

# ST MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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Do you remember the first time you visited St. Mark's? Were you warmly welcomed? Did you find a seat quickly? Did you feel like you were a guest at a friend's house? Or did you get nervous at the sight of a seemingly full sanctuary after having to search for the nursery?

At St. Mark's we pride ourselves in being *nice*. But what if we shared Christ's radical hospitality? What if our guests were guided everywhere they needed to be and didn't have to struggle to find anything—including a seat in the sanctuary or a parking space?

Statistics show that guests decide within the first ten minutes of being on the church's campus whether they'll come back again the next week. That means that the moment new guests pull into our parking lot the clock starts. Often it also means that guests will hit that ten-minute-mark before they step into the sanctuary.

At St. Mark's, we want to go the extra mile in showing Christ's welcome! We'll be offering training and practices this month so that we are clear and intentional in welcoming new

guests as they walk through the doors of our Lord's house. If you would like to be a part of a team that makes this happen, you're invited to a training on November 19th that will teach the process and expectations of each step in the hospitality process. Can you see yourself on our hospitality team?

If you know what you want to do and want to come and brush up, you're encouraged to come to training. If you want to hear different "job descriptions" and decide where you'll fit best on our Hospitality Team, you're encouraged to come to training! Help our guests catch a glimpse of why you love St. Mark's and call it home!

Two trainings will be offered on November 19th one at 11 am (for those who don't attend 11 am worship), and then again at 12 noon. Training should only last about an hour. If you have any questions please contact Erin Huddleston ([stmarkserinh@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkserinh@gmail.com)).

In Christ,  
Pastor Justin  
Erin Huddleston

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Ephesians 6:18 says,  
"Do all in prayer, asking for  
God's help. Pray on every occasion . . .  
keep alert . . . Pray always for all God's  
people."

As we come to the season of Thanksgiving  
and Christmas, let's pray for each other  
and the concerns, as well as praises, on  
our hearts. I am excited to invite you to  
join together for an Intentional Prayer time  
every Wednesday from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. begin-  
ning November 15, to lift these requests to our  
Lord.

In Christ,  
Peggy Lootens, Lay Leader

### LEGACY WORKSHOP

St. Mark's will be hosting a Legacy Workshop on  
Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 pm. Folks from the Vir-  
ginia UMC Foundation will be sharing informa-  
tion on estate planning, charitable giving, endow-  
ments, and more. Come learn how the church  
can help your family plan, and how your family's  
plan can help the church! Everyone welcome to  
attend. Childcare will be available.



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN UNITED METHODIST MEN

Following the Legacy Workshop, the  
United Methodist Women and United  
Methodist Men will have their monthly meet-  
ings. The Women will meet in the Fellowship  
Hall to discuss upcoming projects and meet-  
ings. The Men will meet in the Conference  
Room.



### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN SUNDAY Candle Burning Service November 26, 2017

As part of UMW Sunday, we will in-  
clude our annual Candle Burning that  
reflects the total cost of mission work of United  
Methodist Women around the world. In 2017,  
this will be: \$18,921,600. During the service,  
we will light a candle to recommit ourselves to  
spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.

If you would like to make a contribution to Mis-  
sions -- In Honor or Memory of someone spe-  
cial to you -- please complete the envelope in  
the Narthex and return to Mona Tolley or drop  
in the offering place by Sunday, November 19.  
Please make checks payable to St. Mark's

UMW. The names will be printed in the bulle-  
tin on Sunday, November 26 and the candle  
will burn during the service reflecting the  
amount received. In 2016, we received \$494  
for this mission work.

### UMW BOOK SELECTION

**Without You There is No Us** by Suki Kim  
gives us an eyewitness account of life in Com-  
munist North Korea. Kim is a journalist who  
goes undercover as an English teacher working  
for a Christian organization. She is unprepared  
for the level of surveillance and scrutiny that  
she must live under. She finds a love for her  
students and feels great sorrow for them as  
they know nothing of the world outside the  
country that portrays itself contrary to reality.  
She plays a dangerous game of providing small  
bits of information about the world outside of  
Korea in hopes they will seek the truth. It is a  
shock to discover the way the North Koreans  
must live and how the only religion is to wor-  
ship their leader. A truly eye opening account  
of life without freedom and God.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

The wonderful missions and ministries of St.  
Mark's are only possible because of your sup-  
port! Through the end of September, our giving  
was \$271,367 toward the annual budget of  
\$445,475. We need everyone to do their part to  
meet our goal!

