

forms are on the bulletin board in the Narthex and area also available on the website (www.stmarksalex.org). 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!

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

The Alpha Program will begin on Wednesday, October 2, with dinner at 6:30 and program beginning at 7:30. More information to come!



This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8 a.m. HE, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum, 10 a.m. HE and Joyful Noise service, 11:15 a.m. Audit Committee mtg., 11:30 a.m. Mission Team mtg., 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 6/17	10 a.m. Bible study (Lg. classroom), 7 – 8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall)
Tuesday 6/18	5 – 9 p.m. Private event (Patience Hall and kitchen), 7-9 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible study (Classroom)
Wednesday 6/19	10 a.m. HE at The Fairfax
Thursday 6/20	8 a.m. Mission team leaves St. Mark's, 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel), 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Gibson Hall)
Friday 6/21	7 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Saturday 6/22	3 – 5 p.m. Amazing Grace Ghanaian Fellowship Bible study (Lg. classroom), 6 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7 – 9 p.m. San Marcos Bible study (Lg. classroom)

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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.”**

June 16, 2013

Important Upcoming Dates

- **June 20-28**
Youth mission trip to Vermont
- **August 5-8**
Teen Week
- **August 12-16**
Vacation Bible School
- **August 23-25**
Shrine Mont weekend

Adult Forum

- **Today**
The Dead Sea Scrolls with Steve Mitchell
- **June 23**
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- **June 30**
The Church after Peter with Rev. Cherian
- **July 7**
The Church after Peter with Rev. Cherian
- **July 14**
The Church after Peter with Rev. Cherian
- **July 21**
The Church after Peter with Rev. Cherian
- **July 28**
The Church after Peter with Rev. Cherian
- **August 4**
The Church after Peter with Rev. Cherian

Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

The members, staff, and Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcome you to our services during this Pentecost 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 and other parish news by e-mail, please contact the church office at stmarksalex@netzero.net.

From the Associate Rector

Today we welcome our Godparents and our Godchildren. When we were baptized, our Godparents presented us and named us before God, promising to be responsible for us, their Godchildren, in the Christian faith and life.

Being asked to be a Godparent is always an honor, and most of us take this relationship seriously. But as time passes, and perhaps distance grows, many lose touch with what this relationship means. So today we thought we could share a little about what a Godparent is - not just a friendly Aunt or Uncle type who writes notes on special occasions, but people who remind us regularly of our identity in Christ, and encourage us in our faith.

My hope today is that we all focus again on our Godparent/Godchildren relationships - and that in doing so we recognize that we are baptized into the Body of Christ where we journey with God and share our faith - together.

On another note, please keep our mission team in your prayers as we journey to do God's work in Vermont.

Blessings-
Rev. Meredith

Our Mission Team

Our youth and their adult leaders leave for the mission trip on Thursday, June 20th. Please keep them in your prayers until they return on the 28th.

Chipper Brink, Tyler Chui, Frida Cruz, Billy Dean, Natalie Hartzell, Jonathan Hayes, Will Hayes, Grace Heffner, Zach Heffner, Jean-Luc Maigrot, Afia Marfo, Nana Marfo, Sarah Mpouma, Maddie Murchie-Beyma, Megan Murchie-Beyma, Melchior Reihlen-Borgers, Ben Slobodin, Leah Slobodin, Amber Wihshi, Christopher Williams, Susan Byers, The Rev. Valerie Hayes, The Rev. Meredith Heffner, Tia Murchie-Beyma, Daniel Stroud, and The Rev. John Weatherly.

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 Auldrige, Shirley Hunter, Dave Boyd, Elizabeth Boyd, Jim Tyner, Donna Anderson, Alan, Juliana, Albie, Lou, and Janet.

Our Extended Family: Peggy Byers; Donna Mayne; Elizabeth Jenkins; Bob and Nancy DeLay; Summer Ostanato; Margo Digan; Karen, Trey, and Julian Smith; Eric Watson and family; Frank Strobel; Phyllis Nezart-Biggs; Daniel Gold; Vicky Richey; Bonnie and Chip Block and their family; Wendy Wills; Nation Hahn; Lois Plumlee; Sandra Socrates; Shelby Henry; Malley Plath; Grace Christine Ashworth and her parents; Stephen Carrier; Noelle Black; Luke Sorsdal; Sylvia Beauchamp; John Springer; Patrice Roberts; Maria's baby; Andy; Kat; Diana; Lynn V.; Natalie; Andy and Stephen.

