:

PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR THIS FUN AND MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed to help with one of the church's oldest methods of fellowship. 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. Please sign up on the board in Kennerly Hall.



All ages have a blast at coffee hour. Come join us after the 11 am service.



April 17 – Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, we will not have Godly Play. Children of all ages are invited to the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn after the 11:00 service. Please bring boiled, dyed eggs or candy-filled plastic eggs by 9:30 so youth and adult volunteers can hide them. There will be separate egg hunts for each of the Sunday School groups:

- Nursery - Up to age 3 (traditional boiled and dyed eggs)
- Godly Play 1 - Age 3 through 1st grade (candy eggs and prizes)
- Godly Play 2 - 2nd-4th grade (candy eggs and prizes)
- Youth – 5th - 12th grade (advanced egg hunt and prizes)

In case of rain, the hunts will be held indoors.

May 1st – Youth Sunday, Potluck, & Parents' Coffee/Dessert Social

At the 11:00 service, children and youth will be filling many of the worship roles. If you know a young person who would like to play a song, read, or serve, please let Kathryn Bruce or Jeannie Babb know.

Youth Sunday will be followed by a potluck lunch hosted by Parish Life. There will be a sign up sheet in Kennerly Hall for you to put what you want to bring.

After lunch, those raising children please join Julianna, Rob, & Jeannie for dessert & coffee. We will socialize, talk together about the challenges and changes of parenting in the pandemic and post-pandemic era, and share some information about the future of youth and children's programs at St. Mark & St. Paul. As we talk and share, the children will have supervision and activities on the playground.

Godly Play Training

April 9 completes our training series with a module on Sacred Spaces and Sacred Stories. Many thanks to our new trainees and those who are refreshing their practice! We have a strong team doing wonderful work with the children of this parish. If you missed these trainings but would like to learn the practice of Godly Play, please let us know. There are other opportunities for training regionally, or you may learn on-the-job as a doorkeeper. As with all our volunteers, Godly Play storytellers and doorkeepers complete Safeguarding God's Children and a background check.



Tuesday morning Godly Play / Parents' Morning Out 2022-2023 Registration Open Now

Quick Facts:

For children ages 18 months to 4 years

8:30-11:00am on Tuesdays

Directed by Jeannie Babb

Co-op with parent volunteers

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/314799633177>

Tuesday morning Godly Play is a wonderful weekly event for preschoolers, and a chance for parents and caregivers to have a break. The emphasis on Godly Play distinguishes the program from other playgroups or co-ops. Godly Play is an imaginative, Montessori-based approach to nurturing the Christian faith. Using symbols and objects as well as words, Godly Play stories value openness and discovery rather than rewarding correct answers. The culture of the Godly Play room encourages generosity and calm. We also spend time outdoors on the playground, engaged in art and other work, and playing cooperative games like Red Light, Green Light and Ring-around-the-Rosie that help children learn cooperation, listening, and following instructions.

Thanks to the generosity of the church's pledging members, Tuesday morning Godly Play / Parents' Morning Out is offered at no cost to families. Parents take turns volunteering several times per semester. Parents who wish to enroll a child in the program should register here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/314799633177>

Nursery Notes by Cara Kitzrow

The combined groups of nursery children and Godly Play students have become a tight-knit bunch who have been patient and flexible with changing protocols and logistics during the pandemic. They have joyfully come together to play and look out for each other on the playground. We have made bread dough, studied birds, and planted seeds to go along with the teachings of some of the Parables. We look forward to enjoying Spring weather and festive activities to come. Children are welcome to join the nursery downstairs during Godly Play & Sunday Forum and will be taken to the playground as weather allows. Nursery during the second church service will be held on the playground with the option to go inside as needed. We look forward to seeing you there!

Godly Play

Children meet in the Godly Play rooms for a story and wondering. Please bring children before 9:45 so the storyteller can begin! Godly Play includes story, wondering, art & reflection time, feast, and sometimes playing on the playground. Please pick up children at 10:45 on the playground or in the rooms according to weather.



Masks are optional at this time. If this changes, we will let the parish know by email. Please know that Covid-19 safety continues to be high priority for the parish.

Godly Play 1 is for children who are at least three years old through first grade. This classroom has just completed the Faces of Easter series, taught by Wendy

Howard. From Easter to Pentecost, they will learn a series of stories called Knowing Jesus in a New Way.

Godly Play 2 is for children in grades 2-5. The children in this classroom also heard Faces of Easter during Lent, taught by Julia Bates. Godly Play 2 students also enjoyed two sessions in the church, learning about how children serve in the church as readers and acolytes. They were fitted for albs (thank you, Meghan Mazur!) and learned how to move through the nave with dignity and how to use the microphone. We look forward to the return of young acolytes! I know everyone missed their ministry at the height of the pandemic. During the Easter season, this class focus on Sacred Stories from the New Testament.



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. Teachers include Richard Ahlquist, Jeannie Babb, Alex Bruce, Kathryn Bruce, and Andy Thompson. This is a really great group! We are having so much fun and deepening our walk with God. On April 24 and May 1, this class will be preparing for Youth Sunday. May 1 will be the last day of Sunday School for this class; youth students are welcome in Godly Play 2 which will continue for the rest of May.



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. 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!

