



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.”

July 17, 2016

The rules of the Kingdom and the rules of our society are not the same. In Jesus’ firm but gentle rebuke of Martha, he tells her that she is worried and upset about many things but only one thing is needed. What is that one thing? Some years ago a film came out starring Billy Crystal entitled *City Slickers*. It was the story of 3 men approaching middle age. Things were not going well in their professional lives or in their marriages; one has been fired and the other divorced. And so they were asking some basic questions about their lives. Is this really what I want to be doing with my life? I’ve made some mistakes, but do I need a minor course correction, or do I need to seriously rethink my destination? So, to give themselves a break from their button-down city lives, they decide to go on a cattle drive with a group of cowboys. One of the cowboys is a tough old-hand, named Curly. He’s good with a knife and a rope and a horse. In one of scene, Curly and the character played by Billy Crystal ride alongside each other talking quietly. Crystal turns to Curly and says, *“Your life make sense to you.”* Curly replies, *“You city folk. You worry a lot. How old are you? 38?”* “39,” says Crystal. *“You all come up here about the same age. Your spend 50 weeks getting knots in your rope and you think, 2 weeks up here will untie them for you. None of you get it.”* He asks, *“You know what the secret to life is?”* “No what,” says Crystal. Curly says, *“One thing. Just one thing, you stick to that, and everything else don’t mean nothing.”* “That’s great,” says Crystal, *“but what’s the one thing?”* Curly looks at him for a minute, and says, *“That’s what you’ve got to figure out.”*

Jesus has given this same advice to Martha: “You are worried and upset about many things, but one thing is needed.” But what is that one thing? Jesus is saying slow down Martha, and smell the roses. I think that we all see the need for times when we should slow down in order to be, rather than to do. We all recognize the need for more quality time in our lives – with spouses, parents, children and friends. Others would say that the one thing that Jesus referred to was discernment. In the story we see a clash between the reflective and the activist. Both temperaments are necessary for the church and the world. To find that one thing has meant to me, to find the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Always available, and always there. **The Rector**

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, Richard Sparks, Phil Brown, Shirley Hunter, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford and Jeannette Parris.

Also for our Extended Family: Elizabeth Jenkins, Bill, Gretchen, Martise Williams, LaVonne T., Joan Chatmon, the Fullerton family, Julie Stockstill, Karen Mendonca, family and friends of Rosalie Duncan, Corinne Dumont, Susan, Scott Taylor, Isaiah Long, Kimberly Earle and the Magruder family.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way, we lift up Andrew Kley, Colin Maloney, Patrick Bates, 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

2016 Six Months Financial Report for St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Income	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
Pledge and Plate	\$137,158	\$139,398
Bldg Use /Other	7,720	10,002
<u>Other</u>	<u>5,121</u>	<u>9,858</u>
Total	\$149,999	\$ 159,256

Expenses	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date, Budget
Personnel	\$10,9663	\$11,7408
Office	5,730	4,716
Bldg and Insurance	28,701	27,300
Worship	907	1,824
Education	650	648
Lay Development	742	324
Parish Life	1,103	1,074
Outreach and Diocese	10,200	10,704

Evangelism	587	324
Total	\$158,015	\$16,4520
Difference (-)	(\$ 8, 023)	(\$ 5,262)

Mission Trip

Income	\$ 33,152	
Expenses	\$30,832	
Vans		625
Lifetree (room, food, vans)		14,678
Airfare		12,680

Mortgage balance: As of today, our mortgage balance is \$212,107. Thanks for everyone for helping to pay this down. Our interest amount is \$729.58 a month and principal is \$1,932.

Vacation Bible School: July 25-29. *Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love* for ages 4 and above from 9 am to noon. Register today in the Narthex or online at <http://www.stmarksalex.org/VBS /2016-Vacation-Bible-School/> and is also posted on the Church Facebook page. Young adults and high school age young people also needed as counselors!

Please take a moment to look at your listing in the directory (in the Narthex) and make any changes and/or additions.

Friends of MaryAnn Greer-Carpenter, former member, may wish to send her a card for her 70th birthday this week at 3400 Lakeview Parkway, Locust Grove, VA 22508.

San Marcos Retreat: Friday through Sunday, July 15-17 and will be using the Sanctuary, Patience and Gibson Halls.

Cherubs Music Program starts in the fall with Jan and Larry Moyer as the teachers. It is a music program for children in K or first grade so if you have a rising K or first grader and would be interested in enrolling him/her in Cherubs Music, please contact Ashley Bryda at 571-435-0676 or ashpearson@aol.com.

St. Mark's Shrine Mont Camp: August 19-21. Please see The Rev. Donna Foughty. \$78 for double occupancy or \$98 for single occupancy; ages 4-12, \$28 and ages 0-3, FREE. Scholarships are available.

Fairfax County's Parenting Education Program will return to St. Mark's on Wednesday evenings starting September 21 and continue until December 14.

Upcoming Birthdays

7/17 – Holly Johnson, 7/18 – Everett Bryda, 7/19 – Albert Dominic, Jr.
7/20 – Nell Brill and Olivia Diaz, 7/21 – Amy Manley and Chizi Dominic
7/22 – Helen Dell and Michael Pumphrey, 7/23 – Beth Scholz
7/24 – Gabriel Williams, 7/27 – Benjamin Garcia, 7/28 – Stephen Johnson
7/29 – Oluchi Dominic and Catherine Perich

Anniversaries

7/21 – Elizabeth Biddle and Michael Pumphrey

This Week at St. Mark's

Today 8:00 a.m. HE, 9:15 a.m. Adult Forum (PH), 10 a.m. HE,
11:30 am – Vestry Meeting (large classroom), 1:00-4:30
p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 p.m. Pan
de Vida (Sanctuary)

Saturday, 7/23 10:00 am-noon – Daughters of the King (large
classroom), 5:00-8:00 pm – Eagle Scout Court of Honor
(PH), 6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S), 7:00-9:00 pm –
San Marcos Bible Study (large classroom)

Adult Forum

Today “Mary and Martha”
July 24 “The Lord’s Prayer”
July 31 “The Richman”
August 6 “The Bridegroom Comes”