



April, 2010

Meet Our New Members

Stephen Fleming

Stephen and his wife Kim, who is already a member of St. Mark, live in Chesterfield. They have two sons. Both children are involved in scouting, baseball and hockey. Steve is the scout master of St. Mark's Troop 631.

Claire

Claire is a Senior and counting the days until graduation.(39) She plans to attend Florissant Valley Community College in the Fall. Claire spends most of her time working the desk at Club Fitness and the lifeguard stand. When she is not working Claire enjoys playing with her dog, Nelson. Claire is an accomplished dancer whose best friend is her sister, Emma.

Chris Lanigan & Jen Tegtmeier

Chris and Jen have just become engaged! Chris is a driver for Fed-Ex who enjoys cooking, BBQ's and all things outdoors. Jen is a caregiver for her grandmother, a zoo volunteer and also enjoys being outdoors.

Cathy Mitchell

Cathy lives in Chesterfield with her daughter . She also has two sons, Mark and Andrew who is married. Cathy, a Property Tax accountant , has joined our St. Mark ½ marathon training group. As better weather arrives, you will find her biking along Katy Trail.

Lynn & Linda Sallee

Lynn and Linda have recently returned to Ballwin from living in the Bahamas. They have seven grown children and seven grandchildren with two more on the way. Lynn enjoys hunting, fishing, and carpentry. Linda, happily retired, prefers reading, crocheting and gardening.

Hugh & Linda Smith

Hugh and Linda (Chesterfield) have two grown children. Allyson lives in MO with her husband Troy and three children. Bryan lives in PA with his wife Colleen and is expecting their first child in April. The Smiths spent 27 years living in Saudi Arabia and returned to the US in 2007. Both Hugh and Linda are now retired. They have enjoyed meeting Christians from all over the world. Hugh's interests include genealogy and the history of early man, and Linda enjoys travel, needlework and reading.

One Great Hour of Sharing

For more than fifty years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter; those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. Presbyterians' gifts support the work of The Presbyterian Committee for the Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly. Please give generously.

MIDWEEK TOPICS

Sharing the Journey

During the month of April we will be exploring our shared journey of life on earth. Join John Northrip for an exploration of the topic, and please bring video clips, web sites, books, and anything else you would like to use to share your beliefs and understanding of our home in Creation.

In The Beginning

April 7
Genesis, The Big Bang, Intelligent Design, Evolution, Science, Myth- where do we start? In the beginning.

Out of the Past

April 14
How do we use what remains in the present to understand the past? Part one of "The History of Palestinian Archeology" video series will be featured.

Celebrating Earth

April 21
An Earth Day survey of the celebration of the natural world past and present.

The Road Ahead

April 28
How do we sort through all the aspects of environmental issues to find what role we can play in order to most please God?

If you have any questions or suggestions for this series, please contact John Northrip.

St. Mark Most Wanted

Still in need of funding:

1. Media Room - total cost \$15,000 - still needed \$4,163.09.
2. Computers in Office - total cost \$3000 - still needed \$2,463.13.
3. New exterior Halogen steeple lights for improved lighting - estimated cost \$4000.
4. Concrete replacement on the east side of the church outside the Mark and Luke doors - estimated cost \$12,000.
5. Maintenance on the Meditation Garden of Winton and Cherrie Briscoe. These are the garden areas between the upper and lower parking lots and the rock garden below. Maintenance includes fixing an erosion problem. Estimated cost \$3000. Still needed \$2,880.
6. Steam cleaning of the church pews and sanctuary carpet - total cost \$2700.
7. Scholarships for Preschool: This request is to cover 1/2 of the tuition for 2 pre-kindergarten students at our preschool. Total cost - \$742 each. This is an opportunity to help families and support our youth.
8. Humidity (or lack of humidity) is enemy number 1 for a piano. Humidity levels in the choir room often vary greatly and continued exposure to this will cause permanent damage. The cost of a humidifier/dehumidifier attachment for the heating system is \$2000.

New items and suggestions are always welcome. Contact Marti Fruechte. If you would like to fund or contribute to any of the items on the list, please contact the church office at 636-394-2233.

