





## St. Mark's Episcopal Church Schedule of Activities July 15 – July 22, 2018

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

Sunday	July 15	The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:00 a.m.	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <i>(no music)</i>	Sanctuary
	10:00 a.m.	<b>Holy Eucharist in the Park</b> <i>(with music; followed by a bring-your-own picnic lunch; tables and benches are limited so bring your own lawn chairs or blankets. We'll be right next to the children's play area)</i>	Fichtner Mainwaring Park Off Stewart St. in Medford
Monday	July 16	<b>(St. Mark's office closed)</b>	
Tuesday	July 17	William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1835	
	1:00 – 5:00 pm	FNC Farm Program	Hafer House
	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting	Hafer House
Wednesday	July 18		
Thursday	July 19	Macrina, Monastic and Teacher, 379	
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist at the Manor	RVM
	12:00 – 1:30	Food Pantry	Hafer House
Friday	July 20	Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1902; Amelia Bloomer, 1894, Sojourner Truth, 1883, and Harriet Ross Tubman, 1933, Liberators and Prophets	
		<b>(St. Mark's office closed)</b>	Parish Hall
Saturday	July 21		
Sunday	July 22	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	8:00 a.m.	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> <i>(Arrive early! May have access issues!)</i>	Sanctuary
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### Rector's Reflections

*For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. -- Mark 6:18-20a*

This is neither the first nor the last account of a prophet of God confronting the secular powers of the day and being killed for doing so. This prophetic tradition is thus thoroughly Biblical and, I would argue, nearly as fraught with danger as it was in Biblical times. No secular authority wants to be told "No" and in today's more tribal and divided culture, "bringing politics into the church" is often more divisive than a theological or worship-related discussion. Couple that with the fact that, in many instances, Christians of good will have a diversity of political opinions, and one must tread lightly in the political arena!

That said, we also need to ask not only "What would Jesus do?" but "What would John the Baptist do?" as we think about the issues of the day. I would wager that neither Jesus nor John would condone the separation of families that has been occurring at our Southern border nor the incarceration of families seeking asylum (a legitimate and legal path to residency). Whatever the politics surrounding the immigration issue, the question of what God's will is in this situation ought to give us at least pause, if not trouble us. --Tom+



All surveys (paper and electronic) are due to the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) by **TOMORROW, July 16**. This is so that the information they contain can be compiled and a report issued that enables us to move forward into a likely capital campaign in the fall.

**Thank you for participating!** On the construction front, you will note that demolition is

well underway and we hope to have the courtyard completely demolished and rebuilt as soon as possible. After that, demolition of portions of the Parish Hall will commence, necessitating a move of Coffee Hour either outside or to Hafer House. We will post signs and let people know as the schedule emerges. Thank you for your flexibility!



**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 Allan Migi** Archbishop of Papua New Guinea

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **Grace Memorial** (Portland), **St. Aidan** (Portland), **St. Andrew** (Portland) and **St. Barnabas** (Portland)

In our neighborhood and community, we pray for the following area ministries and missions: **Zion Lutheran (Medford)**; **First United Methodist (Medford)**; **First Presbyterian (Medford)**, **Gospel Mission Outreach**

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**



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### Worship Ministers - Team #3 (July 15)

Service	Ushers	Greeters	Lay Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Acolyte
8:00 a.m.	Mike Rulon	Sally Bouwer	Nancy Miles	Chris Johnson	---
10:00 a.m.	Susan Doyal Randy Doyal	Susan Doyal Randy Doyal	Susan Ladue Margaret Dials	Barry Johnson Rita Shale John Richardson	Abby Turner

**Counters (July)** 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 15 (Kit & Jerry Nilles 8:00 service only; Bring your own picnic 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)

## July 1st Groundbreaking Ceremony on our new St. Mark's Community Center

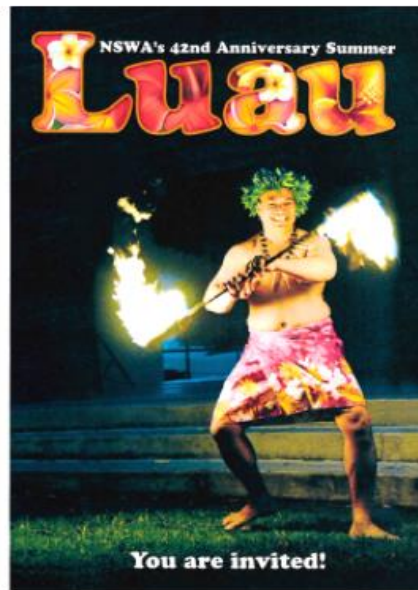


**Handbell Concert** – Tintinnabulation, a local hand bell ensemble (that includes Julie Drengson!) will be playing one of our favorite pieces at St. Mark's on Sunday, July 22 at both services. They are also playing a concert "Serious to Silly" at the Central Point Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July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

**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

**JC Penny "Kids Spree" Opportunity!** On August 11<sup>th</sup> about 200 low income children, grades 1-6, are brought to JC Penny for a day of back-to-school shopping sponsored by donations from many community partners and individuals. The student is assigned an adult shopper and receives a \$100 shopping card, a backpack with school and dental supplies, and a hat. A McDonald breakfast is also given to each child. Many adult shoppers join in Kids Spree each year to share in the experience with the students. Volunteer shoppers submit an application for a background check to shop with the students. It costs about \$6.00 and is good for three years. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kathy Garrett at [kgarrett@archive-cd.com](mailto:kgarrett@archive-cd.com) or 541-899-5704.





## 42nd Anniversary Summer Luau

Saturday, July 21, 2018

7pm to 9pm  
Suggested donation:  
\$20 per family  
\$10 per person

at  
Robert J. Pfaff Park  
6th & Manzanita  
Central Point

RSVP by July 19th

You are cordially invited to join NSWA in celebrating 42 years of determined struggle and achievement by and for our membership of seasonal workers in Southern Oregon.



*To Our Dear St. Mark's Parish Family, The past 3+ years that we have served here with you has gone all too quickly...all the more so because as of a short time ago we had no plans to move...only vague stirrings of the Spirit. One of the wonderful books we read with the St. Mark's Book Group was "Being Mortal" by Dr. Atul Gawande. The wisdom of this book began its work, which was to consider the importance of making big life changes while we have the capacity to do so. As this became more and more relevant to us, we started on a faith venture that if it was God stirring us to make the change **now** to move closer to our children and grandchildren, He would have to make it happen (the Southern California real estate market being what it is, we did not see how it would be possible to move there). But God had a place in mind for us, and as **it** went into escrow, He brought a full price buyer within two days of listing our home here. Our heads and hearts are still reeling at seeing God's hand in this.... and managing **two** escrows simultaneously! Not for the faint of heart! We have repeatedly affirmed that we could not be doing this 5-10 years from now.*

*We have grown so very fond of each and every one of you, and will miss you very much. I (June) appreciate deeply the opportunity you have given me to serve as your Parish Secretary, and with it, the abundance of patience and grace extended with such kindness to me as I've strived to learn the Episcopal way of doing things (you know who you are....Lyn! Debra! Betsy! Rita!).*

*I (Barry) am grateful for my time in the St Marks community. It has been a joy serving Christ together. The love and friendship I feel will go with me the rest of my life. The apostle Paul's words "fond affection" are what I feel. I hope to still see many of you on visits or in SoCal. Your heart for meeting community needs is exemplary. I will find great joy in visits here seeing you go forward in this, with the new facility.*

*Love Jesus, be grateful for his grace and share it with others. Shalom – Barry & June*

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