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ST. MARK'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Weekly Events

Mid-week devotional
"A Word of Hope" emailed
every Wednesday @ 7 am

St. Mark's Prayer Fellowship
every Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

Our Regular Sunday Service
@ 11am, will be Live-streamed
through YouTube and Zoom

Dear

St. Mark's Church Family,

**Reflecting in the Celebration
of our 50th Anniversary**

50th ANNIVERSARY OPENING SERVICE



On Sunday February 28, 2022, we kicked off our year of Anniversary celebrations with a grand opening service. It was truly a blessing to see members of our church family gather for worship and praise as we launched our year of celebrations with prayer, reflection on God's Word and a look at how it all started. Close to 60 people gathered in our sanctuary at St. Mark's and with the hybrid worship model we also had 38 participants on zoom and 25 on YouTube. This worship service was guided by the theme for the year of celebrations:

"Celebrating the past, building towards the future in faith and purpose"

The 50th anniversary committee chose to invite past ministers who served St. Mark's or their surviving family members to be guest preachers for all the major 50th anniversary services. Rev. James Sutherland was the second minister to serve at St. Mark's and he currently has three family members who are ministers of the Presbyterian church in Canada, Rev. Angus Sutherland his nephew, Rev. Bonnie Sutherland his Grandniece, and Rev. Peter Bush his son-in-law. Rev. Bonnie Sutherland kindly accepted the invitation to share the Word from the Lord with us. It was a blessing having her, her son Rowan and her husband Seth make the journey from Kingston Ontario in the heart of winter to share with us

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The Rev. Bonnie Sutherland is the minister at the churches of St. John and Sand Hill in Kingston Ontario. She grew up in the Presbyterian Church and felt a call to congregational ministry in her mid-20s. Soon after graduating Knox College in 2014, she received her first call to St. Andrew's PC in Hanover, Ontario. In the summer of 2021 she, her husband, Seth and their son, Rowan, moved to Kingston to start in her second pastoral charge. She shared with us from Acts 16:6-10 and 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24. In her message she encouraged us continue to follow the leading of God's spirit as we continue to be the church and Christ's messengers of grace during this changing time. Our anniversary service was also launched with centering prayers for the work of the 50th Anniversary Committee, for our youth and for our church family.

As part of our service, we made the deliberate decision to have many of our young people share in the service. They led prayers and read scripture passages symbolizing that we are passing the baton to the future leaders of St. Mark's. For the first time we sang the hymn chosen to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, "Keep on Believing." We look forward to how this hymn will inspire us to not only keep on believing but also keep striving for making St. Mark's a church home for many for years to come. Our hearts were tremendously blessed in this worship service as we began our year of celebration with a profound sense of pride and optimism. We look forward to the rest of the year and all that God will do in our church as we continue to build toward the future in faith and purpose.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Germaine Lovelace

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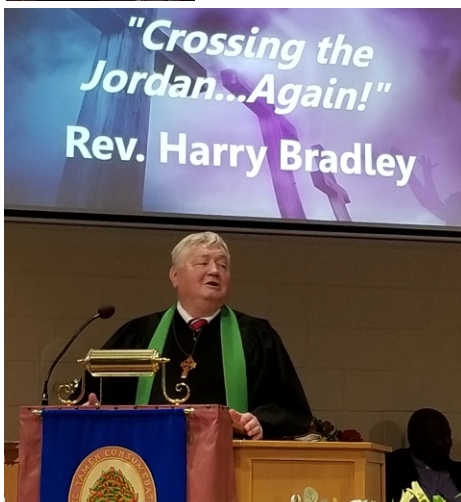
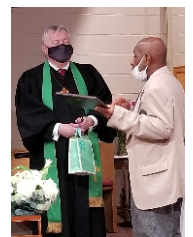
Submitted by: Valerie Kallwitz

S A Sanctuary for all who Seek.
T Twelve months to Thank God and celebrate His goodness

M A Milestone for us all
A All are welcome
R A place to Rest and Rejuvenate in God's presence
K Kindness grows among Kindred spirits
S Our Saviour is present and watches over us

50TH 50 YEARS AND COUNTING

A Another year to give praise and thanks to our Almighty God
N New members always greeted with warmth
N No-one is excluded
I There is no I in congregants – we are all one family
V Voices rise to sing God's glory
E Experience God's goodness for Each and Everyone
R Respect for all – Regardless of origin
S Special Services and events to celebrate
A Absolution guaranteed for All who Ask
R Remembering the past, Rejoicing in the present,
looking to the future with Renewed hope
Y Years behind and Years ahead of us.