HOLY WEEK

April 1 - Maundy Thursday

7:30pm Service & Living Last Supper

St. Mark will again transport you back to the Last Supper with Jesus and the Disciples through a "Living Last Supper" dramatization. The Living Last Supper dramatization will enhance our worship as we also witness the confirmation class foot washing, participate in communion and leave the service in the tradition of Tenebrae.

April 3 - Easter Saturday

5:00pm Service of Reflection

April 4 - Easter Sunday

8:30 & 10:30am Services

St. Mark Annual Bible Seminar

Imagining God, Imagining Church

Featured speaker:

Dr. John M. Bracke, Martha McCall Egan Professor of Biblical Studies, Eden Theological Seminary

Today many people have a lot of different ideas about what a church should be and do. In the Bible it was not different. We find in the Bible – in both the Old and New Testaments – that people imagined what it meant to be God’s people or to be followers of Jesus in different ways. There is a very good reason that people ancient and modern imagine a church in different ways. That reason is that they imagine God in different ways. In this our time together we will explore the connection between how God is imagined and how the church is imagined.



Dr. John Bracke is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a Professor at Eden Theological Seminary. He teaches Old Testament courses, which include the required introductory Old Testament class, and some Studies in Ministry courses. John also regularly teaches several elective courses which include Hebrew Grammar, a course on the books of Jeremiah and Ezekiel, and Old Testament Theology. He has published commentaries on the books of Jeremiah and Lamentations in the Westminster Bible Companion Series and coauthored a book with Professor Tye on teaching the Bible in the church.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon followed by luncheon in Gleason Hall. Cost is \$5.00; please pay at the door. Sign up in the Narthex.

Dear Family and Friends,

Hello. I hope this letter finds you all well. I am writing to you for two reasons, first to tell you about an amazing opportunity my school has provided me, and secondly to ask you for help.

I recently received news that the Campus Christian Fellowship (CCF) at my school (Truman State) is providing me with the opportunity to travel to Kenya for two weeks to do mission work in a small village named Elangata. I believe this opportunity will help me grow massively in my faith and help me make lasting friendships with people in the Christian community on my campus. Also, my mother works with many Kenyan students, and I have long wanted to know more about their culture.

We will be traveling to Kenya from May 13-27. Our trip will take us first to Nairobi, and then out to a Southwestern Kenyan headquarters for New Mission Systems International, the local leaders for our trip. From there, we will travel to Elangata, a small village. Our jobs there will include helping school children, building and fixing things, teaching, speaking at church, and aiding with medical checkups. It will be a fantastic chance for me and those on the trip to grow in patience and in faith.

For me to get to Kenya, I need two things from those willing to help. Most of all, I need prayer support. I am fully convinced that if it is God’s will for me to get to Kenya this summer, He will show me the path. Secondly, however, I need financial support. The sum for getting to go on this trip is \$3350. At first this seemed like a lot of money to me, but as I said, if it is meant to be, I believe I can overcome it. Donations to this cause are, thankfully, 100% tax deductible (if you would like to follow this route, you must make checks out to NMSI. Also, please write my name and “Truman Kenya STP in the Memo line. The checks can be sent to me. I will forward them to NMSI.)

I never thought I would be writing one of these letters. I honestly hoped I would never have to come around asking for financial support. However, I honestly also never thought I would find such a great mission opportunity. That is why I have come asking for your help today. This is an amazing opportunity for me, but I will need every bit of help I can get.

This trip is likely to be a great memory in my life, but I will need all the support I can from you to get me there. The most important thing you can give me is prayer and meditation for me and the others potentially going on this trip. Assuming I can make it, I will write to you all after I return, detailing my experiences and how they have changed me. If you have any questions for me, please do not hesitate to call me or email me. I hope to hear from you all soon, and I pray that you all are well and healthy.

Thank you all, and God Bless, Stephen G.

St. Mark Roots

Northern roots are well represented in our St. Mark congregation. CATHY was born at St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada. CATHY attended Notre Dame Academy in Waterdown, Ontario, Canada. CATHY attended Hamilton General Hospital School of Nursing--McMaster University. She has also lived in Melbourne, Australia, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, Columbia, MO and Canberra, Australia.

Several of our friends are connected with Michigan. ESTHER & JACK were born in Battle Creek, MI and attended high school at Central High School. JACK attended college at Kellogg Community College and Western MI College. JACK also lived at Ft. Carson, CO during his army days.