### WORKDAY AT ST. MARK'S

There will be a workday @ St. Mark's on Saturday,  
November 11th. The day will begin at 9 am with cof-  
fee and donuts. Bring your yard tools and gloves to  
help spruce up the yard! There are also many things  
that need to be done inside. Hot dogs and chips will  
be provided for lunch. Remember, many hands  
make light work!

### THANK YOU FROM TAME!

Many thanks to the many members and friends  
that donated their Saturday morning to make  
our meal packing event a success. These meals  
will make a difference in the lives of many.  
Now we start to work already for next year's  
event and other activities.  
Watch for our next coffee and treats for some  
yummy eats meanwhile supporting TAME.  
Consider joining the TAME team. We welcome  
you.



### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual **Community Thanksgiving Service** will be held Tuesday, November 21st @ 7 pm. This year the service will be held at Fincastle United Methodist Church. Come give thanks with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

### THANKSGIVING MEAL

In 2014, a few St. Mark's members considered something that we could do for Thanksgiving for those that were far away from family; so they began to pass the word about having a special dinner here at the church. We had just opened our Family Life Center and thought it would be a special day. Phil McManus agreed to prepare the turkey and dressing, and others could bring their best "A-game" dish. We were expecting 20 or so for our first event. After just 10 days, the number jumped to 40, and finally on the Sunday before, 96 had committed to our special day.

During the next two years, our attendance grew from 140 to nearly 180. This event has taken on a life of its own, and its continuation seems inevitable. As thankful as we are that God has opened our lives to hosting everyone of this special day, it has become quite a daunting labor of love. We are in need of a strong committee to lead the necessary groups for directing a successful event. We need help in several areas:

- ◆ Setting tables
- ◆ Final Clean-up
- ◆ Silverware washers
- ◆ Calling those that sign-up to get food commitments
- ◆ Heating food
- ◆ Beverage and Desserts tables

If you would like to help make this wonderful day of fellowship and Thanksgiving a success, please contact Phil McManus at [pmcmanus24077@gmail.com](mailto:pmcmanus24077@gmail.com).

### MOVE YOUR FEET SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT!

Sign-up now for the Roanoke Rescue Mission's 2017 Thanksgiving morning **Drumstick Dash**. **Early registration deadline is Nov. 13th**. You can help make sure others will not go hungry on a day when most of us are blessed to have more than enough to eat. The DASH is sure to get you into a thankful spirit as you help feed the hungry. Go to [drumstickdash.net](http://drumstickdash.net) for information and to register (the preferred method of registration).

### Blood DRIVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For several years St. Mark's has sponsored an American Red Cross blood drive approximately every 56 days. We average 19 units collected. That's not bad considering that could possibly save 57 lives. It is not a lot of work to sponsor the drive but it does require about eight volunteers that are willing to give one or two hours between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Here are the volunteers we need:

- ◆ 1 person to be at the church around 8:30 to open the Family Life Center for the Red Cross, put up directional signs outside and set up a table for registration, a table for the canteen, and some chairs for those tables and chairs for the people who are waiting to donate.
- ◆ 1 person to be there around 9:45 a.m. for about 2 hours to register the donors. Registration is done on a computer but does not require any real computer skills.
- ◆ 1 person to be there around 11:45 a.m. for about 2 hours to register the donors.
- ◆ 2 people to be there around 9:45 for the canteen. You would walk the donor from the donation table to the canteen, give them something to drink and a snack and make sure they stay about 10 – 15 minutes.
- ◆ 2 people to be there around 11:45 for the canteen.
- ◆ 1 person to be at the Family Life Center around 2:30 to put the tables and chairs away and lock up after the Red Cross people have left.

**The drives coming up are: 11/11/17, 1/20/18, 3/17/18, 5/19/18, and 7/14/18.**

If you are willing to give some of your time at any of the following drives, please contact Nancy Craft at 540-992-4129 or email [craft.nancy05@gmail.com](mailto:craft.nancy05@gmail.com).