ST. MARK'S CELEBRATES HER GOLDEN JUBILEE

These 50 Years of Christian Witness

Theme: "Celebrating Our past, building towards the future in faith and purpose."

Reflecting on what the celebration of the 50th anniversary means

This 50th anniversary celebration of St. Mark's Church gives me a feeling of pride and joy when I think of all we have accomplished. It is very important that we celebrate as a church as when we celebrate, we are reinforcing all that is important in the life, witness, and ministry of our church. We are also lifting up all that is important to us in the life of our church.

As a longstanding member of St. Mark's, I am rejoicing that St. Mark's has touched so many lives and have been a welcoming church for so many families, including mine. This is a special church family where many of us have felt the warm embrace of others in all the challenging times of our lives.

As I reflect on our 50th anniversary I am encouraged by these powerful words, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever. Throughout the years, it has taken the collective work of the entire congregation to build such an amazing pillar within our community. So, as St. Mark's Church celebrates 50 years of Christian witness and ministry, we all have an opportunity to not only to look back at how far we've come as a community of faith but also to faithfully look forward to all the blessings the Lord still holds for us as we continue to do His work in the Malton community. I am truly grateful to God that I am part of this year of celebration. This is our year of jubilee, so thank you St. Mark's Presbyterian Church for this powerful milestone and may our ministry continue for many more years to come.

*God's richest blessings.
Colleen Gordon*



**The First Years:
"A Presentation of our History"**

Ernest Birbalsingh



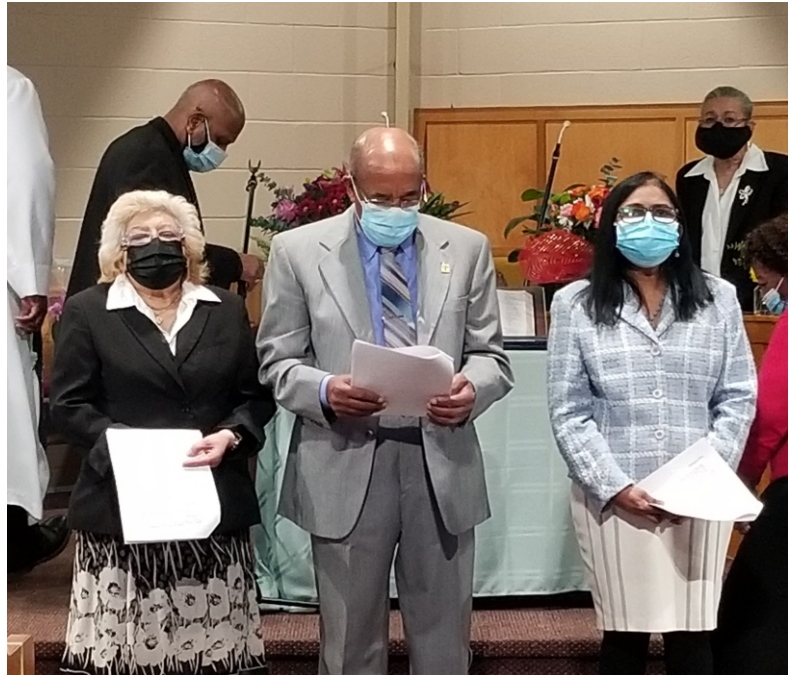
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Ordination of New Elders:

Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, They're white already to harvest, Pray ye therefore, the Lord of the harvest, That He will send forth lab'ers into His harvest.

