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Join Bishop Owensby and the 2022 General Convention Deputation at St. Mark's on Thursday, August 25 from 6:00 till 7:30 pm for reflections on the work they accomplished in Baltimore. They will discuss resolutions that affect our common life, new leadership for the House of Deputies, the Church budget, and amendment of the Constitution and Canons.

Happy Birthday

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| August 7 | 9 | 12 |
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Community

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**

The Altar Guild has an opening for memorial flowers for the High Altar for August 14. This is a wonderful way to remember or honor loved ones. If you are interested, please be in contact with Sherri Skrivanos at stskrivanos@gmail.com

It's not too early to start thinking about Rally Day! Rally Day is August 28. We will gather in the Gym after the 10:30 am service for lunch and a look at what St. Mark's has to offer this fall. Mark your calendars.

To love and serve Christ.

To love and serve each other in Christ.

To love and serve the world for Christ.

Calling all Artisans! We will have an Artisan table set up at Rally Day again this year. Items will be for sale, and all proceeds will go to the Maggie Lee's Closet which gives used clothes from the community to children in need. We would love for any artisans to participate and we hope everyone will stop by our table. Please text Emma Caraway with any questions or if you would like to donate. **(318) 532-2688.**

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 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Genesis 15:1-6* Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team

The joy of sacrificial giving is love. In spite of trials, love emerges as the factor in an individual's happiness. It is the light that distinguishes those people who become good stewards of their time, talent and treasure from others. It is the joy of sacrificial giving.

Upcoming Events

August 21 Early Bird Acolyte training 11:45 am

August 25 General Convention update with Bishop Owensby 6:00 pm

August 28 Rally Day