During the season of Lent, we enjoyed two campfires at DuBose Conference Center. On Easter, our service project will be hiding eggs for the younger children. Then youth are invited to hunt some eggs we will have hidden for them.

On May 15, we will be having a year-end swim party! Stay tuned for the when

and where!

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.



VB-Us 2022: Better Angels June 6th-9th [REGISTER NOW](#)

On Monday to Thursday evenings, June 6-9, the parish will offer a Vacation Bible School that flips the concept on its head. Rather than a daytime VBS program put on only for children, this dinner and learning series appeals to all ages and brings families together.

The series, which includes a community style dinner, takes place four evenings with a light supper, arts, small service projects, camp-style worship, children's activities divided by age group, and a lecture each evening on theology, literature, or application of what we are learning.

VB-Us is open to all. There is no charge for dinner or the program. Donations are accepted to cover the cost of the meals. Registration is here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/315518122197> Please register by May 23 to reserve your free T-shirt!

Sunday Forum Schedule

April 10 & 17

No Sunday Forum

April 24
Rob Lamborn

Rector's Forum

May 1
Karen Meridith

Wrapping up the Year
An Interview with St. Mark & St. Paul

Music Corner

Kathleen Sturgis, Parish Organist

Gratefully we seem to be moving slowly out of the Pandemic. We are joining back into the gatherings that used to be taken for granted two years ago. Thank you God for the medical advances that have been able to turn the tide. One of the things we missed as well was singing! Slowly we worked to one song, then two and now we are able to celebrate in song throughout the Eucharist. Thanks be to God!!!

While we have been in isolation we still have been working on improvements in music. The first was the gift of that gorgeous Chickering grand piano from the Prices. It was built about the same time our church was started, so it was a fitting gift for our 150th Anniversary. Since receiving the piano we have had work done to regulate the keys for uniformity. We are trying to incorporate the piano in the service as much as possible.

The piano in Kennerly Hall has been a blessing when we had to celebrate inside this winter. Jane Longhurst gave that piano to us five years ago when she moved to assisted living in Nashville. It was her mother's piano. We are looking into getting a dolly for that instrument to make it safer and easier to move around in the room.

Along with maintaining those instruments we have our organ. It was updated in the 1960s and is in need of some work currently. Our senior warden, Joel Cunningham, Dr. Robbe Delcamp, Dennis Milnar (our organ tuner), Fr. Rob and I are investigating what would be needed, yet affordable, to improve the instrument. You will be hearing more from the committee going forward.

I am now able to invite guest musicians to take part in services again. In the next few weeks we will be hearing Tammy Hurd and William Yelverton solo for example. If anyone wishes to be play again, just let me know.

Probably the thing I missed most during the Pandemic was choral music. That makes me even more excited and thankful for Meghan Mazur forming an Easter choir for this Easter. We will meet at 7:30 on Wednesdays to prepare for Easter. I am hopeful we might be able to continue to prepare something for Pentecost as well. We are looking at something for our children musically that would fit into there schedules. It takes a commitment of the parents to get the children to rehearsal, so we need to know what is the best time. Also, this group would also sing for church services, so they need to be able to get to those as well. So, we will investigate. If you are interested, please let Meghan, the office, or I know. So we have been very busy in music behind the scenes.

It is so nice to be able to sing praises again. As we head into Easter week and Eastertide I hope you have a Holy Lent and a Triumphant Easter.

Work Day at Epiphany Church, Sherwod

A work day in Sherwood is scheduled for April 9 for work outdoors. Meet at St. Mark/St. Paul at 8:30. Questions? Get in touch with Tom Phelps, tphelps52@gmail.com or Deacon Betty, deacon@stmarkstpaul.org. If it rains —work day will be moved inside.



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.

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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 List: Prayer Requests: Paul Cahoon, Bill Davis, Sue Hawkins, Amanda Holmes, George Holmes, David Kearley, Rob Lamborn, George Lynch, John Noland, Paula Marshall, George Ramseur, Jennifer Sturgis Cummings, suffering from COVID-19, and the people of Ukraine.

April Birthdays



April: Beth Chamberlain 4 / 1 ; Christianna Taylor 4 / 1 ; Rod Smith 4 / 1 ; Paul Mazur 4 / 1 ; Eleanor Smith 4 / 2 ; Brown Patterson 4 / 8 ; Jack Howick 4 / 8 Curt Williams 4 / 9 ; Larson Heitzenrater 4 / 10 ; Andrew Thompson 4 / 10 ; Benjamin Rudd 4 / 10 ; Farris Ralston 4 / 11 ; Doris Carlisle 4 / 12 ; Alex Neubauer 4 / 13 ; Adam Tucker 4 / 13 ; Hubert Cook 4 / 13 ; Sarah Grace Burns 4 / 14 ; Peter Keeble 4 / 16 ; Ian Tucker 4 / 16 ; Joseph Gray 4 / 16 ; Anne Griffin 4 / 17 ; Everest Kitzrow 4 / 18 ; Carolyn O'Connor 4 / 19 ; Pamela Macfie 4 / 19 ; Gary Sturgis 4 / 19 ; Jeff Frazier 4 / 19 Andrew Hudgins 4 / 22 ; Maggie Rudd 4 / 22 ;

The mission of the Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul is

to worship God,
to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ,
to serve the world for which Christ died,
to educate and nurture our community,
and welcome all.

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