As Jesus walked on earth his purpose was to fulfill the call of God on his life. There were many in the proverbial "harvest field" who were suffering and needed God's grace and redemption. Jesus graced this world of tears, pain, anguish and suffering with peace and the undying love of God and as he did God's will he called others to share in this work with him. According to Matthew's Gospel in chapter 4, Jesus called ordinary people to follow him and to share in the work of redemption, healing and lifting people from the margins. The Disciples shared in this work and eventually witness the ultimate sacrifice of our Lord and received the Holy Spirit to launch the church we now carry on today. It is with this in mind that the work of Eldership at St. Mark's has over the years enabled men and women to share in the work of the church in general but specifically to be Elders and spiritual leaders in the church's life. Three persons responded to the call to become Elders at St. Mark's namely, Susan Ramnares, Godfrey Laylor and Sheba Sampras. They were duly nominated and Elected by the congregation and received overwhelming support from the membership of St. Mark's.

On February 13, 2022, we paused for the ordination of Elders in our worship service at 11:00 am. Our Elder ordination service celebrated with the theme, "Called to follow as God makes a way."



We sang hymns, reflected on God's Word in the scriptures and gathered in prayer as we focussed on the call of God on our lives. The spirit of the Lord was alive and active in this service as our three new Elders prayerfully made their vows before God and their church family.

The work of Session is so multifaceted in this day and age, and it is our prayer that as Godfrey, Susan and Sheba answers the call to serve in this harvest field that God will use them mightily. As they connect and Pray with members under their care may they be a blessing even as they are blessed. We pray that God will use them to lift up many as did Jesus and his Disciples in the early church.



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These 50 Years of Christian Witness



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50TH ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Over the past 50 years, St. Mark's has been home to many families, who have found a sense of home, comfort and welcome in this warm and friendly congregation. As St. Mark's grew and flourished over the years, there are countless individuals who gave their time, talent, and treasures to the ministry of St. Mark's as we served our community in different ways. Many of these individuals were faithful, dedicated, and hardworking members of St. Mark's but have passed on and are now with the Lord in Glory. On Sunday May 22, 2022, at 11:00 am, we gathered in our 50th Anniversary Memorial Service where we paused to remember all our members who have passed on since our congregation started. Although we have had memorial services over the years it was the first memorial service where we were remembering all the members of St. Mark's who have died in the 50 years of our congregation's ministry. We were blessed to have Rev. Harry Bradley share the message with us in our memorial service. Rev Bradley served at St. Mark's for 5 years and fondly remembers many of those who we gathered to remember as well as many others who are still alive and remain part of our church family. In his message titled, "Crossing the Jordan Again" he encouraged us to remember the sacrifice of those who have gone before us even as we thank God for all we have been brought through and how much we have learnt from them.

A very significant part of the 50th anniversary memorial service was the unveiling of the memorial board which bears the names of all those who have been part of our church family and are now with the Lord. The Memorial board was donated by the family of Agnes Narayan who dedicated the board to her memory as she passed on in 2020. As we unveiled the memorial Board, members of the sub committee on history called the names of all those we gathered to memorialize. As we remembered them, we lit candles in their honour; the youth and senior choirs blessed our hearts in song and other family members shared in



prayers and the reading of scripture.

Another notable part of this service was pausing to render tributes for Basil Dilworth, Hazel Humeniuk and Lesley Irvine. All three were beloved members who we were not able to have services as the pandemic and other conditions did not allow. We remember them all with fondness and love. We continue to hold them in our hearts as they continue to rest in the arms of their Lord and Saviour. The Epistle to the Hebrews urges us: "since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." (Hebrews 12:1-2). May their souls rest in peace and light perpetual shine upon them.

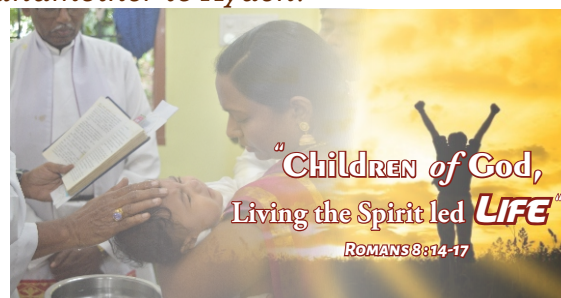
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Little Children.....Bright Gems for God's Crown

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." (Matthew 19:14). It is always with a sense of joy and spiritual responsibility that we welcome children to the church family and by extension to the fold of God's grace. Customarily in the Presbyterian church and most reformed traditions children are welcomed into the church through the sacrament of baptism. In this sacrament the parents, God parents and the church make confession of the faith in which these children are baptized. Since the start of the year, we have welcomed four infants to our church family and we give God thanks as we continue to pray for their growth and development and their walk with God.

