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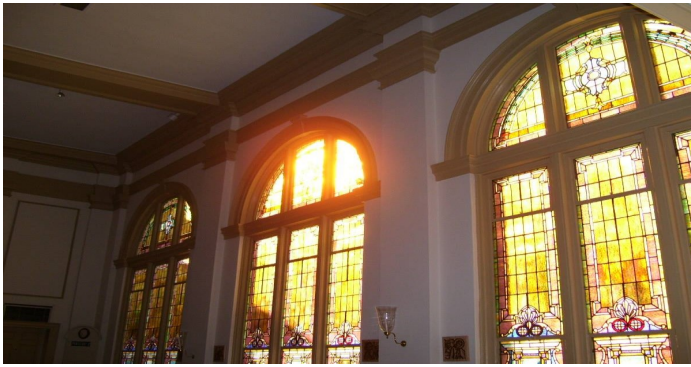
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Our theme this month is **Coming Home**. After over 2 years St. Mark's is welcoming people back into the sanctuary for worship. We still offer our services online and wearing masks is considered optional for those who wish to continue, but we are gradually getting back to what is becoming our "new normal".

The cover picture shows our acolytes through the cross window in the narthex door. The contents picture shows a key fob and above is the sun shining in the windows.



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Called to be Christ Centered
Touching Lives + Transforming Hearts + Teaching God's Word

St. Mark's is a traditional parish in liturgy and architecture, but a progressive parish in organization and community involvement. Each month dozens of our members work tirelessly and creatively with others in our community to combat hunger, homelessness, racism, and other significant issues. By the power and grace of God, we are seeing the Kingdom of God unfold in our community.

We are excited about what the Holy Spirit is doing in our parish and in our community and we would love to share that excitement with you.

We invite you to come visit. Peace be with you!



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**Your key fob still works
to get in the door and we
are still here during the
week to welcome you and
answer your questions.**

Renewal

Archdeacon Brenda Gilbert

When I think about the immediate future of St. Mark's I get excited. We have the chance to create the church and the community of our dreams. How often do we get the chance to revitalize, improve, reimagine everything about a key pillar of our lives?

Absence and isolation have allowed us to bring a wonderful focus on what is important to us. We are emerging from a time where we could not gather in community, and we learned to value that community so much more. We come back to that community because of the good things we remember and wish to reengage with.

Why come back if your predominant feelings about a community are negative? We naturally think back on the joy we get from working with others, often forgetting the little frustrations and irritations that those same relationships can bring. Armed with the focus and knowledge of what we truly value we can set aside the negatives or refuse to engage in them. In every human relationship, over time, habits naturally form, personalities clash, and the joy can become overshadowed by things that have nothing to do with our purpose. We must intentionally address this clutter, refocus on the joy and the mission.

We are regrowing our community and our church from the core of what was once the old guard. New families and new ministries are moving us both outward and inward. What kind of church are we going to become?

Maria Kando asks us to look at items and only keep the ones that spark joy for us. Remember the great things that brought you joy in being a member of St Mark's. As we regather, dedicate

yourself to the things that bring that joy back again for you. Remember the people and the interrelationships that lifted your hearts and brightened your day. But don't forget about the things that didn't bring joy. Let's not drag back into our lives those things that consumed time and effort yet had no purpose in building up the Body of Christ and our church. Deny energy to those things that detract, reinforce those things that build.

Reinforce the outreach missions that, despite all the challenges, continued to support people throughout the recent crises. Hard times really help us focus on priorities. Missions that continued to shine through the recent darkness are proclaiming their value and importance to the church and to their beneficiaries. Perhaps the time and effort spent on missions that withered on the vine should be re-invested in new directions.

This is also a time to hold ourselves to a higher standard. We all make compromises, but can we challenge ourselves to do the right thing, the right way, all the time? How we act in the community, how we support our relationships with each other, how we treat ourselves, how we maintain and use the tools and resources that this church community is blessed with are all important.

