



GOOD NEWS LETTER

Dear Friends,

Have you ever heard one of these statements?

“The Lord is Risen, now get to work!”

“Look at what He did for you, what are you going to do for Him!?”

These statements are commonly called commandments or Law, and they are not the Gospel. The Law was designed to corral the Adam in all of us and its power still shows us our sins, but it no longer defines us. Jesus, after all, died so that we didn't have to work, didn't have to prove anything any longer. The commandments were buried in His death, and we are now free to live in His Resurrection.

Therefore, a new life does not mean recreating the Old Adam in each of us. The Old Adam failed miserably, but still craves law or a scorecard. No, the Resurrection begs us to hear the Good News of the Gospel—

For if through the offence of one (Old Adam) many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man (New Adam), Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. (Romans 5:15)

The Gospel tells us that we have been given grace upon grace and that we are free. Free to live and love. A new creation has occurred, and we get to experience the first fruits! Praise the Lord! A new life that is free of burdens and to do lists, and open to love and real human interaction.

Real human interaction means being present in the joys and sorrows, being real with one another. We have so many opportunities for fellowship and ministry in May – celebrations of Youth and a baptism – so as the Calendar expands, let us pray for God's grace and love to infuse our work and activities, to be present with us at all times so that we might be present with one another.

Living in Jesus' resurrection means that we are free to be ourselves – no demands – only responses, responses to each other, and to Our Lord, who gave it all up, so that we might have Life, and have it abundantly.

Happy Easter, God's Peace and Love to you.

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A LOOK AHEAD

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JOIN WILLIS, SUNDAYS IN MAY, FOR A DISCUSSION ON SACRAMENTS:

Fellowship starts at 9:15am, class begins at 9:30am and ends at 10:15am.

- ▶ What are they?
- ▶ Two biggies?
 - Others: How about Marriage, Reconciliation?
- ▶ Does a Sacrament make you Catholic or catholic or neither?
- ▶ What about Unction?
- ▶ Magic Hands!?!?

The Sacraments (BCP, p. 87)

Q. What are the sacraments?

A. The sacraments are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace.

Q. What is grace?

A. Grace is God's favor toward us, unearned and undeserved; by grace God forgives our sins, enlightens our minds, stirs our hearts, and strengthens our wills.

Q. What are the two great sacraments of the Gospel?

A. The two great sacraments given by Christ to his Church are Holy Baptism and the Holy Eucharist (Communion).



2020 = 250th Birthday of St. Mark's and the Anglican Worship in Botetourt County

Next year is a big celebration of our history and if you are interested in helping to plan some events then we would love to have you join us! Danielle Alexander has agreed to be our coordinator. Please email her of your interest or any other ideas. (remaka3@aol.com)

Welcome to Online Altar Flower Dedication sign-up!



If you want to donate altar flowers in honor, thanksgiving or memory of someone, we now have a new process for doing it.

Please go to our website at www.stmarksfincastle.org and click on the "sign up here" button on the right side of the home page, then click on the "flower dedications" button on the right and follow the prompts. There will be a form for you to fill in for your dedication along with a drop-down calendar for you to choose the date you would like your dedication to appear in the bulletin. If that date is already chosen by someone else, it will not be available for you to click on. It's very easy!

Gina is happy to walk you through it if you need help. Just call her or stop by the office. All flower dedications done previously have been loaded into the system and your dates are secured. Directions are posted outside of the sacristy, too.

Note: If you do not have/use a computer, please call Gina or Pat Gordon with your flower request.

Special Services at Emmanuel Chapel, Eagle Rock - Join us!

May 12 at 7pm - Community Hymn Sing. A reception will follow in the firehouse. All are welcome to this glorious singing fest!

May 19 at 4pm - Appalachian Vespers with musicians George Honeycutt Trio

June 2 at 11am - Homecoming Service followed by a Parish Potluck meal at the Community Center. Look for Gina's email about details.

**We need Alternates for the
Diocesan Convention 2020 –
it's a great way to participate
in the broader ministry of the
Church and have a fun
weekend at The Hotel Roanoke. Please
email or call Willis if you want to learn
more.**



Vestry Musings

By Mike Parish

As I write this I am on my back porch, looking across my neighbor's pastures toward Purgatory Mountain. It's a splendid spring evening with blue skies and few clouds, temperatures in the 70's, and light breezes. What a blessing to live in such a wonderful place. That blessing has prompted me to think of other blessings: Reasonably good health, a comfortable home, sufficient food (or more than enough as evidenced by the waistline!), a wonderful family, and a really great church family.

