

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

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Friday, June 11, is the commemoration of St. Barnabas, who played a critical role in the life of our patron saint, St. Mark.

The first mention of Barnabas is found in Acts 4:36-37, "Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means 'Son of Encouragement'), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet." This was the common practice of the church at that particular time. Every member of the church shared everything in common, and the apostles distributed the resources to every member of the church as they needed it.

Later, Barnabas, the "Son of Encouragement", lived up to his name after the conversion of St. Paul. Paul, formerly known as Saul, had been a zealous persecutor of the church. He had overseen the first recorded martyrdom of the church when St. Stephen was stoned to death. After his conversion, the people of the church in Jerusalem were less than eager to welcome Paul. They were not sure that his conversion was authentic.

Barnabas went to speak with Paul, and was convinced that his conversion was authentic. Barnabas took Paul to the apostles in Jerusalem and encouraged them to embrace him. In Acts 9:27, it is recorded, "But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus."



Finally, we come to the role that Barnabas played in the life of Mark. Paul and Barnabas had been on a missionary journey on which Mark had been a companion. We are not told exactly what transpired, but part way through the journey, Mark felt compelled to leave the group. Later, when Paul was setting off on another missionary journey, Barnabas suggested that Mark accompany them again. Paul refused to take Mark, so Paul set off with Silas, and Barnabas took Mark on a different mission. The dispute over Mark is recorded in Acts 15.

Barnabas believed in the redemptive work of Christ and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. He was willing to forgive past failures and give people another chance. This is a quality that the church desperately needs. We need to allow people to grow into the redemptive work that God is doing in their lives.

**Fr. RJ**

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## **Online Giving**

The Diocese has continued to offer easy online giving through their website during this pandemic. To use this, please select "St. Mark's Canton" from the dropdown, and choose either a one-time or recurring gift. We thank you for your continued support.

**Designate a Gift to St.  
Mark's**

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## **Meal Train**

Do you enjoy cooking and have an interest in being part of St. Mark's Meal Train ministry? We could use volunteers to add to our team!

Are you in need of home-cooked meals delivered to your home?

If so, please contact:

**Beth Bletzacker, Meal Train Coordinator**

[KirkAndBeth@yahoo.com](mailto:KirkAndBeth@yahoo.com)

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## Anti-Racism Training

Anti-Racism training is required for all individuals in elected and appointed Diocesan positions, and it is also open to all members of the Diocese. The Commission for Racial Justice will offer this two-day training on **June 11 and 12** from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. both days. The training will be held on Zoom.

The cost of the training materials is covered by the Diocese of Ohio. You must commit to attending the full sessions and to doing the off-line work.

**Registration** is required. For additional information, please email the Rev. Margaret D'Anieri at [mdanieri@dohio.org](mailto:mdanieri@dohio.org).

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## Ukulele Day at Bellwether Farm

Join Ukulele aficionado Chelsie Cree for a day of celebrating the ukulele on **June 26**. The fields and forests of Bellwether Farm will provide an excellent backdrop for making music together.

The morning will consist of warming up, refreshing, and practicing together. After a farm-to-table lunch, players will enjoy a play-along of familiar and new tunes. Simple music will be sent in advance, and all age 10 and up and all skill levels are welcome to join this fun and relaxing day of music and community.

**Registration** is required.

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## Directory Update

We will soon be printing hard copies of our directory. If you have not already done so, please confirm your details and upload a photo. You can view the most recent edits [here](#).

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## Upcoming:

**Wednesday, June 9**

Evening Prayer

[Bulletin](#)

## [Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 990 9853 4405

Passcode: 148950

### **Saturday, June 12**

Altar Guild Meeting, 10 a.m.

### **Sunday, June 13**

Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m.

In-Person and Live Stream (*inside*)

[Lessons](#)

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[Live Stream](#)

### **Monday, June 14**

Knitting, 1 p.m.

Book Club, 7 p.m.