We pray for those who have died, especially Delores Street.

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, Kevin, Timothy, Emily and Dale. 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

June 17 – Russell Bradley; June 18 – Anastasia McIntyre; June 19 – Brian Plihcik

June 20 – Valerie Hayes, Doug Heffner, Julia Robles

Anniversaries

June 20 – Janet and Kingsley Davis

June 22 – Donna and Mike Foughty

Announcements

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Lily, Molly, Austin, Hannah and Ethan by John and Delta Youngquist.

There will be a meeting of the Audit Committee today after the 10 a.m. service.

Mission Team schedule for May/June:

- ◆ Today - Mission team meeting
- ◆ June 20th – depart

Monday Morning Bible Study is back! Join our Summer Seminarian, Elizabeth Keeler, for a study of Luke on Mondays at 10 a.m.

The next meeting of the Seminarian Support Committee will be on Sunday, June 23rd after the 10 a.m. service. We are still looking for two more members. Please contact David Boyd at (703)921-5289 or David.Boyd1945@gmail.com if you are interested in joining Elizabeth's committee.

Please help your Sunday tellers by indicating your pledge number on your check. This is especially important if you don't use your pledge envelopes. If you do use the envelopes, please indicate the amount of your donation on the front. Thank you.

At the Vestry meeting on June 9th, your Vestry approved a donation of \$1,500 over the summer to UCM to purchase food for the food bank. Every dollar donated purchases \$4 worth of food. Thank you for your support of Loaves and Fishes.

Are you looking for a summer volunteer activity? St. Mark's has many different ministries where your Gifts and Talents can be shared and appreciated! New volunteers are invited to join established groups even for short term commitments. Some of the opportunities available are below, and more information may be found under the specific ministries on our website or by calling the church office:

- **Do you want to learn flower arranging?** The flower guild provides altar flowers as well as other floral decorations in the church. If you would like to help once a month with the floral arrangements for the church, please call Maureen Ison at 703/768-6176.

- **Would you like to serve God on the altar?** Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) are especially needed at the 10 a.m. service. Father John will train you to serve as chalice bearers to distribute wine to members of the congregation during Holy Eucharist. There are also step by step instructions on our website. We have one LEM at the 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist service, and two at the 10:00 a.m.

service (one vested and one non-vested). The unvested or 2nd LEM sits with the congregation until after the Lord's Prayer, when they go up to the altar to serve.

- **Do you enjoy working with children?** Vacation Bible School is always in need of more help. Join us!

Treasurer's Report as of May 31, 2013

<i>Income</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Monthly Budget</i>	<i>YTD Balance</i>
Offering	\$19,688.00	\$22,550.00	\$125,402.14
Other	\$15,406.08	\$2,584.00	\$60,443.46
Total	\$35,094.08	\$25,134.00	\$185,845.60
Expense			
Staff	\$20,213.51	\$17,567.00	\$92,968.75
Office/Admin.	\$292.13	\$709.00	\$4,135.33
Bldg. Ops.	\$8,162.03	\$4,700.00	\$23,115.06
Worship	\$0.00	\$208.00	\$1,134.43
Education	\$0.00	\$138.00	-\$871.50
Meet/Lay Dev.	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$990.00
Parish Life	\$168.29	\$266.00	\$727.25
Outreach	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$10,000.00
Evangelism	\$35.50	\$25.00	\$1,531.50
Other	\$258.81	\$250.00	\$1,528.44
Other Exp.	\$9,048.75	\$0.00	\$60,702.93
Total	\$39,879.02	\$25,613.00	\$195,962.19
Net Income	-\$4,784.94	-\$479.00	-\$10,116.59

Bishop Goff will be at St. Mark's on Sunday, September 15th. Those interested in confirmation, reception or baptism should contact Father John. Members of San Marcos will be joining us for the classes. San Marcos will be celebrating its 25th anniversary that day with Bishop Goff.

Shrine Mont registration is underway. Join Father John for our annual parish weekend, which is Saturday, August 24th through Sunday, August 25th, with an option to arrive on Friday the 23rd. The cost is \$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