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St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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Services

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite I)
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite II)
and Sunday School with Nursery Care

Wednesdays

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion (Rite II)
in the Chapel
(See enclosed calendar for variations
to weekly services.)

Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Administrative Secretary:

Ann Millan (908) 766-9058

From the Desk of the Reverend Joanna D. Graham

Interim Rector

From the Desk of the Rev. Joanna Graham, Interim Rector

The 2008 Lambeth Conference will convene from July 16 – August 3 at the University of Kent in southeast England. More than 800 Bishops and spouses from the Anglican Communion have been invited to attend by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The bishops meet once a decade for consultation so that they could maintain their unity and work together toward common goals. The first conference, known as the Lambeth Conference, took place in 1867 and was attended by eighty-seven bishops. In 1998 some eight hundred bishops attended the Conference. For the first time, some of the bishops were women; also for the first time, bishops from Africa and Asia outnumbered those from Europe and North America.

The Anglican Communion today is a diverse, international body with a membership more geographically diverse than that of any church except the Roman Catholic. The various provinces of the Anglican Communion have their own patterns of self-government, but internationally there has been no structure other than the recent Anglican Consultative Council and the meetings of the Lambeth Conference. The conference is designed for conferring, not legislating although the bishops may issue statements of their opinions on matters of pastoral concern, national, or international. Each National Church or province remains free to make its own decisions about its common life. Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams emphasized: "The main focus I long to see at this conference is the better equipping of bishops to fulfill their task as agents and enablers of mission, as co-workers with God's mission in Jesus Christ."

For the past five years, the Design Group for the Lambeth Conference has been dedicated to designing a new kind of Lambeth with the twin goals of equipping bishops as leaders in God's mission and of thus strengthening the mutually responsible and interdependent life of the

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THE SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

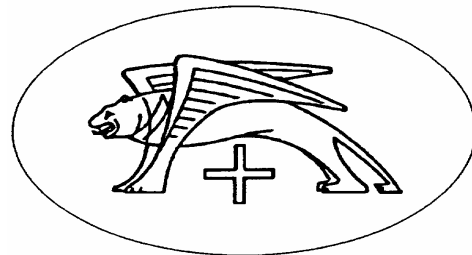
Good news from our Diocese for all of us at St. Mark's: Canon Geitz, Church Deployment Officer, and Bob Bostock, our Search Consultant, have scheduled a meeting with the Discernment Committee for 7:30 p.m. on September 30th. This will be for the primary purpose of presenting us with the names of candidates for Rector of St. Mark's.

All of us are concerned with the passage of time. However, Canon Geitz will have just returned from a conference of Diocesan Deployment Officers and will thus have received excellent recommendations from 40 other deployment officers from around the country. Our choice here should, therefore, be from a deep and geographically wide pool.

She has also set a deadline of September 6th for the submission of names from our own parishioners in order that she can give them due diligence before our meeting later in the month. We have already forwarded the names of a few candidates to Trenton: if there are more, please get them to Jim Nishimura or me before the 6th.

The Discernment Committee continues to meet periodically, with our next session scheduled for Monday, July 28th at which we will formulate questions that will accompany our initial letter to candidates.

Roger Conover



2008 Vestry

The Rev. Joanna Graham
Senior Warden

Jim Nishimura 647-5290

Junior Warden

Buck Kirch 647-3599

Buildings & Grounds

Tom Defeo 604-2466

Paul Chiappetta 766-6776

Christian Education/Youth Ministry

Lorri Layton 696-1748

Outreach

Bill Schmidt 604-0535

Finance

Teri Pasarello 696-0375

Stewardship

Jeff West 953-8115

Worship

Marilyn Lyga 766-5880

Events

Lauran Corson 903-0700

Membership

Jackie Kahle 766-0502

Communications/Office Administration

Nancy Opremcak 221-9165

Non-Vestry Positions:

Warden Emeritus

Jim Martucci 604-2256

Fellowship

Carol DeCoste 766-0408

Treasurer

Bill Coffin 766-0158

Recording Treasurers

Doug Post 766-6621

Margaret Murphy 766-4126

Everyone is invited to participate in the commission meetings. Please contact the vestry representative for more information.

