

This Week at St. Mark's

- Today** 8 a.m. HE, 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal (Lg. classroom), 9:10 a.m. Adult Forum, 10 a.m. HE, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 11:15 a.m. Confirmation/Reception class (Rector's ofc.), 11:30 a.m. Fun in the Garden, 1 – 3 p.m. Eucaristía - San Marcos (Sanctuary, Patience Hall, Gibson Hall), 3:30 – 5:45 p.m. Amazing Grace Ghanaian Fellowship (Patience Hall), 4 - 8 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
- Monday 10/13** **Columbus Day** – church office closed, 7 p.m. St. Mark's Book Group (Lg. classroom), 7-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall)
- Tuesday 10/14** 6:30 p.m. Women of Spirit (Lg. classroom), 7 – 9 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible study (Sanctuary), 7 – 8:30 p.m. GS Troop 4841 (Patience Hall), 7:30 p.m. Vestry mtg. (Lg. classroom)
- Wednesday 10/15** 10 a.m. HE at The Fairfax, 5:30 – 9 p.m. Nurturing Families program (Patience Hall, kitchen, Gibson Hall), 7:15 p.m. *Facing Life's Tough Questions* (Sanctuary)
- Thursday 10/16** 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel), 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Lg. classroom), 7 – 9 p.m. Girl Scout Service Unit mtg. (Patience Hall)
- Friday 10/17** 7 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
- Saturday 10/18** 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)

Adult Forum Schedule

- Today** *Exploring Truth and Grace*
October 19 *Exploring Truth and Grace*
October 26 *St. Mark's Everymember Canvass*
November 2 *Exploring the Saints*

Important Upcoming Dates

- November 16** 10 a.m.: Confirmation

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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.”**

October 12, 2014

Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

The members, staff, and Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church welcome you to our services during this season of Pentecost. 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.

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, Clara Bottner, Beth Oakes, Heidi Hainsey, Betty Hughes, Hailey Heyse, Rebecca Carrier, Lindsay Drabick, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, and Geoffrey.

Our Extended Family: Donna Mayne, Elizabeth Jenkins, Nancy DeLay, Margo Digan, Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Daniel Gold, Pat McDonald, Sylvia Beauchamp, Julie Toler, the Rev. Bill Stafford and family, Irene Zheng, Ava Long, Lynne Luxner, Jan Varner, Evelyn Lang, Stacy Kley, Cheryl F., Karla, Rhoda, Linda, Sandra, Aylene's father, Mary, and Peggy.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way. We lift up especially Andrew Kley, Brian Hobin, Ryan Kiggans, Tyler Miller, Austin Grainey, Justin Rodriguez, Robert Payne, Michael Bloomrose, Eric Martindell (civilian in Afghanistan), Jeff, Carl, Kevin, Dale, Vania and Tim, Emily and family. 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.

Announcements

2014 Inquirer's and Confirmation classes are open to all and will be held in the Rector's office at 11:15, unless otherwise noted.

- Oct. 12 - *The History of the Church* The Rev. John A. Weatherly
- Oct. 19 - *Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer* Michael Foughty
- Oct. 26 - *The Eucharist*. Seminarians Alan Bentrup, José Reyes
- Nov. 2 - *The Book of Common Prayer: Marriage, Reconciliation & Death*
The Rev. Meredith Heffner
- Nov. 9 - *Mission and Ministry: Where Do We Go From Here?*
The Rev. John Weatherly, Seminarian José Reyes
- Nov. 16 - 10:00 The Episcopal Visitation of Bishop David C. Jones,
retired Suffragan Bishop of Virginia

Any questions? Call 703/765-3949.

Fun in the Garden: All children are invited to come and check out the community garden with Rev. Meredith today after the 10 a.m. service.

Third quarter giving statements are ready. Please pick yours up in the Narthex today before you leave.

The St. Mark's Book Group will meet on Monday, October 13 at 7 p.m. in the large classroom.

Women of Spirit will have the final meeting of this fall on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 p.m. We will be sharing our thoughts about the book *Help, Thanks, Wow* by Anne Lamott. Please read "Amen" before we meet. Please bring a snack to share.

