



## The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
CANTON, OH



Greetings!

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There's so much to be grateful for this week!

For starters, applesauce! We have met our commitment to Thanksgiving Baskets Downtown—and then some! As you probably know, this organization brings together civic organizations and faith communities in Canton in order to serve approximately 1200 households each year. Thank you!

Thank you also to everyone who helped make last week's visit by Bishop Hollingsworth a success. The list of those deserving thanks is far too long to include here, but I hope you will understand how grateful I am and how pleased the bishop was. When I saw him at an event on Sunday evening, he took another opportunity to express his admiration for all that the people of St. Mark's are accomplishing. He had particular praise for our confirmands.

We have ordered certificates for the confirmands and will distribute them once the bishop has signed them. That will offer us an opportunity to invite them to consider more active roles in the liturgy of the church as acolytes, lectors, etc. Bruce Hixon has already taken the lead in this regard. Their young voices will enhance our worship together.

Another opportunity for us to express our gratitude will arrive one week from this Sunday, on November 3, when we celebrate All Saints. On this day, we remember the "capital letter" saints that the Church celebrates throughout the year. But we remember also our own saints, loved ones and friends who have "finished their course" on earth. A prayer from our Burial Office (BCP, p. 504) offers comfort:

*Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Fr. Paul

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## **(St.) Mark This: Celebrating Our Past, Embracing Our Future**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>  
One Service at 10:00 A.M.**

Reception with Light Refreshments to Follow  
Fall 2019 marks the 65th anniversary of the founding of St. Mark's on October 19, 1954. And next year will bring the 60th anniversary of the church's dedication on December 11, 1960. To recognize both of these events, we are planning a modest (appropriate to Advent!) service of celebration and commitment on Sunday, December 8, at 10:00. Following the Eucharist, which will feature reflections on the past and visions for the future, we will gather in the undercroft for refreshments and fellowship.

As you may know, St. Mark's continues to search for its next rector. But we do not want to stand still in the meantime! This service is meant to express our shared commitment to sustained vigor, enriched worship, and continued growth. We hope you will share our spirit.

Please plan to be with us! You are important to the St. Mark's community, and we want to have the

opportunity to express our appreciation for your many contributions.

Please RSVP by emailing the church office:  
[office@stmarks-canton.org](mailto:office@stmarks-canton.org)

The parish is requested to help in forming a committee. If you are interested in being on the committee to plan for our celebration, please contact Rhonda Warren.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

[Read This Week's Lessons](#)

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**Found:** If you have lost a corrective lens to your glasses, please contact Katie in the office.

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# Notable

## Music This Sunday

For this historic Sunday, we must sing *Ein Feste Burg*, (A Mighty Fortress), "the *Marseillaise*" of the Reformation (as Heine called it). The choir will offer Shackley's version of Psalm 103: "O My Soul, Bless God the Father" and tenor Ken Jaeb will sing the Gospel lesson in a musical version by van de Water, "The Publican."

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**Office Manager Katie interviews Carol Hayn:**

**Where were you born? What is something from your childhood you remember fondly?**

I was born in New Jersey but grew up in New Hampshire. We lived out in the country, and my brother and I would ride our bikes for miles and miles along the back roads. We would explore in the woods and fields around our house until we heard Mom ring the cowbell. That meant we had to come home, pronto!



**How did you end up in the Episcopal Church?**

I'm a cradle Episcopalian and have been a member of seven different Episcopal parishes before coming to St. Mark's. In between, I attended a military chapel whose

minister was a Christian Scientist, a British Anglican church with a vicar right out of a Dickens' novel, a community church with a Presbyterian minister, and an ELCA Lutheran church. I am very glad that I'm now part of the St. Mark's family!

**Would you rather be able to fly or be invisible? If you were invisible, would you eavesdrop on conversations?**

Be invisible, for sure. And of course I would be the proverbial fly-on-the-wall and eavesdrop on conversations.

**Tell us something about yourself we wouldn't otherwise know.**

In rural New Hampshire, I attended a one-room school for my third and fourth grade years. Heat was a wood-burning stove – so in the winter, you were either too cold or too hot, depending on your desk's proximity to the stove. There was no running water, so two students were assigned to go out each day, carrying a bucket on a pole between them, to get water from an outdoor pump on the property of a nice lady who lived across the highway. The "rest room" was a two-holer next to the back door.

**If you could pick anywhere in the world to live, but have to stay there forever, or go somewhere new every week, which would you choose?**

I would absolutely stay there forever. That's the best way to get to know a place and its people.

**What do you like to do in your free time?**

I like to read, do crosswords, garden – and John and I go out to eat a lot!

**What do you like most about St. Mark's?**

Echoing what others have said, the people of St. Mark's are what make it special to me. I also like the formal liturgy – and the acolytes and choir do so much to

enhance my worship experience each week. Their ministry is truly a blessing for all of us.

**Do you have a favorite movie? Favorite movie snack? (Hint: *Snowcaps* is the obvious right answer here.)**  
Wow – that’s a tough one. I would say Camelot is an all-time favorite, followed closely by West Side Story. And Junior Mints have to be the best movie snack.

