

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

June 2024

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**From the Rector-- When in our music God is glorified . . .**

On Pentecost we heard our adult and children's choirs sing for the last time this school year. As they have on a few other occasions this year, they sang together. "There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place," their voices proclaimed. Throughout the year our choirs have markedly enhanced our experience of the beauty of holiness in worship together.

A year ago neither of those two choirs was active. We have much to be thankful for in the ministries of Ken Miller with the adult choir and Meghan Mazur (fall semester) and Beth Sperry (spring semester) with the children's choir. After the 11:00 service on May 19 we gave thanks for Ken's ministry at a festive reception.

Choirs need more than directors; they require singers! I appreciate the time and effort devoted to rehearsals and services by the members of both choirs, and by the parents of children's choir members in arranging for their kids to participate. The children's choir also relies on the assistance of volunteer helpers, this semester principally Janet Cooper. Ken Miller will play at the Sunday service June 23; otherwise through the end of July we will have substitute organists.



**Incoming Organist/Choir Director Wyatt Poe** will start work here in August, and I am pleased to expand on his background so you can start to get to know him.

Wyatt graduated from Columbus State University's Schwob School of Music with a Bachelor's degree in Organ Performance in 2021. That year he won first prize in contemporary music and second prize in romantic music at the Charleston International Festival of Music. Wyatt has studied choral conducting privately, and has led or assisted in leading music at three Episcopal churches. He also has experience in children's music education, and will conduct the children's choir in addition to the adult choir. Wyatt will begin the General Track of the Master of Arts program at the School of Theology this fall. He will be joined in Sewanee by his partner, Carter, and two cats, Mister and Kylo. In addition to sacred music, Wyatt enjoys cooking, staying active, and playing all kinds of games.

### **Vestry Highlights**

#### **Regular meeting of May 16, 2024**

- Authorized funding to enter into a contract for a comprehensive review of the condition of parish facilities.
- Discussed a letter from Sewanee Children's Center about the need for air conditioner repair, and the Memorandum of Agreement between SCC and St. Mark & St. Paul.
- Reviewed a letter from members of the family of Dora Colmore related to the altar that bears her carvings and is currently located in the foyer of Brooks Hall.

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#### **Summer Worship Schedule**

During the months of June and July only, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at 8:30 and 10:00am. We will return to 8:30 and 11:00am in August.

#### **Feast of the Transfiguration**

Please mark your calendars to join other Episcopalians on the Mountain to celebrate Jesus' Transfiguration on the evening of Tuesday, August 6 at St. James' Church (Midway) Sewanee.

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#### **St. Mark & St. Paul in Pictures**



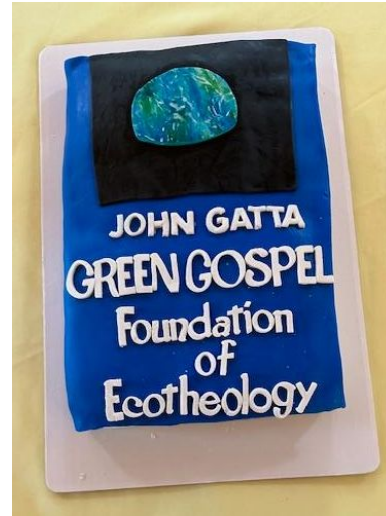


### A Tale of Two Benches

Turning an old tree into a rustic bench and dedicating a bench on the playground to Lula Burnett.



Tom Phelps received the Summa Cum Laude Community Service Award from the Sewanee Civic Association.



A confectionary celebration of the release of John Gatta's new book.

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### Office Hours for 2024

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

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

### Christian Formation

By Jeannie Babb, Director of Christian Formation  
[formation@stmarkstpaul.org](mailto:formation@stmarkstpaul.org) 423-255-6479 cell

### VB-U's 2024: Narnia on the Mountain

June 3rd-6th 5:00-7:00pm

Come step through the wardrobe! The Christian Formation Committee has chosen Narnia from the imagination of C. S. Lewis as the theme for this year's all-ages vacation Bible school. 2024 will be the 8th year of the program,

affectionately called VB-Us rather than VBS, which incorporates dinner and lectures with camp-style worship and children's activities like tie-dying and crafts.

Children will have tea with Mr. Tumnus, taste the White Witch's Turkish delight, and learn that Aslan is on the move! Youth will engage in skits, games, and tie-dying. Adults will be treated to lectures on the works of C.S. Lewis, and reflections by Brown Patterson on studying under the great author and theologian.

### ***VB-Us Wishlist***

Want to help us make this happen? We need volunteers in the kitchen; please contact Wendy Prothro Howard at [finance@stmarkstpaul.org](mailto:finance@stmarkstpaul.org)

To volunteer with children or teens, contact Jeannie at [formation@stmarkstpaul.org](mailto:formation@stmarkstpaul.org).

