



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 8, 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 began last week and concludes November 22nd, with Dedication Sunday, but we ask you to consider the following words from Psalm 116:12: “What can I give back to God for the blessing He’s poured out on me?”

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, Hailey Keenon, Muriel Hughes, Mary and Wendy Delay.

Also for our Extended Family: Donna Mayne, Elizabeth Jenkins, Nancy DeLay, Margo Digan, Phyllis Nezar-Biggs, Daniel Gold, Sylvia Beauchamp, Janet Coco, Kamryn Jespersion, Don Lopez, Vicki Robb, Susan Oldow Patterson, David Raj, Bud Woodson, Fr. Stephen Plumlee, Josephine, Emma Jane, Vincent, Renee, Charlotte Douthit, Morris Davis, Keith Derringer, Michelle Smith, Kelly Clark, Keith Scott, Linda, Ashley, Avery, Fr. R. Stephen Powers, Doug Smith, Sr. and Jr., Matt, Bill, Al, Gerry Massey, Shawn West, Martise Williams, J.W. White, the family of Martha Irish, Peter, Martin, Logan and Libby Wingate, Imogene Biddle and friends and family of Angel Allen, 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.

Announcements

Youth Group meeting TODAY from 11:30 to 1:00. Lunch and fun provided!

UTO Ingathering: Please note that the offerings from your United Thank Offering “blue box” will be collected **TODAY**. It would be helpful to the Tellers if you wrote your check to “St. Mark’s Episcopal Church” (memo line – UTO), place it in the special blue and white envelope available in your pew, and place the envelope in the collection plate. It would also be helpful if you wrote your church membership number 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 aid projects throughout this area and the world. Thanks again for your generosity.

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: There’s still time to sign up to buy Christmas gifts for an “Angel.” You can sign up online or in the narthex after services. The new, unwrapped gifts must be returned to the church by November 29th. See Bonnie Wilkins for details.

UCM and Rising Hope unwrapped gifts and food donations by December 9 at UCM office on Fordson Road. Also, donated unwanted 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 9th at 6:30 pm. Please read Chapters 4-6 of Nadia Bolz-Weber’s “Accidental Saints” and listen to the author on Fresh Air, which was recorded on 9/17/15.

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

11/10 – Dennis Scott, 11/11 – Donna Foughty, Dawni Kissler, 11/12 – Laura Landon, 11/16 – Francisco Robles, 11/20 – Charlotte Gorman, Beth Oakes, 11/23 – Barbara Foster, 11/26 – Zenani DaCosta, 11/28 – Clara Bottner, 11/26 – Sarah Heffner, 11/30 – Terry Tienken

Anniversaries

11/19 – Delta and John Youngquist, 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, 11:15 am – Vestry Executive Committee, 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 11/9	7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH).
Tuesday, 11/10	7:00-9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible Study, 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting (large classroom)
Wednesday, 11/11	Veteran's Day (church office closed), 10:00 am HE, The Fairfax
Thursday, 11/12	8:45–10:00 am – workout classes (PH), 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 10:00 a.m. Holy Folders
Friday, 11/13	7:00 -9:30 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Saturday, 11/14	11:30 am – Megan Kelly Violin Studio (PH), 12:30-3:00 pm – Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Carter Sibley (PH), 6:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 p.m. San Marcos Bible Study (lg. classroom)

Adult Forum

Today	Interfaith Cooperation in American History, The Rev. John A. Weatherly
November 15	Interfaith Literacy
November 22	The Science of Interfaith Cooperation
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.