Dear friends,

This year St. Mark’s is celebrating our 100th anniversary of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Our planning committee is looking through the archives to find historical information regarding the many ministries that have occurred in this church throughout the years. We are looking forward to sharing some of our history with you just as we did in February when we focused on our music ministry.

Throughout our history this church has been blessed with 23 senior and associate pastors and I have chosen to honor their wonderful contribution to our mission by periodically including in our Newsletter an article that they wrote to their members and attendees during their time of service at St. Mark’s.

We begin this month with Reverend Paul Bassett who served St. Mark’s from 1969-1971. This article was published in the January 1971 edition of the St. Mark’s United Methodist Church newsletter THE VOICE.

Blessings,

Pastor Ted

NOTES FROM THE STUDY:

We are so much a part of this active, pushing generation that it is difficult to find time for meditation. It is not that we do not dream about things. We dream about ourselves, we dream about good fortune, we dream about the future and what may come to us.

But when we speak of meditation, we think of more than dreams. Meditation is reflection. It is the inclination to think spiritually about ourselves, about our responsibilities, about God. It is the effort to hold the thought of God at the center of our thoughts. This is not easily done. It demands practice, discipline, and dedication.
However, it is from such reflection that great things come. Honor and honesty, love and justice, a deep compassion and a high concern, the ability to stand against great odds – all come from great thoughts of God!

Rev. Paul H. Bassett

Did you know that we have a Capital Improvement Fund? The Capital Improvement Fund was established several years ago for the purpose of raising funds designated for specific capital improvement projects deemed necessary by our Trustees for the continued successful operation of the church. St. Mark's has been a viable member of our community for 100 years and to ensure that our church can continue our ministries into the future we need to maintain our building and its contents beyond normal maintenance requirements.

Funds raised in the past through The Capital Improvement Fund have been used for the resurfacing of the parking lot, boiler upgrades, roof replacement, painting of the sanctuary, refinishing of the sanctuary floor and upgrading the audio and video systems in the sanctuary.

Making a donation to The Capital Improvement Fund is as easy as writing “Capital Improvement Fund” on your check or envelope and placing it in the Sunday offering plate.

The Trustees and Finance Team thank you for your continued support of “your” church.
Emmaus/Chrysalis

Men’s Walk
March 14th @ 6:00 pm through
March 17th @ 5:00 pm

Gathering

The next monthly Emmaus Gathering will be Tuesday, March 19th from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
St. Mark’s UMC in Findlay
800 S. Main St.

If you would like to receive an email regarding prayer concerns please notify the church office.
Pop cans for Resource Center

Eye glasses for the Lion’s Club

Chief receipts for Resource Center

Reminder... Please let the church know should you be admitted to the hospital or are having surgery. The hospitals no longer call without you saying you want the church or pastor called.

Birthday

March
1 - Jennifer McBride
1 - Angela Davis
2 – Don Bridges
6 – Jean Bible
7 - Nora Davis
9 – Dave Smith
13- Tracey Howard
13- Stacey DeWitt
15 – Skyler DeWitt
16 - Karen Trevino

Item of the month for Resource Center is condiments.

Anniversaries

March
18 - Jim & Barbara Duval
Dialogue with the DS

Barry would like to get together with the different NWP counties after General Conference to have casual Q & A sessions. All clergy and laity are invited to come and have a group discussion. This is an open invitation and very informal. Listed below is the meeting for Allen County, if you cannot make that one ask Nora for the others that are close.

ALLEN/AUGLAIZE COUNTY   March 17, 2019 3:00-4:30 pm
Hosting church : Cridersville UMC, 105 Shawnee Rd., Cridersville, OH 45806

Sunday School

The Praisers Class is studying The miracles of Jesus leading to Easter Sunday (the resurrection)

Jubilee Class started “Fundamentals of the Faith: Part 2”
It will end April 14th.

Ignite Sunday School Class starting March 24th studying Adam Hamilton’s “Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn’t Say”. They are simple phrases. Everything happens for a reason. God won’t give you more than you can handle. Love the sinner, hate the sin. They sound Christian—like something you might find in the Bible. We’ve all heard these words. Maybe we’ve said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways. Discover the whole truth! Join us starting March 24th for 6 week study.

Amity Class “Living Like You Belong to God”

We need your help!! This is the year of St. Mark’s 100th anniversary. If you know of photos or stories that could be used during this year long celebration, please send them to the office. We will scan them and return to you. Each month we will focus on one item of St. Mark’s history. Such as sports, music, Easter, youth, Sunday School, VBS, Women’s groups, Fall activities, and Christmas. If you have photos from other holidays we could use them also.

If you could write a small article regarding ...I Remember When.... We will use in the newsletter during the year and maybe during Sunday services.
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