

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for May 18, 2025

Monday, May 19: 2:30PM Fiber Arts – *Westfield Manor*

Wednesday, May 21: 11:30AM Table Talk: *AgeSmart Community Resources – Parish Hall*

Thursday, May 15: 6:00PM Yoga class – *Parish Hall*

6:15PM Bell choir rehearsal

7:00PM Chancel choir rehearsal

ConGRADulations Graduates!

Our sincerest best wishes and prayers for God's blessings upon this year's graduates:

Harmon Fuchs – High Mount School (*will attend Belleville West*)

Blake Maes – Quincy University (*Business and Management*)

Abby Monfre – Mascoutah Middle School (*will attend Mascoutah High School*)

Ash Robinson – Freeburg High School (*will attend SWIC*)

Melaina Robison – Belleville West High School (*will attend Maryville University*)



St. Mark Table Talk: *AgeSmart Community Resources*

Bring a lunch and join us on **Wednesday, May 21 at 11:30AM** in the **Parish Hall** for a special Table Talk featuring **Christina Fulton**, Home and Community Based Services Manager for **AgeSmart** Community Resources. AgeSmart Community Resources works to help older adults remain independent in their homes and communities. Through planning, funding, responding to community needs and providing answers on aging, AgeSmart Community Resources helps people age well their way.

Worship Focus for May – Female Musicians

This month, we are featuring in our worship services some female musicians who have had an influence on our music today. Each week features a short biography on the individual and a prelude or postlude they have composed. Come a few minutes early, read their bio (below), and hear beautiful music as you prepare for worship.

Today's Composer Spotlight - *Emma Lou Diemer* (1927 – 2024)

Dr. Diemer, born in Kansas City, Missouri, became a church organist at 13. She earned music degrees from Yale and a PhD from Eastman. She taught at the University of Maryland and UC Santa Barbara, where she helped launch the electronic music program. A composer-in-residence with the Santa Barbara Symphony, she wrote extensively for organ, piano, solo instruments, chamber ensembles, choir, electronic media, and hymns. She is the composer of our **prelude** and **postlude** this morning.



St. Mark Offerings (5/11): Gen. Fund: **\$15,789**

Graduation Party Invitation

Pastor Brian and Melanie invite St. Mark members to celebrate **Melaina's** graduation from Belleville West! Join us **Saturday, May 24, 2–7 PM** at **1600 Westhampton Trace**, Belleville. Your presence means so much—no gifts needed. Thank you for being an important part of her journey!

Belleville Summer Sack Lunch Program is Back!

We're partnering again with Westview Baptist to provide **free lunches for low-income kids!**

Donations (starting May 18): Individually packaged Cheez-Its, chips, pretzels, nut-free cookies, and juice pouches (e.g., Capri Sun).

Drop off at church or contact **Sherri Foppe** for other arrangements.

+ **Monetary gifts welcome:** Give to Sherri, Ann Martens, or online: secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-15AC7

+ **Food Safety:** Gloves required for packing; masks optional for delivery.

+ **Volunteers Needed for...**

Packing: Wednesdays, 5–5:45 PM @ Westview Baptist

Delivery: Thursdays, 10:35 AM–1 PM

Dates: June 4–Aug 7 (weekly)

+ Sign-up in Parish Hall!

Info: Sherri (618)791-6148 | cookinsherri2@gmail.com or Ann (618)235-7762 | ga72mart@charter.net



Summer Sack Lunch Mini Traveling VBS

The Evangelism/Social Ministry and Christian Education teams are launching a **new mini traveling VBS** during Summer Sack Lunch deliveries!


We'll visit 4 distribution sites with a 20-minute program featuring **Bible heroes David and Queen Esther**, including a story/skit, craft or game, and possibly music.

Volunteers Needed!

Each site needs **4–5 helpers** (more on **June 19 & July 10** at Hough Park, which serves 40–50 children). No experience needed—just a heart to serve!

Program Dates & Times:

- **June 19** (10:50 AM–1:15 PM) – *David & Goliath*, led by Sherri Foppe
- **June 26** (11:20 AM–12:30 PM) – *David & Goliath*
- **July 10** (10:50 AM–1:15 PM) – *Queen Esther*, led by Jan Richards
- **July 17** (11:20 AM–12:30 PM) – *Queen Esther*

 Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Hall (with the Driver/Co-Pilot and Lunch Packers sheets).

Looking Ahead...

Join us **Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 PM** for our joint Ascension Day service with St. George's. Pr. Brian will preach, and an ice cream social will follow. Celebrate and enjoy fellowship with our Episcopal friends!

The **Patriotic Potluck** usually held on the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend is rescheduled to the Saturday of Independence Day weekend due to the unavailability of key people.

The **Toddhall Open House** is **Sunday, June 1, 2:00-5:00 pm**. This event is open to all members of St. George's and St. Mark, and the public. It includes tours, a silent auction, live organ music, hors d'oeuvres, and more. Tickets are \$25.00. For additional information, phone 618-281-8180 or e-mail www.toddhallretreat.org.