Our local chapter of the
American Association of University Women
is collecting books, CD's, DVDs and VHS tapes for its
annual used book sale.

Donations should be taken to the loading dock of the
Middle School on Seney Drive, Bernardsville, between
Saturday August 2 and Wednesday, August 13th.
If you have questions, please call Connie or Jack Smythe
at 908-953-0078.

Sale dates are August 14th , 15th & 16th



Women of St. Mark's Gathering

August 21, 2008 Thurs. at 6:30 pm

Under the Tent in the Garden of Carol DeCoste

Dress for outside

Sign up sheet in the Narthex for sandwiches, salads,
and desserts

September - Dinner at Marylea Schmidt's *Irish Cottage*

Date to be announced

October - need a hostess

November - need a hostess

December - Dinner at Sharon DeFeo's *Christmas Museum*

Date to be announced

Upcoming Events continued

Fun and Fellowship Guaranteed!

on
Sept 7th at Pleasant Valley Park
for
St. Mark's Church service 10 am
and
Family Picnic starting at 11 am

Looking for committee members Now!

Many hands make light work and Carol happy

Volunteers needed for:

1. Shopping
2. Cooking
3. Setup/Clean up
4. Games/Entertainment

Bring a salad or dessert and your own chair

Hamburgers/hot dogs/drinks provided

Cost: \$5 Single, \$10 Family

Call Carol DeCoste for more info 908-766-0408

August

Anniversaries

8-2	Neil & Kit McLaughlan	8-12	Lisa Keenan Katie Seitz
8-3	John & Carolyn Freeman	8-13	Sarah Post
8-4	Jonathan & Jenifer Behrins	8-15	Ed Kirch Anthea Markowicz
8-6	Haken & Lisa Lebliebiciouglu Mike & Ann Millan	8-17	Kristen Freeman Emma Hale Peter Phillips
8-9	Robert & Jennifer Phillips	8-18	Ruth Ayo Robert Buesser Jeffery Heiner Kristen Lunny Kiyomi Urbas
8-10	Joe & Lorri Layton	8-21	David Taylor
8-11	Richard Davis & Sharon Gillen Robert & Gloria Taylor	8-22	Sophia Donelan
8-24	Art & Nora Barrett Ram & Anne Moore June Rose	8-23	Bruce Rowley Mary Lea Schmidt
8-27	Bill & Betsy Coffin	8-25	Bruce Walker
8-28	John & Theresa Wojnar	8-26	Jessica Solon Eleanor Williams
8-30	John & Eileen Kozel	8-27	Nicholas Gubitosi
		8-28	Kevin Lazo Kate Volk
		8-29	Evan Walter
		8-30	Jack Williams David Carson

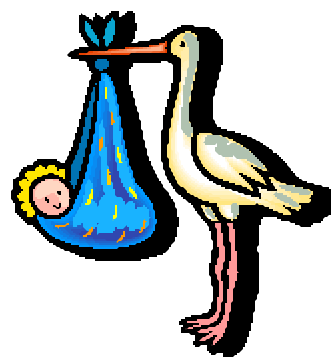
Birthdays

8-1	Dana Greenleaf
8-2	Carole Pasquale Melissa Pavlini
8-3	David Aquanno
8-4	Bill Coffin
8-5	Megan Booter- baugh
8-6	Samantha Glass Lia Knill
8-7	Kathleen Aregood Morgan Defeo Samantha Lunny
8-9	Lucia Anderson A.J. Di Chiara Susan Sefchick
8-10	Ed Seliga James Cirra
8-11	John Freeman



News in the Pews

The Holland Family, Tracey, Paul and Michael, welcomed a baby girl, Paige Corpening Holland, on July 19th! Congratulations!



