

Saint Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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The Lion's Pause

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Rector's Ramblings

I have just returned from Tulsa, OK where I visited my parents, and sister and brother-in-law. Before I left for the trip, I told one of my neighbors that I was going to visit my family. When he goes away for any length of time, he tells me as well. We keep an eye on things for each other. He commented on the fact that I was “going home.”

His assumption was natural. If I was going to visit my parents, I must be going home. However, it did not mean what he thought it meant. I did not grow up in Tulsa. I grew up in a small town in Colorado, but I no longer have any family in that town. Even my closest friends from childhood no longer live there. When I drove through the town a couple of years ago, I had some feelings of nostalgia, but it did not feel like home. I showed CJ the schools I attended, the church where my family were members, and the house I grew up in. We even went to the A&W where I had one of my first jobs. In spite of my history there, that town did not feel like home. If anything, it felt like a museum.

Tulsa felt much more like home. My parents and sister are there. There are people who love me, and people whom I love. This was the first time I have seen my parents' house since they moved from Williamsburg, VA at about the same time I came to Canton. Even though I had never seen the house before, it still felt like home.

Returning to Canton and St. Mark's after the trip is also like coming home. There are people whom I love, and people who love me here. When St. Paul wrote to various churches, he often called them brothers [and sisters]. Paul had homes all over the Mediterranean. There were people he loved and people who loved him throughout the region. Our heart's yearning for home is, in a sense, a yearning for the Kingdom of Heaven. That is the ultimate place where we find people who love us, and people whom we love.

Fr. RJ

A few photos of our Celebration of New Ministry! Many thanks to Bill Rand for the photos, Fr. Paul Gaston for his return to St. Mark's, Bruce Hixon for his careful planning, Carol Popovich for crafting delicious food, and to everyone who contributed to make this event so special.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Eucharist, May 1

8 and 10 a.m.

Sunday School at 10 a.m.

Bible Study at 9 a.m.

[Lessons](#)

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Wednesday, May 4

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m. (Zoom)

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including swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, fishing, campfires, and field games. The Bellwether Farm staff is invested in the life of every camper, seeking to inspire future generations to become passionate leaders in the world around them. **Registration is now available!**

Bob's Music Notes

The arrival of the Hammond organ in 1935 was not welcomed by the pipe organ community. The organ guild magazine wouldn't even call it an "organ." They named it "electrotone." The Federal Trade Commission was asked to dissuade Hammond from calling it an organ, so a demo was arranged at the University of Chicago chapel, and - amazingly, the panel couldn't tell the difference, so Hammond could advertise its product as, indeed, an "organ."



My regular visits to the Stieff Piano studio in Baltimore which had the Hammond franchise continued. As Christmas approached, they put a Hammond in their show window connected to massive speakers on the fourth floor positioned at open windows to project the sound all over Howard Street downtown, and they asked me to be one of the players. The original Hammonds had no internal speakers. A tone cabinet was required to make the instrument heard. But the player sitting in the window couldn't hear what was being played since the sound was coming out four stories above, so headphones were provided. After I played one day someone, noting the headphones, said how sad he was that I was deaf! A sign in the window noted that I was a Peabody student - which was to get me in a bit of trouble.



May Birthdays

2 Benjamin Clark

9 Chris Arnold

10 Dave Kiesling, Jan Hudson

12 Jane King

15 Derek Gordon

19 Connor Pelger

24 Justin Crowl

Prayer Concerns

Fred Gibbs, Jim Weaver, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes

Family and Friends: Jimmy Little (Sue Little's son); Nancy Sauer (friend of Diana Cornell); Jerry Giammarco (cousin of Gary Giammarco); Lynn McBride (Beth Crowl's father); Lenny Reich (acquaintance of the Hixons); Kahmario Coleman (family friend of the Hudson family), Aurora (friend of the Gordons); Matt Gagnon (assistant principal at Oakwood Middle School), Theresa & Addelyn (friends of Judy Hixon); Yanette Pysher (Vonda Temerkoff's cousin); Sandy Snyder, & the Fulton family (friend and relatives of the Rands); Lynnda Hoefler (friends of Sue Little); Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister); Tony Donahue & Beth Conley (friends of Cricket Boyd); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Terry L. (friend of Pam McCarthy); Lesley & Holly (friends of Paulette Frech); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Baby David (friend of the Schaub's); Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell); Sullivan & Guzman families & Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the Mulls); Johnny Willoughby (grandson of the Willoughbys); Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For those who have died.

For those in the armed forces.

PRAYER CHAIN:

St. Mark's has a group of prayer warriors who pray for the 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

Prayer requests may be placed on the private Prayer Chain or on the Prayer Concerns list appearing in The Lion's Pause and Sunday bulletin or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference. Unless otherwise instructed, names will be listed as we receive them. Please update Bobbi or Katie on the status of your friends or family members as to when they may be removed from the prayer lists.

Contact Us:

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