



The Grapevine
St. Mark's Episcopal Church



July 2021

A Note from Nancy – July 2021

The cat has been let out of the bag (so to speak). You all now know that according to the national church canons, I must retire from my current position when I turn age 72. That will happen in February of 2022. It seems like a ways off yet, but it will be here before any of us is ready, especially me. I have no idea what is going to happen. We will have a new bishop who will not be consecrated until November. Bishop McConnell retires in September. It is in God's hands and that is where I plan to leave it at the moment. For now, just keep that in the back of your minds.

July 4th was our first coffee hour since the pandemic and it was delightful. Of course, I do ask that you continue to wear a mask and socially distance while in church and when you are not eating and/or drinking. Yes, the majority of people attending church are vaccinated, but not all, so we will continue to be vigilant and show love to our neighbors. Later this month, we will put the prayer books and hymnals back in the pews. Getting back to "normal" will be a slow process. Please be patient.

It seems that this is going to be very hot summer. Please be aware of neighbors and friends without air conditioning and check on them frequently. Stay hydrated and don't overdo it in the heat. (I'm writing this to myself as well as to all of you.)

Peace, In Christ,

Mother Nancy

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The Vestry:

Senior Warden: Lisa Loncella

Junior Warden: Doug Zawiskie

Secretary: Colleen Curry

Treasurer: Pam Hysong

2021

Lisa Bell-Loncella

Donovan Pendell

Doug Zawiskie

2022

Richard Burkert

Bonnie Murray

2023

Colleen Curry

Louise Mead

Erin Pavic

Michael Teore

*Please remember
St. Mark's Church in your will.*

From the Senior Warden

Looking Forward ...

This past Sunday was the 4th of July. It was so wonderful to have so many people in the pews! I really enjoyed being able to visit with everyone as we shared in the fabulous 4th of July Bash as our first Coffee Hour in nearly 18 months! At the end of the month, on July 25th, we will celebrate Christmas in July with decorations, familiar carols and another special coffee hour. Please consider bringing a gift to stock our People Food Pantry, as well.

Last month the joint Calendar and Hospitality Committees met to plan for the next six months. We had some great ideas for special worship services, Christian formation and fundraisers. A list of the planned events can be found elsewhere in the *Grapevine*.

In addition to fundraisers, we wanted to offer opportunities for spiritual nourishment and self-care and avoid burn out. We planned several Community Common Prayer services: a Labyrinth Walk for August, a Taizé service in September, a Service of Thanksgiving in November and Blue Christmas in December. We'll be meeting again in August to plan a book study or Bible study as well. Do you have suggestions? Contact me or Mother Nancy.

Prayerfully consider how God is calling us to participate and serve in these some of these ministries. How is God calling us to **Share Christ's Love Unconditionally?**

Annual Meeting & Elections to Vestry

Our Annual Meeting is traditionally held on the last Sunday of September - this year it falls on the 26th. It might seem a long way off, but it will be here soon. We elect new members to the Vestry at this meeting. The Jr. Warden is responsible for putting together a Nominating Committee which will present a slate of Nominees for the Vestry. Please see the note from our Jr. Warden, Doug Zawiskie, elsewhere in the *Grapevine*. If you would like to serve on the Nominating Committee please contact him. Please give prayerful consideration to potential nominees. If you feel called to serve on Vestry, please let Doug know.

Come Holy Spirit

... fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the Earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit, we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations: through Jesus Christ

Blessings,

Lisa

Sharing Christ's love unconditionally
through transformational worship and service.

From The Junior Warden

To all in the Congregation:

Church Vestry members serve a three-year term. In September, 2021, three members' terms will be up, and three new Vestry members will need to be elected. The members who will be replaced are Lisa Bell-Loncella (Senior Warden), Donovan Pendell, and myself (Junior Warden).

The Junior Warden is responsible for putting together a three-person Nominating Committee (myself and one current Vestry member and one non-Vestry member), who will develop a slate of new Vestry nominees.

In preparation for this, at this time I am seeking volunteers who would feel called to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Also, if anyone would feel called to serve on the Vestry, or have any suggestions of other congregation members you feel would be suited for this role, please also forward them to me via email for consideration by the Committee. Any such nominees put forward as possible candidates will in turn be voted on by the entire congregation at the Church's annual parish meeting on September 26, 2021.