St. Mark's will be cooking on October 15, 22, and 29 for the Nurturing Families Program. If you would like to volunteer, please see David Boyd after the service or contact him at david.boyd1945@gmail.com. Your contributions to the Loaves and Fishes fund go towards purchasing the food for these dinners.

Join us on Wednesday nights for *Facing Life's Tough Questions*. This is an ALPHA-based program of presentation by one of our clergy, followed by discussion. All are invited to share in the Nurturing Families meal at 6:30, and then continue to the program, at 7:15. Topics this year will include: "Sin and Evil", "Healing", "Evangelism" and "Is Christian Marriage Still Viable?"

UTO Ingathering Reminder: Just a note to remind St. Mark's congregation that October 19, 2014 is the collection date for the ingathering of monies from the "blue boxes". Please place your donation in the "box" with thanks, prayers and generosity. Take the blessings out of the "box" for grants of financial aid extending the Church's faithfulness to God's mission. This year the Diocese of Virginia received two UTO Grant Awards: \$49,575 to fund "School Vehicle/Hope and Resurrection Secondary School" in the village of Atiaba, Southern Sudan (a companion partnership grant with South Sudan), and \$17,000 for "Bread and Roses Ministry of Trinity Church" in Charlottesville. If you would like to receive a "blue box" or a "blue envelope", please contact Delta Youngquist at (703)768-9012 or visit the church office. Thanks for all your assistance.

Acolyte Training: All acolytes and acolyte wanna-be's are asked to attend Acolyte Training on October 26 after the 10 a.m. service. We will meet in the sanctuary. Contact Rev. Meredith for more information.

Youth Events

- October 26 - Flight!! Youth in grades 7-12 will leave St. Mark's after acolyte training, grab a bite to eat, and be back at St. Mark's by 3 p.m. RSVP today to Revmeredith@cox.net.
- November 8 (Saturday) – Help sort food donations at UCM. Details to follow!
- December 20 – Christmas party and bonfire! Mark your calendars!

Tellers needed! We are in dire need of about three tellers to help in the Sunday counting of plate proceeds. It is a simple task if you can add with an adding machine, of course. The time invested is minimal. It takes about an hour to an hour and a half after the 10 a.m. service on Sunday. If we can get a few more hands, we will only be scheduled once about every six weeks. If you are interested, please contact Ed Kley at (703)719-6238 or at epkley@gmail.com.

We are always looking for those who would like to present their passions that are in keeping with our Adult Forum. Please see Pam Smith if you are interested.

Parishioners who are ill or unable to get out are sometimes not able to prepare meals for themselves. We would like to keep our church freezer stocked with casseroles (especially those that will serve two people) that can be taken to those who need them. Drop off your contribution in the freezer, labeled with the date made, ingredients (to avoid allergic reactions), and cooking directions.

DOKs thank God for blessing St. Mark's with such Spirit-filled, selfless, and hardworking clergy. St. Mark's appreciates all that they do, in Jesus' name, during this, Clergy Appreciation Month, and always!
For His Sake, *The Josephine Bakhita Chapter*

ECW Annual Meeting: The Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Virginia, invite the ladies (and clergy) of St. Mark's to their 123rd Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2014. This meeting will be held at All Saints Episcopal Church, 8787 River Road in Richmond. This meeting includes a light breakfast and a box lunch for a fee of \$25.00. If you are interested in attending, please contact Delta Youngquist at (703)768-9012. To register please go to www.ecw.thediocese.net.

Your Mt. Vernon area neighbors need food. Please help UCM (<http://www.ucmagency.org>) build food pantry supplies by donating. Donations to the pantry may be left in the basket at the back of the church.

Speak Up For A Child - Volunteers Needed! Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session on Saturday, November 8, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m., at the Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. If you would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, please call (703)273-3526, x22 or email ekosarin@casafairfax.org for more information.

Birthdays

October 12 – Anne Brink; October 13 – Joanna Wright; October 15 – Phil Brown
October 17 – Rodney Fisher, Salma Bustamante; October 18 – Courtney Watson