

EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND **DEVELOPMENT**—To assist in these disaster efforts, visit episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS—Please contact Fr. Fred †, fetaat@gmail.com or Anita in the office @ 843-722-0267 or office@saintmarkschurch.com. Thank you!

Readers—First Reading and the Psalm

Readers—2nd Reading and Prayers of the People

Choir—please see Loretta, our organist, or email her, lorettahaskell@moremusicplease.com.

Ushers

Chalice Bearers (will train)

Altar Guild/Flower Guild—please see Alphonso Grayson



NEW EfM GROUP OPEN TO VIRTUAL

PARTICIPANTS ONLINE
Interested in Education for Ministry (EfM)? A new EfM group will soon be starting at Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community in Charleston and participation is open also for people in the local area (Charleston), as well as online participants through Zoom. The group will begin meeting in October 2021 and will continue through June 2022.

Participants are welcome from the entire diocese. If you have any questions, contact Lester Pittman at 843 452-1241 or lesterpittman@me.com. Find more information about EfM and this group link https://mcusercontent.com

231st DIOCESAN CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN NOVEMBER

All are invited to the 231st Diocesan Convention on November 12-13 at Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in the Pee Dee-Waccamaw Deanery. At this time, the convention is planned as a hybrid event, with opportunities to gather both in person and online. Everything you need to know about the convention can be found on the Diocese's website. http://www.episcopalchurchsc.org/call-to-convention-2021.html Our delegates are Shawan Gillians, Hillery Douglas, Christopher West and Minerva King. Our alternate is Marj Kenney-Williams.

Forma Conference 2022: The Church for Today and Tomorrow JANUARY 18-20, 2022

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION OPEN FOR FORMA 2022 TO BE HELD IN JANUARY

Forma Conference 2022 is an opportunity for Forma, a ministry of ECF, to encourage and develop Christian educators, inside and outside the Episcopal tradition, to grow in how they educate and minister. The theme of Forma 2022 is "The Church for Today and Tomorrow." During this time together, organizers have chosen to dive into five aspects of common life in ministry that are integral for understanding the Church for today and tomorrow. The conference will provide an opportunity to look at formation as it relates to Social Justice, Intergenerational Ministry, the idea of Letting Go, Hybridization, and Re-Imagining Sabbath. Come learn and vision at Forma 2022. Read more at https://www.forma.church/forma-2022/



EPF OFFERS ONGOING PEACE BUILDING SERIES

Episcopal Peace Fellowship's series of free, online presentations will continue on Sunday, November 7 at 4:00 pm Eastern via

Eventbrite/Zoom with the Metta Center for Nonviolence and Dr. Michael Nagler. This session will last an hour and a half, rather than the usual one hour: **THE THIRD HARMONY: NONVIOLENCE AND THE NEW STORY OF HUMAN NATURE**—Presented by Michael Nagler Register at https://epfnational.org

Weekday parking at St. Mark's—St. Mark's uses its parking spaces as income for the church during the week, Monday—Friday. Each space is being utilized at any given time; therefore, please be mindful when planning your meetings. Spaces become available around 2:00 p.m. Thank you!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 10, 2021

In person worship every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Live Streaming online at *Saintmarkschurch.com*

THE DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER may be viewed each week www.episcopalchurchsc.org - news and email newsletter.

Please keep The Rev. Dr. Jennie and John Olbrych in your prayers with the passing of Jennie's mother, Sarah Fairbanks Bull Clarkson.

From the XV Bishop of The Diocese of SC—The Right Reverend Ruth M. Woodliff-Stanley expressed, "My deep heart's desire is that we begin a new season today of resurrection, hope, justice, and love in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina that will be a beacon for all. I give you my heart and I will give you my best each day. I seek to walk with you, humbly and with deep joy."

ALTAR FLOWERS—The 2021 Altar Flower notebook is located in the Narthex. Please feel free to signup for altar flowers which continue to be \$40.00. November 21 and 28; December 5 and 19 are available. Please write checks payable to St. Mark's with a notation - altar flowers. Thank vou! Flower Guild

CHURCH PICNIC. The annual church picnic will be held on **Sunday**, **October 17** at James Island County Park at the **Stono Shelter**. The said mass will begin at **11:00 a.m.** followed by the picnic. Bring family, friends and your favorite covered dish, drinks (NO alcoholic drinks) and/or dessert. Condiments, paper products, utensils, bottled water and ice will be provided as well as chicken, hotdogs, brats, hamburgers and buns.

There is a \$2.00 per person fee to enter James Island County Park which opens from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A CONVERSATION with Bishop Ruth Woodliff-Stanley is scheduled for Sunday, October 31 at 11:00 am. The Bishop will share information about her plans as she visits each of our congregations for a meaningful conversation. She has maintained her desire to listen, to hear our stories and the stories of our congregations, and to learn more about this amazing diocese to which she has been called. She hopes to engage in a meaningful conversation while listening intently to what each person has to share. These will not be traditional visitations, but more like a living room conversation or fireside chat.



DIOCESAN MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

The New Beginnings weekend for Middle Schoolers that was planned for November 19-21 has been postponed due to the death of Diocesan Happening Director, **Ian Bonnet**, who died on Saturday, September 25, at the age of 51. Ian Bonnet was very involved in the creation of New Beginnings and we

want to make sure it started off with intentional and prayerful work to honor his contributions to Diocesan youth ministry. The Happening Weekend is going to take place as planned on February 18-20, 2022. The application to be a member of the planning team will be out later this month. If you would be willing to engage as either clergy support (we have roles for clergy) or just as an adult chaperone, please let me know and we will make sure to loop you into the team planning.

Thank you for supporting programs for our youth. Please let us know if we can provide any additional details.

Key dates for both events:

October 23, 2021 New Beginnings Team training at Grace Cathedral

January 21-23, 2022 Happening Team training at St. Christopher

February 18-20, 2022 Happening at St. Christopher

Thank you!

Happening Steering Committee, <u>happeningecisc@gmail.com</u> Matthew McCormick, <u>revmatthewmcc@gmail.com</u>



Ruth Breland—October 19 Lerone Johnson—October 20 Thayer McDougal—October 21 Yvette Douglas—October 22

When is your birthday? Let the office know, 843-722-0267 or email office@saintmarkschurch.com