## "FRIENDS OF OUR TROOPS"

With the chill in the air, we are gearing up again to show our thanks to our service and military people who defend our great country through troop fan mail. I would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2016 Troop Fan Mail Program. We had an amazingly successful campaign this past year and St. Mark's got several national recognitions. These include the following:

- ◆ #1 Church in the State of Virginia.
- ◆ #2 Church in the Nation by just 20 cards and letters.
- ◆ Denise and George Pappas were #1 for individuals in the state of Virginia and #4 for individuals in the nation with a total of 4105 cards and letters.
- ◆ J. Carson Quarles got a honorable mention for individuals in with 500 cards and letters.
- ◆ "OUTSTANDING"

The following is a list of everyone who participated and most everyone qualified for a certificate of membership for the number of cards and letters they sent. I have sent certificates to those who did qualify from this list

1. Denise and George Pappas
2. J. Jason Quarles
3. Wanda Moore & Guy Showalter
4. Dave & Nancy Hamblin
5. Chuck & Suzie Kessler
6. Irene Davis
7. Nancy Womack
8. John & Pat Huffman
9. E.L. Sink
10. Nancy Craft
11. Carol Stevens
12. Dennis O Parker
13. The Hoover Family
14. Ms. Mary Falls
15. St. Mark's UMC Children's Sunday School
16. Kathryn H Beard
17. Regan Mason
18. Patricia & Robert Smith
19. Sandra J & Ted Murray
20. Marisa C. Smith
21. Marvin & Jeanette Pitsenbarger
22. Stephen Burgess
23. The Stokes Family
24. Claudia & Jim Goodwin
25. Eddie & Linda Prillman
26. Victoria & Wyatt Race-Waller
27. Carol DeHeer

I hope to see the same names, as well as, many others who will participate in this year's Campaign for 2017. Please check the upcoming

church bulletins for additional information on how you can participate and the guidelines we need to follow.

Just a side note, I work on this project throughout the year by hand writing personal letters all year, not just the last couple of months. I have gotten more return letters this past year then all the other years combined. I must say some of them were quite moving emotionally for me and the troops really do appreciate receiving them. I will be placing a basket in the church Narthex in the weeks to come as a collection point. Thank you all Again for all your cards and letters. We also accept cash donations to help with the mailing and shipping expenses as some of you have done in the past. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

George Pappas at 540-797-5889 or e-mail: gpappas1959@comcast.net

## FRIENDS OF OUR TROOPS

### Guidelines

St. Marks United Methodist Church has been participating in this program which provides letters and Christmas cards to our service people throughout the world. Last year we were the number 1 church in Virginia and the number 2 church in the country with 6,208 collected. We would like to increase these numbers this year and would love to have anyone who cares to participate to please do so. There are a few guide lines that you need to follow and several options.

### OPTION 1

1. Using 8 ½ x 11 paper or light card stock, *fold each sheet (individually, sharply)* in half to form 8 ½ x 5 ½ folders. Colorful or pre-printed stationery with various themes may be used.
2. On either the front or the backside of each letter place your name and return address
3. Your message should be positive, upbeat, and cheerful (nothing such as "I hope you don't get killed") write about yourself, your hobbies, interests, job, classes, pets, etc.
4. The inside of the letter can be formatted as one page, or it can be set up as two separate pages. The writer's personal message can be continued on the back page of the letter if desired.
5. Please note that all 8 ½ x 11 sheets MUST be

folded to 8 ½ x 5 ½ size. Full size sheets will not work in their sorting/mixing process, and they are not staffed to do the folding.

### **OPTION 2**

1. Greeting cards which have been purchased may be used *without* envelopes. The senders name/address should be on the back of the card. Since the front and back of many cards are too slick to write on, it may be necessary to use labels.

2. Personal messages may be written on the cards as space permits.

### **OPTION 3**

1. Please use envelopes only if you wish to enclose letters with cards.

2. The senders name/address should be in the upper left corner of each envelope as well as on the cards and letters, as the enclosures are sometimes separated from the envelopes. Leave the remainder of each envelope free and clear of any writing.

3. The individual envelopes must **not** be sealed: each flap **must be** tucked inside the envelope.

### **SOME DOES AND DONTs**

**1. DO NOT:** use cards that may have three dimensional items on them or glitter.

**2. DO NOT:** affix postage stamps to the individual cards or letters.

**3. DO NOT:** use staples

**4. DO NOT:** address the individual cards/letters to Friends of Our Troops, etc.

**5. DO:** rubber- band your cards/letters in groups of 50 or 100 or less.

6. Options 1 and 2 are the preferred methods of most.

Cards and letters can be dropped off at St. Mark's United Methodist church; there is a basket in the narthex that is labeled **TROOP FAN MAIL**. If you can't drop them off feel free to contact the church to arrange a pick up. You can also contact George Pappas for any further information or questions at 540-797-5889 or [gppapas1959@comcast.net](mailto:gppapas1959@comcast.net)

## **KROGER CARES PROGRAM**

**No Computer Needed.** Make donations to the building fund by linking your Kroger key chain card to St. Mark's UMC. Call 1-800-576-4377 and listen for prompt #3. You need to have your key card ready to read off the number. If you prefer the computer go on line to Kroger.com Kroger will donate a percentage of the amount you spend to St. Marks.

building fund. It costs you nothing and is free money for the church !

