

The Messenger of St. Mark's

1908 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001



November 2020

Vision

A Growing Community of Love, Joy, and Hope.

G.R.A.C.E Core Values

God Rely on Each Other Accepting of All People Compassion for All Creation Excellence

Stewardship Sunday

November 15

At both 8 and 10:30 a.m. liturgies

We encourage you to bring your 2021 pledge cards on that Sunday. If you are not able to attend, you can email your pledge to the church or even call in your pledge to the office. Because of the pandemic, we are not able to have our usual grand pot-luck meals following the services. But we encourage you to go have a feast yourself following the service and give thanks to God. Pledge cards will be sent out by early November.

Celebrating and Continuing to Give

We are grateful for all of those who have continued to give at St. Mark's in time, talent, and treasure. Church is one of God's stabilizing gifts in a world that can be chaotic at times. Of course, the church is the property, the ministries, and ultimately, all of us, Christ's Body! You can place your offerings in the baskets during church, email them through our web site, send them through mail, or drop them off at the office during the week. Thank you again everyone!

UTO In-gathering - November 29

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing to UTO. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

You can contribute by using an envelope inserted in the November 29 bulletins, online giving or text giving and check the United Thank Offering fund. Contributions to the 2020 UTO of what is collected this year will be given to support Episcopal/Anglican ministries directly responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. PLEASE make sure your check has UTO in the memo at the bottom of the check so that it will be deposited into the UTO account.

St. Marks will be making a collection on November 29, the first Sunday celebration of Advent. Tax deductible and might be the best gift of the season.

Questions? Ask Patti Jones at: Haneyfolk@aol.com.





Children's Chapel is Open!

Children's Chapel is open for all children ages 5 and up. We are so happy to have you back at St. Mark's with us. We have taken every precaution to keep our children safe. Join us downstairs at 10:30 for fun, crafts, Bible lessons and much more! Please arrive early to have children checked in.

Introducing the J Crew. (The Jesus Crew)



The J-Crew community youth group is a Fresh Expressions of faith supported by the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming and St. Mark's Episcopal Church. The J-Crew is open to all teens 6th grade through 12th grade, truly all teens, from all walks of life and from all backgrounds. When we say all are welcome, we really mean it! The J-Crew is a group of teens learning how to make God relevant in their lives, learning to pray together and for each other, learning that Jesus offers them salvation, learning church structure, and learning to love God. All done outside of the church while being connected with the church. Some teens attend church, some are just friends learning "what all this Jesus stuff is all about" in an environment that they are comfortable in. J-Crew is an LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersexed, Agender, community) and ally focused group, letting our youth know that no matter their identity, preference, or lifestyle, God Loves them.

St. Mark's



Youth Group is open to all teens 7th-12th grade. This year's schedule tentative due to Covid-19. Thank you for your understanding! □

October 2020

18th Meeting in the Church 5-7:30 pm

31st TBD

November 2020

8th Pool party at the Aquatic Center 1-3pm

22nd Tiny Thanksgiving celebration at the Church 5-7:30 pm (Secret Santa drawing)

December 2020

6th Holliday shopping trip for Angel tree tags at the mall 2:00-4:00 pm (meet in the Food Court)

20th Christmas Party at the church 5-7:30 pm

January 2021

10th Pajama party at the church with pizza, popcorn, and hot cocoa 3:00 pm

24th Ice Skating at the event center 1-3pm

February 2021

7th Roller City 1-5pm

21st Meeting in the Church 5-7:30 pm

March 2021

7th Meeting in the Church 5-7:30 pm

21st Two Bar Bowl 1-3 pm

April 2021

11th Escape Room Time/ Location: TBD

25th Meeting in the Church 5-7:30 pm

May 2021

2nd Meeting in the Church 5-7:30 pm

23rd End of year Party at Alek's house

OUTREACH

Family Promise and COMEA Serving Changes

With the Corona virus pandemic challenging our church and community, we have made many modifications to our lives. During this time our commitment to Family Promise and COMEA has continued, however there have been some changes to how we operate in order to reduce the possibility of exposure for our volunteers.

During our Family Promise rotations we are no longer hosting families at the church. The families are housed at a motel throughout their stay in the program. We have continued to provide dinners for the families. Volunteers from our church have prepared meals and delivered them to the motel. In order to limit exposure we ask that the volunteers wear a mask, place the meal in front of the hotel room and knock on the door, then leave.

