

# *The Messenger of St. Mark's*

1908 Central Avenue, Cheyenne, WY 82001



December 2020

## Vision

A Growing Community of Love, Joy, and Hope.

## G.R.A.C.E Core Values

**G**od **R**ely on Each Other **A**ccepting of All People **C**ompassion for All Creation **E**xcellence

Join us in this Season of Preparation and Celebration

## *A New Church Year, a Holy Advent and a Merry Christmas*

(In Person and Live Streamed)

### **Advent I, II, III and IV – Sundays, November 29, December 6, 13, 20**

8 a.m. Eucharist Rite I, 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II

The Greening of the Church will take place following the Dec. 20 10:30 a.m. liturgy.

### **Christmas Eve and Day Services**

Thursday, December 24:

**3 p.m. Candlelight Eucharist (NEW THIS YEAR)**

5 p.m. Candlelight Eucharist

11 p.m. Candlelight Eucharist / Prelude Music at 10:30 p.m.

Friday, December 25: One 10 a.m. Eucharist



### **Christmas 1, II: Sundays, December 27, January 3**

8 a.m. Eucharist Rite I, 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II

### **Recognition of Feast of the Epiphany and Baptism of the Lord – January 10**

8 a.m. Eucharist Rite I, 10:30 a.m. Eucharist Rite II

## Other Notable Dates

### **Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 24**

One Service: 9:30 a.m. followed by the annual meeting

## **Stewardship 2021**

**Mark your calendars**

### **Sunday, November 15 is Stewardship Sunday**

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. services

Bring your pledge cards! We encourage you to pray about and consider how you will give next year in time, talent, and treasure. The vestry is encouraging that all pledges be in by December 16 for 2021 budgeting purposes. After our budget hearing on November 8, if anyone was not able to attend and would like to see the draft budget, please contact the church.

### **Sunday, January 24 / Annual Parish Meeting**

There will be one 9:30 a.m. liturgy followed by the annual meeting on this day. All are welcome!



## Annual pageant news

It is with a heavy and sad heart that we announce this news: Our annual Christmas Eve pageant this year is cancelled due to Covid-19. We have spent countless hours discussing how to safely continue this beautiful and loved tradition, unfortunately we will have to cancel. We will however have a wonderful Advent adventure during children's chapel on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am. We do invite our youth to offer their reading talents on Sunday mornings with the scriptures and



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. The following is important information that needs to be known about our reopening:

All ministry volunteers and staff are required to wear a mask as well as children ages 3 and older. In Children's Chapel we will have stations set up for children to encourage social distancing in fun and creative ways. Family units/siblings are allowed to be together. All areas and toys will be sanitized after each use. We will perform no-contact temperature checks and screening at check in for all children and volunteers/staff. We want to still have fun and be able to remain open, so please opt to remain home if your family has had someone ill or has been around anyone who may be symptomatic of Covid-19 or other illnesses.

We will continue to provide a safe and healthy environment for children and adults whilst still sharing the love of Jesus. We know this is a difficult time for all. Your decision as parents/guardians are not easy ones, but we hope this plan provides some answers and comfort. Please know we respect any decision you make. Know that we are and will continue to pray for each and every one of you. We miss and love our families very much. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Director of Children and Youth Ministry Candy Snead: [candymurphysnead@mail.com](mailto:candymurphysnead@mail.com)

## St. Mark's Nursery News

Our Nursery at St. Mark's is open and fully staffed! We are so excited to welcome Gloria Davis to our staff. Gloria is the newest member, joining us all the way from Texas! Welcome to Cheyenne Wyoming Gloria! Gloria is a blessing to us here with several years' experience in nursery ministry. Both Danielle and Gloria are welcoming, joyful, and enthusiastic, helping our nursery to be fun and educational place for our youngest members. All children 5 and under can join us every Sunday from 9-noon.



# St. Mark's



Youth Group is open to all teens 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade. This year's schedule tentative due to Covid-19. Thank you for your understanding! □ The reopening of our youth ministry was considered with prayer, thought, and research. The safety of our students and families is of the utmost importance and we will treat our reopening in the same way. Our ministry has been and will continue to be focused on sharing the love of Jesus. We are blessed to work with each of you! Don't Miss out on all the fun, join youth group today, just contact the church for more details!

## November 2020

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

## December 2020

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

20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party at the church 5-7:30 pm

## January 2021

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

24<sup>th</sup> Ice Skating at the event center 1-3pm

## February 2021

7<sup>th</sup> Roller City 1-5pm

21<sup>st</sup> Meeting in the Church 5-7:30 pm

## March 2021

7<sup>th</sup> Meeting in the Church 5-7:30 pm

21<sup>st</sup> Two Bar Bowl 1-3 pm

## April 2021

11<sup>th</sup> Escape Room Time/ Location: TBD

25<sup>th</sup> Meeting in the Church 5-7:30 pm

## May 2021

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting in the Church 5-7:30 pm

23<sup>rd</sup> End of year Party at Alek's house



## 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 using a UTO envelope enclosed in the church bulletins on November 29. 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.

