

# *The Messenger of St. Mark's*



1908 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001

November 2017

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

### **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY**

#### **ONE 9:30 A.M. SERVICE and POT-LUCK BRUNCH**

Sunday, November 12

Join us on Sunday, November 12, for Stewardship Sunday, as we come together as one church family for one worship service at 9:30 a.m. and one pot-luck brunch. Bring your yummy foods. Be sure to bring your appetites. All are welcome whether you bring food or not.

We will be inviting people to bring their 2018 pledge cards to the altar that day for a blessing. Our ministries are built upon your commitment to this mission. And while we welcome and are blessed by unpledged money throughout the year, our actual budget is based upon your financial pledge. Pledge cards will be sent out soon. Please bring or send in your pledge card by the deadline of December 16.

### **SUBWAY SUNDAY**

#### **2018 Draft Budget Presentation**

Sunday, November 5

Following the 10:30 a.m. service

Join us for lunch in the parish hall on Sunday, November 5, following the 10:30 a.m. service for Subway Sunday. We will be serving subway sandwiches, chips and drinks as we present a DRAFT of the 2018 budget for St. Mark's Church. Bring your ears, your eyes, and your voice!

## **Rector's Corner**

Forget about the vision and the mission. Let's just do random ministry. Just kidding. The vision helps us to see where we are headed as a church. The mission is how we get there. The ministries then help us to achieve the mission as we work towards the vision.

Did you know that our mission as Episcopalians is stated in the Book of Common Prayer (p. 855)? It is: To restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. Our vision, therefore, is: To become a community where all people are in unity with God and each other in Christ.

There are two central focuses, or restoration processes, that we have as Episcopalians. The first is to unify, or connect, all people with God in Christ. We do this primarily through worship and prayer. Each Sunday, or on Fridays once a month through Taize, we offer people opportunities to worship and grow closer to God. And we grow closer to God through a relationship with our savior, Jesus Christ. Of course, we can pray at any moment of our lives. Therefore, we can connect with God at any time.

The second central focus and restoration process as Episcopalians, is to unify, or connect, all people with each other. Once again, this begins with a relationship with our savior, Jesus Christ. Our worship and liturgies are meant to inspire us to go out and serve all people according to their needs, drawing them to the Lord and unifying them with each other.

Jesus taught this vision and mission through the two great commandments: To love the Lord our God with all of our hearts, souls, and minds, and to love our neighbors, all people, as we would ourselves.

## Who We Are / Whose We Are / Who We Are Trying To Become

### Mission

(Book of Common Prayer BCP, p. 855)

To restore all people to unity with God and each other in  
Christ.

### How

(BCP p. 855)

Pray and worship  
Proclaim the Gospel  
Promote justice, peace, and love

### G.R.A.C.E Core Values

God  
Rely on Each Other  
Accepting of All People  
Compassion for All Creation  
Excellence

## Two Great NEW Adult Opportunities

### **Sunday Adult Classes / 9:30 – 10:10 a.m. (In the Guild Room or Parish Hall)**

October 15 – Jerusalem and the Big Three / Dick Torkelson

October 22 – The Psalms / Dick Torkelson

October 29 – The Psalms / Dick Torkelson

### **Living Compass - / Mondays 12:10 – 12:50 p.m.**

October 16 – November 6 from 12:10 – 12:50 p.m. in the  
Guild Room

Chris Van Burgh and Kathy Keck

Enhancing your Well-being with Spiritual Practice. We will  
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## Christian Education and Formation / Fall 2017

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#### **Education for Ministry (EfM) / Tuesday evenings**

This is a four-year weekly course (Sept. – May) offered by Sewanee Seminary at University of the South. Participants will  
study Holy Scriptures, Theology, History, and Ethics. People can take one year at a time.

#### **Membership Class (Also for Baptism, Confirmation, Re-affirmation) / Throughout the year**

This class explores the scriptures, the Episcopal traditions and governance, church history.