On January 23rd we Pronounced blessings upon **Kaicoya Zachary Mullings**, and this was the first time we were dedicating a child virtually. Kaicoya and his family resides in Miramar Florida and were able to join us via Zoom for the entire duration of the service. On April 24th we welcomed **Ali Elijah Redhead** to our church family through the sacrament of baptism. Ali Elijah's parents Venisha Williams and Bernard Redhead grew up in Malton and have attended worship at St. Mark's on several occasions.

As we worshipped on May 15th it was our honour and privilege to welcome **Ayden Saint Quinn Ellis** to the St. Mark's church family through the sacrament of baptism. Ayden is the son of Nisa and Wayne Ellis who are regular attendees to worship at St. Mark's. Our Sister Lurline Jones is the proud Grandmother to Ayden.



There are many families who come from other countries where the reformed church sacraments mean so much to their lives. Charles and Justina Martin gave birth to their son **Cyju Joshua Martin** in India on June 3rd, 2020. They returned to Canada shortly after his 1st birthday and as he celebrated his 2nd birthday, they dedicated him to the Lord at St. Mark's during our worship service.

In this 50th year of our congregation's life and witness we welcome Kaicoya Zachary, Ali Elijah, Ayden Saint Quinn and Cyju Joshua to the St. Mark's church family. We pray that they will continue to grow in God's nurture and love and one day share in the ministry of God's church.



REACHING ACROSS THE WORLD WITH STORIES OF JESUS

Every week since the pandemic started, we have been preparing and sharing weekly Sunday School activities with the children and families of St. Mark's. These simple activities are meant to keep our children thinking about how much Jesus loves them even as so many things change in our society. The activities include a weekly scripture verse or verses and fun activities based on the scripture verse for the week. The activities are geared for children of all ages, and we have heard even adults testify how much they enjoy doing them.

These Sunday School activities have been shared with other congregations here in Canada but have also made their way to other places across the world.

During the pandemic when many churches were forced to close their doors the weekly Sunday school activities have been enjoyed by children in several communities in India. A special thanks to Charles and Justina Martin who have been sharing these resources with their home church, Gethsemane Prayer Ministries and other ministries and Churches in their community in Chennai and other States in India.

We continue to heed the call of God in Deuteronomy 6:7

"You shall teach them diligently to your children [impressing God's precepts on their minds and penetrating their hearts with His truths] and shall speak of them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road and when you lie down and when you get up." All by God's grace and for God's glory!



50TH ANNIVERSARY PORTUGUESE SUPPER

The fundraising ventures of our church have long been part of our congregation's way of extending hospitality to our community while raising funds to carry out the mission of the church. For many years the Portuguese Supper has been one of the fundraisers that has not only brought people together but has provided funds that has made several capital projects possible at St. Mark's. For the past two years we have not been able to host fundraising activities due to changes caused by the coronavirus pandemic. This year we ventured into new pathways opened by the pandemic as we hosted for the first time a "drive by and pick up" Portuguese Supper. Under the leadership of Gita Singh and her team, we were treated to a sumptuous meal of Portuguese chicken, Baby potatoes, Rice, Vegetables, Chicken sauce, Bread, Custard tart for dessert etc..



Chicken sauce, Bread, and Custard tart for dessert, all for only \$25. On May 28th several patrons dropped by between the hours of 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm to pick up their meals. Along with the many people who bought tickets and drove by to pick up their meals, there were several meals delivered to the indigent and elderly in our community. We thank God for the kindness of members of our church community who paid for these meals and donated the tickets to St. Mark's Helpers. St Mark's has been blessed to have Gita Singh and her family organizing this fundraiser over the years. Through their hard work and the generous support of our church family the Portuguese Supper raised \$3,815.00. Proceeds from the Portuguese Dinner will go towards the building fund of our church. We extend sincere thanks to Gita Singh and her entire team for their hard work and dedication in this area of our church. Job well done!