St. Mark's Church will again be the host church December 6th through December 13th for families that are part of the Family Promise Program. We look for volunteers to prepare meals nightly for the week we have our guests. If you are interested in volunteering to serve Family Promise, a sign up board will be posted on line one month before the date of our service or you can contact Eric Nelson.

COMEA Dinner

St. Mark's has continued to serve dinner at COMEA Shelter on the third Thursday of each month. The volunteers enter through the back at the kitchen, wear a mask and gloves and stay behind the counter (just as a warning, most of the clients do not wear a mask). Our interaction with clients is limited to handing the food dishes over the counter. We meet at 5:30 pm and serve dinner at around 6:00 pm. If you are interested in volunteering to serve please contact the church office or Eric Nelson.

Thank you,
The Outreach Committee

Merry Christmas in November!

We will be doing the Christmas Giving Tree differently this year due to Covid restrictions. We will be contributing gifts for Climb Wyoming kids and moms. This program works with single moms and kids to get out of generational poverty by training moms in job skills for the current market and will support their families.

On November 1st we will have gifts available for your choice: 1) in envelopes in the Parish Hall or 2) through an email process. We ask that you touch only the envelope you choose. Information will be written on the outside of each envelope describing the gift requested and recipient. Instructions on the email process will be sent out with the email around November 1.

We are asking that gifts be returned to the church by December 6. If you are isolating because of Covid and/or need to have your gift picked up please call Sue Garrett at 421-0400.

Thanks for your generosity in this Holiday ritual!

The Outreach Team



*In Christ's love, we seek,
welcome, embrace and serve
the human family.*

Liturgy and Ministry In Person and Online

The church doors are open and you can live stream through Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/stmarkscheyenne/>) or YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCreTha5Tjk9Ya0fory_Gr3g) on Sunday mornings at 8 and 10:30 a.m. There is also a children's time at 9:15 a.m. on Facebook only. In person Children's Chapel is at 10:30 a.m. All the printed liturgies, scriptures and music/hymns can be found on our web site (stmarkscheyenne.org). Click Media, then Resources. You can use your Book of Common Prayer (Rite I / p. 323 or Rite II / p. 355) or go to bcponline.org and click on The Holy Eucharist. Then click on either Holy Eucharist, Rite I or Rite II.

All Saints' Day

Sunday, November 1

At both 8 and 10:30 a.m. liturgies



With the churches closed, we are self quarantining. More time for Prayers! If interested in joining, contact Como Boyle, Candy Snead, Mara Funk or Patti Jones.

Centennial Foundation Giving

Centennial Foundation desires is to grow the endowment for the church to help St. Mark's last many more years as a mission in Cheyenne. Please remember the Foundation in your estate planning as well as any other discernment of giving. If checks are written to the church, please identify in the memo line that it is for the Centennial Foundation.

**If You Desire Baptism or Confirmation
or Are New To Saint Mark's, Be Sure
To Contact The Church Office
To Learn About The Class.
It is lead by The Rev. Rick Veit.**

New Members and Transfers

Transfers in:

Transfers out:

Baptism:

Confirmation:

Reception:

Reaffirmation:

If you have come to St. Mark's recently and are interested in officially becoming a member please contact the church office at 634-7709.



November Birthdays

Nov 1 Dorothy Bradley Stephen Collins	Nov 20 Elizabeth James Jerry Larsen
Nov 2 Dylan Hood	Nov 21 Pete Hutchison
Nov 4 Hadley Skagen	Nov 22 Michael MacPherson
Nov 8 Kevin Georges Addison Rankin	Nov 23 Chris Barlow Grayson Green
Nov 10 Jeffrey Carlton	Nov 24 Alek Keenan Jill Ottman
Nov 11 Mary Jo Anderson Lucy Veit	Nov 25 Amanda Keefe
Nov 12 Amy Duke Susan Garrett	Nov 29 Kelly Rankin
Nov 15 Nile Lacock Marianne Shanor	
Nov 16 Sage Kline Mikaela Smith	
Nov 17 Bethany Green John Rogers	
Nov 18 Evelina DeVries Traci Lacock	
Nov 19 Richard Haag Miranda Hinkle Pete Illoway Dian Murphy	

If your birthday was missed please notify the church office at 634-7709.