We also need ornaments/statues in the shape of animals or mythical creatures (no humans) to borrow for Wednesday night. Email [ormation@stmarkstpaul.org](mailto:ormation@stmarkstpaul.org) for more on this.



### **Honoring our Graduates**

*Congratulations to our 2024 Graduates!*

Owen Winkler, Pre-K

Max Leffler-Mitchell, 8th grade at South Middle School

Mary Ming Lynch, St. Andrews-Sewanee School

Wendy Prothro Howard, The School of Theology, MA in Religion in the Environment

On Sunday, May 5th, we prayed for these graduates and honored them during a special reception at Coffee Hour.



We recognized Michael Sturdy for completion of his time as our seminarian, and said a fond farewell to Giulianna Cappelletti Gray, who has offered her time as our Priest Associate since July, 2021. Giulianna was recently named Canon to the Ordinary for Congregational Leadership and Development for the Diocese of Indianapolis.

### **Rite 13**

Rite 13's academic year concluded with a year-end party on Sunday, May 19. Please see your email for details.

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."

The program is led by Hilary Bogert-Winkler, who is a priest, longtime youth leader, and assistant professor of liturgy at the seminary.

Rite 13 will start up again in the fall and is open to all youth in grades 6-8.

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### **Children's Formation**



#### **Godly Play**

Godly Play concluded with a Pentecost Party on May 19 at 9:45. After the party, the children processed into the 11:00 service with streamers.

It's been an amazing year in Godly Play! In Godly Play 1, the younger children learned the core stories and responded with art and play. This terrific, cohesive group grew closer to their teachers and one another.

In Godly Play 2, the children heard several saints' stories they have not heard before, thought about the saints in their lives, and considered their own place in that great assembly.

Thanks to all our wonderful children, their dedicated parents, and our wonderful crew of storytellers and doorkeepers:

Julia Bates  
Aaron Elrod  
Wendy Prothro Howard  
Cara Kitzrow  
Cheryl Lankhaar  
Barbara Prunty  
Beth Wiley





Please register online using this link or QR Code. Your registration helps us protect and care for your child.

<https://onrealm.org/StMarkStPaul/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=NWZjNjY2MTEtODJhZi00MTVhLTlmM2ltYjA1MzAwZjk4Zjhh>

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### **Nursery Notes**

Come play and learn with us! During the school year, Nursery is open from 8:15 to noon on Sunday mornings. During June and July, there is no Sunday School and nursery is open during the second service only. We meet on the playground when the weather is nice. In case of rain, nursery meets in the middle classroom downstairs in Sewanee Children's Center.

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. Diana Rung is Nursery Caregiver. Our Substitute Caregivers Olivia Merritt, Patricia (Cuca) Ramirez-Miranda and Fernando Totti recently graduated. We will miss them!

*We are looking to add two more Substitute Caregivers. Please speak to Jeannie or Cara if interested.*



Please register your child for Nursery online:

<https://onrealm.org/StMarkStPaul/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=ZDk4ODBiZWQxNWQxOC00NjM0LWJhMmUtYjA1MzAwZmY1MTdi>

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.

*We have openings for more caregivers who live locally and are able to serve during summers and holidays. Please talk with Jeannie or Cara if that describes you!*

### **Youth Sunday School**

Youth Sunday School is on hiatus until this fall. We look forward to reopening in September, so stay tuned for exciting news to come!

## **Sunday Forum**

We just closed out a fascinating year in Sunday Forum, with the theme Creating in God's Image. I hope you were able to join us for many of these terrific talks! Sunday Forum will resume August 25th with a brand new theme considering nature from a spiritual perspective.

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### **Centering Prayer**

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](mailto:jmichael@sewanee.edu)

### **Education for Ministry**

by EfM Mentor Wendy Prothro Howard

The EfM seminar meets on Monday nights from 6:30 until 9:00 in the Hethcock Room. We are a vivacious group of nine (seven women and two men) covering all 4 years of the EfM program: Year 1 studies the Hebrew Bible, Year 2 studies the New Testament, Year 3 studies the History of Christianity, and Year 4 studies contemporary theology of the Episcopal tradition.

Participants from all four years reflect upon various concerns from their readings, the relationship of those themes between each of the four years, and the implications of the theme in today's world. We reflect on these themes through four different perspectives- experience, society (culture), tradition (Episcopal Church), and personal beliefs. The goal of EfM is to deepen faith and to discover expressions of that faith in service to others.

EfM will open for new students in Fall, 2024.

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The Community Action Committee is an outreach program of St. Mark & St. Paul, which serves our neighbors in need. Our doors are open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM for people to shop in our food pantry, and ask for utility payment assistance. We serve about 60 families a month, and are always in need of food and nonfood (cleaning supplies, paper products, hygiene items, etc.) items to keep our shelves stocked. Donations are always welcomed, especially on the first Sunday of every month for CAC Pantry Sunday.

