



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.”**

November 15, 2015

Welcome Newcomers and Visitors

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

St. Mark’s Everymember Canvass and Pledge campaign has begun and concludes November 22nd, with Dedication Sunday, but we ask you to consider the following words from Matthew 6:21: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

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, 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, Gerry Massey, Shawn West, Martise Williams, Victoria and family, Walter, Keleigh and Father Paul Platt.

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, Robert Payne, Karl Lautenschlager, Colin Maloney, Tim, Emily and family.

Important Upcoming Dates

November 22	Dedication Sunday – Please bring in your Pledge!
November 25	7:30 pm – Thanksgiving service
November 26	Thanksgiving Day – church office closed
November 29	First Sunday of Advent
December 13	10:00 am – Christmas Pageant
December 19	Greening of the Church
December 20	Lessons and Carols
December 24	5:00 pm and 10:00 pm - Christmas Eve Services
December 25	11:00 am – Christmas Day Service

Announcements

Nurturing Parenting Program – St. Mark’s is again assisting Fairfax County in their Spanish language Nurturing Parenting program by providing meals for the families. Our next meal will be Wednesday, November 18. There will be one more and the final dinner is on December 9. Help is needed in cooking, setting up and cleaning up. **Volunteers** are needed at 4:00 and 6:00 for clean-up. Volunteers are invited to join the families in the meal, served at 5:30 pm. Program with our clergy follows.

Salvation Army Angel Tree: Only two names left so please contact Bonnie Wilkins for details. The new unwrapped gifts must be returned to the church by November 29th.

UCM and Rising Hope are accepting unwrapped gifts and food donations by December 9 at UCM office on Fordson Road. Also, donate unwanted household items to The Back Porch in Sacramento Center. Rising Hope will serve meals all day on Thanksgiving and Christmas; donations and helping hands welcome.

Women of Spirit: Our next meeting will be on Monday, November 16th at 6:30 pm. Please read Chapters 7-9 of Nadia Bolz-Weber’s “Accidental Saints.”

Youth Group - Our next meeting is December 6th!

Christmas Concert – December 12 at 3:00 pm in St. Mark’s Sanctuary. Violist Melinda Brooks and pianist Irion Hoffmann of Mount Vernon Methodist Church will perform favorite Christmas music. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door and the proceeds will be split between Mount Vernon and St. Mark’s.

Walk, run or bike on Tuesday mornings at 8:00 with Tia Murchie-Beyma at Huntley Meadows Park across from the Shops at Telegraph. Coffee follows.

November Birthdays

11/16 –Francisco Robles, 11/20 – Charlotte Gorman, Beth Oakes, 11/23 – Barbara Foster, 11/26 – Zenani Da Costa, 11/28 – Clara Bottner, 11/26 – Sarah Heffner, 11/30 – Terry Tienken

Anniversaries

11/21 – Donna and Geoffrey Anderson

This Week at St. Mark's

- Today** 8:00 a.m. HE, 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal (large classroom), 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (PH), 10 a.m. HE and Sunday school, 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
- Monday, 11/16** 7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH).
- Tuesday, 11/17** 8:45-10:00 am - workout class (PH), 7:00-9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible Study, 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting (large classroom)
- Wednesday, 11/18** 10:00 am HE, The Fairfax, 5:30 pm – Nurturing Parenting Dinner and Program with The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner
- Thursday, 11/19** 8:45–10:00 am – workout classes (PH), 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. Holy Folders
- Friday, 11/20** 7:00-9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
- Saturday, 11/21** 6:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 8-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida Thanksgiving dinner, 7:00-9:00 p.m. San Marcos Bible Study (lg. classroom)

Adult Forum

- Today** Race and Reconciliation Conversation
- November 22** Interfaith Literacy
- November 29** Preparing for Advent, The Rev. John A. Weatherly
- December 6** The Art of Interfaith Leadership
- December 13** Christmas Pageant
- December 20** Lessons and Carols, The History behind the stories, and the story behind the Scriptures
- December 27** No Forum, Coffee and Discussion

Civil War historian Allen Guelzo asked in a recent Atlantic Magazine, (Atlantic, Aug. 29th) “Did Religion make the American Civil War worse?” Guelzo turned the question around, and maintained that “War and its aftermath made things worse for religion in America”. Our Forum in “Interfaith Cooperation”, through a taped interview with Eboo Patel, will explore religion, as the heart of cooperation rather than destruction and division. He is inspired by his faith as a Muslim, Indian heritage, and American citizenship. Join us at our Forum discussions each Sunday.