*I Heard the Owl Call My Name* by Margaret Craven

### **Wednesday, June 16**

MOD Squad, John's Bar and Grill

*Fr. RJ will be out of the office June 18-25. Anne Coen will be leading Morning Prayer and preaching on June 20.*

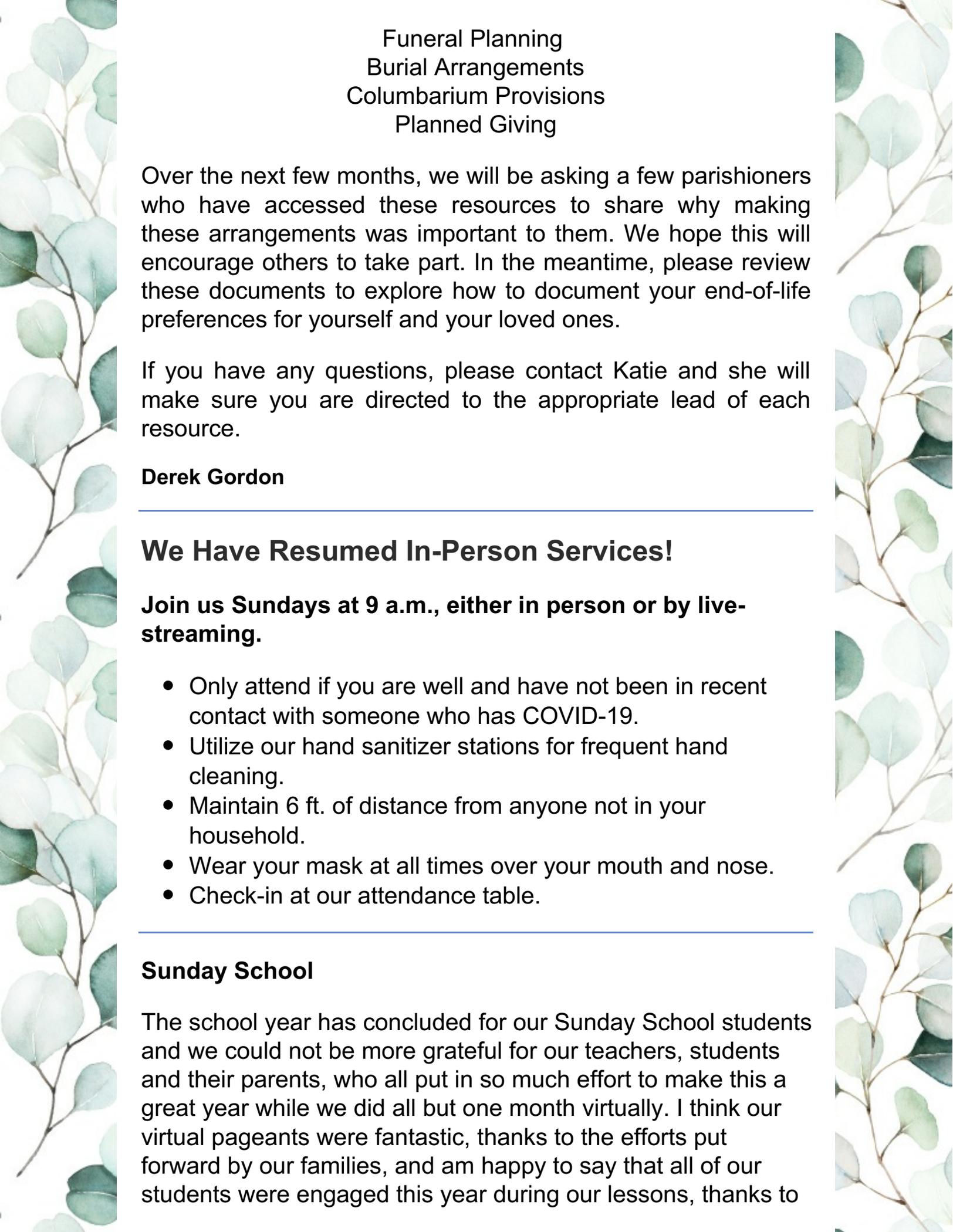
*Katie will be out of the office on June 21.*

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After a few years of development between Vestry, the Trustees, Fr. RJ, and several other parishioners, I am proud to release our new End-of-Life Resources. While End of Life may sound like a very final and dreary title, our group felt this was the most clear and concise term for the services St. Mark's needs to offer our parishioners to plan for the end of their lives.

### [End-of-Life Resources](#) [End-of-Life Planning](#)

This can be a difficult topic to confront (I know it is for me), but that is all the more reason to do so with the help of the church. While there are a lot of aspects that go into each of these resources, here are the four elements of our End-of-Life Resources, about which any parishioner can learn more:



Funeral Planning  
Burial Arrangements  
Columbarium Provisions  
Planned Giving

Over the next few months, we will be asking a few parishioners who have accessed these resources to share why making these arrangements was important to them. We hope this will encourage others to take part. In the meantime, please review these documents to explore how to document your end-of-life preferences for yourself and your loved ones.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie and she will make sure you are directed to the appropriate lead of each resource.

