



# The Gryphon's Roar



August, 2011



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**“We at St. Mark’s are on a journey seeking God in you,  
ourselves, and all creation”**



### Weekly Schedule

Sundays	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
	9:15 AM	Sunday school
	10:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
	5:00 PM	AA Meeting
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	9:00 AM	Breakfast – Sept. – May
Fridays	8:00 PM	AA Meeting



The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt	Bishop of Tennessee
The Reverend Battle Beasley	Rector
The Reverend Felicity Peck	Deacon
Frank Brannon, M. Div.	Pastoral Care Coordinator
Ron Balcarras	Senior Warden
George Noren	Junior Warden
Charles Cross & Les Worsley	Treasurers
Kevin Curtis	Clerk of the Vestry

Deadline for submissions is Sunday, August 21, 2011  
**Gryphon submissions to: [submitgryphon@aol.com](mailto:submitgryphon@aol.com)**

#### **St. Mark's Vestry:**

Sampson Udeh, Don McEwen, George Noren,	(2013)
David Winters, Eileen Cardwell, Ron Balcarras	(2012)
Cyndy Fahnestock, Kate Pilcher, Dawn Russ	(2011)



**Father Battle's sermons are now available on the St. Mark's web site.**

Dear People of God,

Rally Day is upon us; on Aug. 21st we gather for 1 service and afterward not only share in food and fellowship but look at opportunities to get involved in the mission and ministry here at St. Mark's. Immediately, we are in need of Sunday school teachers and assistants! Gretchen Miller's class of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is amazing. Gail Leverett has been her assistant for several years and is now moving to other ministries. Sherry Walker has the next level up to the 6th grade. A number of people signed up last year to help her for several weeks at a time. She has mentioned the need for more men to be involved with that class. Robert Kiefer and Carol Ponder led the teenagers for the past several years and are retiring due to life transitions. As you can see the need is great and immediate! Please consider giving your time and talent to supporting our children in their spiritual lives; it is vital for the life of the Church today and tomorrow. If you have questions come speak to me or to Eileen Cardwell who is coordinating curriculums and volunteers.

Peace,  
Battle +



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The Gryphon is St. Mark's Newsletter and as such welcomes articles and suggestions from ALL parishioners. This is your venue for expressing thoughts you would like to share, important events in your families' lives, and suggestions you might have to make our parish life better. Please do not hesitate to use it.

Lorna

## Calendar

Aug 7 - Vestry Committee Meeting – 9:15 am  
Aug 14 - Second Sunday for Second Harvest  
Aug 21 - Rally Day – One Service 9:30 am outdoors – Time and Talent Sign Up and Awareness  
Sept 10 - Daughters of the King Quiet Day  
Sept 11 - Second Sunday Breakfast hosted by the Daughters of the King  
Sept 17 - Newcomers Dinner (details to follow)  
Sept 24 - Hosting - Diocesan “Congregational Development for the Small Church”  
Oct 15 - Habitat for Humanity Build – Congregation Volunteers – Painters Needed  
Oct 16 - Bishop’s Visit

## Vestry person responsible for Sunday lock up:

08/07/11 – Kate Pilcher  
08/14/11 – Don McEwen  
08/21/11 – Sampson Udeh  
08/28/11 – Dawn Russ  
09/04/11 – Eileen Cardwell

## SPECIAL DAYS TO CELEBRATE

### **August Birthdays**

Beverly Hargrove	5
Dave Colvin	5
Marcia Williams	7
Billy Hynd	8
George Noren	10
Kim Winters	12
Jacquee Parris	13
Lorna Noren	21
Steven Page	22
Jamie Meyer	24
Battle Beasley	29
Caprice Campbell	31



### **August Anniversaries**

Sharon & Mike Rice – 21, 2002

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## Spiritual Formation Committee

The Spiritual Formation Liturgical Committee focuses on all aspects of Christian Education for children and adults, including space, speakers, subject matter, special and seasonal events.

As the summer peaks, our planning for the fall children and youth programs continues. Please take a moment and consider your gifts and see if you are able to join in to help support our education programs. We are looking for a host of volunteers in the following areas:

- The Catechesis Atrium and God's Pals
- Youth program will need two people

The Spiritual Formation Committee is looking at curriculums to help plan out an educational road map that will allow volunteers to review and prepare in advance for a commitment of time. Watch for more details at Rally Day.

Good News - Books of Common Prayer will be acquired for the Portable Classrooms - enough for every child to use in class.

Please reach out to members of the Spiritual Formation Committee if you have any ideas, questions or if you would like to part of this committee.

Vestry Members: Cyndy Fahnestock, Sampson Udeh, and Eileen Cardwell  
Committee Members: Elizabeth Power, Donna Floyd



## Congregational Life Committee

The Congregational Life Committee is responsible for the care of members and outreach to visitors. It is the goal of this committee to encourage fellowship and interaction among members and enhance our congregation's life.

Update on our plans:

Parish Pictorial – Kevin Curtis and Ron Balcarras will be creating a “visual view” of our Parish Congregation. Plans are being finalized for a Photo Campaign to build an easy to read photo directory.