Directory Changes:

The Greenleaf's new address in Colorado:

4550 East Perry Parkway
Greenwood Village, CO 80121

New Email for Mikke McCall:

Charlott31@comcast.net

Contact Info for Don & Charlotte Wells:

14783 Southwest 109th Ave.
Apt #7
Tigard, Oregon 97224
503-838-7496

St. Mark's **Outreach** for August 2008



The "preliminary" results are in for the **Curbing Hunger** program:

Despite the economic slowdown, collections and distributions in Somerset and Morris Counties totaled 36,000 pounds. Final numbers should approach 38-40,000 pounds.

Below are a few comments from Marie Scannell of the Food Bank Network of Somerset County which supports all the food banks in Somerset County.....

....."This amount of food will probably last about 2 months which gets us through the summer months and into September (about 2,300 recipients per week, families and individuals).

...county and municipal workers were very helpful...the publicity was good

...thanks to the Curbing Hunger Board Members, the County Freeholders, and the County and Municipal Recycling workers. They made this all possible."

A special thanks to St. Mark's parishioners on Curbing Hunger's Board of Directors

Mary Urbas, Secretary and Treasurer

Chuck Knill, Fund Raising

Roger Conover, Director, Morris County Operations

Beki Perkins, Marketing

Robert Les, member-at-large

Bill Schmidt, President of the Board

September programs include:

Crop Walk: Contact Ann Post 908.766.6621

Food Pantry in Somerville (Youth and Adults): Contact Martha Heiner 908.766.0868

Habitat for Humanity: Bruce Walker 908.604.9151

For Outreach contact Bill Schmidt at 908.580.1259 or billprag@optonline.net.

St. Mark's Outreach Summary
Current Programs and Coordinators
(Bill Schmidt, 908.580.1259)

<p><u>HUNGER</u></p> <p>Crop Walk – Anne Post 908.766.6621 and Robert Buesser 973.316.5175 Curbing Hunger, Inc. – Bill Schmidt 908.580.1259 Food Pantry, Somerville – Martha Heiner 908.766.0868 Meals on Wheels – OPEN (Williams, Begg, Kress) Morristown Soup Kitchen – Kit McLaughlan 908.221.1858 Morristown Mission – Jim and Paige Pioppi 908.604.4232 Serving Meals during Holidays Turkey Drive with B'nai Israel– Mary Urbas 908.630.9012</p>	<p><u>HEALTH</u></p> <p>Blood Drive – Mary Urbas 908.630.9012 Bryan's Dream – Opremcak 908.221.9165 Hospice/Home Care – Kit McLaughlan 908.221.1858</p>
<p><u>SPIRIT</u></p> <p>African Team Ministry – Jim Nishimura 908.647.5290 Millennium Project– Direct Contrib. Ministry, Episcopal Church of Jerusalem Rev. Joanna Graham 908.766.9058 Prison Mission – Direct Contribution</p>	<p><u>SHELTER</u></p> <p>Habitat for Humanity Raritan Valley - Bruce Walker 908.604.9151 Appalachian – Marilyn Lyga 908.766.5880 With Liberty Presbyterian – El Salvador – Bill Schmidt 908.580.1259</p>
<p><u>SHARING</u></p> <p>Holiday Adopt-A-Family– Marilyn Lyga 908.766.5880 Thanksgiving – Lyga and Moore Christmas Baskets – Bev and Jennifer Moore 732.809.1215 Easter – Lyga and Moore Interfaith Hospitality Network Buck Kirch 908.647.3599 Call Dottie Benjamin 908.647.0575 at Bishop Janes United Methodist Church</p>	<p><u>COMFORT & JOY</u></p> <p>Creche Service, Children's Clothes – Jim and Paige Pioppi 908.604.4232 Dress for Success – Lorri Layton 908.696.1748 Seamen's Institute – Anne Post 908.766.6621 Unicef - Laura and Greg Begg 908.204.9292 Valentines for NJ Troops – Paula Roper 908.508.1864</p>

Contributed by Nancy Opremcak:

Legend of the Cherokee Youth Rite of Passage

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience because each lad must come into manhood on his own. The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, our Heavenly Father is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

**Moral of the Story:
Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there.**

'For we walk by faith, not by sight.'

