

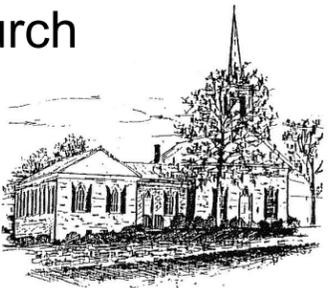


**PEWS NEWS**

**Saint Mark's Episcopal Church  
Fincastle, Virginia**

A shared ministry parish, called to:

Know Christ and make Christ known



**Sunday, July 23 - The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

- 8:00am HE I
- 9:15am Adult Class - We will continue our study of Acts
- 10:30am Children's Chapel
- 10:30am HE II

**Tuesday, July 25**

- 8:00pm Open AA

**Wednesday, July 26**

- 11:00am Eucharist Service at  
The Glebe

**Friday, July 28**

- Office Closed
- 8:00pm Open AA

**Saturday, July 29**

- 9:00am Altar Guild
- 9:30am - noon Food Pantry
- 8:00pm Open AA

**Serving Us Today**

**The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Copenhaver**

**LEM:** (8:00am) C. Geiger  
(10:30 a.m.) R. Hagan

**Lector:** J. Gordon

**Acolyte:** Ana U.

**Crucifer:** Amie U.

**Torchbearer:** Lauren U.

**Altar Guild:**  
P. Garrison, P. Gordon

**Ushers:**  
G. Sydnor, J. Gordon

**Youth Chapel and Nursery:**  
Emily T.-G.

**Counters:**  
B. Wilsie, L. Jacobi

**Coffee Hour:**  
The Beasleys

A Very Warm Welcome to you!

We are so glad that you are with us, today. Our prayer each Sunday is that St. Mark's will be a place of refuge, rest, care, and love. We pray for God's grace to touch all those who walk through our red doors. Our red doors remind us of the blood shed on the Cross for you and me.

We would love to get to know you better so please fill out a newcomer card if we do not have your information already on file. You can return the card to the ushers or place them in the collection plate.

A few notes about Sundays at St. Mark's:

**Communion** - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the bread and wine. You may receive only the bread or the wine if you wish. If you want to come forward and receive a blessing then please cross your arms as you come to the Communion Rail.

**Adult/Family Education** - Our adult Sunday school begins at 9:15 in the ministry center (building below the Church) and we offer Nursery at this time, too.

**Offertory** - The loose plate offering on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month is directed to the Rector's discretionary account.

**Coffee and Fellowship** - light refreshments are offered during the adult education hour and immediately following the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall.

*Again, we are so happy to see you today!*

**Announcements**

- ❖ No Parish Life meeting on July 24th.
- ❖ August Good News Letter deadline is **tomorrow**, July 24.



From a newsletter in Seattle, Washington:

RSVP for this special program.

Interpretation for the dead will be provided.

Tickets are available online.

Although Jesus raised the dead, we offer a different sort of sign!

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**

The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector  
 Tommy Hunter, Organist      Gret Kidd, Choir Director  
 Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

**Vestry (Lay Leadership)**  
 Pam Garrison (Sr. Warden) \* Carole Geiger (Associate Warden)  
 Ola Manley, Treasurer \* Peter Howarth (Property Manager)  
 Bruce Wilsie \* Gret Kidd \* George Sydnor

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**Sunday Morning**

Holy Communion at 8am and 10:30am  
 Adult Class (Ministry Center) at 9:15am  
 Children's Chapel from 10:30am - 11:10am  
 Nursery-Child Care available from 10:15am to 12:15pm

Prelude  
 Processional.....Come, ye thankful people, come.....Hymn 290  
 Opening Acclamation.....BCP 355  
*Celebrant:* Blessed by God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Gloria.....Hymn S-280  
 Collect of the Day.....BCP 231  
 Children's Homily

First Lesson.....**Genesis 28:10-19a**  
 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The **Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23**.....BCP 794

Second Lesson .....**Romans 8:12-25**  
 Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our

spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Gradual Hymn....As Jacob with travel was weary one day.....Hymn 453

The Gospel.....**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

*Before the Gospel "Glory to You, Lord Christ" After Gospel "Praise to You, Lord Christ"*

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.'