### Youth Ministry (7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

#### **Youth Group / Sundays 5 – 7 p.m. (In the youth and children's area)**

This group includes dinner, games, life and faith discussions, prayer, and sometimes worship.

#### **Children's Chapel/Sunday School Worship Leaders / Sundays 10:30 – 11:10 a.m.**

This is a group of pre-teen and teenagers (5<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) who help to lead Children's Chapel/Sunday School on  
Sunday mornings.

### Children

#### **Children's Chapel and Sunday School / Sundays 10:30 – 11:10 a.m.**

This group is open to 5-year-olds and above. It is an Episcopal liturgy designed for children that includes scriptures, prayer,  
and a sermon (includes crafts, drama, games)

### Nursery / Sundays 9 – 12 noon

This group is open to those just born through 5-years old. From 10:30 – 12 noon there is a chapel focus for the children.

# Children and Youth Ministry

Dear Church Family,

Children's and Youth Ministries continues to work to equip our students for a life of faith and to nurture their sense of belonging to our church.

We are providing opportunities to work at church in a variety of ways, e.g., Chapel Leaders, Acolytes, Children's Chapel, Nursery, music, cooking in our kitchen for various events, hosting the community Bell Tower Tour, inviting, hosting and becoming acquainted with other church youth groups for various activities.

October Events for Youth Group:

Corn Maze outing in Northern Colorado- October 15 leaving the church around 12:30 p.m.

Bell Tower Tour- Hosting the community from 3:00-5:00pm, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

November :

Friday Food Bags stuffing- Date and time TBA

I am especially proud of the leadership our kids demonstrate, as they work in a cooperative effort to include all age groups on Sunday mornings during chapel. The children's requests to pray together are wonderful, heartfelt and true to the core of our mission.

Sincerely,

Sandy Shanor

Director of Children's and Youth Ministries



## Tour the Tower

Sunday, October 29

3:00 -5:00 p.m.

Open to the community

Hosted by St. Mark's Youth Group

## Outreach Schedule

No Outreach meeting in November. Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6 at 7 p.m.

Nov 16 Serve evening meal at COMEA Shelter at 5:30 p.m.

Nov 28 Christmas Giving Tree will be up in the parish hall

Outreach is thankful for the generosity of St. Mark's parishioners. With the recent Paper Drive for the COMEA Shelter we delivered a car completely full of supplies to COMEA. Sunnyside Baptist Church was very grateful for the supplies donated to their Outreach Program. We continue to strive to serve those in poverty and need, and appreciate the involvement of the parish.

## Family Promise

St. Mark's Church continues to host families that are part of the Family Promise Program. We are looking for volunteers to become part of a team that would meet before our scheduled rotation in order to sign up for assisting the families during the week that we host. We would like to schedule this meeting for October 22 at 9:15 a.m. in the Guild room.

As part of this meeting we should discuss expanding the sign up sheet. Currently we sign up for serving dinners and staying overnight. We should look at engaging more support, in order to help with setting up our facility before the families arrive, clean up after the families leave, cover Sunday afternoon and Saturdays while the families are in our church and opening the church nightly to let the families in.

In the meantime if you are interested in volunteering to serve Family Promise at our church, we will be hosting families the week of November 12th through the 19th. A sign up board will be placed in the back of the church and on line.

Thank you,  
Eric Nelson, Volunteer Coordinator



*In Christ's love, we seek, welcome, embrace  
and serve the human family.*



## Sew and Sews

I will tell of the kindness of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us. *Psalm 63:7*

71 blankets were blessed on Sunday to comfort children who through no fault of their own find themselves in a horrific situation. Primarily, we are making blankets for "Blankets for Laramie County Kids" who find themselves in this situation. A blanket represents our kindness to that child. We also work on personal



projects and or group projects depending on what you want to do. The important thing is fellowship. We will continue to meet the first and third Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Blanket makers will meet on the first and third Wednesdays 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. October 18 and November 1 & 15. Come, we all belong in this community.