We are not and should not seek to be the old St. Mark's. We are not yet the new St. Mark's. We all have a role in defining what the new St. Mark's is going to be and working towards that end. A growing, welcoming community that delivers on the promises of Christ to be better and do better for ourselves and our community. We can get there together if we stay focused on Christ and on the people we are with. Amen.

Continue to Remember CAM



SHOPPING LIST for CAM

Dry Cereal
Grits / Oatmeal
Pancake Mix / Syrup
Soup / Crackers
Canned Beans (Kidney, Navy, etc.)
Canned Vegetables (no green beans)
Canned Fruit
Canned Meat
Macaroni & Cheese
Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
Rice / Mashed Potatoes
Peanut Butter / Jelly
Powdered Milk
Personal Care Items



Caring Cupboard Needs

Our Caring Cupboard continues to be used on a regular basis and often people stop by during the week to say they have seen what is happening and to contribute towards it. We even have one of our users who regularly puts a few coins through our red door mail slot to encourage us and to help. Blessings truly abound.



- Protein Sources
 - Mac & Cheese cups
 - Beef Stew
 - Hearty Soups
 - Ramen Noodles
 - Vienna sausages
 - Beanie Weenies
 - Peanut Butter cups
 - Tuna or Chicken packets
 - Fruit and Pudding Cups
 - Small cookie or cracker packages
 - Lance Crackers
 - Small bags of chips
 - Oatmeal and Grits packages
 - Granola or other snack bars
 - Individual cereal boxes
 - Water or Gator Aid
 - Feminine hygiene products that we re-bag
 - Travel soaps, shampoos, etc (as you travel)
 - Utensil packets you get in take-out food
- Plus blankets, hats, gloves, scarves for the cold weather. Just bring to the parish hall. Thank you for your continued support.

Would You Make a Blessing Bag at Home?

All you need is:

- A large gallon size Zip Lock bag
- A bottle of water
- A pair of socks
- Some protein (chicken or tuna packets)
- Lance crackers
- Trail mix
- Hard candies (chocolate melts)
- A Chapstick or small lotion
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Small pack of hand wipes
- A small trash bag
- Anything else that you can think of that has no alcohol and won't melt or "rot".

You Can Come Home Again

**The Rev. Shawn Griffith,
Rector**

There's an old adage, adopted from the title of a 1940 Thomas Wolfe novel, that states, "You can't go home again." The saying is meant to infer how nostalgia causes us to view the past in an overly-positive light, and how humans tend to remember people and places from our upbringing in static terms.

We call St. Mark's our church home. Over the years some people have never left, while others have not been home for a long time. Being from West Virginia, I cannot think of home without mentally singing the song "Country Roads, Take me home, to the place I belong" And on those occasions when I do return to Huntington where I spent my childhood, met my first love, and encountered God in the parish of St. Peter's, I quickly realize that Huntington is not the same as it was sixty years ago.

It takes time to re-engage with the old that has become new. We reminisce about the things that brought us joy and grieve over those things that are no longer there. But being 'home' is really about being in community with people you love and with people who love you.

These past two years have been a time of chaos. We have been directed, or we have chosen, to isolate ourselves for health reasons. Even when we have ventured outside, we have worn masks and kept social distanced from others. The virus is not gone, and we need to stay vigilant to maintain our personal protection, but God is calling us back into community to worship to-



gether, pray together, and serve together as the Body of Christ.

Old habits are hard to brake. Watching services online in your pajamas while sipping your coffee was good while it lasted. But we were created to be in relationship with others. The virus gave us time to realize that our lives are too busy and that we have a need to be with others and with God.

I often run into people who inform me that they've been away from church for some time. Some people have been hurt by the church or the priest. Many aren't angry with the Church, rather they've simply fallen out of practice. Many tell me that they'd really like to return but they're "afraid the roof will cave in." One comment that I often hear is, 'I don't come to church anymore because I don't know anyone.' It can be quite anxiety-provoking to come back to church. The truth is that relief, not anxiety, is the central emo-

***“Country Roads, Take me
home, to the place I belong”***

tion that many people feel upon “coming home” to the church.