Also I must reflect on transient blessings that cross my path. The person that says, "Good morning," with a smile on his face. The person that pauses in her comings and goings to hold the door for me as I enter a building. The person who signals intent to merge in front of me.

But as they say, life is not entirely a bed of roses. We also encounter those of a far less desirable disposition. We meet people who seem to go through life with a perpetual grudge. Drivers cut us off in traffic. We encounter people who complain vehemently at the slightest issues. And while it can be tempting to respond in a way that we think they "deserve," we need to remember that we as Christians are called to live as Christ would want us to live.

When we encounter those with a less than desirable disposition, we need to pause and to consider how their circumstances might have affected their action. Perhaps that person is in severe pain due to illness, or is worried about when the next meal will come or if their house will be foreclosed. There are many who don't have all the blessings that some of us do.

And so let us practice Christian charity, mercy, and forbearance when we encounter those of an ill nature. Show kindness and pleasantness, even as hard as that might be. And even if it doesn't change that person, our example might inspire others to become better. And in so doing, it makes us better Christians.



St. Mark's is proud to recognize our High School Graduates

Gabriella Ann Bayer from Parkway Christian Academy.

Mark Andrew Parish from Lord Botetourt High School.

Ana Kristen Uotinen from Community High School

We will mark this milestone with prayer and youth participation during the service. Come out and celebrate these three wonderful young persons! They have meant so much to us over the years. A special coffee hour hosted by their parents will follow the 10:30am service.

Meet our Summer Intern!

Elijah Luikham is a second year student at Duke Divinity School working on his Masters of Divinity. He grew up mainly in Georgia, but came to North Carolina by way of Kentucky after he finished college there in 2017. He enjoys reading, working out and listening to history podcasts. He is excited to learn and minister with St. Mark's this summer. Elijah's first Sunday will be **June 2nd**.



David Zahl Book Signing

David Zahl, Executive Director of Mockingbird Ministries, will be at St. Mark's on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm to do a reading and book signing of his new book, Seculosity: How Career, Parenting, Technology, Food, Politics, and Romance Became Our New Religion and What to Do about It. Discounted copies will be available.



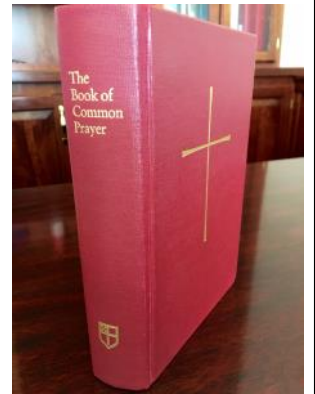
David serves as the College and Young Adult Minister/ Licensed Lay Preacher at Christ Church, Charlottesville, also. Many of you remember his riveting talk during Lent 2018. Mockingbird publications are available for check-out in the church library.

There will be a light refreshment reception afterwards in the church Parish Hall.

Check out his blog at this link:
<https://www.mbird.com/author/david-zahl/>

The Book of Common Prayer

- ◆ What is it?
- ◆ Why do we have it?
- ◆ What is in it?
- ◆ How do we use it?
- ◆ How do we find our way around it?



All these questions and more will be revealed starting at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening, May 7th and for four Tuesdays (May 7, 14, 21, and 28) in the Ministry Center. Each session will last 1 hour (±).

Easter Sunday morning "flowering the cross" fun!

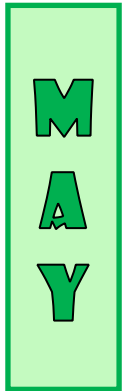




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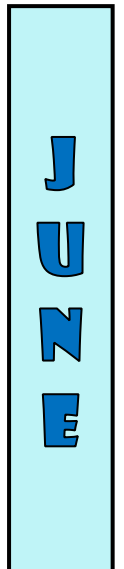
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 2:30pm Homework Helps	2 1:00pm Dorcas Needlework Guild in the Youth Center 7:00pm David Zahl Book Signing and reception	3 Office Closed 8:00pm Open AA	4 8:30am Episcopal Men's Fellowship 9:00am Altar Guild 9:30am Food Pantry 8:00pm Open AA
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5-5	C. Geiger R. Hagan	M. Parish	Ana U. Lauren U.	T. Trammell S. Loeschen	K. Cahoon P. Neil	Emily T.-G. A. Caldwell	R. Manley K. Beasley
5-12	P. Garrison W. Michael	J. Powers	Gabriella B.	S. Hays L. Jacobi	M. Dudding S. Waid	A. Palmer A. Caldwell	M. Parish S. Diez
5-19 Baptism	W. Michael P. Mahony	D. Collins	Mark P.	E. Moore P. Gordon	W. Michael S. Frechette	Emily T.-G. A. Caldwell	P. Suite C. Geiger
5-26	J. Howarth Emily T.-G.	G. Sydnor	LEM	P. Garrison D. Wood	B. Heartwell S. Field	Emily T.-G. A. Caldwell	G. Sydnor J. Gordon