## **JOYFUL JOURNEY**

The Wohlfhart Christmas Haus trip on December 6 is full. However, those going must make a \$35 deposit by Nov. 3 and pay the balance of \$36 by Nov. 17. Make checks payable to the Joyful Journey Travel Club and put them in the white envelope on the bulletin board next to the sign up sheet.

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

### **Down at the Pond**

Our pond is filling up this fall with FROGs and Tadpoles! We have **59 children** who have attended this fall!

Please mark your calendars for the FROGs and Tadpoles meeting on November 12th from 5 to 7 pm. We will not meet on the 4th Sunday in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The FROG store will not be open during the month of November, but it will be open on December 10th!



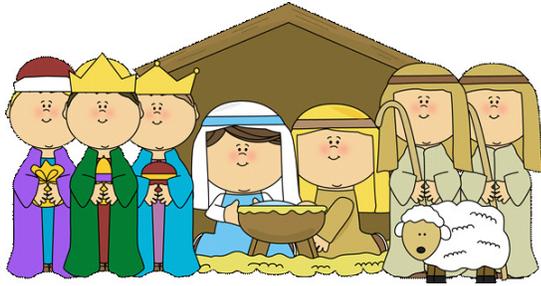
### **Trunk-or-Treat Thank You!**

Thank you to all those who provided a trunk and candy for Trunk-or-Treat! What a fun night it was! Also, thanks to those who donated candy! There is no such thing as too much candy at Trunk-or-Treat!

### **Children's Worship**

Have you ever wondered just where the children go after Children's Sermon at the 11:00 Worship Service? They go to Children's Worship! Children's Worship is held every Sunday, except on Communion Sundays, for children age 4 through first graders in the Fellowship Hall. During Children's Worship, the children are led through similar patterns of worship as in a regular service, by a team of dedicated adults. Worship Leaders lead once every three months, along with Lee Ann Critz. Please let Lee Ann know if you are interested in learning more about this important ministry. No musical ability is necessary to lead, just a love of children and the desire to share the good news of Jesus! Thank you to our Worship Leader Team:

Ian Graham	Elizabeth Wilmer
Jennifer Newbill	Susanna Reedy
Amanda Dillard	Tracy Watts
Salena Harvey	Linda Blankenship
Katy White	Melissa Nicely



**41ST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR**  
**St. Mark's United Methodist Church**  
**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**  
**Saturday, December 2**  
**8 am to 2 pm**

Can you believe it? The CHRISTMAS FAIR is a little over a month away !

This year is our 41st FAIR – my, how the years have flown! For almost 41 years, our FAIR has been a means for our entire Church to share in a significant fund raiser. Over these years, FAIR funds have been used to support many different mission projects, pay off building debt and enable building and parsonage improvements.

This year's FAIR profit is also designated for the Building Fund and mission projects.

As in previous FAIR years, we will have our own St. Mark's craft table. In addition to crafts, a large part of our Fair is the Bakery, Canned Items and Breakfast and Lunch meals. We know MANY of you in our St. Mark's family have cooking, baking, canning, crafting and other skills. We would very much welcome and appreciate any special craft or other item that you would donate.

Another part of our FAIR are the 36 quality crafters -- many from past years and some new faces too – that will join us to share their many craft items. It is always exciting to see what each year's FAIR brings!

Although December 2nd seems far away, it is really almost here! With everyone so busy with Fall activities, please keep our December 2nd CHRISTMAS FAIR date in mind as you ponder what special item you may want to create and share.

For those of you who love our Apple Butter, we will have many ½ pint decorated jars to sell – just perfect for a little Christmas gift.

**QUILT!** Every year, our talented St. Mark's ladies busily sew and complete a beautiful queen-sized Quilt. This year's Quilt, "**Christmas Joy**" is a 9-patch variation square with vivid greens and reds. Quilt tickets are available from Nancy Hamblin. Cost: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be at 2 pm on the afternoon of the FAIR.