There are several reasons to be here on Sunday morning. To begin with, we have been taught that we are the Body of Christ and each of us a different part of that body. We are not independent but interdependent and when one is missing, we all are lessened by that loss.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us, leading us, driving us to return to the house of the Lord. Our children need to learn the Biblical stories, and we need to continue growing in our own faith through the formational opportunities we encounter in the parish and through worshipping together. Our new music program has enriched our worship and been inspirational in our praise to God. We have a commitment to each other to support the members of our parish in times of need. I once heard a person say, I have cooked meals, written cards, and prayed for people in this parish for years, where are they when I need help.

We are called to be missionaries to people without homes, food, clothing, and shelter. This is not an easy job, and it takes all of us to do the work of Christ in the world. Every week people come through our doors looking for a home that will provide them comfort and support in a troubled and broken world. The Holy Spirit leads them to St. Mark’s for us to welcome them and minister to their needs. Will they find this place filled with people who celebrate Christ and who are transformed by the Gospel?

So how do we begin?

First, come and see. See who is here, learn what we are doing. Meet the new people who have joined since the pandemic began. Come and see what God is doing in this place and in our lives.

Second, reconcile yourself. Seek reconciliation with God, your neighbor, or your priest and find

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forgiveness for yourself and for others.

Third, connect or reconnect with the people of this parish and join in the worship, work, and wonder that is St. Mark’s. Let the Holy Spirit transform us together into something new.

You may not be able to return right away and that is fine. You might need to exercise caution for yourself or those you love, and we want you to stay safe. You might need to keep watching from a distance for a while. But when the time is right, you will know it. God’s people can and must gather again, and I hope you’ll join in.



Pastoral Care - Stephen Ministry

Jay Barnes



We will soon be introducing a new ministry here at St. Mark's. It is called Stephen Ministry and will provide an opportunity for Christ-centered care and conversation for members of the parish who are experiencing life difficulties. Some of examples of life events that might need a Stephen Minister for conversation are grief, unemployment, divorce or other broken relationship, aftermath of a serious event or loss, a long-term illness or disability, family stress, or a similar event. Stephen Ministry is not designed as a full mental health counseling service but is a pairing of a person in need with a care-giver to listen and provide guidance for moving through one of these hardships.

Jay Barnes, Cathy Wesson and Stu Rowell have all completed a 10-week training and study course with the Stephen Ministry Program and will serve as our Stephen Leaders, providing ongoing leadership for this ministry in addition to serving as care-givers. Five additional lay leaders, Debbie Brake, Judy Jackson-Malina, Terry Rowell, George Sowersby and Ann Ward have just completed their training and study to be Stephen Ministers; they will be our first group of primary care-givers.

All counseling and pairings will be highly confidential, one-on-one and same gender (female care-givers working with female care-receivers and males working with males). The other members of the parish may not even know that someone is meeting with a Stephen Minister. We are hopeful that our Stephen Ministry will begin shortly after Easter. More information will be provided to the congregation at that time.

It is important to note that our clergy have all been heavily involved in the planning and training for this new ministry and its implementation. This is a ministry that can be found all over the country and Fr. Shawn has been looking to getting it started here since he heard about it several years ago. Jay, Stu, and Cathy have given much of their time and treasure to get this started and the entire parish can benefit. If you have any questions, see one of them or a member of the clergy.

Live Streaming Continues



If you still do not feel you can be with us in person yet, please continue to watch our 8:00 and 10:30 Services online via either Live Streaming on the web page or on Facebook. The 9:30 Family Service which has been on tape and available on Sunday mornings in both places, will return to the Parish Hall in June. Communion kits are still available at the moment but will also be going away this summer as we go back to full operation. If you have questions, contact the clergy.

