

## This Week at St. Mark's

- Today** 8 a.m. HE, 9 a.m. Choir rehearsal (Lg. classroom), 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (Patience Hall), 10 a.m. HE and Annual Meeting, 10 a.m. Sunday School, 1 – 3 p.m. San Marcos Eucaristía (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 1/26** 7-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (Patience Hall), 7 p.m. St. Mark's Book Group (Lg. classroom)
- Tuesday 1/27** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 7 – 8:30 p.m. GS Troop #4841 (Patience Hall), 7 – 9 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible study (Sanctuary)
- Wednesday 1/28** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 10 a.m. HE at The Fairfax, 12 – 3:30 p.m. GS Troop #1914 (Patience Hall)
- Thursday 1/29** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10 a.m. Holy Folders (Lg. classroom)
- Friday 1/30** 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. fitness class (Patience Hall), 7 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
- Saturday 1/31** 6 – 9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7 – 9 p.m. San Marcos Bible study (Lg. classroom)

### Important Upcoming Dates

- February 6-8** Vestry Retreat, Roslyn
- February 15** Installation of New Vestry Members
- February 17** Shrove Tuesday Talent Show and Dinner

### Adult Forum Schedule

- January 25** *Review of St. Mark's Year – A Video Display*
- February 1** *Disaster Preparedness – Ready for the End of Time?*

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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.”

January 25, 2015

Reading from Jonah 4

“Should I not be concerned about Nineveh?” Do you not want to see greater things than these?

That challenge is still a part of who we are. Amid all the anxiety and fear we have about the world which characterizes much of our lives today; the question is still being asked: “Should I not pity Nineveh?”

It's a question we need to live with, because I suspect that most of us have yet to take Jonah's lesson to heart. Like him, we are all being called by God to do things which deep down we may disagree with. But God is calling us to not only the unavoidable but what is right and wise and good. We have to ask for grace so that we can see the world as God sees it and to love the world as God loves it.

The Book of Jonah teaches us something new. It teaches us the lesson that was lived out in the lives of the disciples and on the Cross of Jesus. Pray for the peace of Nineveh, the unlovable city. Pray and act for the peace of this community, that we be ready and willing to seek the justice and the love of God in the world. And those who do so will be blessed, "for they shall be called children of God."

## Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

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

### 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, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Nell Brill, Richard Sparks, Donna Anderson, 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, Janet Coco, Keith Derringer, Rich Line, Kamryn Jesperson, George Daebelar, Danny Butler, David Geeslin, Jan, Catheline, Mike, Carolyn, Tess, and Mal.

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

**Everymember Canvass Update:** As of January 21, we have received 70 pledges, for a total of \$211,721. Please send us your pledge card if you have not already done so.

**Your 2015 pledge envelopes are ready.** Please don't forget to pick yours up in the Narthex today before you leave. If you don't have a set of envelopes but would like one, contact the church office (703/765-3949 or stmarksalex@netzero.net).

**Today is the last day to sign up for our Youth Group ski trip to Wintergreen.** We will be leaving Friday evening the 13th of February, returning on Sunday the 15th. We are looking for adults to join us! This is always fun, and there are a few of us who don't ski - so join us either way.  
*Rev. Meredith*

**Today is the last day to donate new and gently used books** for our friends we met last summer at the Rosebud Indian Reservation. If you have a book to donate please place them in the box in the narthex or by Rev. Meredith's office.

- We are in need of monetary donations to send these books as well as boxes in which to send them. Checks made out to St. Mark's (marked "book drive") can be submitted to the office, Rev. Meredith or Will Miles.
- The Youth Group will meet on February 1 after church for pizza and to pack and send the boxes.

**St. Mark's Book Group** will meet on Monday, January 26 at 7 p.m. in the library.

**An 8-week Lenten study, sponsored by Daughters of the King, will begin on Sunday, February 8** at 11:15 a.m. in the large classroom. . The book, *The Workbook on Abiding in Christ – The Way of Living Prayer*, is \$5 and can be picked up from Donna Anderson by February 1. It is a daily reading, reflecting and journaling workbook. Attendance at scheduled meetings is expected. Meeting dates are: February 8, 15, 22; March 8, 15, 22; and April 12 and 19. See Pam Smith in the library today after the 10 a.m. service if you would like to buy the book (exact change and cash preferred) or if you have any questions..

**Our first mission trip fundraiser** is our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show on February 17. We begin serving at 5 p.m., winding up for the start of the talent show at 7. This is always a great evening, and we bring in about \$600 for the trip. I'm looking for a volunteer to coordinate the talent show (gather a list of who's performing). Many hands make light work, so if you can help it would be greatly appreciated. Remember, if you plan to go on this trip, we need you to serve food at this event. Let me know if you can help! *Rev. Meredith*

### Birthdays

January 26 – Tom Gorman

January 30 – Avril Moyer

January 31 – Nina Dominic