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50th ANNIVERSARY
Barbeque, Raffle & Auction

SATURDAY
AUG 27
2pm - 7pm

BBQ Spare Ribs
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Curried Goat
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Being the hands and feet of Jesus St. Mark's Helpers Mid - Year Report

Writing this was a challenge for me. I'm sure it would bring some sort of a smile or laugh to those who know me when I say that I was at a complete loss for words. Well, perhaps not a complete loss: desperate. I could not get the word desperate out of my head. The desperate needs of the families (friends) supported by The St. Mark's Family. The desperate need I have to communicate to my St. Mark's Family how by and through God's Grace and Love He is using us to help meet the needs: by His continuous and perfect Will. At the present time, The Helpers has been led to now assist 5 sets and varieties of families on a regular monthly basis. They each receive approximately 10 days of non-perishable food, a gift card for a local grocery store, and hygiene supplies.

Some examples of the families we support:

- A Grandmother supporting her 4 grandchildren (aged 6-14) after their parents suddenly died.
- A permanently disabled man who was being helped by his sister until she lost her job due to the COVID pandemic
- An international student and his roommate who are both struggling to cope with bills and pay rent even as they can only work 22 hours for the month based on the stipulations of their student visas.



·An elderly man and his wife who both live on very little and have depended on food banks for survival for many years.

These parcels are delivered/picked up toward the end of the month once our friends are contacted. By having regular parcels coming in as money is running out, our friends are not left in the horrendous position to make the decision between paying rent or buying food.