For more information or if you have questions about the Fair, please contact:

Bakery – Donna Henderson 992-5333  
Crafts and Quilt – Nancy Hamblin 992-5505  
Vendors – Dottie Flinchum 992-2577  
Reception/Registration – Barbara Wiley 992-4033  
Publicity/Cashiers – Mona Tolley 992-3496  
Kitchen – contact any of the names above

### CHRISTMAS FAIR SIGN-UPS

Beginning November 5, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those persons wishing to help with the Christmas Fair. We need your assistance with: November 14 – Candy Making; November 29 – Baking, cheese ball making and packaging candy; November 30 – FAIR Set-up; December 1 – Kitchen prep workers; and December 2 – FAIR Clean-up. The times will be listed on the sign-up sheet. THANKS for helping!

### ST. MARK'S COOKBOOKS

Some delicious recipes for the Holidays can be yours! Our best cooks have provided their wonderful recipes to use for everyday. But that's not all – there are also special recipes for our upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. You will surely want to give some of these recipes a try!

We have dropped the cost a bit to make them very affordable. So now you can purchase one for yourself -- and as gifts for your family members and friends!

Cost: \$12 each or 2 books for \$20

To get a copy, please contact Nancy Hamblin, Mona Tolley, Barbara Wiley or the Church Office.

## YOUTH EVENTS AND NEWS:



**November 1:** Starting in November we are going to do a new thing at Unwind From The Grind! We will start together--eat snacks, share God-Sightings and prayers--but when it's time to go up to the Family Life Center to play the high-schoolers are going to stay in the Youth Cafe for a Bible study while the middle-schoolers go to the Family Life Center.

**November 5:** Youth Council will be meeting at 5 pm. Whether you're on youth council or you just have awesome ideas and want to be a part of planning Shipyard Youth, come! Bring your calendar. Be a part of the process! Dinner will be provided.

At 6 pm we will be getting together in order to decide on when and where our 2018 mission trip will be! *Parents are encouraged to join us!* Bring your calendar and your decisiveness.

**November 12:** Our monthly mission is to go to the Roanoke Rescue Mission to help prepare and serve dinner! We will be meeting at St Mark's at 4 pm and will be arriving back at church at about 8 pm.

**November 22:** Unwind is cancelled! Enjoy your three days off from school for Thanksgiving break!

**November 24:** You've heard of Black Friday! But let's make it a Green Friday this year! Instead of starting the holiday season off with the stress of shopping while fighting crowds, join us for a hike! Enjoyed the nice crisp autumn air at Fenwick Mines! If you're up for an easy hike with the Shipyard meet at St.

Mark's at 10 am in order to caravan/ride together. If you would rather meet us at the mines directions can be found both hanging on the Shipyard bulletin board across from the secretary's office and in the envelope with your Shipyard Newsletter.

**November 26:** There will be no Shipyard Youth on November 26th. Enjoy your Thanksgiving weekend!

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

On the weekend of February 9th-11th the Shipyard is going to Christiansburg for the Wesley Weekend with the leader of the Wesley Foundation at Virginia Tech. This is a very cool weekend in which United Methodist Youth from many different churches in the Roanoke district get together in order to learn, to worship, to sing, and to serve. The price to go is only \$10! More information will be available soon!



**Newsletter Deadline for December: November 20th**  
**Bulletin Deadline: Thurs. AM**

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*For more on these stories you may view them on the United Methodist website at:*  
<http://www.umc.org/news-and-media/umns-weekly-digest-october-20-2017>

**UMCOR GRANTS TO BOOST  
HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS**

ATLANTA (UMNS) — The United Methodist response to the devastating 2017 hurricane season is getting a boost through new grants from the United Methodist Committee on Relief, part of the Board of Global Ministries.

**BISHOPS PROMOTE GLOBAL  
MIGRATION SUNDAY**

WASHINGTON — Bishop Bruce R. Ough, on behalf of the Council of Bishops, invites United Methodists to observe Global Migration Sunday on Dec. 3, the first Sunday in Advent. “From Asia and Europe to Africa and the Americas, the plight of more than 65 million men, women and children forced to leave their homes and migrate to places unknown calls all Christians to remember what God requires of us,” Ough writes.

**BISHOP: RESPONDING TO  
CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Bishop Minerva Carcaño, who leads the California-Nevada Conference, asks for continuous prayer and suggests other ways to help amid the destruction caused by the northern California wildfires.

