

**July-August 2011**

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Venice, Florida**

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## **STANDING ON THE EDGE**

—The Rev. Earl D. Beshears

When you are in my office, you may notice a photograph that shows a group of people on a canyon rim, at sunrise, listening to a young woman speak. Some of the people are sitting on the very edge of the canyon with their legs dangling over the side. Others are sitting or standing back from the edge, a safe distance from the 1,000-foot drop. We are all listening to the woman and watching her gesture with big arm movements.

I took the photograph in Israel in the year 2000. We are on the edge of Ramon Crater. The woman, a young Israeli soldier who is serving her military obligation, is our tour guide. She is telling us that the Ramon Crater was formed when a sandstone mountain was surrounded by the sea and limestone formed around the mountain. When the sea receded, it washed away the sandstone mountain, leaving behind the white limestone crater and the valley floor deep below.

Someone asked our guide if the Ramon Crater was linked to the Noah story and the biblical flood. She answered, "I do not know the Bible very well, so I cannot answer that. But I know God and if you stand on the edge of the crater and if you are very quiet, you can hear God's whisper. You might even hear God call your name."

We all moved closer to the edge, a few more sat down and dangled their legs over the edge. We silently watched the sun as it rose higher and hotter into the sky and we waited on the edge to hear God's voice. Once we were settled, and everyone was quiet, we could hear a slight breeze stirring in the crater below. As the crater heated from the blazing sun, we could hear the rocks expanding and waking up. Somewhere far below in the distance and far out of sight we could hear the bleating of a wild goat calling her child home. We could hear our breathing. For an instant, I thought I heard God's whispers.

Suddenly, out of nowhere, two Israeli war jets broke the silence. I saw them before I heard them. They were flying so low to the ground that they raised dust from the dessert floor. They were flying faster than the speed of sound and when their sound wave hit us, I thought my ear drums would burst. The jets swooped down into the crater and up the other side, disappearing over the horizon. It was amazing to look down into the cockpits of these warplanes as they roared through the crater below us.

Our guide told us the pilots were practicing radar evasion, practicing for the next war. But that did not matter. The moment had passed. The silence of Ramon Crater was broken. We backed away from the crater's edge, each of us in our private meditations.

Later that morning, in temperatures over 120 degrees, we hiked on the crater's floor. Resting in the shade of a solitary tree, we drank water and we poured water on our heads to cool off. Some of us began to talk. One of our traveling companions, who always has something to say, said: "I was afraid standing on the edge of the crater. I was so afraid I would fall; I could not

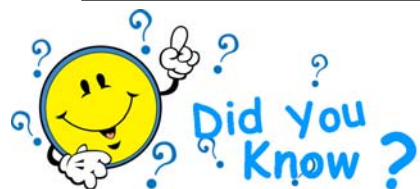
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listen for God. All I could do was think about falling. When the jets came by, I was so startled that I jumped and I nearly did fall.” Then she asked, “Were you afraid?” There was silence for a long moment. “Yes,” one person answered. Someone else said, “I heard God whisper.” Someone else said, “We are always on the edge, about to fall, we just don’t think about it.” Another said, “It would be a true spiritual gift to hear God above the jet’s roar.”

Then the moment passed. Someone asks, “Would anyone like a granola bar?”

The jets continue to roar, somewhere out of sight and out of hearing. God continues to whisper, right at the edge of our understanding. We continue our journey, afraid we will fall in, moving ever closer to the edge.



## QUESTIONS ABOUT WORSHIP

**Each month, Fr. Jim and Fr. Earl will answer questions about our worship. This month Fr. Earl addresses following:**

*I see people receiving the bread and wine in different ways. What is the correct way to receive communion?*

There is not a “correct” way to receive the bread and wine. Over the centuries there have been different customs developed. In the earliest church people would pass the bread and wine to each other around a table or standing. When worship became more formalized, the priests and deacons began distributing communion. The earliest rubrics instruct the people to stand to receive the bread in their palm and then sip from the cup. Standing is a sign of our approach to God as his children rather than his slaves and it is a symbol of our being raised with Christ. Today, either standing or kneeling is permissible. The preferred posture in Rite I is kneeling and the preferred posture in Rite II is standing.