If you feel called to serve on the Nominating Committee or the Vestry, please respond to me via email.

Thank you,

Doug Zawiskie

Jr. Warden

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2021 Weekly Altar Flowers & Monthly Altar Candles

Donation price is \$30 a Sunday for flowers and \$8 a month for candles.

Please contact Joanne in the Parish Office with your request.



July 7/4 (1), 7/11 (1), 7/18 (1)

August 1 (1), 8/15 (1)

September 9/5 (1), 9/19 (1), 9/26 (1)

October 10/3 (1), 10/10 (1), 10/17 (1), 10/24 (2), 10/31 (2)

November 11/7 (1),

December 12/5 (2), 12/12 (1), 12/26 (2)





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ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL

Well, these months are just flying by and we are in the middle of Summer. The Pet Food Pantry is starting to see an increase in the kitten population.

Our Pantry continues to thrive thanks to the generosity of the following donors: Linda & Clair Cordes, Joan Cesare, Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Hess, Valerie Kasper, Frank & Mary Milavec, Mrs. Carol Loushe, Annett Kristofco, June Holland, Judy Zubal, Theresa Kosaber, Jennifer Lynn Wawrin, Jennifer Hartland, Patricia Taylor, Vince & Donna Rzasa, Carol & Lou Schaffe, Tim Cicotello, and Helping Hearts & Healing Tails. Many thanks for their continued generosity!

During the month of June we were able to assist 86 Families. The Cambria County Humane Society also continues to assist families on the last Friday of each month.

We were able to help feed: 88 Dogs and 2 Puppies
 249 Cats and 42 Kittens

Totals for the month of June were:

Dogs:	Dry food	781 lbs	70 Cans
Cats:	Dry food	775 lbs	173 Cans

Total for January thru June:

Dogs	Dry Food	5920 lbs	833 Cans
Cats	Dry Food	6125 lbs	711 Cans

A special "thank you" to our volunteers.

Pet Food Dates for July: July 7th and 8th from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Cynthia Greig, Joanne McKinley

CHRISTMAS IN JULY



Please join us on July 25th at the 10:00 am Service as we celebrate “Christmas In July”.

The Church will be decorated for Christmas.

Coffee Hour will be reminiscent of our Christmases Past.

Animal Welfare Ministry

The First Collection of the Month will be for our Animal Welfare Ministry.



Rwandan Orphan

All families of the church are encouraged to donate \$1.00 on the Third Sunday of each month (July 18th) for our Josian, our Rwandan Orphan.

Please mark your donation separately for Josian.

Pastoral Care

All families of the church are encouraged to donate one dollar on the fourth Sunday of each month (July 25th) for our Pastoral Care.

Please be sure to mark your donation separately for Pastoral Care.

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

Many of our projects are on “hold” due to the Covid 19 virus. Please continue to support our Building Fund which is the 2nd Collection of the Month.

Calendar and Hospitality Committee Tentative Plans for the Coming Months

July:

- Special Coffee Hour July 4th
- CCP — Christmas in July (7/25)

August:

- “What’s Cooking” - a summer meal (8/11)
- CCP — Labyrinth Walk (8/22)

September:

- CCP — Taizé (9/19)
- Annual Parish Meeting (9/26)

October:

- Blessing of the Animals/Apple Festival
- Bishop’s Visitation (10/3)
- Diocesan Convention (10/16)

November:

- Bishop Consecration (11/13)
- CCP — Service of Thanksgiving (11/28)

December:

- Advent Quiet Day (12/4)
- Greening of the Church (12/19)
- CCP — Blue Christmas (12/21)

Vestry Meeting

**July 18th
In Person after
10:00 am Service**

No Regular Finance Meeting

**For July
Unless Needed**

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JULY</p> 				1	2	3
<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p> <p>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II</p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
			<p>PET FOOD 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM</p>	<p>PET FOOD 9:30 AM TO 1:00 PM</p>		
<p>11</p> <p>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II</p>	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p>18</p> <p>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist II</p> <p>Vestry Meeting</p>	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>10:00 AM Holy Eucharist I</p> <p>Christmas in July</p>	26	27	28	29	30	31
				<p>7/4 Independence Day </p> <p>7/7 & 7/8 Pet Food Pantry</p> <p>Christmas In July 7/25 Rite I</p> <p>HOLY EUCHARIST ALSO ON ZOOM</p>		