



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 3, 2016

Important Upcoming Dates

January 6 – 6:30 pm Special Epiphany Service with the Episcopal Churches of Mount Vernon and San Marcos; Pot Luck dinner and Mariachi band follows

January 22 – 23rd Diocesan Council, Reston

January 24 – Annual Meeting following 10:00 am service

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

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, David Raj, Rosalie Duncan, Robert, David Biggs, Juliana, J.W. White, Vicki Robb, George Ollopally, 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

Sunday School Schedule and Luncheon: Our next day back will be 1/10. I hope all of the teachers will join me on 1/10 for a Teachers Appreciation Luncheon. We will meet in the large classroom after the 10:00 am service. Rev. Meredith

Youth Group Meeting: January 10th. Information will be distributed about Mission Trip to Puerto Rico. Parents are welcome to attend. Meeting will take place after the 10:00-0 am worship.

Daughters of the King will resume meetings following the 10:00 am service on January 10 in the library. The following Sundays we will meet in the large classroom. We will also meet on Saturdays from 10:00 am to noon from January 9 through February 13 in the large classroom.

Pledge Drive to Date: 66 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.

An Appreciative "Thank You" to all who contributed to the part-time staff gifts.

VIC Meeting: January 6 at Bethlehem Baptist Church at 11:30 am. The topic is heroin epidemic usage along Route 1 corridor. Contact Rosemary Kley if interested in attending.

MLK Concert: January 17 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. **A Church Volunteer** is needed to open the doors at 8:30 am and will receive one or more free passes for all five screenings. Please let Mari in the Parish Office know if you are interested.

Birthdays

1/1 – Jackie Cerio, 1/2 - Jeanne Shafer, 1/3 – Ann Sparks, 1/6 – Sheryl Sims and Linda Larson, 1/9 – Madison Donaldson, 1/11 – Amber Wihshi, 1/13 – Will Miles and Gregory Brunson, 1/15 – Wally Tienken and Albie Gallardy, 1/20 – Steven Hughes and Ethan Luxner, 1/26 – Tom Gorman, 1/28 – Mari Gibson

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 a.m. HE and Healing, 9:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal (large classroom), 9:15 a.m. Coffee and discussion (PH), 10 a.m. HE and Healing, 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 1/4	7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 1/5	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)
Wednesday, 1/6	10:00 am HE and Healing, The Fairfax, 6:30 pm – Epiphany Celebration with San Marcos
Thursday, 1/7	8:45-10:00 am – workout class (PH), 9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 1/8	7:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary),
Saturday, 1/9	6:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos Bible Study (large classroom)

Adult Forum

Today	No Forum, Coffee and Discussion in Patience Hall
January 10	Embracing Interfaith Cooperation
January 17	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