In the fourth century, Cyril of Jerusalem taught: “Make your left hand a throne for your right hand to receive a king.” We still teach that today. The bread is then placed in the palm of the right hand (in the Middle East it is customary to use your left hand for unclean purposes, thus the clean hand holds the body of Christ) and the bread is eaten from the palm without touching it with the fingers. The priest has ceremonially washed his or her fingers so their fingers are ritually “clean” to touch the consecrated bread. A sip of wine is received from the chalice after eating the bread. The recipient says “Amen” after receiving the bread and again after receiving the wine.

The creation of small wafers (rather than using normal bread) and the dipping of the bread into the wine was created during the Middle Ages out of fear that the people were not consuming the bread but taking it out of the church for superstitious or wicked (black masses) purposes. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer is the first prayer book to make the dipping of the bread into the wine an option at the bishop’s direction. In our case, the bread is left in your palm and the minister takes it from your palm, dips it in the wine, and places it on your tongue.

If you do not wish to have the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer a blessing. If you do not want wine, cross your arms over your chest after receiving the bread and the minister serving wine will bypass you. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the person serving the bread.

Perhaps the most important thing to remember is that when we receive the bread and wine, we receive Christ. Receiving Communion is not an act of contrition or penance. It is a time of thanksgiving for what Christ has done for us. It is a time of joy! It is a time when we celebrate our communion with Christ and our communion with each other. Because it is one bread and one cup, we are one in Christ.

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## "FOURTH" OF JULY "PICNIC"

It's not ON the 4th and it's not *exactly* a picnic, but it will be fun! Join us at 5:30 in Gray Hall on Wednesday, July 6, for a RED, WHITE & BLUE evening of festivities. Chef Blow is serving up BBQ chicken, hot dogs, coleslaw, mac 'n cheese, veggies and ice cream. We'll have a good ol' fashioned sing-along of patriotic songs, table-top trivia, and Dick Smith's "America the Beautiful" video program. Sign up as usual in the narthex or Gray Hall.



## Bless-My-Sole Shoe Campaign

**S**ave those old shoes! Your gently-worn shoes can find new life! We are in the process of collecting shoes for our friends in the Dominican Republic. Shoes that are only slightly worn will be like new to someone who has no shoes.

### HOWEVER,

even the most beat-up old work shoes, sneakers, cross-trainers or golf shoes can find new life in the world of construction! Our friends in the D.R. are hard at work building their new church and school facilities and they put in long hours of manual labor—many of them while wearing flip-flops. Your old shoes can provide good protection and offer secure footing as the workers crawl around roofs, climb ladders, paint, mix cement and more. Keep pairs together in a plastic grocery bag and toss in the big green bin in Gray Hall. We will collect shoes all summer for delivery to the Dominican Republic later this fall. *Thank you and God Bless!*



**YES,** Vicki continues to collect pet food and pet supplies to be shared. Just leave in narthex or Gray Hall and Vicki will find!

Thank you  
ever so much!



## St. Mark's Book Circle - Everyone invited!

The selection committee of St. Mark's Book Circle has chosen the following books for our monthly discussions:

July 19: *Breakfast with Buddha*, by Roland Merallo

Maureen Bentley, discussion leader

August 16: *Cutting For Stone*, by Abraham Verghese

Ellen Miles, discussion leader

September 20: *Remarkable Creatures*, by Tracy Chevalier

Discussion leader to be determined

October 18: *The Heart of Christianity*, by Marcus Borg

Sue Ardizzoni, discussion leader

November 15: *A Land Remembered*, by Patrick Smith

Cathie Tiemeyer, discussion leader

December 20: *What's So Amazing About Grace*, by Phillip Yancey

Joan Mann, discussion leader

Please feel free to join us whether you have read the books are not. We take suggestions for future Book Circle selections. We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Gray Hall Picture Room.

