



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.”**

April 17, 2016

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.

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, Phil Brown, Shirley Hunter, Clara Bottner, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford and Candace Fisher.

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, Rosalie Duncan, Robert, David Biggs, Juliana, Vicki Robb, Janet Davis, Sandy Powell, Shaina Friend, James Kent, Chris Coley, Carol Ostergard, Tom Flick, Sandra Robinson, LaVonne T., the Chatmon and Fullerton families, Julie Stockstill and Charlie Brannon.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm’s way, we lift up Andrew Kley, Colin Maloney, Tim, Emily and family and Walter Smiley. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

Announcements

Many thanks and deepest appreciation to Sidoux and Steven Mitchell for their gift of an Icon of St. Mark to St. Mark's.

Mission Trip Update: Please hold in prayer our Mission Team as they prepare for their eight day trip to Puerto Rico: Chloe Lewis, Katherine Larson, Tyler Chui, Ryan Lear, Afia Marfo, Andrea Buenrostro, Emily Marquez, Gaby Pineda, Natalie Pineda, Diego Geisner, Issaiah Geisner, Emma Jones, Fernando Rubio, Andrew Alonzo, Daniel Williams, Amber Wihshi, Grace Heffner, Reuben Geisner, Yuris Guzman, Rev. Meredith and Fr. John.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$31,000. Airfare is \$600 per person, and room and board is \$700 per person. Thus far we have raised \$15,750.

Our upcoming fundraising events include:

May 8th - 9:00 am - Mother's Day Breakfast

May 14th - Social Saints' Spaghetti Dinner, Talent Show and Raffle

May 29th - Car Wash

June 4th - Yard Sale and Krispy Kreme fundraiser

June 12th - Car Wash

Thank you for your prayers and support.

We will celebrate Alan Bentrup's ministry with us May 8th and to thank his support committee. We are looking for members willing to work with our seminarian next year, The Rev. Cornelia Eaton, from the Diocese of Navajoland. She is working on her MDiv. and will be with us in September through the school year. Please see the Rector, if interested.

St. Mark's was able to help a community member this week, who died suddenly at 31 without resources, by providing a grave lot plus opening and closing. Otherwise, the cost would have been \$7,000. ***Have you planned for your funeral yet?***

Women of Spirit: We will begin meeting on Wednesday, April 20th, from 6:30-7:30 PM. We will be reading "Mere Christianity" by C. S. Lewis. Please read the prologue and Book I before our first meeting. See you then!

St. Mark's Book Group will meet in the library on Monday, April 25th, at 7:00 pm. Please join us to share a book or just listen in!

Christ Walk at Shrine Mont, May 6-8. This is a 40-day program about spiritual fitness and Christian living: mind, body and spirit. This weekend retreat is led by author Anna Fitch Courie. Come spend three days focused on your health. Please visit www.christwalk40day.blogspot.com for more information.

Yard Sale - June 4th! Support our mission team by donating used items for our Yard Sale. Donations are welcome now and can be stored in the red shed. Please NO clothing!

Giving Securities to the Church: 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. St. Mark's also has an investment fund with the Diocese. 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. **Are you 70.5?** You can make a tax free donation from your IRA!

Fruit of the Spirit Community Garden 2016 Season from Candy Thompson: One large plot left for \$40. Please pay April Wilhelm or Candy by May 1 and have worked your plot by then. We are looking for assistance with maintenance of the butterfly and flower garden and with some repairs to the fence and gate. Please let me know if you can help and contact me for garden rules, sanctions and plot map. Please welcome Amanda Denogean and family.

Flower Power Mother's Day Run – Sunday, May 8th, at Fort Hunt Park, 8:00 am. The Fun Runz is hosting a 1K walk/5K run to benefit UCM. You must pre-register for this event at www.funrunz.org. \$30 for 5K and \$25 for 1K. Check-in opens at 7:00 am in picnic area E. Paved course is stroller and pet friendly.

Mosquito borne disease information available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite. Thanks to Earl Hughes.

UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store in Sacramento Center takes tax deductible drop-off donations Monday-Saturday from 10-5. For pick-up of large items, call 703-799-7015.

Bryant Early Learning Center takes craft items: egg cartons, shoe boxes, paper, holiday cards, etc. at their office. info@ucmagnecy.org.

Upcoming Birthdays

4/17 – Eric Murchie-Beyma, 4/18 – Al Dominic, 4/19 – Jean-Luc Maigrot, 4/21 – Sweeney Appiah, 4/22 – Rosemary Kley and Michael Parris, 4/23 – John Miles and Rico Chui, 4/24 – Jillian Gorman, 4/25 Rebecca Carrier and Angelica Venzen, 4/27 – Jessica Mitchell and Kari Moyer

April Anniversaries

4/20 – Ann and Richard Sparks, 4/21 – Susan Byers and Len Slobodin and Jennifer and Mark Spans, 4/25 – Tom and Dana Gorman

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 Meeting (large classroom), 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 4/18	7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 4/19	8:45-10:00 am - workout class (PH), 7-8:30 pm – GS Troop 4841 (PH), 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, 4/20	10:00 am HE, The Fairfax, 7:30-9:30 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 4/21	8:45-10:00 am – workout class (PH), 9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 5-9:30 pm – Fairfax County Foster Care and Adoption Training (PH and large classroom) , 6:45-9:00 pm – GS Troop 4841 in-service meeting (PH)
Friday, 4/22	7:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida
Saturday, 4/23	6:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7-9:00 pm – San Marcos Bible Study (large classroom)

Adult Forum

Today	Examining our Core Values, Rob Bluey and Clergy
April 24	Examining our Core Values, Rob Bluey and Clergy
May 1	Christ, Community, Culture
May 8	Mother's Day Breakfast