Released From Captivity, At Last Dionne Browning, Parish Admin

Imagine yourself, it's the early 6th century BCE and you're living in Jerusalem with your fellow Israelites. The Babylonian army has invaded, destroying your city, leaving the temple in ruins, and is now marching you and your neighbors off to exile in a foreign land. You are physically separated from your place of worship by nearly 900 miles, so that, even if the temple were not in ruins, you would not be close enough to worship there. Even under these unwelcome circumstances, God's chosen people remained comforted that their time in captivity would be limited.

Just as the Israelites had to, by necessity, adapt to a new way to worship, we also have had to change our method and manner of worship to adapt to our new situation. I think we can all sympathize with their plight. But honestly, if I had a choice between two years of lock-down and 70 years of exile, I'd pick lock-down every time. And yet at times it has felt endless. With hard work, and a great deal of God's grace, we've made it work, taking comfort in knowing that the lock-down would not last forever, that this would not be our new "normal," that we would return to in-person worship with no, or at least very little, restrictions.

One part of our worship that had to change during our period of "exile" was our giving. "Yikes!" I hear you say, "not about giving again! I thought the stewardship campaign was over." I promise this will be as painless as possible. You see, the vast majority of giving, before our shutdown in 2020, came in through the offering plate on Sunday mornings. Those who practiced giving by putting a gift in the

plate each week or month had to, by necessity, find a different way to give. Some took to mailing a check to St. Mark's on a regular basis, some arranged for their bank to mail a check, and some made use of our online giving through Realm. At the end of two years, we are happy to say that overall giving did not go down as much as we thought it might. The non-pledge "loose" money that usually was put in the plate on Sunday mornings was gone for most of that time, but pledges stayed up.

Now that we are free to meet in the sanctuary we are a tingle to be able to add the offering plate back as part of our worship...and the people said, "Amen. All is right with the world." For many, "passing the plate" is an integral part of their worship, an outward demonstration of their personal vow to God, and they are especially happy to have the offering plate available again.

You might be thinking, "actually, it's been easier to have my bank send it, that way I don't forget," or, maybe you really like the recurring gift you set up on Realm. You might be saying, "that way, when I find myself away from the church on Sunday, my offering still makes it there." I'm here to help you if you decide you'd like to set up a recurring gift instead of, or in addition to, putting a gift in the offering plate each Sunday.

REALM is a very easy and safe way to have your donations to the church come each and every week or month as you designate. If you are at all interesting in learning about REALM or want to ask me questions, I am in the office from 9-4 Monday through Thursday. Call anytime. But of course, the choice is yours; it is between you and God alone.

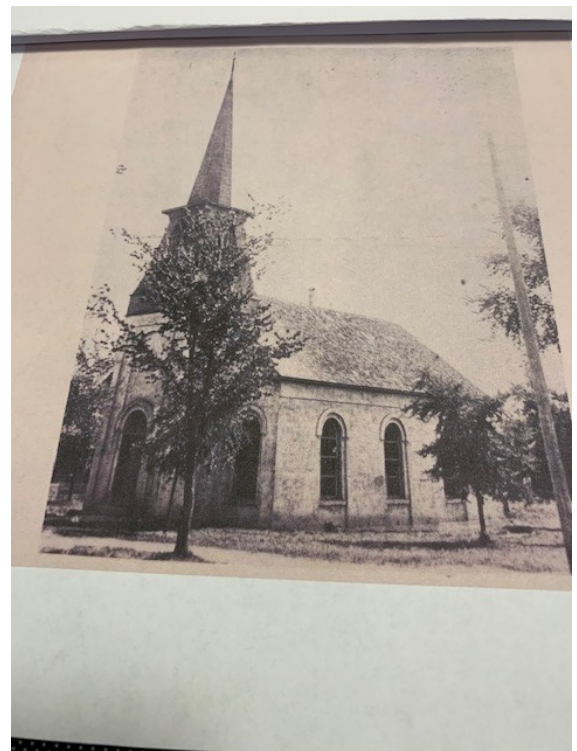
At the Crossroads of Gastonia

Ed Hoerning, Historian

Occasionally I am asked, “Where do you go to church?” My reply is “At the crossroads of Gastonia, St. Mark’s.” Located at the intersection of U. S, Highways 321 and 74, St. Mark’s is truly at the crossroads of Gastonia and an identified member of the downtown churches. Gastonia city dwellers may describe the location as being at West Franklin Avenue and North York Street. GPS navigators are able to provide precise latitudinal and longitudinal readings of the same.

