

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for May 25, 2025

Monday, May 26: *Memorial Day – Office Closed*

Tuesday, May 27: 6:00PM Pastoral Care Meeting – Conference Room
7:00PM Council Meeting – Conference Room

Thursday, May 29: 7:00PM Ascension Joint Worship – Church
8:00PM Ice Cream Social – Breezeway

Ascension Day Worship on Thursday!

Join us **THIS 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!

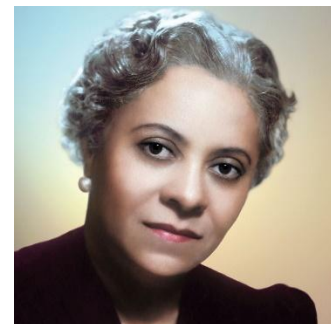


Worship Focus for May – Female Musicians

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 - **Florence Price** (1887 - 1953)

This lady was a child prodigy! At the turn of the century, she was breaking barriers in race and gender. She gave her first recital at age 4, had her first composition published at age 11, and graduated high school as valedictorian at age 14. Four years later, she graduated with honors from the New England Conservatory of Music, having earned an artist diploma in organ and a teaching certificate. During that time, she wrote her first symphony. Ms. Price began as a pianist/organist then focused on composition but continued to perform. She taught at small colleges in Arkansas and Atlanta and became the head of the Music Department at Clark Atlanta University in Georgia. Her music was influenced by spirituals and African Church music. Ms. Price became the first African-American female to have a major United States symphony (the Chicago Symphony) perform her work. Most of her compositions were symphonic, however she began as an organist and did write for organ. You will hear one of her pieces as this morning's **prelude**.



Toddhall Open House

The **Toddhall Open House** is next **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.

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).

St. Mark Offerings (5/18): Gen. Fund: **\$1,977.44**; Food Pantry: \$5

Looking Ahead...

Consider joining the group of us traveling to **Mercy Rehab & Care Center** (Swansea) and **Freeburg Care Center** on **Sunday, June 29** to **sing** some patriotic songs and other favorite melodies. More information coming soon!

Also in process is a congregational **pool party** at **Westhaven Pool & Racket Club**, tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, July 29!**

The Joint Safety Committee is sponsoring a class on **Saturday September 20** from 9am-1pm.

Chestnut Health Systems will present information on *Mental Health, Substance Abuse/Narcan and Suicide Awareness/Prevention*. If these subjects are of interest to you, please put this class on your calendar. A sign-up will be available later in the summer. For questions, please call Sue Vaughn at 618-593-7213.