Finance Report as of June, 2008

Represented below is a summary of St. Mark's operating income statement.

June 2008 Year to Date

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Pledges	134,592	111,002	23,590
Other Donations	50,299	55,755	-5,456
Total Receipts	184,891	166,757	18,134
Total Expenses	176,813	177,161	-348
Net Operating Income	\$8,078	\$-10,404	\$18,482

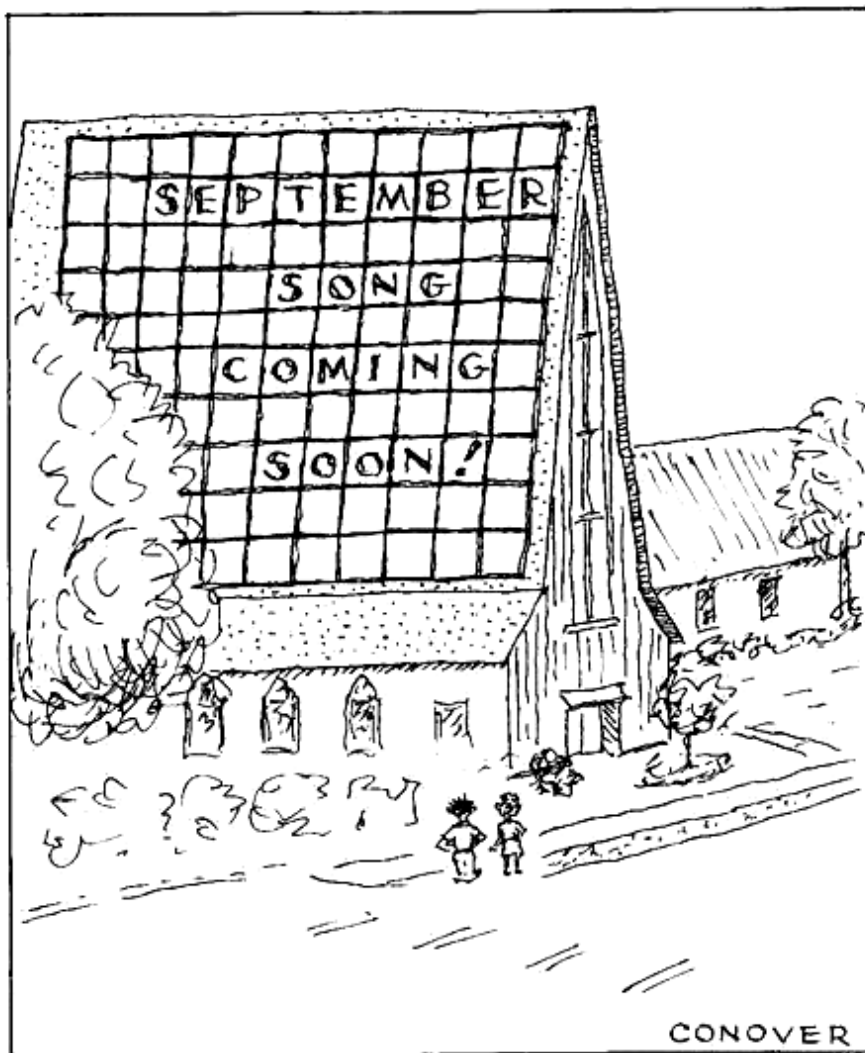
June year-to-date total pledges are up significantly due to parishioners making early pledge payments (5% over June, 2007). In January, February and March there were low levels of building use donations causing the June year-to-date other donations line to be below the budget. Building use donations have picked up in the last few months however. Year-to-date total receipts also reflect the successful spring fundraisers.

Year-to-date total expenses are very nearly on budget. This total reflects the year-to-date expense associated with the unbudgeted expense for the installation of the smoke and fire alarm system in the amount of \$11,000.