Geographically, St. Mark’s location is directly connected to the Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church, known as the ARP church. The beginning of Pisgah ARP Church located near Crowders Mountain, Kings Mountain and Sparrow Springs was established on March 20, 1796. Pisgah ARP Church today is located on Linwood Road. It was years later that this congregation established a church on Airline Avenue in Gastonia through their expansion program. Around 1886, a large lot at York Street and Franklin Avenue was purchased for \$145. In the fall of 1886, a stucco church was built costing \$1,200. (See photo below of the first ARP church on the present St. Mark’s site.) On October 29, 1887, the first ARP Church congregation was organized with a membership of 47, moving from Airline Avenue.

This church was torn down in 1918 to allow for the new ARP church. The Gastonia contractor, C.W. Spencer built the present building on the site of the smaller church. It was dedicated on February 24, 1918. In 1948 when this building became too small for its ARP congregation, the church was sold to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church. We moved from a small building on Long Avenue and have occupied our downtown corner ever since. (Photo shows St. Mark’s on June 19, 2018.)The ARP Church relocated several blocks south on Chester Street where it remains today.



References for this article were taken from “History of First Associated Reformed Presbyterian Church Gastonia, North Carolina 100th Anniversary 1887-1987” and “The Architectural Heritage of Gaston County North Carolina,” 1982 by Kim Withers Brengle, printed by Commercial Printers, Inc. Gastonia, NC.



The Friends of Music at St. Mark's
David Wilcox
Organist & Choirmaster

Hallelujah!
Praise God in his holy temple;
praise him in the firmament of his power
Psalm 150:1

Psalm 150 closes the Psalter with a symphony of praise to God. 13 times the command is given to praise the Lord.

- In his sanctuary
- In his mighty heavens
- Because of his mighty deeds
- According to his excellent greatness.
- There is no end to our praise since his excellent praise is infinite.

With what or how shall I praise him?

- With trumpet sound
- With lute and harp
- With tambourine and dance
- With strings and pipe
- With sounding cymbals
- With loud crashing cymbals



This sounds like praising God is not a quiet activity!

Who should praise God?

- Every living creature has what it takes to praise God – breath.
- So as long as I am alive and breathing, I will praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

This brings me to share an opportunity for you to help underwrite bringing guest musicians to enhance the worship at St. Mark's as we praise God with song and sound.

On Maundy Thursday we praised God with trumpet sound and at the Great Easter Vigil with a brass quartet. I believe that the arts are an intrinsic part of our church experience. The expression and sharing of our gifts is a magnificent way to glorify God!

In previous churches where I have served, there were a group of patrons who supported the music program. The Friends of Music Patron Program helped to underwrite all special music that occurred during the church services, including guest artists and instrumentalists for Advent, Holy Week, Easter Vigil, Pentecost and other times such as The Service of Hope and Remembrance for the 20th Anniversary of 9/11.

I invite you to play an important role in the music ministry here at St. Mark's by making a contribution of any size to The Friends of Music at St. Mark's. Please contact me for further information. Any amount you are moved to contribute beyond your regular tithe to the general fund is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous support and please continue to sing with the choir as we all praise God aloud.

New Spaces

The Rev. John Simpson

Associate Rector



We may have been more excited than they were.

