

Saint Mark's  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CANTON, OH



## The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
CANTON, OH



Greetings!

It is good to be among the people of St. Mark's. I wish I could invite you to stop by the office any time, or meet you for coffee somewhere, however, at this point we must do what we can to slow the spread of the virus. I will try to contact as many of you as possible by phone. If you would like to talk before I am able to touch base with you, you may email me, [RJohnson@stmarks-canton.org](mailto:RJohnson@stmarks-canton.org), or you may call me on my mobile number, 440-723-1290. If you hear of anyone who is in need of a pastoral call, please let me know. I would rather have ten calls about the same situation than to hear of it two weeks later.

I appreciate everything that many of you have already done to make me feel welcome at St. Mark's. I am grateful for the work of the Search Committee as they persevered through some very difficult circumstances. Fr. Paul has done great work in preparing St. Mark's to receive me, and preparing me to serve at St. Mark's. Thank you for the name tags. They will be helpful to me as I get to put names and faces together. They will also be helpful to visitors when we are able to gather together for in person worship again.

Elizabeth and Zechariah

Thursday, the church commemorates Elizabeth and Zechariah, the parents of John the Baptist. Both are famous for prayers



they gave to the church. Elizabeth is known for giving us the first part of the “Hail Mary.” Zechariah gave us the Benedictus Dominus Deus, Canticle 4 or Canticle 16 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Of course, Zechariah had some time to compose his prayer. When the angel announced to Zechariah that Elizabeth would conceive a son, he doubted the message. Zechariah was struck speechless until John the Baptist was born.

A few years back, there was a lot of attention given to angels. I had an aunt who collected pictures and sculptures of angels. They all looked very gentle. She asked me if I would want to see an angel. At the time I said, “Sure. That sounds like fun.”

Now I am not so sure I would want to see an angel. When angels show up in the Bible they tend to turn people’s lives upside down. I’m sure Elizabeth and Zechariah were grateful for the birth of their son, but it also completely changed their retirement plans.

God has a way of doing that. God sends a message that will completely change our plans. At first that change may be uncomfortable. However, when we cooperate with God’s plan, we will discover the kind of joy that will lead us to compose one of those prayers like Elizabeth’s or Zechariah’s. It may not make it into a future revision of the Book of Common Prayer. However, it will express the joy of cooperating with what the Lord is doing in the world.

Fr. RJ

---

### **Thanksgiving Baskets & Community Christmas Contributions**

Congratulations and well done faithful brothers and sisters of St. Mark's.

Thanks to your contributions, this week St. Mark’s will issue \$1,928 checks to the Thanksgiving Baskets and Community Christmas organization. Due to COVID-19, both of these programs have adjust their programs. This year, only cash donations were requested and need to be sent to the



organizations the first week of November. Combining October loose plate offering, your individual donations and budgeted mission funds, St. Mark's divided \$3,856 between the two organization.

---

ALERT: mailboxes have been rearranged and your name tags are in them. Please return name tags to your mailbox at the end of Sunday services.

---

### **It's Time for Vestry Nominations!**

Submit your vestry nominations [here](#) by **December 11.**



### **Wednesday, October 28**

Evening Prayer, 4 p.m.

#### **Bulletin**

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

Meeting ID: 917 7306 0363

Passcode: 509558



### **Sunday, November 8**

Holy Eucharist, 9 a.m.

(If Stark County is Yellow or Orange, we will offer in-person. If Red or Purple, we will offer streaming only.)

