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*The Mission of St. Mark's
Episcopal Church*

Love and Worship God.

Love and Serve

All People.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Roaring Lion

† From Your Rector †

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

I returned from my recent vacation to discover that nearly \$75,000 has been pledged toward the renovation and restoration of our beloved stained glass!!! This is a great start!

But it's only a start. Remember that the total needed is \$115,000. With that amount we can deliver our beautiful glass to succeeding generations, confident that we have done all we can to care for this wonderful gift. Because this stained glass is a gift...to us. It's part of what makes us feel at home when we walk in the doors of the church; it's part of what lifts our spirits when we are in need of comfort; it's part of what transforms a *place* into a *church*. Bricks and mortar and walls and floors become our spiritual home, and the colorful, splendid glass helps make that a reality. And it is a gift!

Only a few of us were around when this glass was first installed.

All the rest of us have received it as a gift, all these many years. With another \$40,000 in pledges, we can offer this stained glass to those who come after us...as a gift.

\$40,000 might sound like a lot. But think about it this way: **if everyone who has not yet made a pledge were to offer \$500-1000, then we would achieve our goal.** This is not an impossible dream. What is required to make it a reality? You.

No amount is too small. If you can offer \$100, please do so. Someone else will be able to offer more, and together...always together, always with God...together we will accomplish our goal. What is required, more than anything else, is you. If every single one of us makes a commitment of some kind, then it will happen. If too many of us decide that we can't give enough to make a difference, then our job

becomes much, much harder.

If you have questions about the nature of this project, talk to any vestry member, but especially Todd Stephens and Mitch Cummings, or ask me to walk over to the Annunciation window with you on a Sunday morning. It will be easy to see why this work needs to happen. And it will be even easier to see that your money will be put to good use.

Together...always together, always with God...together we are St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Shining the light of God's love in our community. Thank you for the pledge you have already made. Thank you for the pledge you will make in the coming days.

Allen



I Want to do That!

If you've ever been in worship and seen the Vergers, Eucharistic Ministers, or Lectors and thought, "I want to do that!" – now is your opportunity! St. Mark's needs more volunteers in each of those vital positions at both 8:00 and 10:30. Whatever service you attend, you can volunteer to help out at "your" service.

Part of what sets the Episcopal Church apart is our worship, and part of what makes our worship special is congregational participation. Yes that comes in the form of the responses: "...and also with you!" But participation also means reading, administering the chalice, and helping

manage the service as a verger.

Jane Brubaker is the volunteer responsible for organizing and scheduling these ministers and she writes, "I have been serving as a Eucharistic Minister since 1998. Being at the altar during the Eucharist is such a holy and meaningful experience for me. It is a feeling that never grows old or stale."

If you would like to try serving in any capacity - as a Verger, Eucharistic Minister, or Lector – we would be happy to have you "shadow" someone to get a feel for what the ministry involves and whether or not it feels like a fit for you before you actually sign up to be

scheduled. We really need YOUR help! Contact Jane Brubaker (706-884-2838, or if you see someone doing a job that looks interesting, talk to them about it after the service. Find out what it's like and why it's meaningful to them! janebrubaker@bellsouth.net) or if you see someone doing a job that looks interesting, talk to them about it after the service. Find out what it's like and why it's meaningful to them!



Reading Group~ *The Storyteller's Secret*

The Reading Group will meet on Monday, August 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall to discuss *The Storyteller's Secret* by Sejal Badani.

"From the bestselling author of *Trail of Broken Wings* comes an epic story of the unrelenting force of love, the power of healing, and the invincible desire to dream.

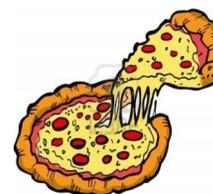
Nothing prepares Jaya, a New York journalist, for the heartbreak of her third miscarriage and the slow unraveling of her marriage in its wake.

Desperate to assuage her deep anguish, she decides to go to India to uncover answers to her family's past.

Intoxicated by the sights, smells, and sounds she experiences, Jaya becomes an eager student of the culture. But it is Ravi—her grandmother's former servant and trusted confidant—who reveals the resilience, struggles, secret love, and tragic fall of Jaya's pioneering grandmother during the British occupation. Through her courageous grandmother's arrestingly romantic and

heart-wrenching story, Jaya discovers the legacy bequeathed to her and a strength that, until now, she never knew was possible."

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



Phillips House Ministries— July, 2019 Report

Income:

Advent (2mos + B.S.)	1,035.00
St. Mark's	536.67
Total Donations	\$1,5871.67

Expenditures:

Car Payment (1)	174.16
Utilities (8)	1,558.49
Total	1,732.65

All the people we saw this month were either working or had retirement or disability income. They were trying hard to manage their finances on their own. However, three individuals had received no compensation, when their places of work closed for several weeks. This made it difficult for them to pay their monthly bills. They were most grateful for our help.

We had an unusual request from a young woman to help her with her car payment. She said she had paid her rent and utilities but had nothing over for her car payment. Having a vehicle was essential to her being able to get to work. Fortunately, we were able to pay this bill for her.

Thank you for making this ministry possible through your generous donations!

Gratefully,
Janet Morgan and Anne Gentry

SOME FILES HAVE BEEN DELETED FOR PRIVACY REASONS.



Popcorn Theology~~ *If Beale Street Could Talk*

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 3rd *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.

August 18: *If Beale Street Could Talk*
– Set in early-1970s Harlem, *If Beale*

Street Could Talk is a timeless and moving love story of both a couple's unbreakable bond and the African-American family's empowering embrace, as told through the eyes of 19-year-old Tish Rivers (screen newcomer KiKi Layne). A daughter and wife-to-be, Tish vividly recalls the passion, respect and trust that have connected her and her artist fiancé Alonzo Hunt, who goes by the nickname Fonny (Stephan James). Friends since childhood, the devoted couple dream of a future together but their plans are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit. Through the unique intimacy and power of cinema, *If Beale Street Could Talk* honors the author's prescient words and

imagery, charting the emotional currents navigated in an unforgiving and racially biased world as the filmmaker poetically crosses time frames to show how love and humanity endure.

So, whether you see yourself as a movie buff or whether you just want a relaxing escape once a month, pencil in the 3rd 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 on August 6th.
See you next month.

Wednesday Service

Wednesday night services will continue uninterrupted through the summer.

Bible Study

The Bible Study group will be reading and discussing Frederick Buechner's book *The Remarkable Ordinary: How to Stop, Look and Listen to Life!* Join us Tuesday mornings at 9:30 for what promises to be interesting discussions.

Everyone is Welcome!

Community Meditation Has a New Night!

We will now meet the fourth MONDAY of the month. Come join us this month, on Monday, July 22 from 7-8pm. Community Meditation is free and open to the public. Donations are accepted to support Meals-On-Wheels. Each month we do a different type of meditation. No experience is needed. This month is silent meditation. See you there.

Sunday Attendance July, 2019

June 30	84
July 7	71
July 14	56
July 21	58
July 28	81

Finance Corner

	Last Month	To Date
Revenues	27,295.97	304,086.42
Expenses	32,247.72	274,115.74
Operating Results	-4,951.75	29,970.68
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Utility Costs Last Month		\$2,398.00

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