**AFRICAN BISHOPS RECOMMEND  
7 CENTRAL CONFERENCES**

MUTARE, Zimbabwe (UMNS) — The Africa College of Bishops has proposed the creation of seven central conferences in Africa, which now has three, according to Bishop John Yambasu, president of the college. The plan has been recommended to the Standing Committee on Central Conference Matters.

**AFRICAN SCHOOLS LOOK TO  
VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP**

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone (UMNS) — A partnership among United Methodists in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Zimbabwe offered a weeklong training in “Values-Based Leadership” to heighten awareness of Christian leadership skills.

**LOTS OF PREACHING, LITTLE STRATEGIZING  
THE WOODLANDS, Texas (UMNS)** — The Wesleyan Covenant Association, an evangelical group within The United Methodist Church, gathered here Oct. 14. The meeting, simulcast to 64 locations around the U. S., featured lots of preaching but leaders said their group's strategy for shaping the denomination's future must wait on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward.

**DIGITAL TV MINISTRY TO SERVE  
FILIPINOS IN AUSTRALIA**

MANILA (UMNS) — A partnership among the Filipino United Methodist Church, the Wesleyan Methodist Church and the Uniting Church of Australia is launching a TV ministry and opening the digital door to serve some 295,000 Filipino immigrants in Australia.

**URGING DUKE DIVINITY  
TO CONFRONT ITS PAST**

DURHAM, N.C. (RNS) — More than 60 years ago, Duke Divinity School denied the Rev. Gil Caldwell admission because he is black. Caldwell spoke this week at the United Methodist seminary's chapel service, and the civil rights leader urged the school to confront its past and plan for a better future.

**CHURCH'S SANCTUARY GUEST GOES HOME**

PHILADELPHIA — On Oct. 11, for the first time in 11 months, Javier Flores Garcia — a loving husband, father of three and undocumented immigrant from Mexico — stepped onto the pavement outside Arch Street United Methodist Church and breathed the fresh air of freedom. Flores had won his deportation case.

**COMMENTARY:**

**JACKIE ROBINSON CONTINUES TO INSPIRE  
INDIANAPOLIS (UMNS)** — Baseball great Jackie Robinson's faith, honed in a lifetime of Methodist influence, “acted as a source of inspiration and motivation, comfort and strength, wisdom and direction. It was the engine that drove and sustained him as he shattered racial barriers on and off the baseball diamond,” writes Chris Lamb, professor of journalism at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, and co-author of “Jackie Robinson: A Spiritual Biography.”

**COMMENTARY:**

**BENEFITS OF 'COMPLICATED' BLESSINGS  
NEPTUNE, N.J.** — As a high school senior, Bishop John Schol ended his football season early because of injury, which proved to be a complicated blessing. While coaching his teammates from the sidelines, “God developed me for what was next in my life,” the Greater New Jersey episcopal leader writes. “Sometimes the church looks like it's limping on the sidelines in a losing game, but maybe God is up to something.”

# November 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>Midweek Service 11 am</b> Adult Fellowship Luncheon @ Bellacino's 11:30 am Youth Group: 4-6 pm Handbells 6 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm AA Meeting 8-9 pm	2 <b>GriefShare 10 am</b> Women's Hope AA 5:30 pm <b>GriefShare 6:30 pm</b>	3	4  <b>Fall Back</b> <i>Set your clocks back tonight</i>
5 Worship 8:30 & 11 am Worship: Ecclesia 9:15 am Sunday Classes 10 am Youth Council 5 pm Youth Group 6-8 pm  <i>All Saints</i>	6 NarAnon 6:30 pm <b>Cub Scouts 5:30 pm</b> <b>Worship Band 7 pm</b> AA/Al Anon 8-9 pm	7 <b>Women's Morning Bible Study 9 am</b> The Diner's Club 10:30 am Women's Hope AA 5:30 pm Boy Scouts 7 pm	8 <b>Midweek Service 11 am</b> Youth Group: 4-6 pm Handbells 6 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm AA Meeting 8-9 pm	9 <b>GriefShare 10 am</b> Trinity Outreach 5 pm <i>(Erin's Team)</i> Women's Hope AA 5:30 pm <b>GriefShare 6:30 pm</b>	10	11 <b>Workday @ St. Mark's! 9 am</b>  <b>Red Cross Blood Drive 10-2</b>
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