REMEMBER weather advisories may cancel our meeting.



A prayer request can easily be made one of two ways. On the back of the "Welcome" card in the pews or by calling St. Marks office. Your prayer request will be prayed daily for 1 month. We currently have 12 women and 2 priests who receive these requests. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

Daughters of the King is an order of Episcopal women that was started in Philadelphia in 1885 for the express purpose of Evangelism and praying daily. Our chapter, Bishop Talbot chapter was founded in 1892. We meet monthly @ St. Christopher's on the 2nd Friday of each month @ 6:00, where we share and culminate with Eucharist. If you would like more information, please contact Como Boyle, Joann McConnaughey, Mara Funk or Patti Jones.

**If You Desire Baptism or Confirmation  
or Are New To Saint Mark's, Be Sure  
To Contact The Church Office  
To Learn About The Class.**

*In preparing for St. Mark's 150th anniversary next August, the newsletters will have brief articles written by Christine Connell which will be looking into the history of St. Mark's and those involved in the church.*

## St. Mark's History

A our history progresses, I look to the resources from the book "100 YEARS at ST. MARK'S" written by Shirley Flynn.

About July 22, 1867, the sale of the town lots began and from that time on, people streamed into the new town from the South, North, and Middle West. J. H. Triggs wrote, "Other towns of the West have been built and populated with marvelous rapidity, but it has remained with Cheyenne to spring, full fledged, into existence, as it were a single night. Hence the name 'MAGIC CITY'." The volume of travel into Cheyenne that summer and fall was more than likely greater than ever passed through any town of its size in time of peace. Thousands arrived and those who came set about at once to start businesses, institutions and government facilities to enable them to live in this new land in the manner to which they were accustomed. Among those who came were S. B. Reed, highly regarded construction engineer for the U.P.; "Major" Woolley, engaged in trade at Fort D.A. Russell; and the Reverend Charles A. Gilbert of Illinois, an Episcopalian priest. Mr. Gilbert spent the summer vacation here, but according to the History of Wyoming (1915) by I. S. Bartlett, Mr. Gilbert gave inspirational talks to several who then felt it was time to find an Episcopalian priest that would become a resident. (Reported in the last issue of the Messenger). The Cheyenne Leader took note on October 12 that Major Woolley was circulating a petition to organize an Episcopal Church. Townspeople were encouraged to bring their Books of Common Prayer to a service held at the City Hall on November 17, 1867. A few days prior, November 13, U.P. tracks had reached Cheyenne!

During October and November business activity continued at a fever pitch as new residents moved in. A telegraph line was finished connecting Cheyenne with Denver. Now this Magic City was also accessible from the East. There was no resident clergyman of any persuasion in Cheyenne until late November. At that time, General Stephenson donated four lots to the Roman Catholic Church for a building site. Father William Kelly was placed in charge of that parish. HE appears to be the first full-time man of God in Cheyenne.

The population now numbered 7000, living in crude huts, tents and caves along Crow Creek. Triggs continues, "Christmas and the holidays were spent in a lively manner. The streets were thronged with people, merchants displayed extra wares, many balls were given, and Cheyenne seemed to sail through the holidays like a ship on a beautiful sea with a fair wind." In the Cheyenne Leader a single notation shows that Father Kelly celebrated mass in Cheyenne on Christmas Day.

Anyone in St. Mark's is encouraged to join a group planning our 150th celebration. So far along with me, we have interest from Mary Guthrie, Larry and Lynne Swanson, Patty Hunton Joder (who by the way was on the 100th Celebration Committee). There are many in our parish that has long family ties to our church. There are some who have asked that we have fun events and this may be the opportunity to do just that. If you are interested, please leave word with Father Rick or Wanda.

