



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.”**

December 27, 2015

Important Upcoming Dates

**January 6 – 6:30 pm Region 6 Epiphany
Celebration with San Marcos, 7:15 pm
Potluck dinner**

**January 24 – Annual Meeting following
10:00 am service**

**February 9 – Shrove Thursday
Fundraiser for Mission Trip**

**February 10 – 7:30 am and 7:30 pm
Ash Wednesday Services**

Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

The members, staff, and Vestry of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church welcome you to our services. If you are looking for a church home, or want more information about St. Mark’s, please make use of one of our visitor’s cards and give to our clergy or place in the offertory plate.

Your pledge to the work and ministry of the church

is desperately needed. Pledge cards may be found in the back of the church and will be received whenever you are able to prayerfully consider your commitment. Our goal is 100 pledges for 2016.

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Beth Oakes, Richard Sparks, Shirley Hunter, Clara Bottner, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes and Mary. Also for our Extended Family: Donna Mayne, Elizabeth Jenkins, Nancy DeLay, Margo Digan, Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Daniel Gold, Sylvia Beauchamp, Janet Coco, Kamryn Jespersion, Susan Oldow Patterson, Josephine, Linda, Ashley, Avery, Fr. R. Stephen Powers, Doug Smith, Sr. and Jr., Matt, Bill, Al, Gretchen, Gerry Massey, Shawn West, Martise Williams, Victoria and family, Walter, Keleigh, Father Paul Platt, David Raj, Sandy Powell, Rosalie Duncan, Robert, David Biggs, Juliana, J.W. White and Vicki Robb. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation. For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm’s

way. We lift up especially Andrew Kley, Karl Lautenschlager, Colin Maloney, Tim, Emily and family.

Announcements

Sunday School Schedule and Luncheon: Our next day back will be 1/10. I hope all of the teachers will join me on 1/10 for a Teachers Appreciation Luncheon. We will meet in the large classroom after the 10:00 am service. Rev. Meredith

Youth Group Meeting” January 10th. Information will be distributed about Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Parents are welcome to attend. Meeting will take place after the 10:00-0 am worship.

Daughters of the King will resume meetings following the 10:00 am service on January 10 in the library. The following Sundays we will meet in the large classroom. We will also meet on Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon from January 9 through February 13 in the large classroom.

The Revs. Laura and Daniel Shine Stroud welcomed baby Charles on December 23.

Pledge Drive to Date: 63 pledging units for \$212,208, plus \$10,000 toward the mortgage. Our goal is \$250,000. Please help with your pledge!

Below is our 11 month summary. Please keep the work of our parishes in your prayers and encourage those who are considering joining the Vestry and who have not yet made their pledge.

2015 Eleven Months Financial Report for St. Mark’s

<u>Income</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
Pledge & plate	\$26,737	\$175,109	\$182,000
Bldg Use/Other		19,547	28,136
	\$35,726	\$194,655	\$210,136
Expenses	Nov.	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Personnel	\$20,882	\$202,288	\$207,383
Office	672	8,638	9,889
Bldg & Insurance	3,541	50,383	52,074
Worship	255	2,698	1,837
Education	100	1,260	616
Outreach * Diocese	1,500	17,600	19,162
Total	\$25,542	\$286,627	\$294,459
Difference	10,184	(10,911)	(10,483)

If you would like to make a gift of stock or equities to the church, please call Ms. Carol Savage or Mrs. Patricia Drabick at 202-842-5608. Our policy at St. Mark's is to sell or liquidate any stock as soon as possible following the donation so that the gift may be recorded to the donor. St. Mark's also has an investment account with the Diocese as our Endowment, and gifts may be made through the Diocese directly to St. Mark's Endowment Fund, 1-800-DIOCESE. Finally, donations may be made to pay down our mortgage at John Marshall Bank.

VIC Meeting: January 6 at Bethlehem Baptist Church at 11:30 am. The topic is heroin epidemic usage along Route 1 corridor. Contact Rosemary Kley if interested in attending.

Life Line Screening: January 30 in Patience Hall. St. Mark's is pleased to host an affordable preventive health event.. It is non-invasive and painless. There are five screenings that scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, hardening of the arteries, atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat and a bone density screening. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes and cost \$149. To register for this event and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners. **A Church Volunteer** is needed to open the doors at 8:30 am and will receive one or more free passes for all five screenings. Please let Mari in the Parish Office know if you are interested.

Birthdays

12/27 – Nik Garcia, 12/28 – Mary Magnini, 12/29 – Alan Norman,
12/30 – Kathy Hughes

Anniversaries

12/28 – Kathy and Earl Hughes, 12/31 – Jean and Jim Bailes

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 a.m. HE, 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal (large classroom), 9:15 a.m. Coffee and discussion (PH), 10 a.m. HE, 10:45 am – Daughters of the King (large classroom), 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 12/28	7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 12/29	8:45-10:00 am - workout class (PH), 7:00-9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible Study (large classroom)

Wednesday, 12/30 10:00 am HE, The Fairfax
Saturday, 1/2 6:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)

Adult Forum

Today No Forum, Coffee and Discussion
January 3` No Forum
January 10 Embracing Interfaith Cooperation
January 17 St. Mark's Budget for 2016
January 24 Review of Council and Annual Meeting
January 31 Preparation for Vestry Retreat
February 7 Open Forum
February 14 Review of Vestry Retreat

Next Sunday, January 3, 2016

8:00 am

10:00 am

LEMs

**Mike Foughty
Linda Berg**

**1st Reader
2nd Reader
Intercessor
Acolytes**

**John Youngquist
Tyler Chui
Chizi/Casey Dominic
Sara Dillich
Ann Sparks
Wally/Terry Tienken
Janet/Kingsley Davis**

Altar Guild

**Greeter
Ushers
Flower Guild**

**Maureen Ison
Brenda/Ana Ventura**

Tellers

**Karen Ashworth
Kim Lewis
Nihal Masih**

Vestry Person Sara Dillich