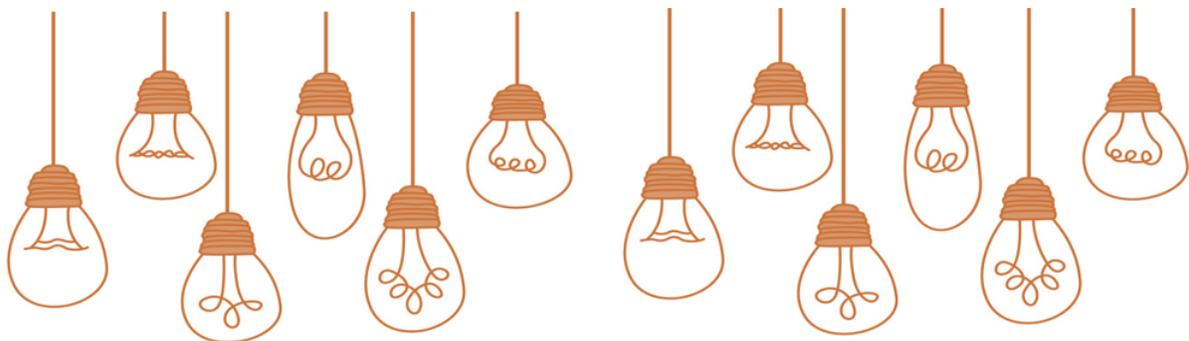
**Who do you nominate for the next interview?**  
Sara Strattan

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## Packing for Community Christmas

We are in need of **ten** microwave-sized boxes for Community Christmas. Please drop them off in the coat room.

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*St. Mark's Ministry Spotlight*

*features the The Brewmeisters*

The BrewMeisters Group is a loosely organized and loosely run group of folks who enjoy beer. We brew it, we talk about it, and most organizational decisions are made while tipping a pint or two of it. On those occasions when we brew beer at the church, the air in the sanctuary on the following Sunday is filled with the sweet fragrance of fermenting hops.

In addition to brewing beer, the BrewMeisters also hosts a lecture series on craft beers, an event we call Summer Brews, Blues, and Barbeque, St. Mark's Oktoberfest, and micro-brewery tours.

We currently have four brew "teams" comprised of men and women of all ages, and our membership is always open to more. We welcome anyone who enjoys the company of fun-loving people.

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# Upcoming

 *Events*

**Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Knitting, 1:00pm

**Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:**

Study Group, 9:30am

## **Fortnightly Informal Discussions**

Every other Sunday during the fall, from 9:10 to 9:50, we will meet in the lounge by the fireplace for informal discussion. *Schedule posted below.*

## **Servers this Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>:**

Acolytes 8:00am: Susie Hines

Acolytes 10:00am: Karen Violand, Joe Hoot

Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Paul Sack

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

Ushers: John Willoughby, Bill Rand, Gary Mull

Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Carol Popovich

Vestry Coffee Host: Christy Thorley

## **Puppet Gang Practice Dates**

*@9:30am*

October 27

November 10, 24

December 15, 22

**Fr. Gaston's Office Hours:**

Friday, November 1st

10-12, 1-3

Please call the office for an appointment.

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# Thankful

## Thursdays

We will be providing meals once a month for 5 families from Schreiber Elementary. The staff selects families that they know will benefit from the extra help we are able to bless them with. These items provide several meals each month for the entire family. After inventory we are in most need of the following items:

Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Boxed cereal  
Canned fruit  
Canned veggies  
Boxed instant potatoes  
Baked beans  
Mac and cheese  
Spaghetti sauce  
Pasta  
Canned chili  
Canned chicken  
Canned tuna

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### Fortnightly Informal Discussions at St. Mark's

Oct 27

Knowing Your ABCD's (The Eucharistic Prayers) How do they differ? Are some more appropriate than others for particular seasons?

Nov 10

Writing Prayers as an Act of Devotion Why write prayers? Are

there some "templates" useful for writing prayers?

Nov 24

**Anticipating Advent** What emphases are characteristic of Advent?  
How can we make Advent a season of reflection and anticipation?

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# Prayer Concerns

Jane McFadden, Lesley Kiesling, Leigh Wilson, Ken McPeck, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

**Family and Friends:** A.J. Nelson (family of Sara Strattan), Rose and Brian Gregory (friends of Ten Gall), Mike, Linda Kendrick, Marianne L. (friends of Kieslings'), Carol Ohr (friend of Vonda Temelkoff), Amara (granddaughter of Ken Jaeb), Bill and Joy Benton (friends of the Kennedys), Pastor Heather Hill, Janet and Lori (friends of Rick and Beth Crowl), Conrad Family (friends of the Rands), Nancy Sauer and Helen Carnahan (friends to Diana Cornell), Will Disman (friend of Sandy Paradis' son), John Russell, Justin Spring, Erin Barr, Baby Hudson, John Streb (friends of the Mulls), Pastor Marilyn Roman (friend of St. Mark's), Lynnda Hoefler (friend of Sue Little), Mike (Uncle of Bobbi Gordon), Linda Gibson (sister of Bobbi Gordon), Jamie Rollinson (friend of Boyds) Katie Campbell (friend of Boyds), Johnny Willoughby, The Moore Family (friends of Nadels), 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), Berry Clarke (friend of Diana Cornell), Fletcher (friend of Cricket Boyd)

**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.



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