



*The Mission of St. Mark's  
Episcopal Church  
Love and Worship God.  
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All People.*

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# The Roaring Lion

## † From Your Rector †

### Chocolate Cake for Breakfast?

The rules change in the summer time, especially in the south. Things get hotter, time slows down. I remember all that fondly from my childhood. Endless days, filled with basketball in the backyard, video games, movies, and finding our way to whatever pool might be open to us.

As a parent, summer rules seem to be a bit different. It means setting up some rules. *You've been in school 7 hours a day for the last 9 months; you can't just replace all of those seven hours with screens! No, if you aren't on a screen, it's still not my job to entertain you. No, you cannot have a playdate for the 3rd day in a row. Yes, you can have chocolate cake for breakfast, as long as you don't tell your mother and as long as you don't ask me what's for lunch until at least 10:45.*

I don't really remember summer before children. It was only a few years ago, but

that seems several lifetimes back. One great thing about summer now is that I don't have to set an alarm on Friday (my day off), whereas during the school year, sleeping late only happens on Saturdays (if that).

Every season disrupts our rhythms. The holidays bring a rush of busyness and expectation. The school year is a slog of alarms and dress code and making sure that lunches are healthy without actually doing it for them. And summer, well, summer seems to be what we make of it. The days are longer, so there's plenty of time to go get ice cream, or drive in the country, or hit the tennis ball. The kids don't have to be up and ready to learn at 7:15, so we can watch a movie on a random Tuesday evening if we want. The options seem endless. They aren't, really. But they feel that way.

Who knows what we'll make of this summer?

I know I'm grateful for this coming season, at least for now. I also know that I'll be grateful for school and the return of predictability by August. But for now, what will we make of today? What will you make of it? Will you read a book, sweltering hot even in the shade, with a glass of iced tea next to you? Will you find a time to sit and listen to the tree frogs and the cicadas? It's all up to you.

Whatever you do, book and tea, tree frogs or swimming pools, quiet coffee or chocolate cake for breakfast: whatever you do, be grateful for whatever disrupts your rhythm, for whatever jerks you out of your same old routine. Be grateful for the holiness which encompasses you round about.

*Allen*

### Green Team Update See picture on next page

Though the Green Sunday outdoor service was rained out on May 5<sup>th</sup>, we were still able to enjoy an indoor service which focused on celebrating our beautiful earth. It was followed by a potluck lunch and a team of over 30 kids and adults participated in a litter pickup on The Thread, Greenwood St. and various other streets near St. Mark's.

Creation Care pledges were gathered during the service and will be sent to our Presiding Bishop. Here are some of the pledges:

*Carpooling whenever possible*

- Using special bags for groceries (3)*
- Sending monthly contribution to the Sierra Club*
- Continue to reduce consumption of packaged goods (3)*
- Recycle (11)*
- Find opportunities to talk with our children about their role in caring for the earth and things they can do now and educate them about what steps they can take to help lessen their impact on the planet*
- Picking up litter (3)*
- Use reusable water bottles, bags and batteries*
- Reduce consumption (2)*
- Reduce or stop using single use plastics (4)*

- Change light bulbs and appliances to energy efficient varieties*
- Promote action to allay negative climate changes*
- Encourage St. Mark's Kindergarten to participate in curbside recycling*
- Share the beauty of creation through leading outings*
- Lead others in West Point Lake cleanups*
- Walk and bike more; drive less*
- Eat more locally sourced foods*
- Rejoice each day for this beautiful earth*

## Green Sunday Litter Pick-up Participants



**SOME FILES HAVE BEEN DELETED FOR PRIVACY REASONS.**

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## *Phillips House Ministries— April, 2019 Report*

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### Income:

**Total**                      **\$1,430.00**

### Expenditures:

Rent (2)                      572.00  
Utilities (7)                 1,564.00  
**Total**                      **2,136.00**

This month we helped nine people. Two were looking for full time work since their hours were cut on their present jobs. One lady was fighting thyroid cancer and one man was raising his two young daughters by himself. Your generosity enabled us to help these people get back on their feet financially.

