

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

March 2025



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### **From the Rector: A different way of being**

My theology professor, Bob Hughes, used to remind us that the chief source of beauty inside a church building is our fellow worshippers. In a world where the transactional seems increasingly valued over the relational, gathering for worship is a bold statement of a different value system. We come together not for any gain in money or status, but because we love God and each other! In a world where consumerism is the prevailing assumption, it is counter-cultural to invest ourselves based not on we get out of it but on how it serves others. Yet human beings find their deepest fulfillment not in getting everything they want, but in understanding their lives have deeper meaning and participate in a larger purpose. As a Christian, I believe this is because we

are made in the image of God.

As the season of Lent draws to a close and we prepare to celebrate Christ's Resurrection, I invite you to reflect on your life's meaning and purpose. How much of your day is spent pursuing them, as opposed to artificially-induced needs or keeping up with what society expects? The upcoming liturgies of Holy week are an excellent framework for such reflections.

As a foreign embassy is sovereign territory of the country it represents, your church is an embassy of the Kingdom of God. Sometimes that is easy to forget, but as we experience the greatest expressions of God's love and power over the coming weeks, may we not just be reminded but reassured of that reality. Here we live out our true purpose to love God and neighbor, a practice that saturates the entirety our lives the more we make it a habit. That love then can't help but spill out beyond us, compassionately extending healing into God's world.

### **Holy Week & Easter schedule**

*The Reconciliation of a Penitent (Confession) is available by appointment with the clergy.*

***Palm Sunday***, April 13 at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Both services begin in front of Brooks Hall (weather permitting).

***Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in Holy Week*** April 14, 15 and 16

Holy Eucharist at 5:00pm

***Maundy Thursday***, April 17 Holy Eucharist, Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar, 5:00 pm

***Good Friday***, April 18 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 20

Festival Holy Eucharist at 8:30 and 11:00am

Easter Egg hunt at 10:30

Celebratory coffee hour following the 11:00 service.





The campaign has gone very well and the time to wrap it up is approaching soon. We are grateful to have received 66 3-year pledges so far, as well as 14 intentions of planned (estate) gifts. If you haven't yet pledged, you're warmly invited to do so by April 10 in advance of our announcement of the totals on April 13. (If you need a copy of the materials, please contact Parish Administrator Dan Amundson at [admin@stmarkstpaul.org](mailto:admin@stmarkstpaul.org) or 931-598-5926.)



### **Vestry Highlights (March regular meeting):**

- Accepted, with deep regret, the resignation of Michael Thompson, who is transferring to St. John the Baptist in Battle Creek.
- Received the report of Treasurer Beth Wiley that the Investment Committee selected the Episcopal Church Foundation to manage our new parish endowment.
- Heard an update from Capital Campaign Chair Jay Fisher including, follow-up provisions and plans to announce the total on April 13.
- Adopted a resolution to move the principal of the Wolfe Endowment to benefit those in need from the (Tennessee) Episcopal Endowment Corporation to the Episcopal Church Foundation.

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### **A Busy Month at St. Mark & St. Paul!**

March was very busy around campus with Our Hope for Years to Come campaign activities (see above), Mardi Gras (see below, Lenten meals, Thursday Eucharist and so much more. It was so busy that some activities had to share space like this Wednesday, when CAC Kitchen to Table volunteers packed meals while Christian Formation volunteers prepared the meal for the Lent Soup and Learning program.



The Rev. Annwn Myers led the first program in the **Lent Soup and Learning: Lord, Let me Know My End, "Facing mortality with wisdom and grace"** series.

Liam, our Seminarian, led a Lent Quiet morning session to start the season for us.



You've probably noticed the increased presence of our wonderful acolytes as more of our



Lent at St. Mark and St. Paul was not just contemplation, worship and education, there



Then there was the amazing work day when 18 volunteers turned



young people are joining the ranks to serve on Sunday morning. Cayleigh and Seanna Mainord, and Drew Richaud before an 8:30 service.



Others cleaned up and spruced up planting beds around Kennerly Hall and the church.

was also a lot of work done on campus. We had two trees removed that posed a hazard.



Varnishing the entrance door of Claiborne Hall and repairing the window trim were also on the "to do" list.

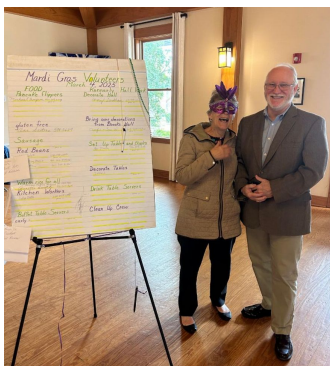
out. With stain and varnish in hand, some refurbished the entrance to Kennerly hall.