DICK was born in Detroit, MI, graduating from Grosse Pointe High School and Michigan State University. He has also lived in East Lansing, MI, Fulda, Germany, Kaiserslautern, Germany, Fairlawn, OH and Ft. Wayne, IN.

JULIE was born in Flint, MI and her high school was Grand Blanc in Grand Blanc, MI. Julie attended Hurley School of Nursing, College of Lake County and Maryville University. Julie has lived in Holland, MI, West Allis, Waukegan, Racine and Gurnee, IL, Granite City, IL and Poplar Bluff, MO.

PHIL was born in St. Louis but graduated from Grosse Pointe High School in Grosse Pointe, MI. Phil has a BS from St. Louis University, and has attended New Mexico Tech in Socorro, NM, St. Joe's Paramedic School, National Schools--Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism -- National Fire Academy in Emmittsburg, MD. PHIL has also lived in San Carlos, AZ, Columbia, MO, Vicksburg, MI and St. Anne, IL.

ROBERT is a part of our Iowa roots. BOB was born in Des Moines, IA graduating from Glidden HS in Glidden, IA. BOB attended Iowa State University in Ames, IA. He's also lived in Jersey City, NJ, Union City, NJ, Syracuse, NY and Fanwood, NJ.

JIM was born in Estherville, IA and attended Eagle Grove, HS. JIM graduated from Iowa State College in Ames, IA. He has also lived in Boone, Des Moines, Eagle Grove and Osceola, IA, Sandwich, IL and Clarksville, TN.

Although ALICE was born in Shenandoah, IA, she graduated from O'Fallon Township High School in O'Fallon, IL. ALICE attended SIU in Carbondale. In MO, ALICE has lived in Louisiana, Harrisonville, Columbia and Milan. In Illinois, Quincy, Collinsville, Arlington Hts, and O'Fallon. In Kansas, Salina, Leavenworth, St. John, Lindsborg. Also, Baltimore, MD, Haddonfield, NJ, Pueblo, CO and Clovis, NM.

Marshall, MN is the birthplace of KATHLEEN. KATHLEEN graduated from Lafayette High School in Ellisville and attended the University of Tulsa and the University of MO-Columbia. She has also lived in Balaton, MN, Naperville, IL and Eureka, MO.

BETH was born in St. Paul, MN. BETH graduated from Martin Westview in Martin, IN. The University of MN-Twin Cities, is BETH's alma mater. She has also lived in Northfield, MN, Moberly, MO, Atlanta, GA, Odessa, TX, San Leandro, CA and El Paso, TX.

LINDA was born in Wausau, WI and attended Wausau West High School. LINDA attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison and also the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. She has also lived in Rochester, MN and Louisville, KY.

Although our friend BILL has recently passed, we would like to remember BILL. Born in St. Louis, BILL graduated from Baden High School and Hadley Vocational School. BILL was employed for 41 years with Union Electric and served for 3 years in the Army during WWII and was at The Battle Of The Bulge.



**Presbyterian Women
of Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery**

*Spring has sprung and it's time to celebrate!
Join other Presbyterian Women
in the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery
for the annual Spring Gathering*

Friday, April 16

First Presbyterian Church in Kirkwood

This is a new adventure for St. Mark PW. We will meet at St. Mark at 9:00 am and carpool into Kirkwood. The Gathering begins at 9:30 am and should conclude by 1:30 p.m. Watch the Bulletin and the PW table in the Narthex for more information as it is received.

Note: Mark your calendar now for Saturday, October 23. St. Mark PW has been asked to host the Fall Gathering.

**GOOD NEWS---SPRING IS HERE
BETTER NEWS--"GREEN UPS" IS HERE APRIL 17**

It's time to tend to our gardens at St. Mark. We will be cleaning the plant beds, fertilizing, weed killing, pruning, and spreading mulch. All hands are welcome. Start time is 10 AM on Saturday the 17th. Every one is invited to help.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

May Issue April 23

June Issue May 21

E-mail Newsletter & Bulletin materials to
cpfeil@discoverstmark.org
E-mail Items for the **website** to:
cschindler@discoverstmark.org

Happy Birthday!!



to the following St. Mark members, celebrating "their" day during this month of April. If your name is not listed, please contact the church office.