Stewardship Corner Ministry Highlights

Total monthly August income: 42,841.00

This includes a \$26,000 grant for Family Promise, Unaccompanied Students Initiative, and Grace for 2 Brothers. Without the grant the income is below The expense.

Total monthly August expense: 27,520.62

Christmas Pageant

This group begins their work in the Fall building up to the early Christmas eve liturgy. The Pageant takes the place of the regular sermon at the 5 p.m. Christmas eve liturgy.

Eucharistic Ministers

This group serves each week helping to distribute Communion.

Eucharistic Visitors

This group takes Communion each Sunday out to those that couldn't attend church.

Girlfriends Unlimited

Girlfriends Unlimited is St. Mark's women's ministry dedicated to the philosophy of befriending, belonging, believing and becoming.

"For where two or three have gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

"All groups, except Fall Reflections and Lit 'n' Latte book club on Zoom, are on hold until further notice."

Girlfriends Reflections

As a result of a survey, Girlfriends Reflections group has chosen books for both fall 2020 and spring 2021:

Fall Reflections – The Book of Longing and When the Heart Waits, both by Sue Monk Kidd.

Spring Reflections – Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Fall Reflections continues through October 31, 2020. Watch this space for details on spring Reflections.

Lit 'n' Latte for Book Lovers and a Fun Time!

Whether you've read the book or not!

Please join us on Zoom

2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:15 p.m.

If you have questions, contact any GAB team member:

Margie Hayes, Pam Snell, Karine Sneesby,

Barb Brower, Sharon Gostovich

Lit 'n' Latte Current Reading List

And Meeting Dates

October 26 – When All Is Said by Anne Griffin

November 9 and November 23 – The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd

December 14 – Poetry Night

January 11 and January 25 – Faithful Place by Tana French

Girlfriends Unlimited Fun Groups

Have Fun & Get Connected

Listed below are our current FUN groups and the Funicilator- a facilitator who likes to have fun with her girlfriends.

Sew & Sews:

Karine Sneesby, Laraine Hutchison, Funicilators

The Sew & Sews Group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month to work on Blankets for Laramie County Kids, personal projects, group projects, and some just come for the fellowship.

Stitch 'n' Chatter (small crafts group):

Margie Hayes and Barb Brower, Funicilators

Stich 'n' Chatter meets the 1st & 3rd Monday of the month from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Margie will host the Stitch 'n' Chatter the 1st Monday at her home: 1530 Dorothy Ln, Apt B206 630-1894

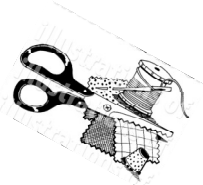
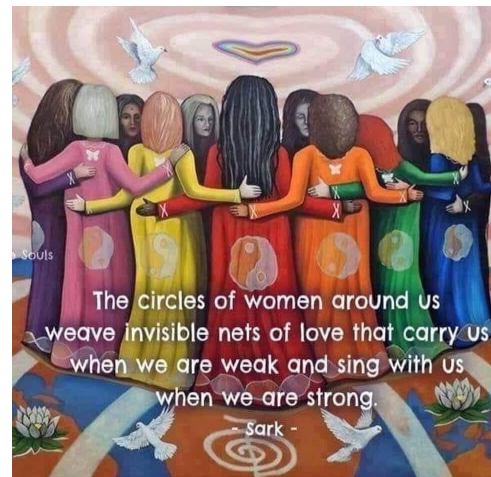
Barb will host the 3rd Monday at her home:

5121 Hickory Place 635-2836

Lit 'n' Latte (book group): Sharon Gostovich, Funicilator. Meets on the 2nd & 4th Mondays on Zoom at 6:15 p.m. For more information contact Sharon at 630-5356.

If you are interested in joining any of these FUN groups or starting a new shared-interest group, please contact the church office (634-7709) for more information.

***Changing Hearts. Changing Lives.
One Girlfriend at a time.***



Sew and Sews

Sew and Sews have not been meeting for the last several months since we're not able to socially distance to work on blankets. We have found other ways to contribute to the community by donating three working sewing machines to Magic City Enterprise to help their clients learn to sew by using a sewing machine.

Five previously made blankets were donated to Family Promise for door prizes for participants of their fundraiser building cardboard shelters. The builders of these shelters spend the night to experience what it is like to be homeless and sleeping outside.