Workday participants: Liam Nieman, Jaxon Rudder, Erin Nieman, Rob Lamborn, Mary Priestley, Grace Waechter, John Gatta, Betty Barton Blythe, Robin Bates, Beth Wiley, and Betty Carpenter. Not pictured: Dan Amundson, Steve Blount, Jimmy Blythe, Jr. Warden Dorothy Gates, Alec Moseley, and Jake Reams.

## Parish Life

Spring is finally here! We closed out winter with a fantastic Mardi Gras celebration, and Liz Camp's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday!



Mardi Gras depends upon the volunteers.



And what would Mardi Gras be without the music! The Sewanee Conglomerate kept us all entertained.



What a crowd we had, when the party started.



Liz Camp's 95th Birthday



## Christian Formation

By Jeannie Babb, Director of Christian Formation  
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### Collecting Easter Eggs

We are collecting eggs for the annual parish Easter Egg Hunt! Please leave plastic candy-filled eggs on the pew between the Godly Play rooms. If you have boiled and dyed eggs to donate, please bring those by 10:00am on Easter Sunday.

### Easter Egg Hunt



The egg hunt will begin on Easter Sunday (April 20) at precisely 10:30am. There will be separate areas and times for different age groups from babies through middle schoolers. Please gather for instructions on the sidewalk in front of Brooks Hall (the large house on the church yard). Don't be late, or your child may miss the fun! It goes very quickly.

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## Sunday School for All Ages

With 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:

### Nursery Notes

Come play and learn with us! During the school year, Nursery is open from 8:15 to noon on Sunday mornings. 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. 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.

### Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will continue through Pentecost (June 1). We will combine classes for April 6, Palm Sunday (April 13), and Pentecost. There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday.

**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.

**Godly Play 2** offers children in grades 1-3 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, maybe playground.

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Class** takes children in grades 4 and 5 beyond Godly Play. This class meets in the Hethcock Room, and is brand new this year. For the last several weeks, this class has been designing a lesson and prayer service to share with the other grades. After the April 6 presentation, students will be writing their own 'code of life' based on 10 Best Ways and "Love Your Neighbor."

**Youth Sunday School** offers middle schoolers and high schoolers a time to encounter God and get to know one another. We loosely follow a curriculum

called Weaving God's Promises, with lots of leeway for learning about the church year and capturing teachable moments. This group is deeply involved in the life of church, from acolyting to seasonal events like pageants and Annual Meeting. Led by Paul and Andrea Richaud, the young people meet upstairs in Brooks Hall. It's a great group, including kids from three different schools and homeschool. There's always room for more!



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=NWZjNjY2MTEtODJhZi00MTVklTlmM2ltYjA1MzAwZjk4Zjhh>

**Sunday Forum** will continue through May 4th, closing with special guest speaker Christopher Bryan, who will join us via Zoom. 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.



# THIS FRAGILE EARTH, OUR ISLAND HOME

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 in Kennerly Hall  
Parish of St. Mark & St. Paul

## Sunday Forum: January-March, 2024

Jan 5	Scott Lee	Guess Who's Buried in the Basilica Basement?
Jan 12	Rob Lamborn	Rector's Forum
Jan 19		MLK Event
Jan 26		Special Forum to be announced
Feb 2	Rob Lamborn	Rector's Forum
Feb 9	Becky Wright	Can the Prophets Teach Us Anything about the Natural World?
Feb 16	Jim Peters	J.R.R. Tolkien and the Value of Birds
Feb 23	Elise Kikis	Human Health, Aging, & the Environment
Mar 2	Rob Lamborn	Rector's Forum
Mar 9	Mary Priestley	Embracing the Seasons with Mary Oliver
Mar 16	Michael Sturdy	Bishop Mackenzie, I Presume: The Christian Heritage in Malawi
Mar 23	Bran Potter	The Fragile Earth through the Lens of Music and Lyric
Mar 30	Andrea Sanders	Reflecting on the Sabbath and This Fragile Earth, with Wendell Berry and Other Writers
April 6	John Bauerschmidt	Bishop's Visit
April 13 & 20	Palm Sunday Easter Sunday	No Forum
April 27	TBD	Rector's Forum
May 4	Christopher Bryan	Mary of Nazareth

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... and more to come, April-May

### Rite 13

by Hilary Bogert-Winkler

This July, the Rite-13 group will be heading on a mission trip with the Appalachian Service Project.

To help raise money for this effort, the youth will be hosting a hot dog lunch on Sunday, May 4, after the 11:00 service. The suggested donation is \$10/person. Please support our efforts to help those in need in Southern Appalachia! If you have any questions, or would like to know how else you can help, please reach out to Hilary Bogert-Winkler ([hbwchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hbwchurch@gmail.com))

As a reminder, Rite-13 is for youth currently in grades 6-9, and we meet from 4-6 in Brooks Hall every Sunday evening. Leaders are Hilary Bogert-Winkler ([hbwchurch@gmail.com](mailto:hbwchurch@gmail.com)) and Aaron Elrod.

### Tuesday Lectionary Class

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.