#### **Sunday Bulletin**

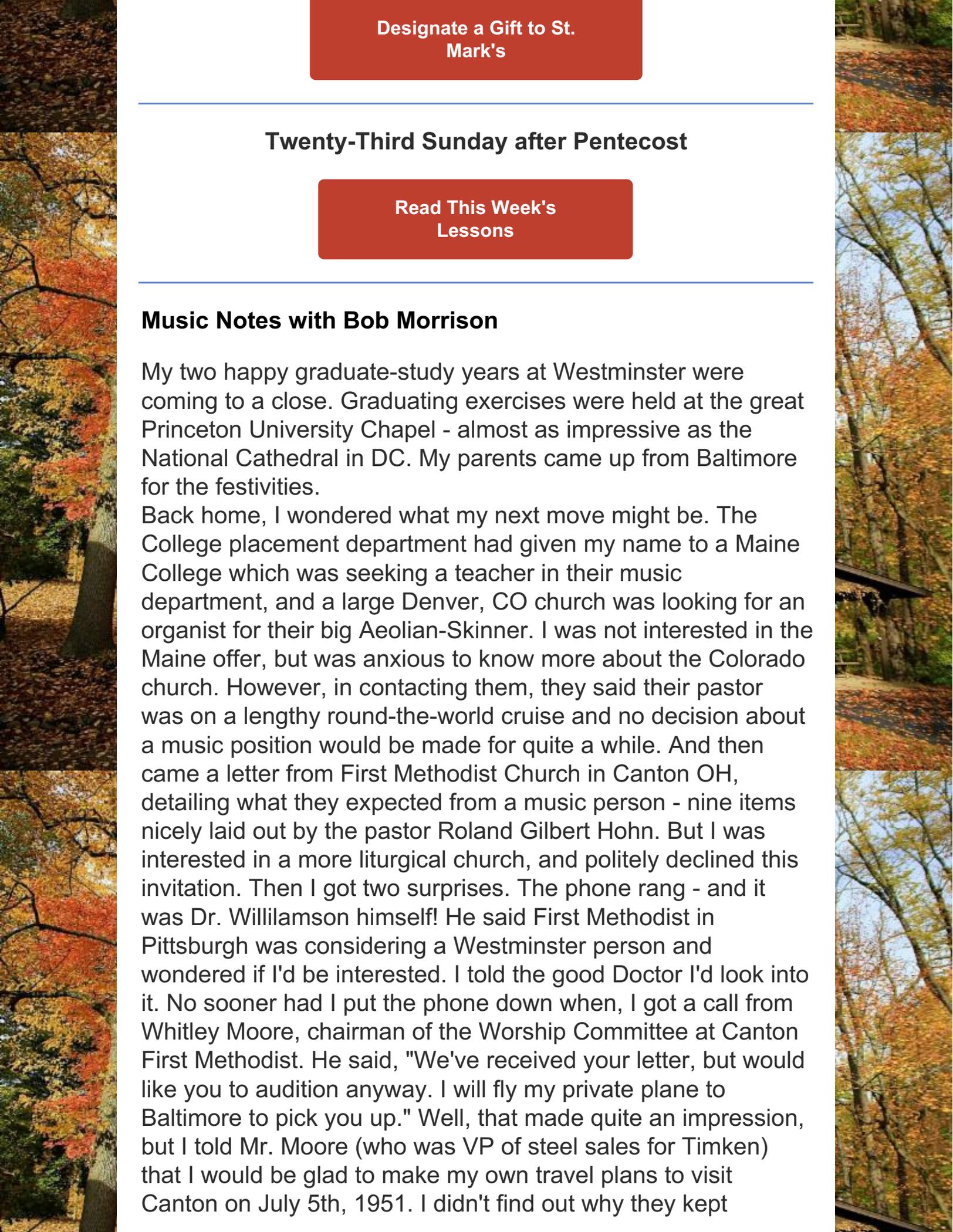
#### **Sunday Live-Stream**

---

### **Online Giving**

To facilitate stewardship during this difficult time, the Diocese has launched an online giving resource. Simply set up your one-time or recurring gift and select your parish from the pull-down menu (Canton, St. Mark's). The Diocese will transfer your gift to St. Mark's. We thank you for your continued support and prayers.