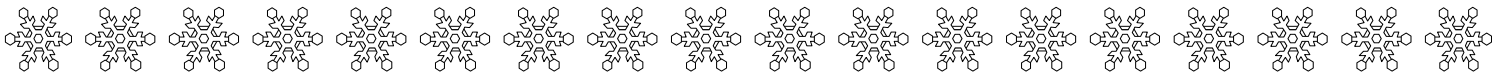
# School Supplies Needed for BACKPACK SUNDAY!

Jackie, our Youth Minister and member of the Mission and Outreach Committee, will be telling everyone about a special opportunity for our congregation. Sunday, August 28, all of St. Mark's youth will be asked to bring their own school back packs to church to be blessed. The beginning of the school year is always exciting for students and prayers and blessings are a good way to show our support and love for all of them.

The Mission and Outreach Committee will be distributing paper bags to the congregation on Sunday, August 7, and asking everyone to bring them back on either Sunday, August 14, or Sunday, August 21, filled with appropriate school items. (A list of such items will be included with your bag.) We would like to give each of the children in our church a bag of various school supplies on **August 28, Back Pack Sunday**. We are hoping to receive enough school items to make bags for each of the 50 children at Garden Elementary who are part of our BackPack Food Program as well.



Again, we thank you for your support in all the endeavors the Mission and Outreach Committee undertakes. We pray that you will have a blessed summer.



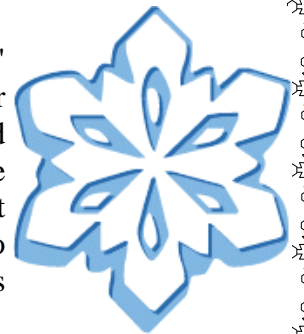
## NEWS FROM THE PRESCHOOL



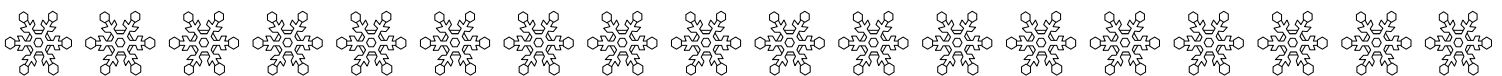
Summer Fun is here! Campers are cooling off at the swimming pool, going to imaginary places by visiting the library and borrowing books, creating impromptu skits for Children's Chapel, playing more board games than we knew existed, touching their feet to the clouds on swings, laughing with old and new friends, seeing how many strikes and spares can be made at the bowling alley, painting up a storm or two... and the fun goes on for eleven whole weeks of summer camp!

When school begins again at the end of August every classroom will be brimming with the joy of children eager to learn their ABCs, of children growing in and experiencing all of God's wonders. Many new children will begin to discover what a special place it is here at St. Mark's, while returning children come back to continue being nurtured and educated. Energy, laughter, sharing, growing are never lacking in this place!

We are also planning for the 10th Annual Silent Auction "Winter Wonderland" for Saturday, October 1, 2011. We are seeking donations of all kinds for our Silent Auction. Donations of gift baskets, gift certificates, services, art and antiques, sports items, home goods, toys, appliances, vacation homes and more are all welcomed and needed. Give us a call 484-8707 or email us at [preschool@stmarksvenice.com](mailto:preschool@stmarksvenice.com) - we pick up from you unless you would like to visit here at the preschool! All proceeds benefit children and children's programs. This year we are focusing on playground enhancements.



By the way, your invitation will be arriving sometime in September. We hope you will attend and enjoy with us! Sponsors receive seating for them and their guests plus advertising.



## Busy Committee Changes Its Name

After much deliberation the Justice and Concerns Committee has decided to change its name. It will now be known as “St. Mark’s Mission and Outreach Committee.” This title is more appropriate given the work that is being done. This committee brought you the Community Dinners, the BackPack Program, and the military recognition bulletin board. Please welcome (and continue to support)

### **St. Mark’s Mission and Outreach Committee**

*Thank you!*

**END OF LIFE PAPERS** End-of-life-planning papers are available from the church office. These include detail plans for a memorial service. Deacon Fran is available to assist you in the preparation of the paperwork. Having these documents on file in our church and giving your family a copy is truly a gift. **Deacon Fran** may be reached at **941.492.9713**.