## November Birthdays

Nov 1 Dorothy Bradley  
Stephen Collins  
Nov 2 Dylan Hood  
Nov 4 Mary Ann Henry  
Hadley Skagen  
Nov 6 Drake Hill  
Nov 8 Jim McIntosh  
Kevin Georges  
Nov 10 Jeff Carlton  
Nov 11 Mary Jo Anderson  
Lucy Veit  
Nov 12 Susan Garrett  
Nov 15 Cindy Hill  
Marianne Shanor  
Nov 16 Mikaela Smith  
Sage Kline

Nov 17 John Rogers  
Bethany Green  
Nov 18 Evelina DeVries  
Nov 19 Richard Haag  
Dian Murphy  
Pete Illoway  
Miranda Hinkle  
Chase Hoyt  
Nov 20 Jerry Larsen  
Elizabeth James  
Nov 21 Pete Hutchison  
Nov 22 Michael MacPherson  
Nov 23 Phil Schiel  
Chris Barlow  
Grayson Green



Nov 24 Jill Ottman  
Jodi Smith  
Aleksandra Keenan  
Nov 25 Amanda Keefe  
Nov 27 Stacey Goetz  
Nov 29 Kelly Rankin

If your birthday was missed  
please notify the church office at  
634-7709.



*Girlfriends Unlimited is St. Mark's women's ministry dedicated to the philosophy of befriending, belonging, believing and becoming.*

“For where two or three have gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

Thanksgiving Tea

Enjoy a delightful, traditional tea to begin your holiday season! Saturday, November 18 at 1:00 p.m. at RX Tea Time  
Tickets will go on sale on October 22 through November 5.  
Limited seating – Only twenty tickets available

Reflections in the Fall

Every Saturday until October 28, 10:30 a.m. at 230 Palm Springs Avenue  
Location will change depending on weather.

Reflections will continue our study and understanding of other faiths. We will be reading The Faith Club by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. A Muslim, a Christian, a Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding. Books are available for \$10.00 each. Please see a GAB team member for your copy!

Little Free Pantry Update

Take what you need. Give what you can.

Thank you to all who are supporting this outreach!

St. Mark's is partnering with Ascension Lutheran and St. Paul's by installing pantries to help those in our neighborhoods.

These small pantries provide 24-hour access to anyone who may be experiencing a need. It also allows neighbors to help neighbors; nonperishable food items may be left at any time to provide for others.

If you have any questions about our activities, please see any Girlfriends Advisory Board member: Margie Hayes, Pam Snell, Barb Brower, Karine Sneesby, or Sharon Gostovich.

**Girlfriends Unlimited Fun Groups  
Have Fun & Get Connected**

Listed below are our current FUN groups and the Funicilitator--a facilitator who likes to have fun with her girlfriends.

**Sew & Sews:**

Karine Sneesby, Laraine Hutchison, Chris Connell, Funicilitators

The Sew & Sews Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month to work on Blankets for Laramie County Kids, personal projects, group projects, and some just come for the fellowship.

**Chrismon Creators:** TBD, Funicilitator

The making of Chrismons begins in September. All materials are furnished. Come and create beautiful Chrismons to adorn our St. Mark's Christmas tree. No talent is needed and all are welcome. Call the church office to sign up.

**Flick Chicks** (movie group): Cheryl Jolley, Funicilitator

Flick Chicks meet on the **last** Saturday of the month.

Movie and time will be announced by e-mail.

**Stitch 'n' Chatter** (small crafts group):

Margie Hayes and Barb Brower, Funicilitators

Crafting Bee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Margie will host the Crafting Bee the 1st Monday at her home:

**624 Silver Sage Avenue** 632-9956

Barb will host the 3rd Monday at her home:

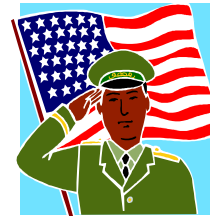
**5121 Hickory Place** 635-2836

**Lit 'n' Latte** (book group): Sharon Gostovich, Funicilitator.

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at **Barnes & Noble** at 6:15 p.m. For more information contact Sharon at 630-5356.

