



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.”**

February 14, 2016

Important Upcoming Dates

February 17 – Lenten Dinner and Program -6:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner, 7:15 pm “The Prophets”, 8:30 pm Compline. If you are able, please bring some food to share.

February 24 – Lenten Dinner and Program, All Saints – 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:15 “The Prophets”, 8:30 pm Compline

March 2 – Lenten Dinner and Program, Church of the Spirit, Kingstown – 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:15 pm – “The Prophets”, 8:30 pm Compline

March 9 – Lenten Dinner and Program, Olivet – 6:30 pm Dinner, 7:15 pm “The Prophets”, 8:30 pm Compline

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, 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 Jespersen, 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, J.W. White, Vicki Robb, Janet Davis, Sandy Powell, Shaina Friend, James Kent, Chris Coley, Carol Ostergard and Tom Flick.

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, Colin Maloney, Tim, Emily and family and Walter Smiley.

Announcements

Youth Retreat: We will leave for Wintergreen on Friday, February 19th for a weekend of skating, tubing and working at the Nelson County SPCA! We will return on the 21st. If you can come, email Rev. Meredith ASAP at revmeredith@cox.net.

Thank You for all who made the Mission Team Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper a success, especially Tom Gorman, Jan Varner, Wally Tienken, Diamond Varner and all of our other volunteers!

St. Mark's Book Group will meet Monday, 2/15, at 7:00 pm.

Pledge Drive to Date: 68 pledging units for \$215,000, plus \$10,000 toward the mortgage. Please help with your pledge! To help Tellers, please write pledge envelope numbers of your checks for at least the next month.

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.

iPod found in church parking lot last Sunday. Call office at 703-765-3949 or stop by to pick up.

Fruit of the Spirit Community Garden 2016 Season from Candy Thompson: Happy New Year Gardeners! I hope all of you are surviving the current frigid temperatures. One good thing in my mind is that this extended cold will help kill the

weeds and their seeds and remind all the plants that it really is winter. I want to provide a quick update on the garden: We have about \$270 carried over from last year. We plan to use this for repairs on the fence, purchasing straw, etc. We did a good job last year on minimizing water use from the church. We also experienced flooding again in June and thanks to the Wilhelms, managed to pump out the garden fairly quickly. As we start to think about spring and plan our gardens, we would like to hear from you about your intentions for your community plot at Saint Marks. We would like to know if you want to change plots? I have heard from one gardener who would like a small plot accessible from all sides. Also, some gardeners may have only used a portion of their plot last year and we would like to move them to smaller plots. Shannon moved out of the area so she won't be back. If needed, we will advertise for new gardeners using the local neighborhood newsletters. I am excited for this gardening season! And look forward to hearing from you on your intentions for 2016 gardening at St. Mark's.

Thank You to all who responded generously with soup for our SuperSunday collection! It has been delivered to the Pantry at UCM. Every week we carry our basket forward as part of our offering to God. Your donations of all foodstuffs are appreciated and well needed by many in our community.

UCM Food Bank is in urgent need of one or two pound bags of rice. Other food needs, too, but smaller bags of rice are the priority. **UCM Cynthia Hull Food Pantry** is in urgent need of volunteers who can help manage the Food Pantry. One or two weekly shifts are available to help with this critical need: Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9:00 am. to 12:00 noon and Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 1:00 pm. to 5:30 pm.

The Food Pantry distributes food to an average of 600 families per week (which includes clients who are unemployed and/or homeless). All volunteers will be fully trained and we will need two volunteers who will be the Team Captain and Assistant Team Captain (or similar name/function) who could train new volunteers from the church, and who will ensure that a minimum of 5 volunteers are at the Food Pantry on the day/shift that the church elects. We also need 3 adult volunteers who could deliver food to 10 seniors who are home-bounded. The volunteers are needed on Wednesdays afternoons, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., the food that they will be delivering will already be bagged and ready for the volunteers, and the all the deliveries will be within a radius of 20 driving miles. The idea is for two people to deliver the food with the third person alternating weekly.

Valentine's Day Concert: Delores King Williams Quartet at Church of the Good Shepherd Parish Hall, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. Adults \$25/Students \$15. www.good-shepherd.net/music. Classic jazz standards for your listening, and dining pleasure.

Cost of Care, an overview of long term care, at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Wednesday, February 17, 10:30-11:30. info@mountvernonathome.org.

Free Tax Filings at Sherwood Hall Library, no appointment necessary; just walk in. See [info on bulletin board in Hallway.](#)

One Is A Whole Number Pot Luck and meeting, February 20 from 6:00-9:00 pm at The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 E. Fairfax Street, Falls Church. While this meeting is meant for adult singles in the Episcopal Church, all are welcome. Sallycook0609@yahoo.com.

Virginia Primary is March 1. Fairfax County is in need of 1,000 Election officers. \$175. . See details on bulletin board and be sure to vote!

February Birthdays

2/15 – Meredith Heffner, 2/20 – Sarah Hardy, 2/25 – Hannah Luxner and Dick Stockstill, 2/26 – Bonnie Wilkins

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, Daughters of the 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)

Monday, 2/15 President's Day, Church Office closed, 7:00 pm – St. Mark's Book Group (large classroom), 7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH)

Tuesday, 2/16 8:45-10:00 am - workout class (PH), 5-8:30 pm – Foster Care Parent Training (large classroom), 7-8:30 pm – GS Troop 4841 (PH), 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary)

Wednesday, 2/17 10:00 am HE, The Fairfax

Thursday, 2/18 8:45-10:00 am – workout class (PH), 9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders

Friday, 2/19 7:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)

Saturday, 2/20 9:00 am- 2:00 pm – Boy Scout Troop 4077 (small classroom), 10:00 am-noon – Daughters of the King (large classroom), 6:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos Bible Study (large classroom)

Adult Forum

Today Review of Vestry Retreat

February 21 Finish Eboo Patel

February 28 Faith Resiliency and Prayer