### **"An Empty Chair" Grief Support Group**

The grief support group, led by Tom Gildemeister, continues Mondays at 4:00pm in the Hethcock Room. Tom is a retired Methodist minister who is new-again to Sewanee; he is pursuing an MFA at the School of Letters. For more information on the group, email Tom at [tgildem@gmail.com](mailto:tgildem@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:jmichael@sewanee.edu).

### **Education for Ministry**

by EfM Mentor Wendy Prothro Howard

EfM is a four year program of study which explores a wider concept of ministry by examining life through a theological lens. Participants from all four years, divided by their topic of study (Year 1- Hebrew Bible, Year 2 -New Testament, Year 3-History of Christianity, and Year 4- Contemporary Theology) 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. Reflection on these themes is perceived through four different perspectives- experience, 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.

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Every EfM class opens and closes with a devotion led by one participant each week, the photo shows Ross (Year 1) singing a favorite hymn.

Or **photo byline- Ross leading devotion at EfM.**

Twice a year, EfM participates in two group- wide book studies. In January, we held a retreat with the Sisters of the Community of St. Mary. In April, we will hold our retreat in the newly renovated EfM conference room in Hamilton Hall at the School of Theology.



Registration for 2025-2026, **including a newly revised curriculum celebrating 50 years of EfM,** will take place in late summer.

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### 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 pick out groceries in 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.



### The Need At CAC

Thank you to everyone who supported the Community Action Committee through the Non-Food Supply Drive hosted by the Sewanee Civic Association. This drive is always an exciting time of year for CAC as it brings in much needed items to support the food pantry. The food pantry is more than just food, we strive to include personal care items, hygiene products, and household supplies in one's shopping experience. These items are a grave cost to our neighbors in need, and not covered by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. As Katie Martin writes in her book, *Reinventing Food Banks and Pantries* :

*It is important to recognize that if people are in need of food, they also need help with household products such as toilet paper, cleaning supplies, diapers, laundry detergent, feminine products, and so on. These are often expensive items, and you can't use SNAP dollars to purchase them because SNAP can only be used to purchase food. These items are not only necessary but help us feel human.*

People often ask, "Sarah, what are the most needed items at CAC?" The

most common requests we receive are for: dish soap, toilet paper, laundry detergent, baby diapers, period products, and adult underwear. CAC has considerable access to food through the Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee, but our connection to personal care and household items is not so vast. These items are constantly needed at CAC throughout the year, not just during the one week supply drive. If you are able, please consider picking up an extra item to donate to CAC during your next Costco or grocery store run. All donations make a difference for our neighbors in need.



### **Spring Community Meals**

We have loved seeing everyone at the community meals this semester! The community meals bring our students so much joy, and we hope everyone will enjoy the meals this semester. The final meal of the semester will be on Friday, April 25th at 12:00 PM. We encourage everyone to join us for good food and fellowship!

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](mailto:cac@stmarkstpaul.org).







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## 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

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

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

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

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### **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.**

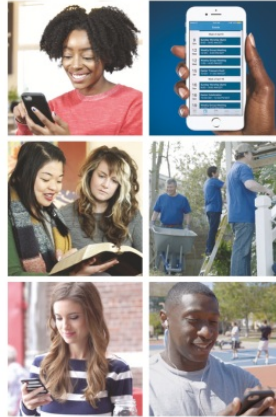
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Our church management software has expanded capabilities to help parishioners get connected and stay that way. You can easily update your personal information, see the status of your giving, and set up online one-time or recurring electronic giving. 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, Julia Bates, Peggy Bonds, Steve Burnett, Corky Carlisle, Margaret Edsall, Brady Hall, Anita Larson, Kirkland Leonard, Mary Ming, Mike Mattei, Brenda Matthews, Waring McCrady, Elizabeth Nolan, Tom Phelps, Kimberley Price Reid, Rachel Roberts, Jean Stell, Evelyn Taylor, Freddy Tucker, Myron Van de Ven, Kim Zabbia, the people of Gaza, Israel, Kursk, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan, Syria, and Ukraine



## March Birthdays

Dorothy Gates 3/2, Mary Blount 3/7,  
George Chamberlain 3/8, Luke Winkler  
3/10, Elizabeth Mills 3/11, Paul Wiley 3/13,  
Marguerite Lloyd 3/13, Tom Macfie 3/14,  
Bran Potter 3/14, Janet Graham 3/18,  
Emmelia Leffler-Mitchell 3/19, Eleanor  
Leffler-Mitchell 3/19, Julian Price 3/20,  
Sawyer Mainord 3/20, Ann Seiders 3/23,  
Paul Richaud 3/26, Chris Asmussen 3/27,  
Ren Elrod 3/29, Christian Taylor 3/30,  
Frieda Hawkins 3/30, Doug Seiders 3/31,  
Thomas Phelps 3/31

## Office Hours for 2025

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

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

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