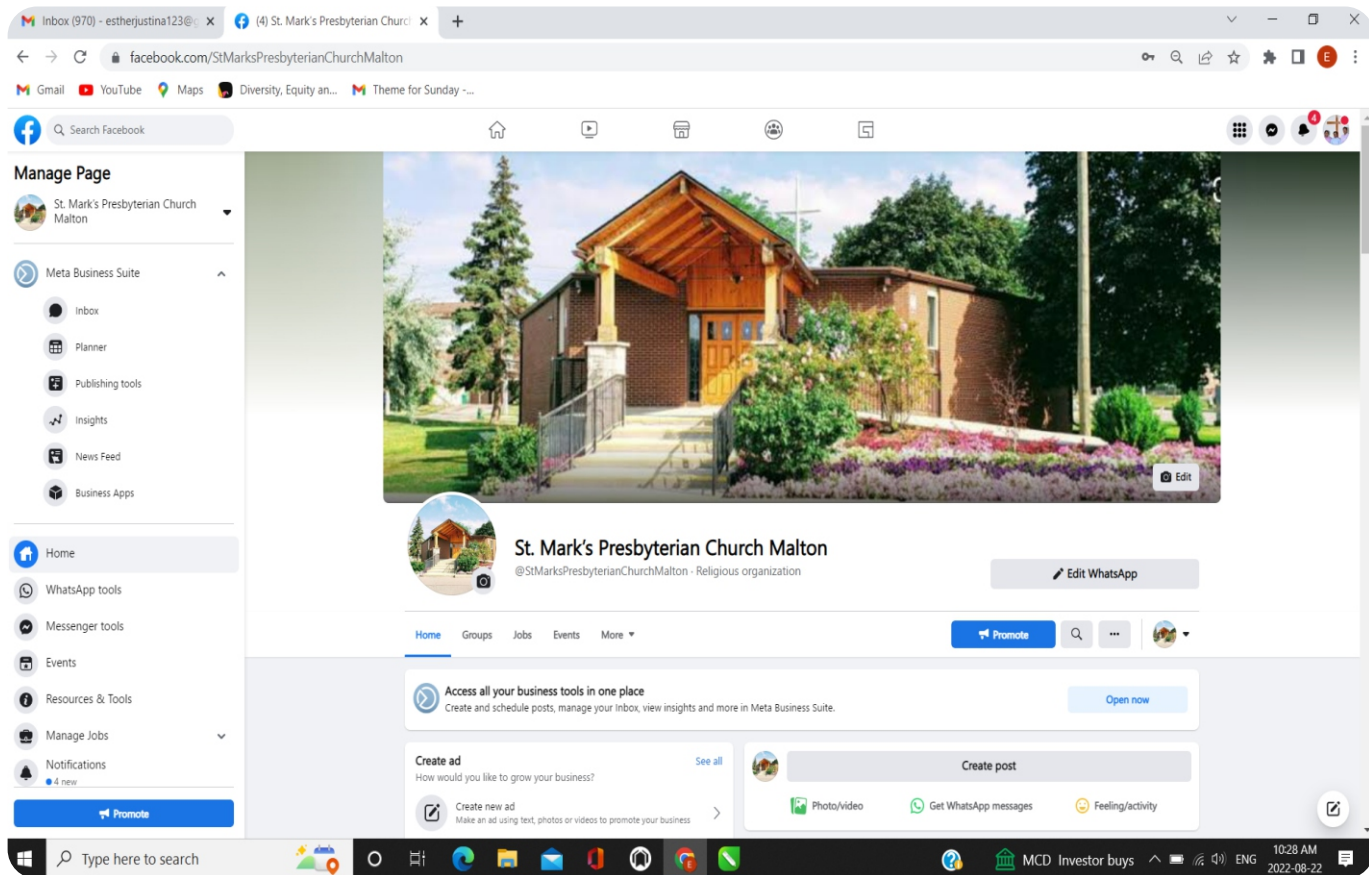
The Helpers continues to be a Ministry led by Rev Germaine who also discerns providing for other friends who may be in need of assistance in urgent and/or a spontaneous temporary basis. This desperate need of mine is not just to share how all our St. Mark's Church family is so generously giving through the donations of food/hygiene products, gift cards, and monetary gifts. (Although that is part of it!) But I desperately need to let you know how our Gracious, Loving Father God has been taking each of these gifts (be it one can of chickpeas or \$100 bill) and making all of it "...work together for His good". So continuously and perfectly, we always end up with what is needed: each time, every time, all of the time.

There is nothing **desperate** about that.

God Provides: All Glory and Thanksgiving and Praise to God

Tara Kallwitz (Helper)

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<p>Worship on the 4th Sunday in Lent</p> <p>85 views • Streamed 4 months ago</p>	<p>Celebration of Life for "Toni & Bud Hart"</p> <p>95 views • Streamed 4 months ago</p>	<p>Worship on the 3rd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>82 views • Streamed 4 months ago</p>	<p>Worship on the 2nd Sunday in Lent</p> <p>88 views • Streamed 5 months ago</p>	<p>Worship & Communion on the 1st Sunday in Lent</p> <p>76 views • Streamed 5 months ago</p>

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God's People Serving with Excellence and Dedication

The work of our church continues to touch the hearts and lives of individuals in the Malton community and beyond. This would not have been possible without the dedication of the men, women and youth who have given themselves to the work of our church. I list the areas and individuals below and thank God for their work in our church throughout this year.

Worship:

Jean Heathcote, Gary Blake, Ashitha and Bryan Pradeepson, Delle Abenojar, Beulah Francis, Ivy and Aleyah Jones, Valerie Kallwitz, Valerie Laylor, Pam Royer, Velda Walkes, Sheba, and Anthony Sampras, Abigael and Lucy Mwara, Larry Hosein, Doretta Preston, Secoya Lovelace and Justin Thomas

Outreach:

Tara Kallwitz, Ivy Jones, Murna Creighton, Beulah Francis

Finance and Management:

Wilf Hallet, Shirley Sumere, Sam Alfred, Melissa Singh, Isaac Asumadu Sakyi, Gita Singh, and Lionel Jodha

Sanctuary beautification and aesthetics:

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Church Life: ALL MEMBERS OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH FAMILY.

Thank you, thank you, thank you and God bless you richly!