### **UTO Boxes Still Being Turned In!**

Our spring United Thank Offering ingathering was held later this year and a lot of folks had already gone north. If you still have your little blue box filled with coins, you may turn it in any time during the year. Contributions are sent into the diocese twice during the year, so your donations will be gratefully received at any time. Thanks for your generosity with this campaign “which addresses compelling human need through grants to projects that alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican provinces, diocese, and companion diocese.” (see [www.anglican.org](http://www.anglican.org)) Your gifts acknowledge your many blessings through the kindness of sharing. *Thank you!*

Remember the Church Office Summer Hours:

Monday thru Thursday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday: 8 a.m. to noon

Closed Friday afternoons

The above schedule begins Friday, June 17,  
and runs through Friday, August 12.

### **Remember our shut-ins with prayer and visitation.**

#### ***Clare Bridge of Venice***

Priscilla Craig

#### ***HarborChase***

Hazel Ficker  
Barbara Gerrish  
Wayne Haviland  
Marge Perkins  
Nan Shilling

#### ***Harbor Inn of Venice***

Bradford Jahnes

#### ***Pinebrook Rehab & Nursing Center***

Virginia Safford Blais  
Dorothy Tucker

#### ***Venetian Gardens***

Dot Brown

#### ***Village on the Isle***

Allen Bryant  
Ann Dover  
Louise Hood  
Marguerite Vaughan

#### ***Shut-ins at Home***

Walt & Jo Bell  
John Bishop  
**Betty Cavaluzzi**  
Arthur Wakefield





## New Lighting in the Church

**Y**ou may have noticed the new lighting in the church. Thanks to a grant from *The Robert S. and Mildred M. Baynard Charitable Trust*, we were able to replace the overhead lights with ecologically friendly LED bulbs—they burn cooler, are more efficient and save on monthly electric bills. A welcome change all around!

## BACKPACK PROGRAM BIG SUCCESS!

**T**he Mission and Outreach Committee wishes to thank all those who have helped make the Backpack Program such a success. The chili cook-off in March raised **\$2,928**, which is enough money for us to be able to furnish food to 50 needy children during the 2011-12 school year at Garden Elementary. And we have even more good news! Venice United Church of Christ has joined us in helping Garden Elementary. This means that 30 more children who don't have food each weekend will be fed. The Backpack Program is ongoing. We will continue to ask for help with this worthy ministry. And we will keep you updated on how the children are doing.



**See you  
next fall**

Returning this fall . . .  
**Episcopal Church Women  
Grief Group  
Marksmen  
Seniors Lunch Bunch**  
*Have a wonderful summer.*

## SURPRISED BY HOPE – Life after life after Death

**W**hat happens after we die? What is heaven like? What is resurrection? What does this have to do with the church? Our culture answers these questions in ways that are often inconsistent with biblical teaching.

For six weeks beginning October 3, on Monday mornings at 10:30, we will meet to discuss the book *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* by N. T. Wright. Bishop Wright's book addresses these questions from the traditional understanding of New Testament teaching.

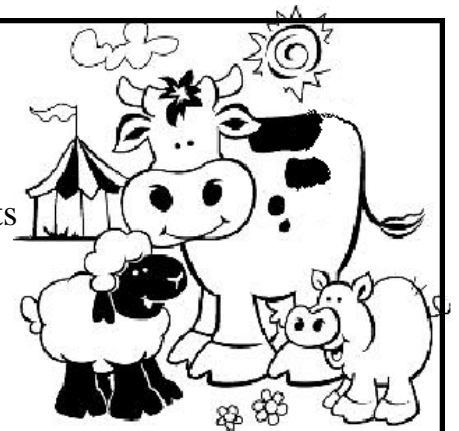
Participants will be asked to obtain the book on their own in advance of the class in order to read weekly assignments. We will watch two video segments each week in which Bishop Wright talks about hope, heaven, resurrection, the second coming, and the church. We will discuss what we read and what we have watched. Please let me know if you plan to participate and I will give you a copy of the syllabus.