Net operating income reflects the higher pledge payments and income from the fundraisers as well as the commission chairs keeping their expenses under control and under budget.

Thank you for your continued pledge commitment.

LAUGHTER IN THE PEWS



"It looks like our investment in solar panels is really beginning to pay off!"

ECVA

The Episcopal Church &
Visual Arts

Is pleased to announce a new
exhibition in Synod Hall!

A World of Music:

Photographs by Lee Whiteman
July 13—Sept. 25, 2008

Lee Whiteman, a member of Trinity Cathedral, shares with us some of his vast collection of photographs on a musical theme. From Little Richard to the Trinity Cathedral Choir to a Grandmotherly piano lesson at home, Lee's photographs capture his love of music in its many forms. Featuring an array of close-ups of well-known jazz and popular artists, as well as home-grown musicians, this show is not to be missed!

*Synod Hall
Trinity Cathedral, Trenton*

Urban Ministry Workshop

The Commission on Urban Ministry is sponsoring a workshop for all in the Diocese interested in supporting urban ministry. The goal of the workshop is to inventory the diocese's current urban ministry activities and define both short and long term plans for Urban Ministry within the Diocese of New Jersey.

Leader: Mrs. Nell Baxter Gibson, Coordinator of the Episcopal Urban Caucus

When: Saturday, September 20, 2008, 9:30am—3:00pm

Cost: None, lunch provided

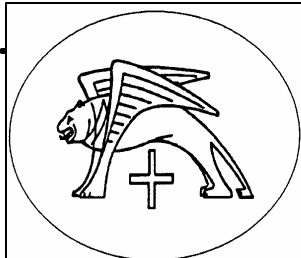
Where: Trinity Cathedral, Trenton, NJ

Register: by Wednesday, September 17, 2008

Email: spaige@newjersey.anglican.org, or phone Sarah Paige, 609-394-5281, ext. 10

August 2008

<i>Date</i>	<i>Layreaders</i>	<i>Crucifer</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Greeters</i>
08/03/2008				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch John Lyga		John Wojnar	
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch. Roger Conover	West Family	Jim Nishimura	Ann Millan
	P&Ch Jeanne Wyatt		Larry Rose	Bruce Woodford
	LR 2 Libby. West			
8/10/2008				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Jackie Kahle		Harry Woods	
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Dawn Knill	Bryan Knill	Jim Nishimura	Kit McLaughlin
	P&Ch Chuck Knill		Diane Rozzelle	Anne Post
	LR 2 Lauran Corson			
08/17/08				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Doug Post		Paul Chiappetta	
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Kathleen Aregood	Anne Post	Larry Rose	Barbara Hughes
	P&Ch. Jackie Kahle		Bruce Woodford	Nancy Brangaccio
	LR 2 Robert Buesser			
08/24/08				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Doug Post		Jack Smythe	
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Marylea Schmidt	Anne Post	Diane Rozzelle	Annabelle Wilmer
	P&Ch Bill Schmidt		Bruce Walker	Nancy Wojnar
	LR 2 Stuart Pasquale			
8/31/08				
8:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch John Lyga			
10:00 a.m. (HC)	L&Ch Roger Conover	Phillips Family	Bruce Woodford	Mickey Ahalt
	P&Ch Richard Aregood		Jackie Kahle	Jackie Kahle
	LR 2 Sean Gogerty			



August 2008

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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3 8am Rite I 10am Rite II	4	5 Worship Mtg. @ 6:30pm Christian Ed Mtg. @ 7:30	6 Chapel @9am	7	8	9
10 8am Rite I 10am Rite II	11 Exec. Finance Meeting	12	13 No Chapel	14	15	16
17 8am Rite I 10am Rite II	18 Vestry Mtg. 6:30	19	20 No Chapel	21	22	23
24 8am Rite I 10am Rite II Rev. Metzger, Supply Clergy	25	26	27 No Chapel	28	29	30
31 8am Rite I 10am Rite II Rev. Metzger, Supply Clergy						