



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 18, 2016

From the Rector

Dear Friends and Members of St. Mark’s: I hope most of you received our letter with an envelope if you would like to make a contribution for a Christmas gift to the staff of St. Mark’s. Our wonderful staff includes our Associate, the Rev. Meredith Heffner, our Organist, Tatiana Andronikova, our Sexton, Francisco Robles, Mari Gibson, our Parish Administrator, Mike Morgan, Bookkeeper, Jo Haggard, Nursery, Will Bolonos, Nursery, Michaelene Miller and The Rev. Cornelia Eaton, Seminarians. If not, envelopes can be found in the back of the church. We are also collecting for the Christmas flowers. Join us during this Advent season, and celebrate the gift of Christmas at one of our services!

Calendar for St. Mark’s

December

Today 8:00 Holy Eucharist

10:00 Lessons and Carols with Eucharist

24th 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service, Organ and Trumpet with San Marcos

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Festal Eucharist with Organ and Trumpet

25th 11:00 a.m. Said Christmas Eucharist, The Rev. Donna Foughty

January 2017

1st 8:00 and 10:00 Said Healing and Eucharist, Ch. (CMDR) Michael Pumphrey, Preacher

6th 7:00 Epiphany Celebration with Region and San Marcos for the Rev. Adolfo Moronta’s departure

8th 8:00 and 10:00 Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Vestry Meeting

15th Celebration of the Rev. Meredith Heffner's Ministry and Potluck lunch
29th Annual Meeting

Vestry Retreat at Roslyn Feb. 11th and 12th

Tuesdays in January, beginning Jan 17th. Study of the Book of Romans, which inspired Martin Luther and the Reformation

Tuesday, Feb. 28th. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Fundraiser for 2017 Mission Trip

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.

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially in the St. Mark's Parish: Beth Oakes, Donna Anderson, Richard Sparks, Phil Brown, Shirley Hunter, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Don Lopez, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, Carol Farley, Fred Landon, the Lewis family, the Magruder/Vangroll families and Kevan Campbell.

Also for our extended family: Emmett Sims, Liz S., Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Sylvia Valverde, John R., D. Crumel, William Pimental, Vicki Robb, Kenneth Leland and family, Ken Crabb and family, friends of Dickie Emerson, Rod Pearson, Sr., Barbara Butler, Richard Stockstill, Carol Ostergard, Chantia Savoy, Monica Hietsch, family and friends of Grace Riggles, Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Sally Belk, Terry Swette, Carly Allphin, Chris Coley, Keitch and family, Betty Hall, Paula Martin Derr and Frank Derr and family and John Jostin.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way, we lift up Colin Maloney, Robert Payne, 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

Pledge Count: As of St. Mark's has received 66 pledge cards for 2017 for a total of \$199,752 (plus over \$7,000 toward the mortgage fund.) We are making progress but still need more pledges to meet our goals. If you haven't submitted

a pledge card already, please consider filling one out as soon as possible to help our Treasurer and Vestry make plans for the upcoming year.

Please help us balance our budget for 2016 and write an extra check to help cover the deficit.

Eleven Month Financial Activity at St. Mark's

	Actual	Budget
Income		
Plate and Pledge	\$ 251,004	\$255,563
Bldg Use	16,330	18,338
Other	<u>12,259</u>	<u>12,891</u>
Total	\$279,594	\$286,792
Expenses		
Staff	\$204,375	\$213,158
Office	9,224	8,382
Building Operations	52,929	50,050
Worship	1,789	2,244
Education	1,166	1,100
Outreach	19,000	19,162
Other	<u>3,405</u>	<u>3,432</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$291,889</u>	<u>\$297,528</u>
Difference	(\$12,295)	(\$10,736)

Mondloch House: Kathy Hughes cooks every second Sunday of the month and asks for assistance. Please let her know if you can help. Her number is 703-765-9481.

Family and children Advent calendars are available in the Narthex for those who would like to observe the Season. A donation of \$1.00 is appreciated.

The Nominating Committee for the Vestry is seeking candidates willing to serve on the Vestry for three and one year terms. You must be at least 16, a Communicant and known to the Treasurer, and willing to serve. Our Vestry retreat this year will be February 11th and 12th at Roslyn, in Richmond, and attendance is necessary. Meetings are held usually after service the second Sunday of the month or at 7:30 pm the second Tuesday of the month. Mr. Russell Bradley, the outgoing Senior Warden, is the chair of the committee and is willing to inform interested persons of the many duties and responsibilities.

Can you make a commitment to joining one of our Sunday ministries? We have some wonderful ministries for you to consider joining: Altar Guild – Pat

Hoppe, Flower Guild – Delsa Chui, Lay Eucharistic Ministers - Donna Anderson, Lectors – Russ Bradley, Intercessors – Jeanne Shafer, Acolytes – Pam Hamrin, Choir – Tatiana Andronikova, Ushers – Wally Tienken, Greeters – Bonnie Wilkins, Tellers – Karen Ashworth, Andronikova and Daughters of the King – Sheryl Sims. Please consider signing up at <https://goo.gl/forms/5jjpgHi6Ypqv8y452>.

Shared Christmas dinner at Rising Hope on Russell Road, across for Aldi Shopping. If you are looking for a place to volunteer, they can use help in preparation or serving.

Upcoming Birthdays

12/18 – Betty Hughes, 12/19 – Wilhemina Scott-Boyle, 12/21 – Mary Jane Stockstill, 12/23 – Zachary Heffner, 12/24 – Aba Marfo and Alexander McIntyre, 12/ 27 – Nikolaus Garcia, 12/28 – Mary Magnini, 12/29 – Alan Norman, 12/30 – Kathy Hughes and Mary Spear

Anniversaries

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

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am HE, 9:15 am, Adult Forum (PH), 10:00 am HE and Service of Lessons and Carols, Greening of the Church, 1:00-4:00 pm San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 12/19	7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 12/20	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary), 7-9:00 pm- GS Troop 4841 (large classroom)
Wednesday, 12/21	10:00 am HE, The Fairfax
Thursday, 12/22	9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 9:00 am-12:45 pm – Biology Class (PH), 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 7-9:30 pm – San Marcos (large classroom)
Friday, 12/23	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 12/24	5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service, 9:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service, 6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Adult Forum - 9:10 am in Patience Hall

Today	Lessons and Carols – History and Tradition
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