

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Sunday Services at 8am & 10am

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Greetings!

Christ the King Sunday (Proper 29, Year B)

[Read This Week's Lesson](#)

Frankly Speaking

There will be a Special Meeting of the Parish on
December 2 at 9:15 a.m.
in the Parish Hall (Undercroft)

Come early and Help with Community Christmas Wrapping

The purpose of the meeting is to amend the Code of Regulations of St. Mark's Episcopal Church

1. to reduce the number of Vestry members from twelve (12) to nine (9),
2. to reduce the quorum requirement for Vestry meetings from seven (7) to five (5), and
3. to reduce the number of Qualified Electors required to call a Special Meeting of the Parish from forty (40) to twenty (20).

The specific proposals for amending the Code of Regulations are as follows:

Article III, Parish Meetings

Section 2. Special Meetings. A special meeting of the members of the Parish may be called at any time by the Bishop, Rector, by any five or more members of the Vestry, or by ~~forty~~ *twenty (20)* Qualified Electors....

Article IV, Vestry

Section 2. Number and Qualifications. The Vestry shall consist of ~~12~~ *nine (9)* members who shall be baptized persons who have the qualifications of electors at the annual parish meeting as defined in Article II of these Regulations.

Section 3. Election and Term. The Vestry shall be divided into three classes of ~~four~~ *three (3)* members each. Each year ~~four~~ *three (3)* members shall be elected to the Vestry for a term of three years each....

Section 7. Quorum. At all meetings of the Vestry, a majority of the members, not less than ~~7~~ *five (5)*, then serving, shall constitute a quorum.

This meeting has been called by the following members of the Vestry in conformance with Article III, Section 2 of the Code of Regulations of St. Mark's Episcopal Church: Beth Crow, Grace Giammarco, Derek Gordon, Bruce Hixon, Bob Kennedy, Charlie Kiesling, Beck Rand, Sara Strattan, Christy Thorley, and Rhonda Warren.

Notable *Music this Sunday*

Guest baritone Blaise Warren will sing "Thanks Be to God" by Dickson, and the choir will offer a new anthem, "King of Glory, King of Peace" by Larry Shackley. Pianist Ron Hill will assist with the hymns, which will feature "Jesus Shall Reign," and "My Song is Love Unknown." The Prelude is a setting of the tune DUKE STREET by Robert Hebble who played a dedicatory recital on our new organ in 2001.

Restoration Campaign

One year ago, St. Mark's started the Restoration Campaign to raise \$150,000 over 3 years for 6 identified capital projects and to establish a reserve fund for future capital improvements.

Take a look at our progress:

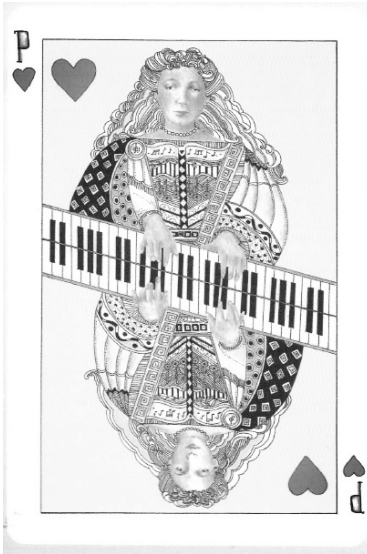
St. Mark's Restoration Campaign	
Project	Status
Sanctuary Roof	✓
Sanctuary HVAC controls	✓
Office renovations	✓
Legal, security, and other preparations for Weaver School	✓
Nursery Renovations	✓
HVAC units for office, main entrance, old puppet room, library, family room, and choir room	✓
Reserves for future capital improvements	○

The six identified capital projects have been completed!

- Thanks to the **63** participants that have pledged or contributed to this campaign!
- Our current focus is working to replace the funds from the church's trust account, paying off a loan from the diocese (for the HVAC project), and building up the Reserve Fund for future capital improvements.
- To reach the Restoration Campaign Goal of \$150,000 there is still work to do; but the Restoration Committee is very

thankful for all your financial support and the *many* volunteer hours that went into these projects.

Kirk Bletzacker, Derek Gordon, Emily Gordon, Joe Hoot, Charlie Kiesling, Sara Strattan, and Chuck Violand



DINNER AND CONCERT

Monday, November 26, do plan to come to St. Mark's for a potluck dinner at **6:30**. The main course will be Chef Carol's beef tips and noodles. And at **7:30** a gala "duet" concert with two pianos, piano/organ, organ and synthesizer sponsored by Canton Chapter American Guild of Organists. Some of our finest local musicians will participate. All free; all

welcome.

ADVENT IS COMING!!!

Check out resources available in the Narthex.