The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Sermon.....The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Copenhaver  
 The Nicene Creed .....BCP 358  
 The Prayers of the People, Form IV.....BCP 388  
 The Confession.....BCP 360  
 The Peace and Announcements.....BCP 360

Offertory Hymn.....We are climbing Jacob's ladder.....LEVAS 220

The Presentation Hymn.....Hymn 380 (Vs. 3)  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A.....BCP 361  
 Sanctus .....Hymn S-129  
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Consecration Prayer .....BCP 362  
 The Lord's Prayer.....BCP 364  
 The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 364  
 The Invitation to Communion  
 Communion Hymns  
 .... Lord of all hopefulness.....Hymn 482  
 .... O what their joy and their glory must be.....Hymn 623

Post Communion Prayer .....BCP 365  
 The Blessing.....BCP 365  
 Recessional Hymn.....Lord dismiss us with thy blessing.....Hymn 344  
 Dismissal  
 Postlude

**8:00am HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Opening Acclamation.....BCP 323  
*Celebrant:* Blessed by God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.  
 Kyrie.....BCP 324  
 The Collect of the Day.....BCP 179  
 First Lesson .....**Genesis 28:10-19a**  
 The **Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23**.....BCP 794  
 Second Lesson.....**Romans 8:12-25**  
 The Holy Gospel.....**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**  
*Before the Gospel "Glory to thee, O Lord"; After Gospel "Praise to thee, O Christ"*

Sermon.....The Rev. Dr. Robert T. Copenhaver  
 The Nicene Creed.....BCP 326  
 Prayers of the People.....BCP 328  
 The Confession.....BCP 331  
 The Peace.....BCP 332

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Offertory & Doxology  
 V. All things come of thee, O Lord; R. And of thine own have we given thee.  
 The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer I).....BCP 333  
 Sanctus.....BCP 333  
 The Lord's Prayer.....BCP 336  
 The Breaking of the Bread.....BCP 337  
 The Invitation to Communion  
 Post Communion Prayer.....BCP 339  
 The Blessing.....BCP 339  
 Parish Announcements  
 Dismissal

**Today's Prayers of the People**

**Prayer requests for individuals and families are left on for 4 Sundays unless requested. If you wish for someone to be left on longer, please let the office know at the time you make the request.**

**DIOCESE OF SOUTHWESTERN VIRGINIA: The ministry and director of Grace House on the Mountain.**

**MINISTRIES OF ST. MARK'S: Botetourt Food Pantry, The Glebe Ministry, Appalachian Vespers and the AA groups.**

**IN OUR ARMED FORCES: Nicholas Borsa; David Diaz; Patrick Funkhouser; Steve Funkhouser; Erin Funkhouser; Catharina Lindsey; Andrew Tucker.**

**THANKSGIVING: For those celebrating birthdays this week: Karen Beasley (7/26); Madison Palmer (7/27).**

**Altar flowers are given to the glory and honor of God by Emily Moore in love and remembrance of family.**

**THOSE IN NEED: Robyn Bergstedt; Carol Brenner; Estelle Brodeur; Brooks Cabe & his family; Mel Carico; Charlene; Jae-Woon Choi; Chris; Lynn Clark; Angela Coon; Cora; Jane Daniel; Kathy Davis; Janet Dey; Diane; Christine E.; Bill Eddins; Jett Field; Audrey Fontenot; Renee Fowler; Steve Gibson; Steve Gordon; Helen Gregory; Gretchen Greiner; Jack Guarino; baby Roman Halton; Tammy Hamilton; Stuart Hickey; Charles Holland; Laura Holt; Sidney Hunter; Don Irons; Jan; Yvonne Killers; Cindy Lanford; Christine Lawhorne; Greg Miller; Mary Lou Mullis; Bertha Nalls; Susan Narr; Edward Neil; Juliana Nganele; Janet P; Noah P.; David Peszko; Flash Reynolds; Brook Roncinske; Conley Saunders; Savannah; Alison Sower; Ethan Todd; Sherry Vinson; Isabelle W.; Susan W.; Reddie Waid; Bob Webb; Nancy Wells; Skip Yohe.**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:**

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE GRIEVING:**

**St. Mark's Prayer Ministries**

- † Willis is available to talk and pray: call, email or text him.
- † *We Care Ministry:* A prayer and service ministry for St. Mark's  
 Contact: Carole Geiger (geiger.caroleb@gmail.com)
- † Prayer Chain: Emergency situations contact Susan Hays by phone