

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/Joyful Noise Service,
11:15 a.m. Confirmation/Reception class (Rector's ofc.),
1 - 3 p.m. Eucharistia - 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 10/20** 7-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall),
7:30 - 9 p.m. Vantage Homeowners Assoc. (Sanctuary)
- Tuesday 10/21** 7 - 9 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible study (Sanctuary),
7 - 8:30 p.m. GS Troop 4841 (Patience Hall)
- Wednesday 10/22** 10 a.m. HE at The Fairfax, 12 - 3:30 p.m. GS Troop 1914
(Patience Hall), 5:30 - 9 p.m. Nurturing Families program
(Patience Hall, kitchen, Gibson Hall), 7:15 p.m. *Facing Life's
Tough Questions* (Sanctuary)
- Thursday 10/23** 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel), 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Lg.
classroom)
- Friday 10/24** 7 - 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
- Saturday 10/25** 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 26 *St. Mark's Everymember Canvass*
November 2 *Exploring the Saints*

Important Upcoming Dates

- November 2** Daylight Saving Time ends: Turn your clocks back!
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 19, 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: 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, Janet Cocco, Cheryl F., Karla, Rhoda, Linda, Sandra, Aylene's father.

We pray for those who have died, especially Jean Aldridge and Geneva.

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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and thanksgiving for Andrew Kley's return from Afghanistan and in appreciation and memory of all who serve this nation and the world by Rosemary and Ed Kley.

The third quarter giving statements are now available. Please save us some postage and pick yours up from the Narthex before you leave today. Thank you.

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

- 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.

St. Mark's next night to cook for the Nurturing Families Program will be October 22nd. Volunteers are asked to bring a side dish or dessert that will serve 12 people. If you would like to volunteer, please see David Boyd after the service or contact him at david.boyd1945@gmail.com.

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?"

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

Attention Youth: Our trip to Flight has been postponed. Our next scheduled event is November 8 when we will help UCM sort food. Mark your calendars now!

UTO Ingathering: Please note that the offerings from your United Thank Offering "blue box" will be collected today. It would be helpful if you if you could write your check to "St. Mark's Episcopal Church" (memo line -- UTO) and place it in the special "blue envelope" that is included in your bulletin (or in the pew) for the collection plate. The tellers would appreciate the marking of your church membership on the envelope. The Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Virginia, want you to know that your gift is appreciated and the UTO Board will use the funds wisely to send aid throughout this and elsewhere. Thanks again for your generosity.

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.

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 16th, 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.

The Virginia Theological Seminary Evening School of Theology program is offering a short six-week class that will explore the fundamentals of translating biblical texts and learn about resources that are available to people who want to study in-depth, but do not read Hebrew or Greek. Register at: <https://give.vts.edu/found-in-translation>. Contact lte@vts.edu for more information.

UTO Prayer

Gracious God, source of all creation, all love, all true joy: accept, we pray, these outward signs of our profound and continuing thankfulness for all of life. Keep each of us ever thankful for all the blessings of joy and challenge that come our way. Bless those who will benefit from these gifts through the outreach of the United Thank Offering. This we ask through Him who is the greatest gift and blessing of all, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Birthdays

October 20 – Katherine Larson, October 21 – Hailey Heyse
October 22 – Kathy Norman, October 23 – Francisco Robles
October 24 – Abby Sparks, Mary Stockstill; October 25 – Kelechi Dominic