

Deaths

Virginia Stephens, on July 16, 2022.

Weddings

Margaret Anne Montgomery & Ben Moss
Lauderdale, on July 9, 2022

Births

Vivian Frances Pettiette on July 8, 2022.
Parents are Lauren & David Pettiette.
Grandparents are Cherie & Mark Sealy.

Happy Birthday

July 24	27	29
Debbie Smith	Bob FitzGerald	Chloe Thornton
Rosalyn Fisher	Susan Falbaum	Tom Thompson
Stephanie Young	Kathy Lowe	Frank Harris
Margaret Badgley	Don Weir	Diane Long
Teresa Le Bleu	Dicksey Sanders	Wes Arnold
	Clay Stroud	Tammy Arnold
25		Samuel Cooper
Lisa Hargrove	28	Ann Nuckolls
Michele	Pepper Lang	J.J. Fortiz
Q=Petersen	Jack Berg	Chelsie Pugh
Jane Shea	Oliver Jenkins	
Marguerite Allen	Lauren Ewing	30
		Jan Glass
26		Thomas Siskron
Barbara Dossett		Patrick Caraway
Warren Graves		Laura Boyd
Elizabeth Peterson		Jaden Allen
		Matt Woodard



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THE MESSENGER

Community

EYC is beating the heat by heading to the lake this Sunday, July 24! All kids entering Grades 6-12 are welcome! We will meet at church at 2:00 pm to carpool to the beach area at Cypress Black Bayou Park for swimming and games. Wear your swimsuits and bring a towel and sunscreen!! **RSVP to Sarah (smceyc318@gmail.com).**

This year's Early Bird Acolyte Training is set for Sunday, August 21! Meet in the choir stalls immediately after the 10:30 am service. All new and returning acolytes are welcome!

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**

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

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 Altar Guild has an opening for memorial flowers for the High Altar on Sunday August 14. If you would like to memorialize or honor a loved one, this is a wonderful opportunity. **Contact Sherri Skrivanos: stskrivanos@gmail.com.**

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 lead 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.**

Sunday Readings

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 18:20-32* Colossians 2:6-19
Luke 11:1-13

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

Too often we fail to understand that Christian instruction about money is one of the best opportunities we have to teach our children about God's love for us, and God's ownership of all things.

The way we use money is an extension of our personal characteristics.

By teaching our children the Christian use of money, affording them control of money and the need to make decisions about money, we also confront them with the meaning of discipleship and Christian stewardship.

Upcoming Events

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| July 24 | EYC Lake Day | 2:00 pm |
| | | Meet at church |
| August 21 | Early Bird Acolyte training | 11:45 am |
| August 28 | Rally Day | |