**The Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming will match any donations raised for UTO up to \$15,000 this year. The funds raised can be sent directly to UTO (please let the church know so it can be reported to the Foundation).**

Contributions to the 2020 UTO collected 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. You may also contribute on our church website and make sure you select the fund United Thank Offering (UTO). <https://www.stmarkscheyenne.org/giving/>

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](mailto:Haneyfolk@aol.com).

## Message to St. Mark's Friends

One of the hardest events for us to accomplish is our departure from our friends at St. Mark's. We have never felt more a part of a group than here. We've made friends of all ages and some new friends we probably wouldn't have met except through the church. It's like Perry has said since we considered the change, "We lived in Cheyenne (natives) and visited our children and grandchildren in Boise. Now, we will live in Boise and visit Cheyenne and our friends here as much as we can." Staying in touch is the nicest thing you can do for us. We will continue to Zoom in our favorite Father every Sunday as we have done for months. We are so pleased that the church has this capacity. Thank you! We are remaining members at St. Mark's and hope to see you often in the future.

Judy and Perry Dray

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## OUTREACH



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

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## 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](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](http://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](http://bcponline.org) and click on The Holy Eucharist. Then click on either Holy Eucharist, Rite I or Rite II.



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.**

### December Birthdays

- Dec 2 Jimmie Richmond  
Meg Rose
- Dec 4 Charles Mills
- Dec 5 Ryan Lance
- Dec 7 Brad Becker  
Taylor Trautwein
- Dec 8 Doreen Sing
- Dec 9 Rick Davis  
Beth Lance  
Cindy Langmo  
Catherine Rogers
- Dec 13 John Ott
- Dec 14 Barrett Georges
- Dec 15 Tony Rose
- Dec 16 Michael James
- Dec 18 Patrick Arnold  
Lucy Swinford
- Dec 19 Darwin Pace
- Dec 21 Erik Woolley
- Dec 22 Katerina Smith
- Dec 23 Claire Davis  
David Sipe
- Dec 27 Huey Robinette  
Derek Turman
- Dec 29 Patrick Millin
- Dec 30 Bob Boyle



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

### New Members and Transfers

Transfers in:

Transfers out:

Baptism:

***Henry McManus, Harrison McManus***

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.

### Stewardship Corner Ministry Highlights

Total monthly September income: 15,497.96

Total monthly September expense: 47,474.10

Lectors

This group reads the scriptures each Sunday at the services.

Ushers

This group hands out bulletins on Sunday morning, greets people, and performs other liturgical functions as needed.

Wedding Team

This group helps to manage our weddings here at St. Mark's, working with the clergy to coordinate all functions of the ceremonies.



# 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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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 Funiculator- a facilitator who likes to have fun with her girlfriends.

### **Sew & Sews:**

Karine Sneesby, Laraine Hutchison, Funiculators

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, Funiculators

Stich 'n' Chatter meets the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

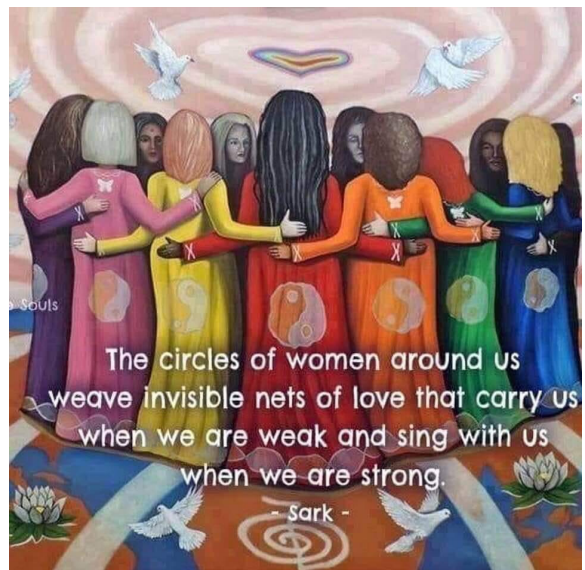
Barb will host the 3rd Monday at her home:

5121 Hickory Place 635-2836

**Lit 'n' Latte** (book group): Sharon Gostovich, Funiculator. Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

We make quilts and blankets to comfort children in Laramie County who have experienced trauma through no fault of their own.

***Due to "Social distancing" we will NOT meet until further notice.***

***Please stay home, stay safe and enjoy working on your blankets at home.***

## **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. (1<sup>st</sup> Monday) Margie Hayes’ House  
6:30 p.m. (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday) Barb Brower’s House  
Girlfriends Unlimited Lit ‘n’ Latte on Zoom,  
6:15 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
(1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays)

### Thursday

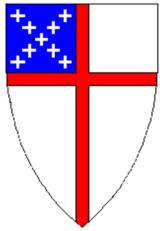
Dolby Bible Study/Sharing Group  
- 10 a.m. at Jim Dolby’s house

## **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 we acknowledge and believe that the bread and wine, when blessed by the priest at the Eucharist, both symbolically and literally becomes the body and blood of Christ? In fact, did you know that the bread and wine changes when the priest touches both elements at the liturgy? There are three bells that are rung at St. Mark’s when the bread becomes the body of Christ, and, again, when the wine becomes the blood of Christ. It is a holy moment. The most important point in all of this is that as we receive the Eucharist, we have Jesus Christ in us. Immanuel: Our God is with us!



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