Habitat for Humanity - Don McEwen has our date set - Saturday October 15th. WE NEED PAINTERS – watch for the signup sheet in the back of the Church.

Rally Day – Sunday, August 21st – One Service at 9:30 outside in the tent to be followed by a brunch. This is our chance to help make our Time and Talent resource pool grow!

A “New Comers” dinner is set for September 17th – Cyndy Fahnestock, Sampson Udeh and Kevin Curtis will be updating the congregation soon with more details.

Please reach out to members of the Congregational Life Committee if you have any ideas, questions or if you would like to part of this committee.

Vestry Members: Don McEwen, George Noren, Ron Balcarras  
Committee Members: Frank Brannon, Violet Mashingaidze and Kevin Curtis.



## Parish Administration

Parish Administration encompasses three areas of interest: Building & Grounds, Communication, and Finance.

Kate Pilcher has completed our Phone Tree. The concept behind this phone tree is to get the names of St Mark's members who need to be called for news rather than relying on Email.

John Seufert has joined to help us with our ties to the Finance Committee – thanks John. John recently secured St. Mark's for Real Property Tax Exempt status! Yee Haw!

It's almost time for a St. Mark's work day – George Noren will be surveying our facilities – watch for future plans for a chance to step up and help out.

Please reach out to members of the Parish Administration Committee if you have any ideas, questions or if you would like to part of this committee.

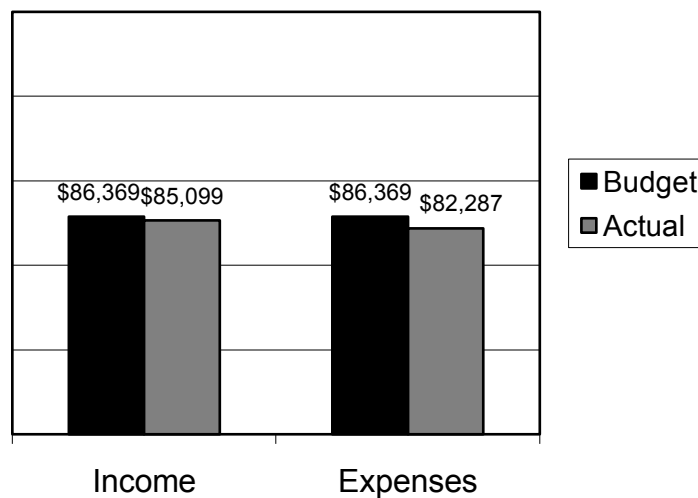
Vestry Members: David Winters, Kate Pilcher, Dawn Russ

Committee Members: John Seufert



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### St. Mark's Income and Expenses as of June 2011



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### September 11 Second Sunday Breakfast Returns

Please plan to join St. Mark's folks for a breakfast following the 8 o'clock service. That Sunday will mark 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of one of the worst days in our country's history. It will be a good thing to prayerfully break bread together on that day. The St. Mark's Daughters of the King will prepare and serve. You are reminded to remember our neighbors in need with your generous Second Sunday Second Harvest donation.

# Attention St. Mark's Congregation



**It's that time of the year again for Rally Day – aka – Time and Talent Showcase!**

**Sunday, August 21, 2011**

**One Service 9:30 am Outside in the Tent**

**&**

**After the Service**

**Coffee, drinks, buffet and socializing**

**This is everyone's chance to take a few minutes  
to learn just a little bit more about St. Mark's.**

**We are only as strong as our Congregation makes us.**

**Your support to the program areas on Time and Talent is crucial to our success.**

**Please stop by and learn more about:**

**Christian Education**

**EFM, Group Spiritual Direction**

**Stewardship Events & Committees**

**Choir**

**Coffee Hosting**

**Ecuador Outreach**

**Our WEB Site and Social Media**

**Saint Luke's Community House**

**Habitat for Humanity**

**Grounds and Church Maintenance**

**2nd Harvest Food Bank**

**Room in the Inn**

**Daughters of the King**

**Brotherhood of St. Andrews**

**Our Vestry**

**Altar Guild**

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Episcopal...with a small “e”...it refers to bishops and derives from the Greek “episkopos”, meaning “overseer”. Thus, the Episcopal Church (capital “E”) is a church with bishops as leaders, who live in episcopal residences and wear episcopal vestments.

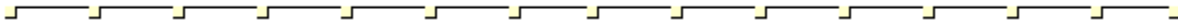
Eve...The first woman (Genesis 3:20)...the name in Hebrew translates as “enlivening, “life giving”, or something similar.

The word is also used to mark the day before an important day or event, as in Christmas Eve. Consider, however, that our ancient religious forbearers recorded days as beginning at sundown, which seems to be agreed upon to be around 6:00 PM, thus the traditional Midnight Mass at c. 10:30 PM Christmas Eve is celebrated on Christmas Day.

Fear of the Lord...The biblical Hebrew has no proper word for “awe” or “reverence”, so “fear” is about as it comes in translating “yIrah”.