If you are interested in joining any of these FUN groups or starting a new shared-interest group, please contact the church office (634-7709) for more information.

*Changing Hearts. Changing Lives.  
One Girlfriend at a time.*



**Veteran's Day Remembrance  
and Service**

Sunday, November 12

There will also be a Veteran's Day Service at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary that will include a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps.

**Many Thanks to Mary Guthrie**

Mary Guthrie is now scheduling the 8 a.m. lectors. Lynne Swanson will continue the schedule for 10:30 lectors.

## Councils and Ministries

\* Represents scheduling only

### PROPERTY (Chair / Darwin Pace )

Supplies and Repairs, Gardening, Cleaning Contracts

### FINANCE (Finance Chair / Rick Davis)

Audit Team Sue Miller, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Budgeting Finance Committee/Rick Davis  
 Capital Campaign Finance Committee/Rick Davis  
 Centennial Foundation Kelly Rankin, Ryan Lance  
 Counters Darwin Pace, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stewardship Team Fr. Rick  
 Treasurer/Asst. Treasurer John Masters, Rick Davis

### CHRISTIAN ED./SPIRITUAL DEV. (Chair / Dick Torkelson)

Adult Classes Fr. Rick  
 Children's Chap./Sun. School Caroline Veit, Sandy Shanor  
 Dolby Sharing Group Jim Dolby  
 Nursery Sandy Shanor, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Youth Ministry Fr. Rick, Alek Keenan

### COMMUNITY LIFE (Chair/ \_\_\_\_\_)

Daughters of the King Patti Jones, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dinner Groups Kathy Ogle, Mary Guthrie  
 Girlfriends Unlimited Barbara Brower, Margie Hayes,  
 Karine Sneesby, Pam Snell, Sharon  
 Gostovich  
 ◊ Chrismon Creators TBD  
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 Chris Connell  
 ◊ Flick Chicks Cheryl Jolley  
 ◊ Stitch 'n' Chatter Margie Hayes/Barbara Brower  
 ◊ Lit 'n' Latte Sharon Gostovich  
 Prayer Ministry Lynne Swanson, Michele Rose  
 Parish Life Nancy Abraham, Chris Connell,  
 Rosemary Todd  
 Veterans Ministry Foy Jolley, \_\_\_\_\_

### OUTREACH (Chair/Eric Nelson, Carol Schiel)

Friday Food Bags Judy Weickum, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Family Promise Eric Nelson, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Web Page Chris Barlow, \_\_\_\_\_

### WORSHIP (Chair/ The Rev. Rick Veit)

Acolytes \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 \* Catherine Rogers (8 a.m. schedule only)  
 \* Tanya Hood (10:30 a.m. schedule only)  
 Altar Guild/Flowers \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christmas Pageant Michele Rose,  
 Euch. Minister/Visitor/Hosp \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lectors Lynne Swanson, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Music/Organ Maint. Betsy Taggart, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ushers/Newcomers \_\_\_\_\_, Swede Nelson  
 Weddings Cheryl Lambert, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Worship Planning Fr. Rick, \_\_\_\_\_



## Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Small Groups

Contact the church office for more details on any of these groups.

Sunday

#### Adult Forum

9:30 a.m. in the parish hall

Monday

#### Living Compass (Oct 16-Nov 6, 2017)

12:10-12:50 in Guild Room

#### Girlfriends Unlimited Stitch 'n' Chatter

6:30 p.m. (1<sup>st</sup> Monday) Margie Hayes' House

6:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) Barb Brower's House

#### Girlfriends Unlimited Lit 'n' Latte at Barnes and Noble,

6:15 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays)

Tuesday

#### Education for Ministry

Wednesday

#### Men's Coffee- 11 a.m. at Dazbog's Coffee

#### Girlfriends Unlimited Peace Makers

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Read Hall (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed.)

#### Sew and Sews Group

1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Read Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed.)