4/1	Leona Schmick Ermalynn Wuestling	4/11	Debbie D'Arcy Matthew Rowe		Sheryl Stadnik Andrew Bartell		Sara White Jamison Wipke
4/2	Kirby Baldwin Ben Hawkins		Mackenzie Ware	4/20	Carol Dierberg Rod Mathews		Jennifer Wipke Ricky Zott
4/3	Bob Snyder	4/12	Mae Hudson Elizabeth Portscheller		Caitlin Rojascki	4/24	John Martin Carol Perz
4/4	Sarah Ammann Jennifer Humphrey Jason Humrich Sherrye Valenti	4/13	Norm Steiner		Rob Rojascki Tricia Rouff		Eric Piwowarczyk Louise Thurrott
4/5	Mary Lewis Larry Marshall Vern Young	4/14	Torrey Berger Steve Drake Caleb Grote Caitlin Pierce	4/21	Kim Appel Bob Berry Adam Hensley Dave Oltman Adam Pfeil Lynn Sallee	4/25	Amy Larson
4/6	Lee Mitchem	4/15	Becky Pierce		Tommy Sobotka	4/26	Cathy DeVille Jason Grote
4/7	Doris Blumer Glen Corlett	4/16	Chris Brown Caroline Gabriel		Kim Fleming Ron Lacey	4/27	Steve Carmichael Joe Eimer Denise Rojascki
4/8	Margaret Gunn Richard Hunt Beth Wootton	4/17	Bill Cornell Ian Doig Jerry Gibson Stephen Ground Diana Stewart	4/22	Kim Fleming Ron Lacey Pam Mild	4/28	Ryan Brown Barb Drake Lindsay Stahlberg
4/9	Vicki Chabot David Ware	4/18	Andrew Neal		Jim Reed Eloise Williams	4/29	Tim Durney Kami Griffith Kaela Lumbantobing
4/10	Katie Baker Thomas Marsh	4/19	Christy Brewer Evie Pfeifer Kaye Raiford	4/23	Jill Boyd Lauren Eimer		

YOGA

Join us for Yoga practice in Rooms 17/18, Tuesday, April 13 and 27 at 9:30am-10:30 am. (bring your mat)

Library Corner

Thoughts on devotional books for spring reading:

Gifts Freely Given: Devotions for Your Quiet Time by Marjorie Holmes shares profound reflections on the wondrous magnitude of God's blessings and reminds us of often overlooked treasures in our daily lives.

Finding Calm in the Chaos by Kathleen Long Bostrom contains twenty-eight days of devotions for each month and helps women create calm in the chaos of their busy lives.

Prayer, Stress and Our Inner Wounds by Flora Slosson Wuellner reminds us "God's love longs to touch and heal our inner wounds. God's transforming power can do it."

Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions by Kenneth W. Osbeck contains daily devotionals based on a different hymn. Each day highlights biblical truths drawn from the true life experiences behind the writing of these hymns.

These books can be found on the book cart in the Adult Library.

COME IN AND CHECK US OUT

Save the Date!
May 8 – 11:30 AM – 1 PM
Daughters of God Tea
Sign ups begin April 18
Space is limited to 120 – \$5.00
Bring your favorite teacup/saucer
and a spoon.

One-Stop Mother's Day Shopping



The St. Mark Mission Committee is excited to announce an opportunity to purchase uniquely beautiful gifts for important women in your life. On April 25, May 2 and May 9, we will offer "Lucinda Pins" in four different styles and a rainbow of colors. The pins are made in Portland, Maine, at a small business created by Lucinda - an entrepreneur who was formerly a homeless single mother. The one-of-a-kind pins can be purchased at St. Mark for \$15.00, a truly affordable price for such a special gift. Custom made gift boxes designed to hold the pins will also be available for \$5.00 each.

All proceeds will benefit St. Mark Mission projects and programs. Thanks in advance for your generous shopping! *Cathy Yost*



April Spinnaker Meeting

Please join us for a presentation on health and fitness topics by Dawn DuBois an Exercise Physiologist at St. Luke's Hospital. Dawn received a Bachelor of Educational Sciences Degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master of Health Science Degree from Washington University. She is certified through the American College of Sports Medicine as a Health/Fitness Specialist and is a member in professional standing.