Designate a Gift to St.  
Mark's

---

## Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Read This Week's  
Lessons

---

### Music Notes with Bob Morrison

My two happy graduate-study years at Westminster were coming to a close. Graduating exercises were held at the great Princeton University Chapel - almost as impressive as the National Cathedral in DC. My parents came up from Baltimore for the festivities.

Back home, I wondered what my next move might be. The College placement department had given my name to a Maine College which was seeking a teacher in their music department, and a large Denver, CO church was looking for an organist for their big Aeolian-Skinner. I was not interested in the Maine offer, but was anxious to know more about the Colorado church. However, in contacting them, they said their pastor was on a lengthy round-the-world cruise and no decision about a music position would be made for quite a while. And then came a letter from First Methodist Church in Canton OH, detailing what they expected from a music person - nine items nicely laid out by the pastor Roland Gilbert Hohn. But I was interested in a more liturgical church, and politely declined this invitation. Then I got two surprises. The phone rang - and it was Dr. Williamson himself! He said First Methodist in Pittsburgh was considering a Westminster person and wondered if I'd be interested. I told the good Doctor I'd look into it. No sooner had I put the phone down when, I got a call from Whitley Moore, chairman of the Worship Committee at Canton First Methodist. He said, "We've received your letter, but would like you to audition anyway. I will fly my private plane to Baltimore to pick you up." Well, that made quite an impression, but I told Mr. Moore (who was VP of steel sales for Timken) that I would be glad to make my own travel plans to visit Canton on July 5th, 1951. I didn't find out why they kept

insisting I audition until three or four years later.

---

Harry Kit, Ron Brookes, Charlie  
Becker, Paul Welch, Ron and Peg  
Hill,  
Jack and Pauline Briggs

# Prayer Concerns

**Family and Friends:** Dr. Sanford Lopater (friend of Mulls'), Megan Nelson (family friend of Sara Strattan), Jan Atkinson (friend of Hixons'), Addelyn (friends of Hixons'), Jim Bellamy (friend of Marcia Kiesling), Bonnie Manos (friend of Judy Gibbs), Earl Hoot (father of Joe Hoot), Nancy Stewart Matin (friend of Norm and Rhonda Warren), Sarah (daughter of Bill and Beck Rand), Anne (friend of Sue Little), Karen Belden (friend of Cricket Boyd), Marc Hostetler (brother of Susan Hostetler), Gabrielle Karam (friend of Diana Cornell), Dave Jarvis (family of Ron and Peg Hill), Cody Hixon (cousin to Bruce and Judy Hixon), Don, Suzy Clark (friend of Hixons'), Stacy Biglin (acquaintance of Derek Gordon), Autumn (granddaughter of Kerry and Zev), Bob Patterson (friend of Diana Cornell), Adriana (Pam McCarthy's daughter's friend), Jacobo-Quijada Family (Mandy Pelger's Student), Lynn McBride (father of Beth Crowl), Monica McGrath (cousin of Katie Cerroni-Arnold), Baby David (friend of the Schaub's), Marianne L. (friend of Kieslings'), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), John Streb (friend of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds'), Johnny Willoughby, Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), Jim Mesko (friend of Jim Weaver), Michelle Gibson-Garber (friends of the Gordons) Donald Pentz (friend of the Rands)

**For all those serving in the armed forces.**

**For all those who have died.**

**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](mailto:ggordon24@sbcglobal.net)

Please note: prayer requests may be placed on the Prayer Chain, in the Prayer Concerns list appearing here and in the Sunday bulletin, or in both places. Please let Bobbi know your preference.



515 48TH ST. NW CANTON, OH 44709  
330.499.2662 | [OFFICE@STMARKS-CANTON.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@STMARKS-CANTON.ORG)  
[WWW.STMARKS-CANTON.ORG](http://WWW.STMARKS-CANTON.ORG)

We seek to unite all people with God and each other in Christ through worship, fellowship, education, and service.

[St. Mark's Church](#)  
[The Episcopal Church](#)  
[The Diocese of Ohio](#)  
More Links [HERE](#)

---

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.



[Shop Here](#)