This was my fear as Deacon Brenda and I led the youth group upstairs. The

space hadn't been completely neglected since the last youth group meeting, before my time, in March 2020, but it looked tired and worn. Children would play in it every so often, say when a parent had a meeting or counseling at the church. Our food ministries were often stocking its large, metal cabinets or distributing from them in this space. Most recently it had been used to store the long-loved pew cushions that had been removed because of their age and COVID and stored on the balcony.

Since returning to regularly held meetings this fall, this youth group – all new to St. Mark's or new to youth group age - had met in the parish hall or outside in the community, distancing as best we could. Brenda and I yearned to give them their own space, or better perhaps, to invite them to receive what the grades ahead left to them to inherit: the painted walls, board games, pool table and foosball, collages of pilgrimages and mission trips, the Bibles, TV, and stereo. Even the popcorn machine. The space was full of accumulated trappings that others had left behind.

After some chucking, sweeping and vacuuming, the youth room was finally in serviceable order. As they entered the space – theirs for the first time – there was exploring, sifting, trying on and trying out. The mini-fridge still had soda in it (the consumer was unharmed), but the stereo didn't work. The couches were comfy, but the office chair sank when sat upon. All to say, it was pretty much perfect. (After a

game of Apples-to-Apples it was time to eat. As we headed downstairs, one spoke up, "It's nice, but I'm a little upset." Why, I asked? "Someone cleaned it. It's our space. We should have been the ones to clean it." They didn't make the mess, I told them, but now I understand their point. To uncover what was left behind is the joy of the heir. It's a gift to be able to sort through the spaces you move into – so you can know it, and to retain what you need or discard what you don't – so you are equipped for the future and yet have the space to grow.

In my first article for The Evangelist (January 2021, if you archive such things) I wrote about the spaces in St. Mark's untouched for many months – calendars in the Vestry Room, classroom chalkboards etched with Epiphany lessons. I wrote that someday it'd be meaningful for the users of those spaces to reclaim them. I had almost forgotten my own words as we walked back into that room.

At the Easter Vigil we recount God's story of salvation, from Creation to Resurrection. Integral in that account is the story of the Israelites' exodus out of Egypt into the desert and, eventually, the Promised Land. In the days leading up to their exodus, God told them to gather what they'd like to take: silver, gold, and clothing from the Egyptians; and their flocks. But the night before they left Egypt they were instructed to eat dressed ready to travel, staff in hand, and to burn whatever of the animal they didn't eat. They were to throw out all their yeast, and make bread without leaven. Yeast, as you know, propagates in whatever medium its carried in. If you keep sourdough starter at home, you know that you can gather yeast from anywhere you travel and accumulate flavor as you go. Feed it



with flour for months, even years, and as it grows you will always retain the flavor of the yeast from the places you've been. You

can't help but pick it up from the air itself. But the yeast of their term of enslavement was not going to follow them. They would need a new yeast in the land they would inherit.

And so it is with us, as individuals working out our salvation with fear and trembling, and as a congregation working out how we will be faithful in this church, both familiar to us and in some ways new to us. As individuals, we are returning to normalcy, some of us taking off our masks. What have we left behind in Egypt that we learned in the desert that we



can do without? And what faithfulness does that allow us to live into in this new land? As Paul said, we have a cel-



ebration to keep! But “not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth” (1 Corinthians 5:8).

It may be a stereotype that before the pandemic everyone was too busy to stop and smell the roses, and the Great Pause allowed us all to learn to bake sourdough and walk our dogs more. It is a stereotype that doesn't account for the desert that it really was for many people, of economic hardship, serious illness, and loneliness just to name a few. But here we are, standing at the threshold of the Promised Land. God beckons us to enter, to put down roots and flourish. Not for our own sake, but to give glory to God, to be a light to the nations, to show hospitality to alien and neighbor, and thereby live lives worthy of our Deliverance. Amen-Alleluia!

