



## The Lion's Pause

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
CANTON, OH



### Greetings!

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There's so much going on at St. Mark's these days that it would be a good idea for the lions to "pause" and note a few highlights.

- Thanks to everyone who helped make our "Sermon on the Mount" Sunday such a success. I will surely overlook someone in singling out for special thanks Robert Morrison (who provided music in the woods), Sara Strattan and other members of the Altar Guild (who created a charming environment for worship), Carol Popovich (who organized and created a wonderful picnic), and the kids who presented their backpacks for our blessing.
- We are collecting applesauce for Canton's interfaith Thanksgiving food basket project based at St. Paul's Episcopal. Please help the parish meet its commitment of 600 24 oz plastic bottles of applesauce by bringing a few each week. (Acme is offering bottles in this size at a special price this week.) We will deliver the applesauce to St. Paul's on October 29 or 30.
- Our Welcoming Guild, ably led by MaryAnn Kiesling, will spearhead a more comprehensive approach to making our visitors feel welcome and to spreading the good news of St. Mark's to those who might become visitors in the future. Members of the guild are considering strategies for our more active "evangelical" effort. At the 10:00 service on October 6, we will recognize and commission members of this new guild together with our ushers and greeters.
- We will welcome the return of the choir next Sunday. And the choir will welcome your interest in joining them. Because choir rehearsal is on Sundays at 9:00 AM, "the burden is light." Also, we will begin simple chanting of the introduction to the Eucharistic prayer. Many will find this familiar. The choir will provide leadership. Following the 10:00 service, we will go downstairs to dedicate the new choir room. In addition to Bob and the members of the choir, several individuals deserve special thanks for their efforts to prepare the new space:

Beck and Bill Rand, Charlie Kiesling, Joe Hoot, and Bob Kennedy. (If there's someone else who deserves thanks, let me know. *Mea culpa.*)

- Members of the St. Mark's confirmation class are earnestly preparing for the visit of Bishop Hollingsworth on October 20. On Sunday, they will be responding to a quiz concerning objects in the church, sacred and otherwise. How well would you do? There will be extra copies of the quiz available to take home.
- Adult discussions within the next few weeks will focus on "an Episcopal 'elevator' speech" and "Making Time for Ourselves," i.e., how we can incorporate the value of "sabbatical" into our daily lives.

Fr. Paul

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**Office Manager Katie interviews Pat Silagy-Wesson:**

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

I was raised in Louisville, Ohio.

Among my favorite childhood memories was my grandparents big, old stucco house on West Main St. (Sadly, it was torn down

for retail). There was always a grandparent, a great

grandparent & a cousin or two, available, especially during summer. This house had it all, a swing on the

front porch, a back porch with assorted stray cats, a huge vegetable garden, chickens, an interesting attic &

room enough for all the relatives.



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

My husband Mike & I chose St. Mark's largely because we wanted to raise our son in Church. We had heard St. Mark's was a family friendly place. The Episcopal church offered familiar traditions & liturgy.

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

My first job out of school was a community organizer & VISTA volunteer. What a leap, from Louisville to Kent to Dallas, Texas! I didn't change the world, but the experience gave me a wider view.

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

The people here at St. Mark's have kept this community alive & well with their caring hearts & determined spirit.

**Would you rather wear shoes every single second for the rest of your life or never be allowed to wear shoes ever again?**

Who doesn't love shoes?? I would love just one day in my favorite old, pair of red high heels, followed by comfy tennis shoes, forever.

**If you could have dinner with three historical figures, who would you choose?**

Queen Victoria, Margaret Mead, Eleanor Roosevelt.

**Do you have a favorite piece of scripture?**

*The Beatitudes. Matthew's version, Chapter 5*

**You have to choose: Never sleep again, or never eat again (let's assume we live in some parallel universe where you don't technically NEED food or sleep to live.)**

No contest on the food vs sleep question. I am a foodie with plenty of energy.

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

Diana Cornell

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# Upcoming

 *Events*

## **Wednesday, September 18th:**

Study Group, 9:30am  
MOD Squad, 6:30pm at Bender's Tavern

## **Thursday, September 19th:**

Beginner Yoga, 6:00pm, \$10.00  
Sign up in the lobby or on Facebook, or email the office.

## **Sunday, September 22nd:**

Puppet Gang Practice  
Chair Yoga, 6:00pm  
\$10.00/person  
Sign up in the lobby or on Facebook, or email the office.

## **Monday, September 23rd:**

Knitting, 1:00pm

## **Tuesday, September 24th:**

Lunch Bunch, 1:00pm at The Crush House

## **Wednesday, September 25th:**

Altar Guild Meeting & Potluck, 6:00pm

## **Sunday, October 6th:**

Save the Date  
Blessing of the Animals  
Commissioning of Ushers, Greeters, and Welcome Guild  
Family Photo Fundraiser (proceeds will benefit the  
Restoration Campaign --details coming soon)

## **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, September 22nd:**

Acolytes 8:00am: Sharon Ryan  
Acolytes 10:00am: Joe Hoot, Karen Violand, Susie Hines  
Eucharistic Minister 8:00am: Diana Cornell  
Eucharistic Ministers 10:00am: Bruce and Judy Hixon  
Ushers: Dave Thorley, John Wise, Kent Clark  
Altar Guild: Susie Hines, Rhonda Warren  
Vestry Coffee Host: Beck Rand

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Canton's interfaith Thanksgiving food basket project, which is based at St. Paul's Episcopal, now counts 17 participating congregations. Each congregation agrees to provide one item for the baskets. This year, the St. Mark's faithful will share an "applesauce ministry." Please help the parish meet its commitment--600 24 oz plastic bottles of applesauce--by bringing a few each week. That will enable us to build an applesauce tower in the narthex! We will begin gathering the applesauce on September 22 and conclude on October 27. We will deliver the applesauce to St. Paul's on October 29 or 30.

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St. Mark's Health & Wellness  
*It's Never too Late to Feel Great!*

Free Class October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm  
*Presented by Life & Health Coach Michael Durbin*

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## Fortnightly Informal Discussions at St. Mark's

**Sept 29**

**How do we respond?** You're in an elevator with an acquaintance or co-worker. They ask you about the Episcopal Church and about St. Mark's. You have perhaps two minutes to respond. What three or four points do you make? *Note: this discussion is especially appropriate for those considering Reception or Reaffirmation on October 20.*

**Oct 13**

**What does it mean to be "Episcopal"?** Bishop Hollingsworth will visit St. Mark's on October 20—one reminder of what it means to be "Episcopal." Our cathedral on Euclid Avenue in Cleveland offers another. What are some others? What is the structure of our church? And how did that happen?

**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?

**Dec 8**

**Sermons** Why do we have sermons? What purposes should they serve? What is the best sermon that you can remember? What made it memorable? How do you define a "good sermon"? From your perspective what are "some ways" by which a preacher may "lose people"? How should a preacher prepare before preaching a sermon? How should members of a congregation prepare before hearing a sermon?

# St. Mark's Health and Wellness

## Beginner Yoga

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:00pm

**\$10.00** per person/bring your own mat



## Prayer Concerns

Donna Brookes, Ken McPeek, Billie Robertson, Emilie Korosi, Ken Pakenham, Joan Werren, Ron and Peg Hill, Conley Family, Briggs Family, Susan

**Family and Friends:** 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), Don Reede (friend of the Thorps), 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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