


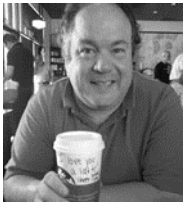


## St. Mark's Episcopal Church Schedule of Activities July 08 – July 15, 2018

*"Sharing Christ's Love by Feeding People in Body, Mind and Spirit"*

The Altar Flowers this week are provided by Kit and Jerry Nilles  
In Gratitude for All the Faithful Members of this Parish

Sunday	July 8	The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Sanctuary
Monday	July 9		
		(St. Mark's office closed)	
Tuesday	July 10		
	1:00 – 5:00 pm	FNC Farm Program	Hafer House
Wednesday	July 11		
	4:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Hafer House
Thursday	July 12		
	11:00 a.m.	Pantry Meeting	Hafer House
	12:00 – 1:30	Food Pantry	Hafer House
Friday	July 13		
		(St. Mark's office closed)	Parish Hall
Saturday	July 14		
Sunday	July 15	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist (no music)	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist at the Park; with music; followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch	Fichtner Mainwaring Park 334 Holmes Ave. Medford



### Rector's Reflections

*He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. - Mark 6:7-9*

There is a cycle in the Christian life--the cycle of disciple and apostle. In the case of the twelve original followers of Jesus, they are called as disciples and are then sent out as apostles (Greek *apostellein* is "send forth"). Similarly, as followers of Jesus, we are called together to learn (Greek *discipulus* is "learner") and know Christ better and then sent into the world in ministry--whether that is ministry at our homes, our workplaces, or even places like to corner store or the gas station. We are never "off duty" as apostles: we are always sent to proclaim the Gospel (Good News) in word and in deed. After doing so, and perhaps getting a few scars in the process but also seeing God working in the world, we return to church to become disciples (learners) again. What this means is that the primary purpose of the church is to "to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12). In other words, the church is a place in which we learn and discern what God is calling us to do and who God is calling us to be in the world, gain the strength and clarity to do so, and then go into the world "to love and serve the Lord."

A Building For  
the Future (BFF)

### Brief

A reminder that we are now parking ONLY across the street from the church (except for very limited street parking) and we are asking all those who do not have limitations on their mobility to park in the far YMCA lot and walk the half-block to church. You will note that there is now a construction fence surrounding our former parking area and front area in preparation for demolition and new site construction. Our courtyard reconstruction will be one of the first projects completed,

**BFF Brief (continued)**...so things are going to be a bit chaotic for a while. **Please return your Fundraising Study Survey (either electronic or paper) no later than NEXT Monday, July 16.** If you need a survey, please contact Betsy Sharp at [elsharp2000@yahoo.com](mailto:elsharp2000@yahoo.com) or at the church office at (541) 773-3111. It is important that we receive as many survey responses as possible. Thank you!

**A Farewell to June and Barry Johnson** - Barry and June are moving! This coming week is the last week of June Johnson's tenure as Parish Secretary/Office Manager. She is the last staff member that was here well before my arrival and has been an outstanding help to me in the office. She did a good job "training" me--orienting me to the various things going on around St. Mark's while also frequently asking if I preferred a different way of doing things. Barry is resigning from Vestry and his last meeting will be next week (July 17) and they will both be leaving town at the end of July. Barry has been an ever-willing helper, especially around our property, but always willing to lend a hand. We will miss both of them dearly and hope that they enjoy being closer to family in Southern California. Blessings!



### **Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving. - Col 4:2**

We ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for **Michael Curry**, our Presiding Bishop; **Michael Hanley**, our Diocesan Bishop; **Tom** our priest; **Fred**, our deacon; for this gathering and for all ministers and people. In our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Most Revd Dr. Prem Chand Singh** (Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur); In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **St. Alban (Albany), Samaritan Albany General Hospital (Albany), Trinity (Ashland), and Grace (Astoria)**. In our neighborhood and community, we pray for the following area ministries and missions: **Family Nurturing Center; Maslow Project**. We especially remember those who have been commended to our prayers: **Anne Henry, Angela Loehr, Bill Deatherage, Brian, Brian Saling, Carol Lee, Harold, Jean, John & Joyce Graham, John Hennerich, Kirk Peddicord, Lou Worland, Megan Flowers, Pam Moore, Pat Somes, Peter Ladue, Priscilla, Tielar Horn & Family; Valerie & Jerry Lodge; Gardner Rogers, Richard Bates**

Month of..... *July* ★★

### **Worship Ministers – Team #2 (July 8)**

Service	Ushers	Greeters	Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolyte
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Allan Stewart	Lillian Stewart	Jan Shipley	Pam Wertz	---
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Barry Johnson June Johnson	Barry Johnson June Johnson	Jan Martin Susan Ladue	Bobbie Middaugh Rita Shale Jeff Smith	Tristan Erickson

**Counters (July)** July 8-Kit Nilles/Barbara Holley; July 15-Susan Ladue; July 22 – Rita Shale/Sue Bates; July 29-Betsy Sharp/Don Ogren **Vestry Duty Lock-Up (July)** Kit Nilles **Altar Flowers** July 15 (Altar Flower Fund); July 22 (Anne & Fred Zauner); July 29 (Lyn McConnell); August 5 (Dawn Wille & Carolyn Van Sant) **Coffee Hour** July 8 (no host signed up); July 15 (Kit & Jerry Nilles 8:00 service only; picnic/potluck after 10:00); July 22 (no host signed up); July 29 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Single Service All Parish Potluck); August 5 (Dawn Wille/Carolyn Van Sant)

**Vacation Bible School Opportunity** – Once again St. Mark's is invited to help Ascension Lutheran with their VBS August 6 – August 10, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. St. Mark's children are encouraged to attend! It is for ages 5 years through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The theme is Rolling River Rampage! Here is the link for registration <https://rrr.cokesburyvbs.com/> Contact: Susan Detwiler, Coor. For Children, Youth & Family Ministry Ascension Lutheran Church 541-773-3594

**Handbell Concert** – Tintinnabulation, a local handbell ensemble (that includes Julie Drengson!) will be playing one of our favorite pieces at St. Mark's on Sunday, July 22 at both services They are also playing a concert "Serious to Silly" at the Medford Library on Tuesday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. and at the Central Point Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 15 at 1:30 p.m. Please join us for a free handbell concert!