

There will be a meeting of the VOICE Route One Youth Action Team on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church (8710 Mt. Vernon Hwy.). For more information or to RSVP, contact jknnox@voice-iaf.org.

UCM's Food Pantry needs food donations now! Please put your non-perishable donations in the wicker basket at the rear of the sanctuary. The most needed items are tuna, canned meats, peanut butter, soups, pasta, rice, and canned vegetables.

Do you have questions about the Episcopal Church? Find answers in the tracts in our literature rack in the Narthex.

A message from the Stewardship of Creation Committee. The Most Reverend Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, and the Most Reverend Anders Wejryd of the Church of Sweden, are holding a seminar on climate change at St. John's Church Lafayette Square, Washington DC on May 1 and 2. Bishop Shannon will be attending the keynote event "Sustaining Hope In The Reality of a Climate Change " and hopes that interested members of the Diocese would be able to join him for this part of the seminar on May 1 from 7-9pm at St. John's. Please let Bishop Johnston's assistant, Amy Rice Williams (800-DIOCESE, x1012 or awilliams@thediocese.net) know by April 26 if you are planning to attend.



This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8 a.m. HE, 9:10 a.m. Adult Forum, 10 a.m. HE and Joyful Noise Service, 11:30 a.m. Choir practice (Lg. classroom), 1 – 3 p.m. Eucaristia - San Marcos (Sanctuary, Patience Hall and Gibson Hall), 3:30 – 5:45 p.m. Amazing Grace Ghanaian Fellowship (Patience Hall), 5– 8:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday 4/22	9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. French Playgroup (Gibson Hall), 10 a.m. Bible Study (Lg. classroom), 7 – 8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall)
Tuesday 4/23	6:30 – 9 p.m. GS Troop #4841 (Patience Hall), 7-9 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible study (Classroom)
Wednesday 4/24	10 a.m. HE at The Fairfax, 12:15 – 3:15 p.m. GS Troop #1914 (Patience Hall)
Thursday 4/25	9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel), 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Gibson Hall)
Friday 4/26	5 - 7 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Saturday 4/27	10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Private event (Patience Hall and kitchen), 3 – 5 p.m. Amazing Grace Ghanaian Fellowship Bible study (Lg. classroom), 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7 – 9 p.m. San Marcos Bible study (Lg. classroom)

Church contact information:

Address: 6744 S. King's Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22306 ♦ **Phone:** 703-765-3949; fax: 703-765-3981 ♦ **E-mails:** Office: stmarksalex@netzero.net; Rev. John Weatherly: jwethe951@aol.com; Rev. Meredith Heffner: revmeredith@cox.net; Rev. Cherian Pulimootil: cheriapp@hotmail.com ♦ **Internet:** Website: www.stmarksalex.org; Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/stmarksalex>. ♦ **Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Clergy are usually in the office until 4 p.m. The office is closed on Fridays and national holidays.



April 21, 2013

Important Upcoming Dates

- **April 29**
Newsletter deadline
- **May 1**
Women of Spirit resumes
- **May 4**
Movie Night
- **May 19**
St. Mark's in the Park
- **June 20-28**
Youth mission trip to Vermont
- **August 23-25**
Shrine Mont weekend

Adult Forum

- **Today**
Romans Revealed: A Look at Paul's Letter to the House Churches in Rome with Daniel Stroud
- **April 28**
Romans Revealed
- **May 5**
Romans Revealed

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:
an inviting, embracing and serving community offering
Good News in the midst of a confusing world.”**

Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

The members, staff, and Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcome you to our services during this Easter season. If you are looking for a church home, or want more information about St. Mark's, please introduce yourself to the Vestry Person of the Day or to the Clergy. We hope you will fill out the newcomer's card that you will find in the church pew and put it in the offering plate or give it to one of the ushers. We are glad you are here! If you would like to receive our weekly announcements by e-mail, please contact the church office at stmarksalex@netzero.net.

From the Rector

Easter Wake Up

Taps and Reveille

Winston Churchill had made it clear at the time of his death that following the benediction in the St. Paul's Cathedral, a bugler was to be stationed high in the west end of the rafters. At the "Amen" the bugler was to play the traditional military salute for the end of the day, Taps, which signals to all that the day is done and the lights are to go out. But that was not to be the end of that service. Following the first bugler was to be a second bugler stationed high on the east end of the rafters, and he was to begin Reveille. This bugler was to remind everyone of the meaning of the old French word, to awake again...time to get up, it's time to get up in the morning! For Churchill it was important that people left the sanctuary not with the notion that a light has gone out, but rather, it was time to get up, of in fact, the Light has come. Alleluia, Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed!

Sunday Happenings

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Holy Eucharist in the Episcopal Church. For those who are not familiar with how to receive communion, the following may be helpful. The ushers will let you know when it is time to go to the altar rail. At the altar rail, place one outstretched hand over the other to receive the bread. To receive the wine, either hold on to the wafer and dip the edge into the wine (edge only!), or consume the wafer first and then guide the chalice to your lips. If you are unable to kneel at the rail, please feel free to remain standing. If you cannot come to the altar rail, please tell an usher and communion will be brought to you. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come to the altar rail for a blessing and cross your arms over your chest to indicate you do not wish to receive communion. Come down the center aisle to the altar rail and return to your seat using the side aisles.

