



THE LION'S PAUSE



Greetings!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Frankly Speaking

Each Easter Season, I return to Wendell Berry's admonition to practice resurrection. I encourage you to ponder the excerpt below from his poem *Manifesto* as we celebrate the 50 days of Easter and consider our life together as a parish committed to loving and serving God and neighbor. I pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire each of us to "do something every day that won't compute" except as an expression of love.

"Manifesto: The Mad Farmer Liberation Front" by Wendell Berry

*Love the quick profit, the annual raise,
vacation with pay. Want more
of everything ready-made. Be afraid
to know your neighbors and to die.
And you will have a window in your head.
Not even your future will be a mystery
any more. Your mind will be punched in a card
and shut away in a little drawer.
When they want you to buy something
they will call you. When they want you
to die for profit they will let you know.
So, friends, every day do something
that won't compute. Love the Lord.
Love the world. Work for nothing.
Take all that you have and be poor.
Love someone who does not deserve it.*

....

*Ask the questions that have no answers.
Invest in the millennium. Plant sequoias.
Say that your main crop is the forest
that you did not plant,
that you will not live to harvest.
Say that the leaves are harvested
when they have rotted into the mold.
Call that profit. Prophecy such returns.
Put your faith in the two inches of humus
that will build under the trees
every thousand years.
Listen to carrion – put your ear
close, and hear the faint chattering*

*of the songs that are to come.
Expect the end of the world. Laugh.
Laughter is immeasurable. Be joyful
though you have considered all the facts.*

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*Go with your love to the fields.
Lie down in the shade. Rest your head
in her lap. Swear allegiance
to what is nighest your thoughts.
As soon as the generals and the politicians
can predict the motions of your mind,
lose it. Leave it as a sign
to mark the false trail, the way
you didn't go. Be like the fox
who makes more tracks than necessary,
some in the wrong direction.
Practice resurrection.*

FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN

Greetings St. Mark's!

In case you have noticed a few empty pews where Vestry members typically sit, it is not because the Vestry has abandoned you. In fact, our team is working hard to visit a handful of other Episcopal parishes in the Diocese that have recently transitioned to a new rector. Some have full time rectors while others have part time arrangements. We seek to a better understand how all of these arrangements are working and what impact they have on parish life.

Once we complete our visits, we will be communicating our findings to the parish in two formats:

- 1) During the 8am and 10am services **this Sunday**, April 29th, a few of our Vestry members will share some of their experiences.
- 2) We will be holding three interactive conversations after the 10am service on April 29th, May 6th, and May 13th.

The Vestry expects to make a decision in June about the best option for our future rector arrangement. Then, we will provide details on the next steps in the search process which will include congregational meetings and the development of a search committee.

We will continue to keep the congregation notified of our progress and are happy to answer any questions about this process.

Your Senior Warden,
Derek Gordon



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**This Week's Bicentennial Prayer
comes from:
St. John the Baptist Church
Bowling Green**

Lord God Almighty,
as we embark upon the third century
of the Diocese of Ohio,
we pray for strength, wisdom,
and courage to do your will in the world.

We thank you, Lord , for our gifts,
and for all that you provide.

We ask for your guidance as we move forward
in doing your ministry.

In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Notable *Music this Sunday*

Former parish musician Bruce Schutrum will preside at the organ and direct the choir in our music commemorating both St. Mark and capturing the joy of the Easter season. Our Interim Rector lists as one of her favorites George Herbert's "The Call" in Vaughan Williams' setting.



United Thank Offering Sunday

On Sunday, May 13th, St. Mark's encourages your participation in the United Thank Offering. Twice yearly - in fall and in spring - we, along with many throughout the Episcopal Church, designate one Sunday especially for this ministry. Through participation, the UTO helps enable us to nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. UTO is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion. Thank you!
To sign up for the UTO newsletter and learn more about UTO, visit [here](#).