DUTY ROSTERS

<u>DATE</u> JUNE 2019	<u>LEM</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u> <u>CRUCIFER</u>	<u>ALTAR</u> <u>GUILD</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>YOUTH</u> <u>CHAPEL/</u> <u>NURSERY</u>	<u>COUNTERS</u>
6-2 Eagle Rock!	K. Cahoon	K. Beasley		T. Trammell S. Loeschen	C. Echols G. Sydnor		L. Uotinen B. Heartwell
6-9 Pentecost	P. Garrison R. Hagan	E. Moore		S. Hays L. Jacobi	D. Collins K. Beasley		D. Beasley P. Howarth
6-16 Trinity Sun.	W. Michael W. Michael	S. Field		E. Moore P. Gordon	G. Sydnor S. Sydnor		R. Manley P. Garrison
6-23	J. Howarth P. Mahony	A. Layman		P. Garrison ?	J. Gordon M. Parish		M. Parish K. Beasley
6-30	C. Geiger Emily T-G	G. Simcoe		TBD	J. Gordon TBD		P. Suite S. Diez



Appalachian Vespers

Services are held on the third Sunday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at Emmanuel Chapel in Eagle Rock

May 19 -- Music provided by George Honeycutt Trio

June 16 -- Music provided by Like the Moon

July 21 -- Music provided by Mark Baskind Duo

Reception immediately following each service in the Eagle Rock Fire House.

Emmanuel Chapel now has a facebook page! Visit and give it a thumbs up!

Thank you to all who dedicated the pretty potted Easter flowers!

There are quite a few left over after Easter Sunday and the Altar Guild would like to ask that you pick up your potted flower and take it home to enjoy.





The women of St. Mark's Episcopal Church will have a Mother/ Daughter Banquet at 5:30pm on Wednesday, May 8 in the Ministry Center. All women of the church are invited to attend. The cost for the banquet is \$10.00. If you write a check, please put "ECW M/D Banquet" on the "for" line of the check. Cash payment should be given to Ola Manley, Treasurer. Contact Sue Loeschen for more info (suloeschen@aol.com) and to rsvp

For those who do not have a mother or daughter available, please "team up" with another lady for the event! If possible, bring a photo of your mother and/or daughter to display that evening in the St. Mark's office. A delicious dinner will be catered by Laura Jamison and entertainment will be provided!



Stitch your way into spring?! **The Dorcas Needlework Guild** invites YOU to help with a new project! We meet each Thursday at 1:00 in the Quilting Room of the Youth

Center. Not everyone comes every time, not everyone stays the same length of time each day, but everyone enjoys the fellowship and the sense of serving in community together. Want to know more? Contact Gret Kidd (touchofivory@juno.com) or Carole Geiger (geiger.caroleb@gmail.com).

We Care Ministry

Thanks for Caring



Will you pray with us for our church family, community, friends, and strangers alike? The We Care Ministry includes anyone at St. Mark's, in our extended families, and around our community who would like to be included. We communicate through bcc email

messages, to ensure the privacy of those who participate. EVERYONE prays, while some also provide occasional short-term services such as taking meals to shut-ins, writing cards, making phone calls, visiting, helping with an occasional ride to the airport, the doctor, or on errands. Each serves as Called by Our Lord. If you would like to know more, please contact Carole Geiger at geiger.caroleb@gmail.com. Welcome.



God Willing
and the People Consenting

The Rt. Rev. Scott Anson Benhase
10th Bishop of Georgia
will ordain

**Brad Bates, Kyle Carswell
and Bradley Varnell**
to the Sacred Order of Deacons

Saturday, May 25th
10:30 AM

The Collegiate Church of St. Paul the Apostle
1802 Abercorn Street
Savannah, Georgia 31401

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Clergy: cassock, surplice and tippet

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Heavenly Humor



"Mom — you deserve a raise for raising me."

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5-2 Trudy Trammell
- 5-3 Linda Webb
- 5-5 Anne daCosta, Gina Painter
- 5-11 Bruce Wilsie
- 5-15 Stephen Woodson, John Alexander
- 5-19 Ashley Logan, Colin King
- 5-27 Joan Workowski
- 5-29 Pat Honts