—The Rev. Earl Beshears

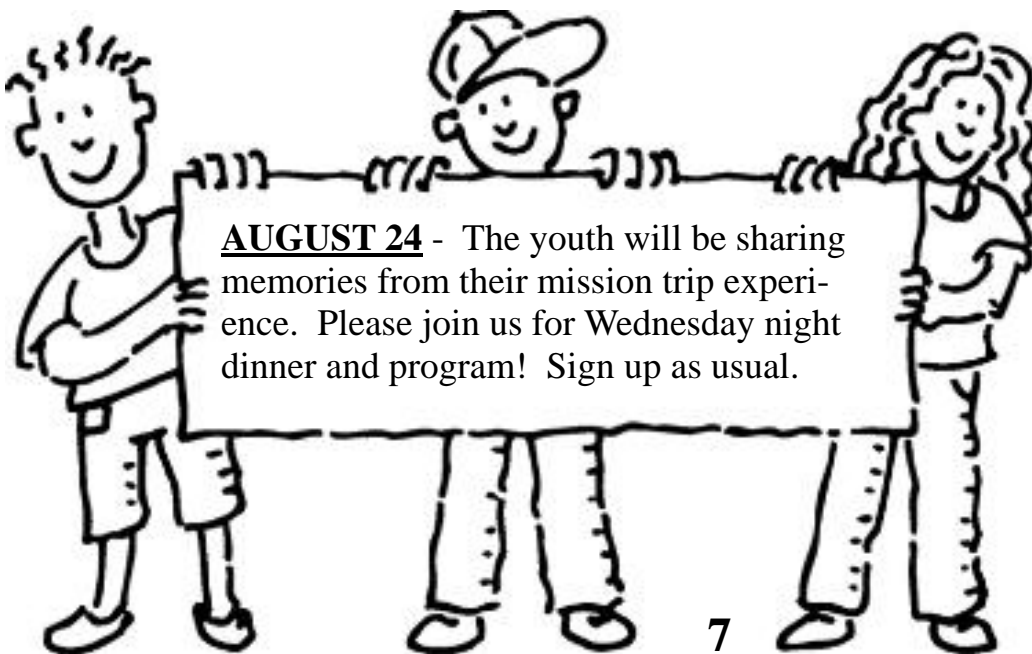
St. Mark's Vacation Bible School had 72 kids this year!  
**WOW!**  
Good job Jackie and crew!

## st. mark's youth & family

**JULY 17–22** - Our young people will be traveling to Massachusetts for their summer mission trip to work with Heifer International. Please pray for them during their trip and join us at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 10 to commission them at the worship service.



**AUGUST 24** - The youth will be sharing memories from their mission trip experience. Please join us for Wednesday night dinner and program! Sign up as usual.



**AUGUST 28** - We will be *bouncing* into the new school year with a bounce house and Sno Cones following the 10 a.m. service. We will also have hot dogs! Please bring a side or dessert to share!





But there were ten men among them who said to Ishmael, 'Do not kill us, for we have stores of wheat, barley, oil, and honey hidden in the fields.' So he refrained, and did not kill them along with their companions. —Jeremiah 41:8

## Stocking Your Pantry

Assemble healthy meals and snacks right from your pantry staples. The trick is to keep your pantry stocked with canned goods low in sodium and packaged foods that are high in nutrition, but low in sugars and refined grains. Be sure to rotate items and always check expiration dates. Some savvy supermarket shopping can stock your pantry with nutritious staples that can form inexpensive, healthy meals and snacks. Check your cupboards for these 23 essential healthy items.

