



## 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.”**

January 17, 2016

### **Rector’s Notes (continued from January 10<sup>th</sup>)**

#### **“What is the Anglican Communion?”**

A worldwide family of churches”; term “Anglican Communion” coined in 1885

• Organized into 38 geographical provinces (some national, some regional)

encompassing 161 countries with a total of 70,000,000+ members • Each of the 38 provinces is autonomous (independent, self-governing), with oversight by a chief bishop or Primate, whose role is distinguished by the fact that they have responsibilities beyond their diocese • The result of 17th century spread of the British Empire through colonization in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Southern Africa, and North America and then by church’s 19th and 20th century missionary expansion in Asia, Africa and Latin

#### **Important Upcoming Dates**

**January 24 – Annual Meeting following 10:00 am service and reception follows Meeting. Food donations needed. Please see Kathy Hughes**

**January 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> Diocesan Council, Reston**

**February 6 and 7 – Vestry Retreat, Roslyn**

**February 9 – Shrove Tuesday dinner/Fundraiser for Mission Trip**

**February 10 – 7:30 am and 7:30 pm Ash Wednesday Services; 7:30 pm service with San Marcos**

America, in what was to become the British Commonwealth.. The spiritual head of the Anglican Communion is the Archbishop of Canterbury, where the church in England was established in 597 C.E. The Archbishop of Canterbury is

the head of the Church of England, and his leadership is not legally binding except in this, the Archbishop's home Province • Churches who are officially recognized, or "in communion with," the Archbishop of Canterbury (who among the Anglican Primates is called *primus inter pares*, "the first among equals") are by definition part of the Anglican Communion.

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### **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 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, 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 and James Kent.

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

### **Announcements**

**Daughters of the King** will meet following the 10:00 am service **TODAY** in the large classroom. We will also meet on Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon through February 13 in the large classroom.

**Mission Trip** Final day to sign up is January 24<sup>th</sup>. See Rev. Meredith for details.

**Pledge Drive to Date:** 70 pledging units for \$215,000, plus \$10,000 toward the mortgage. Please help with your pledge!

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.

**MLK Concert:** **TODAY** at 4:00 pm – Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

**Life Line Screening:** January 30 in Patience Hall. St. Mark's is pleased to host an affordable preventive health event.. It is non-invasive and painless. There are five screenings that scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, hardening of the arteries, atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat and a bone density screening. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes and cost \$149. To register for this event and receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners).

### **Birthdays**

1/20 – Steven Hughes and Ethan Luxner, 1/26 – Tom Gorman, 1/28 – Mari Gibson

### **This Week at St. Mark's**

<b>Today</b>	8:00 a.m. HE, 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal (large classroom), 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (PH), 10 a.m. HE, 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
<b>Monday, 11/18</b>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – church office closed, 7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
<b>Tuesday, 1/19</b>	8:45-10:00 am - workout class (PH), 7:00-8:30 pm – GS Troop 4841 (PH), 7:00-9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida Bible Study (large classroom)
<b>Wednesday, 1/20</b>	10:00 am HE, The Fairfax, noon-3:30 pm – GS Troop 1914 (PH), 7-9:00 pm GS Troop 4841 service meeting (PH)

**Thursday, 1/21** 8:45-10:00 am – workout class (PH), 9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders

**Friday, 1/22** Diocesan retreat/Reston, 7:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)

**Saturday, 1/23** Diocesan retreat/Reston, 6:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos Bible Study (large classroom)

### **Adult Forum**

Today	St. Mark's Budget for 2016
January 24	Review of Council and Annual Meeting
January 31	Preparation for Vestry Retreat
February 7	Open Forum
February 14	Review of Vestry Retreat