



# The Grapevine

St. Mark's Episcopal Church



August 2018

## A Note from Nancy – August 2018

The 79<sup>th</sup> General Convention of the Episcopal Church was held in Austin, Texas in early July and I was there! It was an experience that I will not soon forget. Many, many details of church life were discussed, dissected, put back together and voted upon and always in the spirit of love and awareness for the interests of all parties. There was humor and good will. (If you have a Twitter account, please see #79CGpigeon.)

The opportunities for public witness to the Gospel were many. The #metoo movement was recognized by a very moving liturgy during which letters from both women and men who have been sexually abused and/or harassed by those with authority over them were read aloud. My prayer is that this will be the beginning of the process to change the culture of the Episcopal Church to truly live into our Baptismal Covenant “to respect the dignity of every human being” (BCP p. 305)

There was a public demonstration by our bishops denouncing gun violence and over 1000 people traveled by bus to Hutto Detention Center to protest the separation of children from their caregivers at the borders of our country. The mothers inside the center were very moved by the fact that so many people came out in their support.

We had the opportunity to worship with each other every day. Over 1000 Episcopalians saying the responses together is incredible. Most services were a mixture of English and Spanish with translations in our bulletins. The bulletins themselves were in our “virtual binders” on I-pads loaned to all the participants for the duration of the convention. ([www.generalconvention.org](http://www.generalconvention.org)) Lots of new experiences happened every day.

Many resolutions were voted on. A few highlights:

- Liturgical Revision – the 1979 BCP will be in use while changes to include more gender-neutral language, rites for same-sex marriage, and other necessary modifications are worked out. There is no definite time period for all of this to happen. A Task Force will be established to oversee revisions in concert with the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music (SCLM)

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### Our Staff:

**Priest:** Rev. Nancy L. Threadgill  
**Verger:** Cindy Leap  
**Organist:** Dolly Lopresti  
**Treasurer:** Pam Hysong  
**Secretary:** Joanne McKinley  
**Sexton:** Nikki Forsythe

### The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Vincent Joyce  
Senior Warden: Adam Sprankle  
Secretary: Lyssa Nickle  
Treasurer: Pam Hysong

### 2018

Angie Herbein  
Vincent Joyce  
Amy Whitlow

### 2019

Lyssa Nickle-Madden

### 2020

Kitty Batrus  
Heidi Buchan  
Adam Sprankle  
Penn Whitlow

*Please remember  
St. Mark's Church in your will.*

- The same-sex marriage rites currently in trial use will continue to be used until more permanent rites are approved for use. One point of contention here is changing the definition of marriage in our catechism which will require more prayer and discernment.
- The Episcopal Church in Cuba , which has been missing from our church since 1966 has been reinstated. (There was much joy and rejoicing.)
- Individuals and churches were encouraged to invest with gun manufacturers in such a way that ethical decisions are made to minimize lethal and criminal uses of their products.
- Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2018 was approved with additions of multicultural liturgies for use in our churches.
- All Episcopalians are encouraged to build a Beloved Community made up of healers, reconcilers and justice makers to respond to racial injustice in the church and in the world.

There were many, many more topics discussed. If you would like to see the resolutions that went before both the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, please go to [www.generalconvention.org](http://www.generalconvention.org) and look under legislative calendars and consent calendars for each day of convention.

The deputation from the Diocese of Pittsburgh met every evening to discuss topics that would be coming up the next day. It was a group that took its work seriously but with humor and collegiality.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to go to Austin and participate.

Peace, In Christ,

Mother Nancy



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### ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Summer is in full swing and the Pet Food Pantry is very busy. Many Thanks to the generous contributions from The Humane Society of Cambria County (Jessica), Patricia Taylor, Annette Kristofco, Marian Gaydos, June Farougi, Nicholas Bocher & Susan Kalcik, Nellie Kohut, Joy Powers, Judith Zubal, Barry & Karen Orner, Dollar General-Richland (Jennifer), Loretta Tay, for their continued support.

There were 110 people who came through our doors in July. Twenty four (24) families were new.

**We helped 220 Dogs 10 Puppies 348 Cats and 81 Kittens**

#### **Totals for the month of July were:**

Dogs:	Dry food	1172 lbs	940 Cans
Cats:	Dry food	857 lbs	229 Cans

#### **Grand Total From January through July:**

6781 lbs of Dry Dog Food	and	4693 lbs of Dry Cat Food
1980 Canned Dog Food	and	1147 Canned Cat Food

During the Month of August the Pet Food Pantry will be open Aug. 8th, Aug. 9th and Aug. 22nd and Aug. 23rd.

