

# ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 28, 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.

### PLEDGE DONATIONS AND STEWARDSHIP

Thank you all for your continued support through your pledge donations. Your continued faithful giving and financial commitment for the mission and ministry of St. Mark's is always appreciated. As the year is coming to an end, please, as best you can, fulfill your 2021 pledges. *Thank you!* 

Stewardship and Online Giving can be done via Tithe.ly through St. Mark's webpage, <u>saintmarkschurch.com</u>—giving. Pledge donations can also be given in person during church service or mailed to 18 Thomas Street, Charleston, SC 29403.

In Appreciation/Stewardship Cards for 2022 and letter for the Mission of Saint Mark's. Please return your in appreciation cards no later than December 19, 2021 to the office OR you may place in the offertory plate. This is in order for the finance committee to prepare the 2022 church budget. Extra "In Appreciation/Stewardship" cards are available in the church Narthex. Thank you! With much appreciation, Father Fred†, Shawan Gillians, Marj Kenney-Williams

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated and enjoyed our Shrimp and Grits Brunch on Sunday. Much appreciation for your support! *The Men's Club* 

Men's Club Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the parish house.

"CHANCE TO WIN" tickets are available. Please ask one of the men of the church for your winning ticket. The winner will be selected Sunday, Dec. 12. You do not need to be present. Thank you, Mike Jefferson, President, Men's Club

<u>RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS</u>—Please contact Fr. Fred †, <u>fetaat@gmail.com</u> 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 <a href="mailto:lorettahaskell@moremusicplease.com">lorettahaskell@moremusicplease.com</a>. Ushers; Chalice Bearers (will train) Altar Guild/Flower Guild—please see Alphonso Grayson

CARING TOUCH MINISTRY—Do you like to send cards? Please sign up for St. Mark's Caring Touch Ministry which will send get well, thinking of you and sympathy cards to members and friends. Stamps, cards, and contact information provided. This is a good way to show the love of Christ to others. Please let the Rev. Mrs. Olbrych know if you would like to participate— <a href="mailto:jcolbrych@gmail.com">jcolbrych@gmail.com</a> Thank you!

PARKING ON SUNDAY during church service—Ashley Hall School has given us permission to park in their lot located on Warren and Smith Street (one block from St. Mark's).

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS. Enclosed you will find forms to order poinsettias to decorate the church sanctuary Christmas Eve. Please note that forms must be returned no later than December 19, 2021. *Thank you, Flower Guild* 

GIVING DURING ADVENT—November 28 until December 19, 2021 canned and packaged goods will be collected during Advent and to be delivered on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 to **NEIGHBORS TOGETHER**, which has brought dignity and hope to the Lowcountry since 1983. In 2021, the organization (formerly Tricounty Family Ministries) changed its name to reflect the transformation we have seen when people come together to help each other. Neighbors Together is a registered 501(c)3 with the state of South Carolina

FALL/WINTER OFFICE HOURS will be M-W-TH-F from 10:00 a.m.— 5:00 p.m. beginning Monday, November 1, 2021.

ALTAR FLOWERS—The 2021 Altar Flower notebook for altar flower sign up has been fulfilled. Thank you all for your support. For our Christmas Eve service everyone will have a chance to purchase poinsettias "in memory of, in thanksgiving for or other". Details to follow. The 2022 altar book will be available soon. Thank you! Flower Guild

## **NEW EfM CLASS TO BEGIN IN JANUARY 2022**

Looking for a place to define, refine, and articulate your faith? Consider Education for Ministry (EfM).

The gift that EfM offers to the Church is a laity which is informed theologically and formed reflectively. It stands on a solid foundation of tradition, recognizes the cultural and contextual nuances of the world in which we live, and helps participants articulate their values and beliefs. For over 40 years EfM has been equipping people in integrating their faith lives with their daily lives. EfM: Education for Ministry is an adult Christian education opportunity offered as theological education-by-extension from the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee).

Canon Jean Bender, Diocesan Coordinator for EfM, is looking to assemble a new class that will begin meeting weekly in January 2022. The geographic makeup of the group will determine where the group will meet (face-to-face, Zoom, or both). Interested? Contact Canon Jean Bender, Diocesan Coordinator for EfM, at (843) 723-4575 or jbender@gracesc.org., cell 843-991-0827.



John Dash-November 1 Virginia Pyle—November 5 Cheo Romero-November 12 Doug Murphy—November 14 Walter Smalls, III—November 19

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



## 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 <a href="https://www.forma.church/forma-2022/">https://www.forma.church/forma-2022/</a>

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!!