Feet...Be careful with this one. Sometimes it can refer to answering nature’s call or the genitalia. At other times it simply refers to pedal extremities. See Judges 3:24 and I Samuel 24:3 (King James Version) for examples.

Jim Hall  
To be continued



### A Day to Pray for Peace September 10, 2011



The St. Mark’s Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King invites you to share in prayers for world peace at a Quiet Day on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Beginning at 9 am, the day will consist of scripture, prayer, meditation, and the spiritual experience of walking the Labyrinth. The final ceremony will conclude in silence at 12 noon.

**Please plan to come and bring your family, friends, and neighbors.**

# August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	<b>1</b> DOK 6:30 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00	<b>4</b> Arwen's Renaissance Dance Class	<b>5</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> PENTECOST VIII Vestry Committee 9:15 AM  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> PENTECOST IX 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Vestry Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>17</b> Brain Club 11:00 – 2:00	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> PENTECOST X Rally Day One service at 9:30 a.m.  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> AA Meeting 8:00 PM	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> PENTECOST XI  AA Meeting 5:00 PM	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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## AUGUST 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

Please watch for your name each month. If you are unable to serve on the assigned date, please arrange a swap with someone else listed for that month, and let Les Worsley (361-6005) know the name of the person with whom you swapped. If that isn't possible, please call Les or the Rector (361-4100) **in advance**. Nursery Workers, please call Lynn Poehl (367-1330). We want to avoid last minute substitutions. A SUGGESTION: Place this schedule on your refrigerator door and highlight your name as a reminder when it is your turn to serve.

**ALTAR GUILD** - Judy Robnett and Karen Seufert

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>				
CB	C. Burger	D. McEwen	<b>Rally Day</b> No 8:00 a.m. Service. One Service only at 9:30 a.m.	D. Parsons
R	D. McEwen	M. O'Reilly		L. Poehl
A	J. Seufert	M. Torlay		D. McEwen
U	S. Stewart	D. Parsons		H. Stewart
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>			<b>9:30 a.m. This Sunday only</b>	
CB	George Noren / H. Okoe	J. Parris / L. Worsley	D. Baxter / B. ClenDening	D. Floyd / E. Gilliam
R	D. Floyd / E. Gilliam	C. Hardison / G. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze / S. McEwen	G. Noren / Greg Noren
A	B. ClenDening / F. Aryeetey	D. Floyd / H. Hashiguchi	George Noren / C. Udeh	G. Russ / L. Russ
U	E. Gilliam / P. Hall	I. Kurz / V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen / C. Robnett	M. Tantaros / S. Udeh
OB	E. Gilliam	P. Hall	V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen
CH	H. Granger / K. Pilcher	E. Gilliam / P. Hall	S. Hammontree/V.Mashingaidze	D. Russ / S. Winters
NW	L. Poehl / K. Tantaros	L. Poehl / L. Worsley-Hynd	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris
GR	V. Mashingaidze	S. Udeh	P. Carr-Brannon	B. ClenDening

## SEPTEMBER 2011 LAY MINISTERS' SCHEDULE

**ALTAR GUILD** - Donna Floyd and Shirley Stewart

	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>				
CB	J. Seufert	M. Torlay	C. Burger	D. McEwen
R	M. Rice	C. Burger	G. Leverett	D. Floyd
A	B. Meyer	S. Rice	J. Seufert	M. Torlay
U	S. Stewart	D. Parsons	H. Stewart	S. Stewart
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>				
CB	C. Hardison / V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen / H. Okoe	J. Parris / L. Worsley	B. ClenDening / D. Floyd
R	L. Noren / C. Ogubie	C. Robnett / J. Parris	H. Okoe / I.J. Udeh	D. Winters / P. Carr-Brannon
A	L. Worsley / H. Hashiguchi	D. Floyd / V. Mashingaidze	B. ClenDening / C. Udeh	G. Russ / L. Russ
U	P. Carr-Brannon / B. ClenDening	E. Gilliam / I. Kurz	P. Hall / V. Mashingaidze	S. McEwen / C. Robnett
OB	S. Udeh	P. Worsley	P. Carr-Brannon	E. Gilliam
CH	C. Campbell / M.A. Campbell	P. Carr-Brannon / J. Dunlap	H. Granger / K. Pilcher	E. Gilliam / P. Hall
NW	L. Poehl / L. Worsley-Hynd	L. Poehl / K. Tantaros	L. Poehl / G. Maxwell	L. Poehl / J. Parris
GR	G. Kurz	I. Kurz	V. Mashingaidze	S. Udeh

**KEY:**

**CB:** Chalice Bearer. First name reads the Prayers of the People. Second name leads the Psalm.

**R:** Reader    **U:** Usher

**A:** Acolytes. First name is the Server and the second name is the Crucifer.

**OB:** Oblation Bearer. Takes Bread and Wine to the Altar during the Offertory.

**CH:** Coffee Host. Makes coffee, provides refreshments for coffee hour, and tidies the kitchen after coffee hour.

**NW:** Nursery Workers    **GR:** Welcoming Team Greeters



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