**Derek Gordon**

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## **We Have Resumed In-Person Services!**

**Join us Sundays at 9 a.m., either in person or by live-streaming.**

- Only attend if you are well and have not been in recent contact with someone who has COVID-19.
  - Utilize our hand sanitizer stations for frequent hand cleaning.
  - Maintain 6 ft. of distance from anyone not in your household.
  - Wear your mask at all times over your mouth and nose.
  - Check-in at our attendance table.
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## **Sunday School**

The school year has concluded for our Sunday School students and we could not be more grateful for our teachers, students and their parents, who all put in so much effort to make this a great year while we did all but one month virtually. I think our virtual pageants were fantastic, thanks to the efforts put forward by our families, and am happy to say that all of our students were engaged this year during our lessons, thanks to

the hard work of our teachers.

We are looking forward to being together again in person in the Fall!

Blessings,  
**Emily Gordon**

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### **Bob's Music Notes**

Craig Jaynes became the parish musician at Canton's St. Mark's Episcopal Church in February 1969. A contract had already been signed with Schantz Organ Builders of Orrville, OH, for a two-manual organ of seven ranks with provision for two later additions. Craig had some changes in mind. The original specs called for some of the pipes to be unenclosed -- that is, not in a chamber, but well out in the open for unrestricted sound.

Now the downtown Aeolian-Skinner had that very arrangement: the entire Great manual pipes were on the left side of the chancel, speaking freely behind a wrought-iron framework that allowed free egress of the sound.

Much of the pedal was also unenclosed and in 1985, due to a generous gift from Lloyd Merriman, our organ man Robert Wervey constructed a cantilevered set of six ranks which we called "Brustpositiv" -- a German term for pipes in the breastwork, so to speak, of the organ. Obviously, these pipes were well out in the open.

And I asked Wervey to have a motto inscribed on the case: "The Hand that made us is Divine." Now that doesn't refer to Wervey. It's a quote from Joseph Addison -- the last line in our Hymnal 409, referring to the heaven referring to the heavenly bodies which sing these words in homage to the Creator. and I told them "no way.")

Craig requested some changes to the St. Mark's contract with the thought that the musical needs would be better served if the entire organ were under expression. (In the 2001 renovation, the Cornel Zimmer installers asked me about removing the shutters and I told them "no way"!)

## June Birthdays

1 Judy Hixon  
3 Carol Popovich  
9 Jeff Turner, Tim Turner  
17 Evan Jenkins  
24 Bruce Schutrum  
28 Abi Highman

## June Anniversaries

1 Ronald and Joyce Rupp  
17 Charlie and MaryAnn Kiesling  
20 Beth and Kirk Bletzacker  
27 John and Sarah Highman

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## Prayer Concerns

Sue Little, Jane Schutrum, Ron Hill, Amelia Rowland, Ron Brookes, Jack and Pauline Briggs

Family and Friends: Emmy (Great-granddaughter of Temelkoffs), Gail (friend of the Kieslings), Rick & Denny (friends of the Browns), Ray Slinger (friend of Bob Morrison), Janet Sheatzley Morgan (Barb Siegfried's sister), Joanna, Zoey, Liam (friends of Kathy Kennedy); Beth Conley (acquaintance of Cricket Boyd); Lynnda Hoefler & Christine (friends of Sue Little); Caleb (nephew of Mandy Pelger); AJ (family friend of Temelkoffs); Carol Jones (daughter of Buck & BJ Jones); Steve O'Krepki and Corinna (family of Beth Crawl); Don Stewart (uncle of Kathy Kennedy); Dr. Angela Peters and Family: Joanna, Zoey, Liam, Pat, & Paul (friends of Kathy Kennedy); Steinsapir family, Adriana, & Bobby Guerin (friends of Pam McCarthy); Addelyn, (friend of Judy Hixon); Eddie Hornsby (friend of Father RJ); Sandy Snyder (friend of the Rands); Jerry Burris (friend of the Thorleys); Paula Temelkoff (daughter-in-law of the Temelkoffs); Linda Kendrick (friend of the Kieslings); Lesley (family friend of Paulette Frech); Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Tirpak); Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler); Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell); Baby David (friend of the Schaub); Nancy Sauer, Helen Carnahan, and Bob Patterson (friends of Diana Cornell); John Streb & Pastor Marilyn Roman (friends of the

Mulls); Johnny Willoughby, Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver).

For all those serving in the Armed Forces.

For all those who have died.

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.

### **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](mailto: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.



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