1. **Barley** - Pearl barley is the most common boxed barley. Although the outer hull and bran layer is removed, this barley still contains fiber throughout the kernel. Add to soups, stews or as a side dish in place of rice.
2. **Beans (Canned or Dried)** - Rinse canned beans to reduce sodium content. One cup contains as much protein as 4 ounces of meat plus more fiber and less fat!
3. **Brown Rice** - Even the instant varieties, ready in 10 minutes, have the same nutritional values as brown rice that takes nearly an hour to prepare.
4. **Canned Fish** - Albacore Tuna (solid white) is highest in omega-3s. Look for "packed in water." Canned salmon and sardines also supply heart health omega-3s.
5. **Canola Oil** - Authorities say the composition of canola oil "is so far, the closest to the optimum to meet basic requirements of essential fatty acids in the body."
6. **Cooking Spray** - Use when you need just enough oil to prevent foods from sticking to the pan.
7. **Cornstarch** - With only 10 calories per teaspoon, it is a healthy alternative to butter-and-flour roux for thickening gravies and sauces.
8. **Dried Fruit** - When you are out of fresh fruit, use dried to top your cereal or low fat yogurt. Dried blueberries and cranberries may protect your aging brain, but watch out for the added sugar. Check the label!
9. **Green Tea** - Rich in antioxidants, green tea can help you feel full after a meal instead of reaching for calorie-filled desserts.
10. **Hot Sauce** - Add flavor without adding calories by adding something like Tabasco® Brand Pepper Sauce!
11. **Lentils** - Convenient to cook, lentils are high in fiber, protein, vitamins, and minerals. Add to stews, soups and as a side dish.
12. **Low-Sodium Chicken Stock** - Be sure it is low fat and low sodium.
13. **Nuts & Nut Butters** - All nuts are good sources of plant omega-3s, antioxidants, fiber and protein. Enjoy them in moderation as a snack or a topping for salads. Caution for pantry planning: The nuts highest in fats also go rancid most quickly.
14. **Oatmeal** - Oat groats and steel-cut oats are the least processed, thus the most nutritional choices. But don't feel bad about going the quick cooking route for convenience.
15. **Olive oil** - Extra virgin olive oil is a healthy pantry staple. Instead of store-bought salad dressings, try 3 parts olive oil, 1 part vinegar, a little Dijon mustard and chopped shallot. Yum!
16. **Popcorn** - This is a whole grain that is tough to beat as a healthy snack. Take it easy on the salt and butter.
17. **Powered Egg Whites** - Two teaspoons (17 calories) added to warm water and you have egg white for one egg. Powdered egg whites can lower the calorie and fat burden in many recipes.
18. **Quinoa** - (pronounced Keen-wah) This grain is a healthy side-dish substitute for rice.
19. **Vinegar** - Select from a variety of flavored vinegars. Mix with salads or add zip to a vegetable or main dish.
20. **Whole-Wheat Pasta** - There are some really tasty whole-wheat pastas on the market now; experiment to find your favorite. Remember to try couscous, ready in 10 minutes.
21. **Whole-Wheat Flour** - Easily substitute up to 1/3 of the bleached flour in most recipes with whole wheat.
22. **Wild Rice** - This can be found in a pre-cooked packages for quick serving times. Wild rice is actually a grass, not true rice.
23. **Sugar Substitutes** - Stock the zero-calorie sweetener you prefer. Used in moderation, it can satisfy your sweet-tooth.

*April Merrill, R.N.*

## TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETS YEAR ROUND!

The Tuesday morning Men's Fellowship continues to meet over the summer. We enjoy lively discussion about our faith and our spiritual lives with reflections from a Biblical perspective. Join us at 8 a.m. sharp for an hour of coffee and stimulating conversation. Questions? Contact **Dave Sayer** at **445.5071**.

### Music News



**Summer Choir** during July and August....all interested singers are invited to join us in the choir loft at the 10 a.m. service to help lead the hymns and service music. No choir robes or rehearsals required. Come once, twice, or every Sunday and enjoy experiencing our worship from the choir's perspective. Please join us!

**Regular Choir Rehearsals** for adults and children will resume in September. The choirs of St. Mark's are open to all interested singers and new members are always welcome. Please plan now to join our music ministry! Contact Gini Koepkey for more information.

**Concert Series Information**...Watch your mailboxes later this summer for the 2011/2012 Friends of Music Concert Series brochure. We have a great season planned to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Concert Series, which also marks the 4<sup>th</sup> year of our "Friends of Music at St. Mark's." Thank you in advance for your generous support of this musical outreach in our church and community.

### An EfM Group for St. Mark's?

Have you ever wondered why there are two accounts of Creation in Genesis? Or, why the account of The Flood seems to be a very confused story about the event? Or why the name of the deity is sometimes referred to as "God," sometimes "the Lord God," and sometimes "the Lord?" Or when theologians refer to the stories of creation as 'myth,' we are NOT implying that these stories are fairy tales?