Dawn has worked in the health and fitness field for 21 years. Job experiences range from one on one patient care in rehabilitative role to presenting workshops on various health and fitness topics.

The meeting is at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall on Friday, April 16. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Pizza for Sale

The pizza sale is underway! This year Presbyterian Women have joined with the St. Mark Youth to raise money for several St. Mark missions. It is something we know you will not want to miss because the pizzas taste grrreat! The pizzas are 14' ready to bake or freeze for later use. A great selection is offered at a great price. Last date to order pizzas will be Sunday April 24. They will be ready for pick up in Gleason Hall on Saturday May 1. Look for order forms in the Narthex at the PW table. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark PW and attached to the form. The check and the form should be placed either in the Pizza Box on the PW table or in the PW mailbox in the office.

BRO Toy Drive

Spring has sprung and it's that time of year to think about cleaning out attics, basements and closets. BRO collects new and gently used toys, dolls, books, games and puzzles to distribute to needy children at Christmas. Last year BRO served over 4,000 children. Especially needed are toys appropriate for children ages 6 to 10. Items may be placed in the BRO collection box. For further information, contact Louise Grothe.

Thank You

Dear St. Mark Friends,
Your support during Jim's illness and at the memorial service has been very much appreciated by the families. Thank you for the expressions of concern, cards, phone calls, food and gifts to St. Mark in Jim's memory. Jim was very grateful for the visits from the pastors and church members while he was in the hospital and at Westchester House. I know that I am quite blessed to be a part of such a loving church family.

Sincerely, Alice

The Care Giving committee wishes to thank all who contributed baked goods for the memorial service. The response was a tribute to a well loved and respected member of St. Mark.

Dear Ladies,

What a most wonderful gesture that you collected and donated so many birthday items for the Circle of Concern's Birthday Club. When you Deacons walked in to the Circle last Friday with all those bags filled with cake mix, frosting, paper plates, napkins, cups, tablecloths, forks, balloons, candles and birthday favors, I was amazed. The Birthday Club is a very special program to the Circle of Concern as many of our clients' children would never enjoy a birthday gift or a celebration without the generosity of such good and caring people as yourselves. We are so very grateful and overwhelmed by your goodness. Thank you so much.

Sincerely, Bobbie S. – volunteer

The Caregiving Committee would like to thank those who donated CD players. This will enable us to provide the Sunday service on CD rather than cassette tape to those unable to physically attend church. The move to this economical and improved technology began March 21, due to your generous donations. Thank you for caring.

St. Mark Financial Information

	February Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Offerings	\$60,477	*\$146,698	\$136,345
(*includes \$15,235 prepaid 2010 pledges)			

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Piecing Together a Peace-Filled Life The 13th Annual Retreat for St. Mark Women

April 9—10, 2010

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."
John 14:27

The Reverend Susan Hayes, Retreat Leader, invites St. Mark women to gather for a time of reflection and study of ***Our Call to a Discipline of Prayer and Stillness.***

This is time away from the busyness of life to enjoy the fellowship of friends old and new.

Program highlights include Friday night Progressive Dinner, Vespers, and Saturday Communion Service in the natural beauty of Faust Park. You won't want to miss a ride on the newly-restored Merry-Go-Round just for fun!

The Residence Inn, Chesterfield, will be the setting for this out-of-the-box retreat. Plan to arrive after 3:00 on Friday and we will conclude by mid-afternoon on Saturday. Each retreat participant will be asked to bring an item for the progressive dinner on Friday evening.

The cost of the retreat is \$70.00. This includes Friday dinner's main course, Saturday breakfast and lunch, snacks, penthouse/suite lodging, workshop speaker and materials.

Checks, payable to PW, will be held until April 6, 2010, and may be postdated

"...In the morning, while it was still very dark, He got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed."
Mk.1:35

Registration packets are now available at the PW Table in the Narthex.

For further information, contact Stacey Caplinger or Mary Beth Powell



Please complete your reservation form and place it in the green envelope in the PW Mailbox in the church office by Monday, April 5, 2010.