

July 26, 2023



## Deaths

**Katherine Woodard**, mother of **Robin Himes**, on July 24, 2023.

**Frances Arthur Simpson**, mother of **De Simpson**, aunt of **Edwin Higginbotham**, on July 24, 2023,

**Amy Hill**, sister-in-law of **Amy Garsee**, on July 24, 2023.

## Births

**Cannon Reeks** on July 21, 2023. Parents are **Brannon & Seth Reeks**. Grandparents are **Beth & Scott Reeks**. Great Grandmother is **Patsv Reeks**.

## Happy Birthday

<b>July 30</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
Jan Glass	Emily Nelson	Susan Cage
Thomas Siskron	Tad Dicharry	
Patrick Caraway	Hannah FitzGerald	<b>5</b>
Laura Boyd		Minette Haynes
Jaden Allen	<b>3</b>	Hines Vaughan
Matt Woodard	Stuart Briscoe	Kathy Hassell
Robin Breithaupt	Anna Kate Childs	Jennifer Beruvides
	Ben Davis	Marie Gardner-
<b>31</b>	Sindee Finch	McIntyre
Rick Newell		Georgia Johnson

**August 1**  
Brad Lepore  
Larry Cunningham

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## Community

**Attention all Acolytes and Would-Be Acolytes!** The first session of Early-bird Acolyte training will be **Sunday, August 13**, right after the 10:30 am service. We will meet in the Choir stalls. All new and returning Acolytes must attend!

**Parents and their EYC age youth!** Please join us for dinner to welcome Amy Garsee to our staff. Amy will be working with the young people in all aspects of Christian Education and Development. She will be meeting and sharing her plans **August 16** at 5:30 pm in the Ministry Center Garden Room. Childcare is provided.

**Shriners Children Hospital is asking for school supplies for their patients.** Backpacks, pencils, paper, pens, crayons, markers, and folders. Please drop off any donations at the front desk. If you'd like to make a monetary donation, email Jennifer at [jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net](mailto:jennifer@stmarkscathedral.net)

**We have an opening to donate memorial flowers for our Altar.** This is a beautiful way to memorialize or honor loved ones. We have an opening for **August 13** for the High Altar. If you are interested, please contact Sherri Skrivanos at [stskrivanos@gmail.com](mailto:stskrivanos@gmail.com)

**Come RALLY with us to start off our fall!** Join us for lunch on **Sunday, August 27** after the 10:30 am service. We will enjoy fellowship and celebrate all the offerings for the upcoming 2023-24 year.

**St. Mark's Cathedral maintains a beautiful Wedding Album of all the couples who were married in the Cathedral since the 50's.** There is a full 12 x 12 page reserved for each bride and groom. If you would like to be a part of this fun tradition, please provide us a picture (color or black and white) of your choice no bigger than an 8" x 10". If you would like to see examples of the type of pictures that have been submitted, please visit the Cathedral's parlor where the albums are on display.

**WAYS TO SUBMIT YOUR WEDDING PHOTO:**

1. Submit a digital photo (color or black and white, preferably a jpeg or pdf) which can be printed, by emailing [gdamlouji@gmail.com](mailto:gdamlouji@gmail.com).
2. Drop your wedding photo off at the church's office to the attention of Mary Alice Rountree or Gerry Damlouji.

Whichever means you decide to provide your wedding picture, please be sure to include the bride and groom's full name and date married with your picture

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Alice Rountree at 318-464-8004 or Gerry Damlouji at 318-820-9012.

**Could you or someone you know benefit from a Stephen Minister?**

**Several who have received compassionate care from one of our Stephen Ministers have agreed to share their experience and gratitude. - One of our Care Receivers writes:**

It was really great to have someone with whom I could share my thoughts, frustrations, cares, and good or bad times, especially knowing that whatever I shared, it would not go beyond the confines of our room. It was also helpful to know that if I did ask for my Stephen Minister's viewpoint or opinion, it would be shared in a non-critical manner. I always looked forward to our visits and always had a more serene outlook on life afterwards. It may be harder for us men to ask for any kind of help, especially when it comes to dealing with feelings; we tend to keep it all inside! However my experience was extremely positive, and if I'm in a difficult place again I will definitely reach out! I would recommend this wonderful resource of our church to anyone, as having someone with whom to share whatever is on your mind is such a gift.

**For more information about Stephen Ministry, contact the Rev. Rowena White or the Rev. Thomas Nsubuga.**

*Sunday Readings*

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
1 Kings 3:5-12 \* Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*Thoughts from the Dean and the Stewardship Team*

In the fifth chapter of Matthew we find Jesus saying: "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can it be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but it is thrown out and trampled underfoot." Are we good "salt" striving to give a wonderful flavor to this world through our stewardship or are we simply living for ourselves without trying to serve God? If we are to be effective "salt," doesn't this mean that we must live as God's people striving to be good stewards of our time, talents, and whatever resources God has given us? Surely Christ's desire for us as his servants is to work to bring love, peace, hope, and service to the entire world!

*Upcoming Events*

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| <b>August 10</b>    | <b>SMCS classes begin</b>                                    |
| <b>August 16</b>    | <b>Amy Garsee welcome dinner<br/>5:30 pm<br/>Garden Room</b> |
| <b>August 27</b>    | <b>Rally Day</b>   |
| <b>September 4</b>  | <b>Labor Day</b>   |
| <b>September 10</b> | <b>Sunday school begins</b>                                  |