*Education for Ministry* (EfM), is a long distance learning program coming from the University of the South, School of Theology, Sewanee. It came into being following World War II to answer a felt need for better education in the area of biblical study. It is NOT Bible Study, per se, although it incorporates some elements of that discipline in its work. One way to define the purpose of EfM is to say that "we study the story of the people of God so that we may more nearly be persons of God." (Yr. One, Lesson 2, pg. 15)

The curriculum consists of four years' worth of material, **taken one year at a time, and committed to one year at a time**. Year One concentrates on studying our Old Testament, the Hebrew Bible. Year Two examines the New Testament, the Christian Testament. Year Three explores the history of the Christian Church, how it has interacted with world history and been shaped by it. Year Four focuses on how the Church has responded to issues of contemporary life.

Each academic year runs for nine months, typically beginning in late September; a seminar session is held once a week for three hours during which time the assigned reading is discussed and the group engages in theological reflection, popularly known as "TR."

If you are curious about how all this works, and what would be required of you as a member, please speak with **Pastor Judith** or call the church office (**488.7714**) and leave your name and telephone number. I will return your call. If there is enough interest, we will start an EfM group at St. Mark's.

—The Rev. Judith S. Roberts

# Episcopal Church Women

## Women's Evening Fellowship Institutes Sign-up

**Date:** Monday, June 13

**Time:** Dinner at 6 p.m.

Over the next three months we will be investigating the inspiring lives of female saints and how our lives could be influenced by their actions. We do ask that you sign up on one of the sheets, either in the narthex or in Gray Hall. It will help in preparing food and also give us an idea of what you might bring to share (for 6-8 people).

Please contact Sue Benak **485.6114** to reserve your seat **OR** sign up as noted above. This group meets monthly on the second Monday unless otherwise announced.

## Scholarships Available!

**ECW** Scholarship Request Forms are available in the church office. The completed form with all requested materials, including transcripts,\* is due in the church office no later than Friday, July 1. If for some reason you cannot meet this deadline, notify the church office in writing or by email before the deadline. Call **488.7714** for more information.

\*Note: Some schools prefer to send transcripts directly to our office. Notify the office staff so we can watch for your transcripts and put them with your application materials.

When you pick up your ECW Scholarship application in the church office, be sure to ask about Church Periodical Club Scholarships as well.

## St. Mark's Gift Shop

St. Mark's Gift will be open for business on Sundays between services and for special events in Gray Hall such as our monthly dinners. Stop and Shop! *Remember:* Gift Shop proceeds go to benefit the mission and ministries of St. Mark's.

—No sales tax ☺—



## Gift Shop Volunteers - NOTE!

Gift Shop Schedule has changed. Please call **Judi Pennington** at **496.4299** if you have any concerns about your scheduled dates. August and September schedule will be posted in the Gift Shop.



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*We have gifts that differ according to the grace given us....*  
 —Romans 12:6a

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### Write this down!

- July 1 Scholarship Application Deadline
- July 4 Independence Day - **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
- July 6 Monthly Dinner - *Patriotic Theme 'Indoor Picnic'*
- July 10 Mission Trip Blessing & Kick-off
- July 11 Women's Evening Fellowship
- July 19 St. Mark's Book Circle (*Breakfast with Buddha*)
- July 17 Youth Depart for Heifer Ranch, VT
- July 17 Men's/Women's Fun Golf Outing
- July 22 **NOTE: Church office will be CLOSED**
- July 25-27 Gray Hall Floors being waxed
- July 28 Vestry Meeting

- August 1-3 Gray Hall Floors being waxed
- August 7 Bags for BackPacks Distributed to congregation
- August 8 Women's Evening Fellowship
- August 14-21 Return Backpack Bags
- August 16 St. Mark's Book Circle (*Cutting for Stone*)
- August 21 Men's/Women's Fun Golf Outing
- August 24 Monthly Dinner - *Youth Report*
- August 25 Vestry Meeting