(No summer meetings, resumes in September)

Thursday

#### Dolby Bible Study/Sharing Group

- 10 a.m. at Jim Dolby's house

Saturday

#### Girlfriends Unlimited Flick Chicks, Last Saturday of month at 10:00 a.m.

#### Girlfriends Unlimited Reflections in the Park

10:30 a.m. at 230 Palm Springs Avenue

### 6 Girlfriends Unlimited Groups (Women's Ministry)

Contact Karine Sneesby at gsneesby@juno.com to learn more about these different groups.

Chrismon Creators, Stitch 'n' Chatter, Sew and Sews, Flick Chicks, Lit 'n' Latte, Sew and Sews (Some do not meet in the summer)

### Membership Class (Interested members, Baptism, Confirmation)

If you are interested in being a member of St. Mark's or being Baptized or Confirmed, be sure to attend this class. It is led by the Reverend Rick Veit. Contact the church office for further details. Times and dates vary.

## Stewardship Corner Ministry Highlights

Total monthly August income: 43,058.16

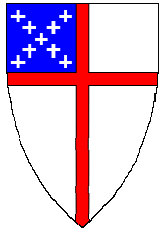
Total monthly August expense: 30,642.34

#### Daughters of the King

This is a prayer ministry that meets once a month to review and pray for those in need.

#### Dinner Groups

These are different groups of people who meet regularly for dinner.



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## Come one! Come All! St. Mark's Christmas Pageant

It's time to begin rehearsals for the 2017 St. Mark's Christmas Pageant which will be presented by our children and youth at the 5:00 p.m. service on December 24<sup>th</sup>!!

All children are welcome to participate if their parents feel they can follow directions and sit in the pews with the rest of the children. Youth are encouraged to participate as narrators, actors or as helpers/stage managers. Children of out-of-town guests who can attend the dress rehearsal have joined us in the past. A short parent/guardian information meeting will be held immediately before the rehearsal on November 19. Volunteers are needed to help children dress in their costumes for the dress rehearsal and performance and to help provide lunches for Sunday noon rehearsals. Caroline Veit has offered to organize the meals. Please contact her at 421-4643, if you would like to help. If you have questions or need more information, contact Michele Rose at 307-287-2006.

**November 19:** Rehearse music during Children's Chapel. Light lunch provided after 10:30 service. Parent Meeting at 11:50 in the sanctuary. First rehearsal for children and youth will be held in the sanctuary from 12:00-1:00. We will begin assigning parts at this rehearsal.

**November 26 (Thanksgiving Sunday):** Rehearse music during Children's Chapel.

**December 3:** Rehearse music during Children's Chapel. Light lunch. Rehearsal in the sanctuary from 12:00-1:00. We will finish assigning parts at this rehearsal.

**December 10:** Rehearse music during Children's Chapel. Light lunch. Rehearsal in the sanctuary from 12:00-1:00. We will begin fitting costumes.

**December 17:** Rehearse songs during Children's Chapel. Rehearsal in the sanctuary will be later in the afternoon from 3:00-4:00 p.m. This Sunday rehearsal is scheduled later in the day due to the "Hanging of the Greens" decorating which happens after church on Sunday, December 18. It is not safe to have the children in the sanctuary while the adults are decorating. We will finish fitting and marking all costumes that day.

**\*Saturday, December 23-4:30-5:45:** Full dress rehearsal in the sanctuary. Participants will go to the Guild Room to put on costumes before going to the sanctuary. All children and youth are expected to be at this rehearsal to be able to participate in the pageant.

**\*\*Pageant performance during the Christmas Eve Service on Sunday, December 24 at 5:00!!\*\*** Children need to arrive at 4:30 to dress in their costumes and to warm-up for their performance.

Newsletter Articles are due the 2nd Monday of every month. The articles should be no larger than 1/8—1/4 page long. Please email them to the office at [stmark307.ad@gmail.com](mailto:stmark307.ad@gmail.com).