CAC had a full month full of serving our neighbors, packing meals, and celebrating our seniors at the last Community Meal of the semester!

If you are interested in learning more about CAC, and how you can help, please contact Sarah at [cac@stmarkstpaul.org](mailto:cac@stmarkstpaul.org).

Kitchen 2 Table is a CAC program that takes unused portions of food from the Sewanee Dining Hall and repackages them into microwavable meals. On average, each month CAC receives about 600 pounds of food and creates 500 meals.



Students Mary Margaret and Price, are busy packing meals during one of our Wednesday evening Kitchen 2 Table sessions. Please reach out if you are interested in helping with this program or working in the food pantry!



CAC hosted its final Community Meal of the semester on Friday, April 26th! We are so thankful for everyone who joined us for the delicious lunch prepared by our students. We also had the opportunity to say thank you to our graduating seniors, Emma (third from the left) and Zoe (unpictured). We wish them well as they are off on their next adventures!

We are grateful for all the wonderful work our Bonner and Canale students do at CAC. We look forward to welcoming them back in the fall, and hope to see everyone at the Community Meal in September!





## All Voices Choir is back!

Every other Wednesday a group of adults from Exceptional Enterprise gather to sing in Kennerly Hall. By God's grace their disabilities do not stop their singing and making a joyful song to the Lord.

As the group arrives some in wheelchairs, some on walkers they quickly settle in the rows of chairs and the music begins. Ann Seiters plays the piano from a long list of songs everyone knows and Elizabeth Koella sings and plays the ukulele. What happens next is magical. If you love to sing you have a place in the choir.

This outreach ministry is another example of the hospitality of the Parish of St. Mark and St. Paul.



**COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP**

**HOSTS NEEDED**



## 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**

As our regular year comes to an end and we all look forward to the changes that summer brings, the volunteers of the Altar Guild wish to thank you all for your support in our various endeavors throughout the liturgical seasons. We have an awesome team of people including Robin and Julia Bates, Barbara Prunty,

Beth Wiley, Bruce McMillan and Co-Chairpersons Lynda Gotko and Dorothy Gates.

As always, if you are interested and perhaps have more time in the summer to serve God in a different way, the Altar Guild would certainly welcome you. Just notify the church office and we will be glad to answer any questions/concerns you may have regarding this.

Thanks again for your continued support,  
Lynda Gotko and Dorothy Gates, Co-Chairs

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Sewanee, TN 37375  
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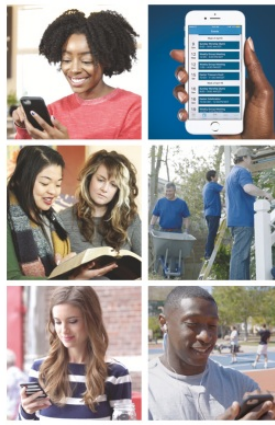
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Call the Church Office at 931-598-5926.

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**Prayer Requests:** Peggy Bonds, Lisa Cantrell, Corky Carlisle, Bill Davis, Margaret Edsall, Ray Gotko, Pat Kirby, Mike Mattei, Shawn O'Neil, Geraldine Piccard, Julian Price, Rachel Roberts, Jean Stell, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Lauryl Tucker, and the people of Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

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## May Birthdays



Betty Carpenter 5/2; Reinhard Zachau 5/4;  
Elizabeth Taylor 5/5; Leigh Preston 5/6;  
Catherine Sturdy 5/7; Kelly Kietzke 5/9;  
Lee Howick 5/10; Carolyn Bruce 5/11;  
Hunter Craighill 5/15; Lewenhardt Kitzrow 5/15;  
Bill Mauzy 5/18; Randy Peterson 5/19;  
Mamie O'Neal 5/19; Linda Lankewicz 5/21; Martha  
Keeble 5/23; Aaron Willis 5/28; Julie Elrod 5/30;  
Gregory McNair 5/30; Christine Asmussen 5/31; Ed Hawkins 5/31;

## June Birthdays



Lee Stapleton 6/1; Wendy Howard 6/2;  
Matthew Mitchell 6/2; Pierce Myers 6/4;  
Cheryl Lankhaar 6/4; Ann McNair 6/4;  
Lynda Gotko 6/6; Maxwell (Max) Leffler-  
Mitchell 6/6; John Willis 6/7;  
James Woodard 6/11; Julian Elrod 6/12;  
Robin Bates, 6/12; Alec Moseley 6/14;  
Annette Smith 6/16; Kat Carpenter 6/16;  
John McCardell 6/17; Helen Wilson 6/18;  
Janet Cooper 6/24; Kyle Gallagher 6/25;  
Alex Hoole 6/26; Jerry White 6/30



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