Many thanks to volunteers for their continued support. A special "thank you" to Erin Pavic for her help this summer. She will be returning to the Classroom this month and we will miss her but look forward to seeing her over the Holidays.

Also, very special thanks to George & Marnie Gallop. George is on Medical Leave but Marnie continues to help us. We can't forget our "Bonnie Murray" who always comes to our rescue.

*Cynthia Greig and Joanne McKinley*

## **Animal Pet Food Ministry**

The First Collection of the month will be for our Animal Pet Food Ministry.



## **BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN**

Your extra collection on the second Sunday of the month goes towards the Narthex renovations.

A special “thank you “ to everyone who has supported our many projects!



### **Rwandan Orphan**

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the 3rd Sunday of each month for our Rwandan Orphan, Josian.

### **Outreach/Pastoral Care**

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 or more on the 4th Sunday of each month for our Pastoral Care needs.

### ***Vestry Meeting***

**Sunday, August 19th**

**After the 10:00 am Service**

## **Soup & Study**

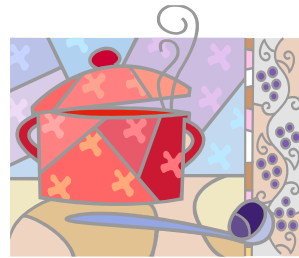
### **Most Mondays**

**6:00 – 8:00 PM at Panera Bread, Richland**

The Soup & Study Group will meet in the back room at Panera Bread, located in the Richland town Center, 400 Town Center Drive.

We plan to meet on the following Mondays:

August 6  
August 13  
August 20  
August 27



## **Coffee Shop Bible Study**



We meet at The Mill House Café at the corner of Diamond Blvd. and Luzerne Street in Old Westmont. This charming little coffee house is bright, cozy, and friendly. The sandwiches, soups, and yummy baked goods are very tempting.

Drop in any Tuesday morning at 10 for coffee or tea, study, & fellowship. We read and discuss the lessons for the next Sunday's service. Copies of the Synthesis CE Lectionary Study Guide are available for anyone in the parish hall.

To receive e-mail notices, contact Rev. Nancy at  
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## *Happy August Anniversary*

*Brian & Hazel Gunnlaugson*

*August 12, 1983*

*"Happy 35th"*

*Ryan & Michelle Shawley*

*August 16, 2002*

*Brian & Janice Lilly*

*August 27, 2011*

*Kenn & Cindy Leap*



*August 28, 1993*

*"Happy 25th"*

## *Happy August Birthday*



<i>Ian Campbell</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Maryanne Marchl</i>	<i>21st</i>
<i>Kitty Batrus</i>	<i>17th</i>	<i>Carol Adams</i>	<i>23rd</i>
<i>Pam Hysong</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Jackie Mundwiler</i>	<i>25th</i>
<i>William Haslett</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Rene Fetchkan</i>	<i>26th</i>
<i>Stephen Balamuta</i>	<i>20th</i>	<i>Rhonda Lowry</i>	<i>28th</i>
		<i>Adam Sprankle</i>	<i>29th</i>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>AUGUST</b>			1 12:00 Holy Eucharist Healing Service 6:15 pm Put People First	2	3	4 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist II
5 7:30 am Holy Eucharist II 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II	6 9:00 am NA Meeting 6:00 pm Book Study	7 10:00 am Bible Study Mill House Café	8 10:00 - 12:30 Pet Food 12:00 Holy Eucharist 7:00 pm Allied Artists	9 10:00 - 12:30 Pet Food	10 	11 10:00-2:00 Medieval Group 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist I
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		<b>Lay Ministers</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Coffee Hour</b>
<b>August 4th</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>C. Foreman (L)</b>				
<b>August 5th</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>V. Joyce (L)</b>		<b>Herbeins</b>	<b>Available</b>	
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>S. Martin (L)</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>K. Batrus</b>		<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>August 11th</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>S. Martin (L)</b>				
<b>August 12th</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>V. Joyce (L)</b>		<b>Herbeins</b>		
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>A. Sprankle (L)</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>A. Whitlow</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>August 18th</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>L. Loncella (L)</b>				
<b>August 19th</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>V. Joyce (L)</b>		<b>Herbeins</b>		
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>C. Foreman (L)</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>D. Horner C. Adams</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
<b>August 25th</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>L. Loncella (L)</b>				
<b>August 26th</b>	<b>7:30 am</b>	<b>V. Joyce (L)</b>		<b>Herbeins</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>
	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>P. Hysong (L)</b>	<b>Available</b>	<b>L. Loncella</b>		