Sew and Sews also donated a large bolt of batting to women incarcerated in the Laramie County Jail that are learning sewing skills. They also make quilts for donations in the community.

THE MINISTERS

Lay persons, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons

VESTRY

Ted Dunn
Sue Garrett - Secretary
Angelene Kelley
Beth Lance
Linda McElwain
Swede Nelson
Jimmie Richmond
Corey Rutledge - Senior Warden
Olivia Smith - Youth Representative
Norm Snead - Junior Warden
The Rev. Rick Veit – Rector/Board Chairman

VESTRY LIAISONS

Property (Norm Snead)
Finance (Treasurer / Ryan Lance)
Christian Ed/ Spiritual Dev.
(Linda McElwain, Olivia Smith)
Community Ed (Ted Dunn, Linda McElwain)
Outreach (Ted Dunn)
Worship (Rick Veit)

CENTENNIAL FOUNDATION

Chris Barlow – Treasurer
Peggy Coffman—Secretary
Kelly Rankin - President
John Rogers - Vice President
Corey Rutledge - Senior Warden
Kent Rutledge
Norm Snead - Junior Warden
Erin Taylor
The Rev. Rick Veit - Rector

STAFF AND CONTRACT WORKERS

Danielle Glowacki – Nursery
Wanda Hughes – Secretary
Norm Snead – Sexton
The Rev. David McElwain – Assisting Priest
Ann Segrave – Bookkeeper
Candice Snead – Director of Children’s and Youth Ministries
Betsy Taggart – Director of Music
The Rev. Rick Veit – Rector
Thane Yennie - Assistant Choir Director

BISHOP OF WYOMING

The Rt. Rev. John S. Smylie

Small Groups

All groups are on hold for now, or are in transition to online platforms.

Contact the church office for more details on any of these groups. For the Girlfriends Unlimited groups, women’s ministry, contact Karine Sneesby at karinesneesby@gmail.com for more details.

Sunday

Adult Forums
9:30 a.m. in the parish hall

Monday

Girlfriends Unlimited Stitch ‘n’ Chatter
6:30 p.m. (1st Monday) Margie Hayes’ House
6:30 p.m. (3rd Monday) Barb Brower’s House
Girlfriends Unlimited Lit ‘n’ Latte on Zoom,
6:15 p.m. (2nd and 4th Mondays)

Wednesday

Men’s Coffee- 11 a.m. at Dazbog’s Coffee
Baby and Me
10:15-11:45 a.m. in Guild Room
Girlfriends Unlimited Sew and Sews Group
1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Read Hall
(1st and 3rd Wednesdays)

Thursday

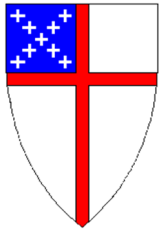
Dolby Bible Study/Sharing Group
- 10 a.m. at Jim Dolby’s house

Columbarium

The St. Mark’s Columbarium offers church members and others an opportunity to have their cremains inurned at the church as a memorial to their membership and service at St. Mark’s. If you would like to request a niche, contact the church office at 634-7709.

What Do Ya Know?

Did you know that the tabernacle candle is right next to the credence table, which is right next to the tabernacle, which is the little wooden box just to the right of the altar, if you are facing east. The candle is always lit if there is sacrament inside of it, the body and blood of Christ. Can you guess what day of the year the tabernacle light is not lit? Good Friday, just after we strip everything out of the altar area, including the sacrament in the tabernacle. Good Friday is the day when we remember that Jesus died on the cross.



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DAY OF GIVING 2020 DRIVE-THRU RESULTS

(as of September 30, 2020)

Businesses & community groups helping	59
Congregations helping	70
Non-perishable food and personal care items	21,154 pounds
Leftover prescription medications	306 pounds
Medical supplies	280 pounds
Blood product donated at Day of Giving	22
Durable medical equipment	380 pieces
Used eyeglasses	986 pairs
Used hearing aids	31
Used cell phones	160
Hearing aid batteries	97 dozen
Cash donations	\$15,296
Volunteers/hours served to run event	48/267



Newsletter Articles are due the 2nd Monday of every month. The articles should be no larger than 1/8—1/4 page long.
 Please email them to the office at stmark307.ad@gmail.com.