Thank you. Beverly and Eileen



## Reading Group~ *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*

The Reading Group will meet on Monday, June 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to discuss *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* by Heather Morris.

“On April 1942, Lale Sokolov, a Slovakian Jew, is forcibly transported to the concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau. When his captors discover that he speaks several languages, he is put to work as a *Tätowierer* (the German word for tattooist), tasked with permanently marking his fellow prisoners.

Imprisoned for over two and a half years, Lale witnesses horrific

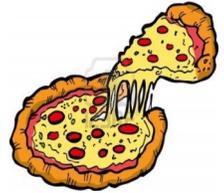
atrocities and barbarism—but also incredible acts of bravery and compassion. Risking his own life, he uses his privileged position to exchange jewels and money from murdered Jews for food to keep his fellow prisoners alive.

One day in July 1942, Lale, prisoner 32407, comforts a trembling young woman waiting in line to have the number 34902 tattooed onto her arm. Her name is Gita, and in that first encounter, Lale vows to somehow survive the camp and marry her.

A vivid, harrowing, and ultimately hopeful re-creation of Lale

Sokolov's experiences as the man who tattooed the arms of thousands of prisoners with what would become one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust, *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* is also a testament to the endurance of love and humanity under the darkest possible conditions.”

All are welcome! Pizza, water, and wine will be provided. Please bring \$5.00 to offset the cost of the food and wine.



## Popcorn Theology~ *Green Book*

Do you see yourself as a movie buff or cinema junkie? Do you love the smell of hot, fresh popcorn? Do you love sharing an evening at the movies with your friends? If the answer to any of the above is a “yes”, then St. Mark’s Popcorn Theology is something you will enjoy and want to be part of.

We meet on the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 5:00 pm** for pizza, a movie and some fellowship and discussion. Please bring \$5.00 to offset the cost of food and drink.

**June 16: *Green Book*** – Academy Award nominee Viggo Mortensen and Academy Award winner Mahershala Ali star in *Green Book*, a film inspired by a true friendship that transcended race, class, and the 1962 Mason-Dixon line. When Tony Lip (Mortensen), a bouncer from an Italian-American neighborhood in the Bronx, is hired to drive Dr. Don Shirley (Ali), a world-class Black pianist, on a concert tour from Manhattan to the Deep South, they must rely on “The Green Book” to guide them to the few establishments that were then safe for African-Americans. Confronted with

racism, danger as well as unexpected humanity and humor—they are forced to set aside differences to survive and thrive on the journey of a lifetime.

So, whether you see yourself as a movie buff or whether you just want a relaxing escape once a month, pencil in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 5:00 pm for Popcorn Theology for fun and fellowship. See you at the movies-----



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### Monday Discussion Group

12:15 p.m.



Monday group has taken a break for the summer.  
Look for information about their kick-off meeting in  
September. Everyone is Welcome!

### ***Poetry & Pinot***

Poetry and Pinot will meet Tuesday, June 11 at  
6:00 p.m. See you there!

### **Did You Know?**

St. Mark's own Jack Baker was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout! His Eagle project was the rehabilitation of the backyard of the Jones/Phillip's House which includes a fire pit. Take a look. If you have a church meeting, consider bringing some folding chairs and meeting around the fire pit. It's all in the shade and will stay (relatively) cool right through the summer.

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study will continue to meet on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. through the summer with an occasional break. They are currently studying the Book of Romans. Watch your E-Lion for notice of these breaks.

**Everyone is Welcome!**

### Sunday Attendance **May, 2019**

May 5	77
May 12	98
May 19	108
May 26	79

### **Finance Corner**

	Last Month	To Date
Revenues	30,471.35	226,737.16
Expenses	72,100.43	211,926.82
Operating Results	-41,629.08	211,926.82
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Utility Costs Last Month	\$2,474.00	

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