

## 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, 11:15 a.m. Confirmation/Reception class (Lg. classroom) 11:15 a.m. Acolyte training (Sanctuary), 11:15 a.m. DOK mtg. (Library), 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 10/27** 7-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall),
- Tuesday 10/28** 7 – 9 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible study (Sanctuary),  
7 – 8:30 p.m. GS Troop 4841 (Patience Hall)
- Wednesday 10/29** 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 10/30** 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Chapel), 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Lg. classroom)
- Friday 10/31** 7 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
- Saturday 11/1** 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** *United Community Ministries with Marcos Castillo*
- November 2** *Exploring the Saints*
- November 9** *Healing Trauma and the Veteran*
- November 16** *Meet Bishop Jones*
- November 23** *Dedication Sunday – Our Everymember Canvass*
- November 30** *Advent Lessons*
- December (all Sundays)** *The Readings of Advent*

## Important Upcoming Dates

- November 2** Daylight Saving Time ends: Turn your clocks back!
- November 15** Parish Clean-Up Day
- November 16** Bishop Jones' visit - 10 a.m.: Confirmation

## Church contact information:

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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 26, 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](mailto: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 Botner, Beth Oakes, Betty Hughes, Hailey Heyse, Rebecca Carrier, Lindsay Drabick, Stacey Grigsby, 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 Coco, Cheryl F., Karla, Rhoda, Linda, Sandra, Aylene's father.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way. We lift up especially Andrew Kley, Robert Payne, 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 to add anyone to the list, please call the church office or let the clergy know.

*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

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

**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. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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. We will be cooking November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Meals will be pot-luck.

**Join us on Wednesday night** 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?"

**Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night! We will also be celebrating the baptism of Harrison James Walker that day.

**There will be a parish clean-up day** on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars now! If you can come and help out, please contact Russell Bradley.

**We will be hosting a reception for the Bishop's visit on November 16<sup>th</sup>** after the 10 a.m. service. The service will be with San Marcos. We are soliciting donations of finger foods, nice appetizers and sweets for the reception. Please contact Elizabeth Boyd at mary.e.boyd18.civ@mail.mil or at 703/921-5289. Please sign up so we can track who is donating what food. You will find a sign-up sheet in the Narthex today, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**Attention Youth:** Our trip to the Flight Trampoline Park will take place at 1:00 on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Meet after church for pizza, and then carpool to Flight. Sign-up will be coming via SignUpGenius. Contact Rev. Meredith for more information.

**Thank you to all** who made a contribution to UTO last Sunday. Three hundred and fifteen dollars was collected.

**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.

**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.

## Birthdays

October 26 – Daisha Lee  
October 28 – David Boyd, Terese Tyner  
November 1 – Mikala Brunson

## Anniversary

October 26 – Rosemary and Ed Kley