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Deaths

Lonnie Simpson, father of **Stacey LaFargue**, grandfather of **Hannah Marks**, great grandfather of **Tripp Day.**, on July 5, 2022.

Michael Jabaley, father of **Liza Johnson**, grandfather of **Benjamin, Theresa, Georgia & Robert Johnson**, on July 12, 2022.

Births

Ella & Camille Melerine on June 13, 2022. Parents are **Stacey & Michael Melerine**. Big brother is **Foster Melerine**.

Happy Birthday

July 17	20	23
William Hardtner	Clayton Simmons	John Peter Koellen
Danielle Hilario	Caitlyn Hinkle	Ellis Prince
Katharine Knicely	Campbell Jones	Bennett Herndon
Ellen Erwin		Sarah Elizabeth
Stratton Erwin	21	Larremore
Alex Hall	Rob Gilchrist	Parker Byles
	Laura McLemore	Susan Snyder
18	Randolph Smith	
Judy Storer	Marissa McGinty	
Roger Hammett		
Thomas Poljak	22	
	Beverly Reeves	
19	Morgan O'Brien	
Darrell Rebouche	Gayle Labor	
John Atkins	Micah Strong	

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THE MESSENGER

Community

Get ready for a special treat this Sunday! The kids from our 2022 Music Camp have been working and rehearsing hard all week to prepare a special musical event entitled *"It's Cool in the Furnace. A Musical about Daniel, Nebuchadnezzar, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego."* The kids will perform the musical during the first half of the 10:30 am service in the Cathedral this Sunday. Everyone is welcome! Come and support our music campers!

Back to school help is needed! All Friendship Houses in Community Renewal are in need of school supplies. Approximately forty items are needed of EACH of the following: hand sanitizer, scissors, pencils, pencil boxes/pouches, composition books, primary tablets, crayons, multiplication charts, and math flash cards. Any and all donations are welcome! These items will be collected NOW through the end of August. **If you would like to donate monetarily or have additional questions, contact Jennifer Beruvides at jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net**

We are again looking for volunteers to staff the front desk during the summer. We are looking for someone to work Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Fridays from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm. You can work every week or once a month, whatever your schedule can fit. **Contact Priscilla McLean, priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net**

Want to enjoy some fellowship and a good book during the summer without any prep? Join us at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings in the Parlor to read *Life of the Beloved: Spiritual Living in a Secular World* by Henri Nouwen. We will read each chapter together, around the table, and discuss as we go. We will have donuts, muffins, or other pastries each week. **RSVP is not necessary, but we'd love to hear if you plan on coming. Please e-mail Lauren & Seth Thibodeaux at thiblauren@gmail.com.** Feel free to join us at any point during the summer.

If you are going through a difficult time one of the Stephen Ministers from St. Mark's may be able to help. Stephen Ministers are laypersons who have received special training to listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support for persons who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. After all, there are many difficulties and transitions in this life! Why not give yourself the gift of a Stephen Minister who can accompany you on part of your journey?! The care you receive is confidential, free and very helpful. **For more information, contact The Rev. Dr. Rowena White by email: Rowena@stmarkscathedral.net.**

Episcopal Relief and Development is mobilizing with Anglican agencies and other partners in order to provide humanitarian assistance to people fleeing the violence in Ukraine. Working with the Action by Churches Together Alliance (ACT Alliance), Episcopal Relief and Development will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needed assistance. **You can donate at episcopalrelief.org.**

The Wednesday Night Book Study group is on sabbatical for the summer but we will resume meeting in the Parish Library on Wednesday, September 7 at 6:00 p.m. The group will be reading and discussing *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident who helped found the Confessing Church. The book compels the reader to face himself and God in any situation and asks "What can the call to discipleship, the adherence to the word of Jesus, mean today to the businessman, the soldier, the laborer, or the government worker? What did Jesus mean to say to us? What is his will for us today?" Dietrich's practice of his faith led to his execution on April 9, 1945 in Flossenburg concentration camp by the Nazis. **For more information, please contact William Weaver at william.weaver@uhsinc.com or by calling (302) 276-3750.**

The Dinners for Eight program is underway again this summer. The purpose is simply to have fun and to get to know others on an informal basis in our homes. Groups of eight people - singles and couples of various ages - are randomly formed for a period of one year. **Contact Priscilla@stmarkscathedral.net if you would like to participate in one of these groups.**

Sunday Readings

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:1-10a* Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

We need not give up the pleasures and luxuries of this life. God does not call us to be ascetics, but does call us to a right sense of proportion in administering our substance. The question is: "If I have this for myself, then what should I do for God?" This is the question into which the whole matter of stewardship resolves itself.

Upcoming Events

July 17	Choir Camp Musical	10:30 am Cathedral
	EYC Bowling	5:30 pm
August 28	Rally Day	