[Click here](#) for information on Praying with Color Advent Calendars.

Stewardship Reflections

Stewardship as Responsibility

Webster defines "responsibility" as "moral, legal, or mental accountability." Have you ever asked yourself, "What am I ultimately responsible for? What am I accountable to God for?"

As members of the body of Christ, we are charged with responding to God's love and mercy toward a broken people, and to Christ's presence in – and message to – a broken world. As members of St. Mark's, we are charged with addressing individual needs and healing social wounds. As individual Christians, we are charged with being active and becoming involved.

We cannot be mere spectators to the drama of life, disciples in secret, hoping that others will fulfill the great need for love and service. Each of us is responsible for developing and using the gifts God gave us, for "giving back," and for responding to the needs of God's Church. St. Mark's is your church. How will you choose to be involved in and responsible for its future?

True Christian worship is not passive; it's a journey of responsibility.



Thursday, November 22nd:
Thanksgiving Day, Holy Eucharist 10:00am

Thursday, November 22nd and Friday, November 23rd:
Office Closed

Sunday, November 25th
Nursery Closed

Monday, November 26th:
Knitting, 1:00pm
AGO Program with Bob Morrison, 6:30pm

Tuesday, November 27th:
Lunch Bunch, 1:00pm @Walther's on Applegrove

Wednesday, November 28th:
Study Group, 10:30am

Sunday, December 2nd:
Community Christmas Wrap, 9:00am
Parish Bylaws Meeting, 9:15am

Sunday, December 9th:
Puppet Gang Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal
for both Sunday School and Puppet Gang

Sunday, December 16th:
Puppet Gang Show, 11:15am

Tuesday, December 18th:
Women's Christmas Luncheon at the Massillon Women's Club
Sign up in the lobby.

Christmas Services
Christmas Eve, 5:30pm (family service) and 10:00pm
Christmas Day, 10:00am
December 30th: Lessons and Carols 10:00am

Thankful *Thursdays*



Thankful Thursdays is sending food home once a month to 8 families from Schreiber Elementary School this year. After packages were sent home in October and November, we need to restock our shelves so that we can send home a larger package before the kids are off school for winter break. Please consider donating any of the following to help us supply these 8 families with some meals. Thank you in advance!

- Pasta
- Tomato or Spaghetti Sauce (no glass please)
- Fruit (in plastic containers or cans)
- Canned vegetables
- Hamburger helper or similar
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Oatmeal
- Granola bars
- Cereal
- Applesauce (no glass please)
- Monetary donations



"One Starry Night"

Come warm your hearts with the Puppet Gang and Sunday School children as they perform the Christmas show after the 10am service on December 16th. The

show begins at 11:15am. Refreshments will be served afterwards and you'll get to meet our performers.

Sandy and Jan



PRAYER CONCERNS

Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron Hill, Peg Hill, Conley Family, Joe Hoot, Tom Burns, the Briggs family

Family and Friends: Susan, Johnny Willoughby, The Shafer Family (friends of the Gordons), Layna (friend of Boyds), The Moore Family (friends of Nadels), The Latora Family, Erin, Carol Morton, Barry (friend of Gordons), James McIlvaine (Sandi Kaustinen's father), Baby Hudson, Shirley Allen (friend of the Mulls), Michelle Garber (family of Geoff and Bobbi Gordon), Matt Gagnon, The Kesslers, Gabe Russo (cousin of Katie Cerrone-Arnold), Mary Frech, John Helmkamp (friend of Ron and Cindy Brown), Marcie Crowell, Deb Thompson (friend of Jan Hudson), Bobby Guerin (friend of Pam McCarthy), John and Phyllis Green (friends of Sue Little), Don Stock

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

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.



THE EPISCOPAL
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This Week's Bicentennial Prayer comes from:

St. Paul's Church - Norwalk

Eternal God,
we give thanks for those who have come before us,
the founders and saints who have carried your flag
for the last 200 years.

We ask for your strength in our time,
to further the story of bringing about your reign in its fullness.
Forgive us as we inevitably lose focus on your means and ends.
Call us back as participants in your work of mercy in the world.

Gracious God,
help us to leave a strong foundation
for your people 200 years from now
and beyond, until the return of your Son.
Amen.

Upcoming *Servers*

Servers today Sunday, November 25th:

Acolytes, 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes, 10:00am: Lesley Kiesling, Justin Crawl, Joe Hoot,
Marilyn Thorp, Karen Violand

Eucharistic Minister, 8:00am: Diana Cornell

Eucharistic Ministers, 10:00am: Bruce Schutrum, Pam McCarthy

Ushers: Emily Gordon, Geoff Gordon, Rick Werren
Altar Guild 8:00am: Diana Cornell, Sara Strattan

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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