Coming Soon

Upcoming Events



Thursday, April 26th:

National Conversation Week
Conversations, 6-8pm

Sunday, April 29th:

St. Mark's Day, 8am and 10am
Cooking School Discussion, 9:15am
Vestry Conversation, 11:30am

Wednesday, May 2nd:

Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
Study Group, 10:30am
Noonday Eucharist
Vestry, 6:00pm

Office Notes:

Katie will be working Thursday, May 10th and out Friday, May 11th.



Rogation Sunday: May 6th

We celebrate our stewardship of creation

Animal Blessings at the 10am Service
which will be held in the Parish Hall

Please bring your live animals on leashes, in crates, bowls, cages or carriers. Stuffed animals and pictures of animals who cannot travel will also be blessed.



Cooking School Starting to Sizzle:

Please join us this Sunday, **April 29th, at 9:15 AM** in the Library to discuss our goals and make plans for the future. Tentatively, our first gathering will be to cook for our ill or home bound parishioners and stock our freezer.

We will chose a date on April 29th to come together in community and cook for a few hours.

For any questions call Rhonda Warren or Carol Popovich.

Prayer
Concerns

Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill,

Peg Hill, Susan

Family and Friends: Baby John Willoughby, Dwaine Stanley, Doug King, Gabe Russo (Cousin of Kate Cerrone-Arnold), Jim Mesko (Friend of Jim Weaver), Edna Glinsky (Aunt of Pam McCarthy), Joe Stevens (Friend of Pam McCarthy), The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons), Justine Grosick and daughters (friends of the Mulls), Paul Howell (son of Carol Popovich), the Shafer Family, Mike Fox (friend of Boyds), Layna (friend of Boyds), The Moore Family, The Latora Family, Marge Thorley, Judy McIlvaine, Erin

For all those serving in the armed forces.

Jake Binder - Korea (2018) Husband of Amanda Hines Binder

For all those who have died.

Betty Traganza, Peg Pilz,
Rook (grandson of Mary Ellen, daughter of John and Mary Kohler, one of the founding members of St. Mark's.)

-Please share updates with Bobbi Gordon.-

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for specific needs of those on the prayer chain. If you would like to place yourself or a loved one on the prayer chain, please contact Bobbi Gordon at ggordon24@sbcglobal.net

Please note, prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Sunday bulletin's Prayer Concerns, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.

Happy Birthday!

April Birthdays

1st: Marcia Kiesling
2nd: Delaney Ryan
4th: James Pilz
9th: Tom Temelkoff
10th: Barbara Whitehouse
12th: Susie Hines
13th: Sally Little
18th: Joan Werren
21st: Kim Nadel
24th: Leigh Wilson
26th: Sandi Kaustinen
27th: Karen Violand

Thankful *Thursdays*

Thank you for helping fill the Schreiber School pantry shelves! We've sent home loads to each family in January, February and a larger load at the end of March before Spring Break! We plan to send home a load in April and early May as well as a larger load with some vouchers at the end of May before school is out for summer. Thank you!



Items Sought:

- Pasta

- Tomato or Spaghetti Sauce (no glass please)
- Hamburger helper or similar
- Boxed rice or rice meals mixes
- Canned Tuna Fish or Chicken
- Canned vegetables
- Fruit (in plastic containers or cans)
- Applesauce (no glass please)
- Jelly (no glass please)
- Oatmeal, granola bars or cereal

Thank you for your generosity!

Upcoming *Servers*

Servers this Sunday, April 29th:

Acolytes, 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes, 10:00am: Joe Hoot, Lauren Hoot, Karen Violand,
Colin Jenkins, Alexis Wilson

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Bob Kennedy

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Bruce Hixon, Rhonda Warren

Ushers: Richard Crawl, Wayne Paradis, Kirk Bletzacker

Altar Guild 10:00am: Rhonda Warren

If you are unable to serve, please try to find a sub as soon as possible and notify the office. Thank you!

Yours in Christ,
St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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