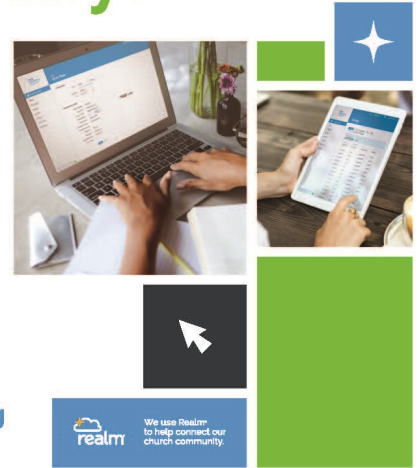


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Parish Transitions

Baptisms:

Lincoln & Mason Escalera, sons of Filemon & Jennifer, 1/9

Yolanda Laine, Mark's Place member & wife of Pete, 1/9

Jonathan Fioritto, Caleb Callaham partner, 1/9

Andrea Baltran, 1/9

Jack Simpson, son of John and Barbara, 4/16

Aspen Erlan, great-granddaughter of Bill & Pat Spezialetti, 4/16

Marriage:

Benjamin Blackwell & Huaun Chung, new members of parish, 5/14

Transferred In:

David Wilcox, 12/21, from St. Mark's Methodist, Seneca, SC

Barbara Simpson, 12/21, from Calvary, Fletcher, NC with Marshall and Virginia

Elliott, Danelle, Cava, & Benjamin Blackwell, 2/28, from Parkwood Baptist Church, Gastonia

Chappel & Leslie Harris, 2/28, from Holy Comforter, Charlotte

Mary Grace Shockley, 3/1, from Holy Trinity Episcopal, South-bridge, Mass

Transferred Out:

Carol Cole (now Taylor) to St. John's, Memphis, TN

Deaths:

Bill Seabrook, former parishioner, 12/20, Gastonia
Millie Cocker, parishioner 1/28, of sepsis in Gastonia

Dottie Wehrmann, parishioner, and Summer Fulgrum's mother, 2/1, in Gastonia

Donald Jarrell, Shawn's brother, 2/16

Bill Stragand, Susan's brother, 4/19

Duane Thompson, Nancy Anderson's brother, 4/19

Jeanne Greear, longtime parishioner, Covenant Village, 5/6

Rudene Marlowe, Stephen's sister-in-law, Charlotte 5/5

Congratulations to our Graduates High School:

Ethan Barker

Eli Dills

Sydney Foley

Payne Fulgrum

Anthony Varriale

George Whatley

Michael Whatley, Jr and

Jamie Danis in Greensboro

Julia Meredith Byers (Nancy's granddaughter)

College (that we know of):

Benjamin Blackwell, from Appalachian State, Social Work

Katie Danis, from UNC-CH. Biology & Medical Anthropology

Logan Lovelace, from Virginia Theological Seminary

Ashley Tamberella, UNC-CH, Special Education

Calendar 2022

As we regather in our space, we are also hoping to catch up on activities which have been halted for the past 2 years of the pandemic. We are beginning to have fuller celebrations with food and lots of fellowship to reunite us as we get back together in smaller ways.

Until that time we continue with the work to be done in and around our city and to worship virtually and physically as we are able. with Live Stream, Facebook, and other gatherings as allowed.

May 1 - Vestry on Retreat
 8 - Mother's Day Fancy Tea for Coffee Hour
 10 - Piedmont Deanery Diocesan Gathering,
 The Laboratory Mill, Lincolnton
 22 - Youth Sunday and Ice Cream Social
 29 - Memorial Day Weekend

June 4 - Day of Encouragement
 5 - Pentecost
 Stephen Ministers commissioned
 6 - Rector goes on vacation
 7 - Worship Committee meets
 12 - Daughters of the King inducted
 Family Service to begin, 9:30 in
 in Parish Hall

July 10 - Fr. John chaplain for Camp Henry session

August 10 - Choir starts back
 14 - Confirmation at 10:30
 21 - Bookbag Blessing

September 11 - Homecoming Weekend



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*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as
I have loved you. John 13:34*