During the school year, Sunday School is provided from 10 to 10:40 a.m. except during our monthly Joyful Noise Family Services, when the children remain in church. On regular Sundays, the children will join us for Holy Eucharist. Children below age four can use the nursery, where they will receive care during the entire worship service from professional nursery attendants. Come again. We sincerely hope that you will want to make St. Mark's your spiritual home.

Prayer List

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially:

In the St. Mark's Parish: Jean Auldridge, Shirley Hunter, Rosemarie Beyma, Kathy Hughes, Beverly Weatherly, Beth Oakes, Dave Boyd, Elizabeth Boyd, Alan, Juliana, Albie, Lou, and Janet.

Our Extended Family: Peggy Byers; Donna Mayne; Elizabeth Jenkins; Bob and Nancy DeLay; Summer Ostanato; Karen, Trey, and Julian Smith; Watson and family; Abigail Dawn; Frank Strobel; Jocelyn Aguilar; Echols family; Lawrence family; Phyllis Vezart-Biggs; Daniel Gold; Vickey Richey; Bonnie and Chip Block and their family; George; Arlen; John; Andy; and Kat.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way: Brian Hobin; Andrew Kley; Ryan Kiggans; Tyler Miller; Austin Graine; Justin Rodriguez; Robert Payne; Eric Martindell; civilian in Afghanistan; Jeff; Carl, and Kevin. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

If you would like someone who is sick or in need added to the prayer list, please write their name in the blue book on the table in the Narthex, or give the name to Father John or Rev. Meredith. Names will be kept in our intercessions for four weeks, unless notified otherwise.

Birthdays

April 22 – Michael Parris, Rosemary Kley, April 23 – Rico Chui, John Miles

April 24 – Jillian Gorman, April 25 – Becca Carrier, April 26 – Leihlani Rivas, Lorenzo Serafini

Anniversaries

April 21 – Susan Byers and Len Slobodin

Announcements

Over \$1,200 was raised at the spaghetti dinner by the Social Saints for the mission trip. Look forward to future Mission Team fundraisers as we reach towards our goal of \$20,000.

CROP Walk: It was a beautiful day for a walk! Thank you to all who participated, either as a walker or a donator. An enthusiastic St. Mark's group took about 1 hour to complete the 1.6 mile neighborhood circuit with others from nearby denominations. Donations totaled approximately \$10,000, including over \$1,000 from St. Mark's. It is not too late to contribute on line: it's easy! www.cws/cropwalk. If a receipt for cash donations is desired, please contact Rosemary Kley. Donations will be divided between UCM, New Hope Housing, and Hurricane Sandy restoration.

The deadline for the May - August issue of our newsletter is 9 a.m. on Monday, April 29. Please submit your articles to Sara Dillich at sdillich@aol.com and copy to Emily Cole in the church office at stmarksalex@netzero.net.

Women of Spirit will resume meeting on Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. We will be reading *God's Hotel* by Victoria Sweet. Books may be purchased through Amazon.com.

Movie Night! Join us on May 4 at 7 p.m. for Movie Night! We'll be watching the movie *Up* and promise fun for the whole family. Bring a snack to share.

Join us to volunteer at So Others Might Eat (SOME) on Sunday, May 5 for the breakfast shift. This is an intergenerational opportunity open to anyone age 13 and up. We will meet at church at 6 a.m. that day. Sign up by e-mailing Rev. Meredith at Revmeredith@cox.net.

Shrine Mont registration forms are now available. Our annual parish weekend will be Saturday, August 24 through Sunday, August 25

this year, with an option to arrive on Friday the 23. Shrine Mont is approximately 2½ hours away and - with a pool, hiking trails and beautiful scenery - it's a great weekend getaway. There will be a lot to do if you choose (including a hayride and an ice cream social) or you can just sit on the porch with a good book and relax! We have reserved two houses on the "hill", with meals at Tucker Hall. Costs will be approximately \$98.00 per person for a Saturday night stay. There is no charge for children under the age of 13. Fees include accommodations and meals. Registration forms are on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Small scholarships are available – see Fr. John or Rev. Meredith. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so sign up soon – space is limited!

We welcome Al Dominic's wife, Oluchi, and her sons Chizi and Kelechi, recently arrived from Nigeria.

We congratulate Deyci Bustamante, our Nursery Attendant, on her recent marriage.

Morning Prayer. Join us for Morning Prayer on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the little chapel.

Ann Sparks is looking for volunteers for the Audit Committee. If you are interested, please call Ann at 703/768-1622.

Tellers needed: If you are interested in serving as a Sunday teller, please call or e-mail Ed Kley at epkley@earthlink.net or 703/719-6238. No experience needed, we will train anyone. It takes about one to two hours a month of time after a 10am service.

Would you like to join the dedicated volunteers of the Flower Guild? If you would like to help once a month with the floral arrangements for the church, please call Maureen Ison at 703/768-6176.