



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.”**

May 1, 2016

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, Clara Bottner, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary and Caroline Bradford.

Also for our Extended Family: Donna Mayne, Elizabeth Jenkins, Nancy DeLay, Margo Digan, Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Daniel Gold, Sylvia Beauchamp, Janet Coco, Kamryn Jesperson, 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, Father Paul Platt, Rosalie Duncan, Robert, David Biggs, Juliana, Vicki Robb, Janet Davis, Sandy Powell, Shaina Friend, James Kent, Chris Coley, Carol Ostergard, Tom Flick, Sandra Robinson, LaVonne T., the Chatmon and Fullerton families, Julie Stockstill, Charlie Brannon, DonnaLee Strawbridge and Sue Austin.

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

Mission Trip Update:

Matching Gift Opportunity!

Thanks to you, we have matched \$1,240 of our \$2,000 Matching Gift Offer. Only \$760 to go and the mission team will receive another \$2,000! Please don't let this opportunity slip away! The cost to take 21 missionaries to Puerto Rico is approximately \$31,000. This includes room, board and airfare. We are close to having \$19,000! Please help us meet our goal. If you'd rather donate off-line, contact St. Mark's at stmarksalex@netzero.net.

Our fundraising events include:

May 8 th	8:45-10:00 am – Mother's Day Breakfast (free will donation)
May 14 th	Social Saints' Spaghetti Dinner, Talent Show and Raffle
May 29 th	Car Wash

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Please join us to celebrate Mother's Day with a breakfast starting at 8:45 am in Patience Hall. Donations benefit the Mission Trip.

We will celebrate Alan Bentrup's ministry with us May 15th. Join us after the 10:00 service to send him and his family off and to thank his support committee for their dedication.

Seminarians: We are looking for members willing to work with our new seminarians next year, The Rev. Cornelia Eaton, from the Diocese of Navajoland and Michaelene Miller, from the Diocese of Arkansas. They are working on their MDiv. and will be with us in September through the school year. Please see the Rector, if interested.

Women of Spirit: We will continue meeting this Wednesday, May 4th, from 6:30-7:30 PM. We will be reading "Mere Christianity" by C. S. Lewis. Please read the first six chapters in Book III before our meeting. See you then!

Daughters of the King/Josephine Bakhita Chapter will meet today and May 15 to discuss the province retreat and upcoming projects. Please join us in the large classroom at 11:15 am. Santa Elizabeth Chapter members are welcome to join us.

Christ Walk at Shrine Mont, May 6-8. This is a 40-day program about spiritual fitness and Christian living: mind, body and spirit. This weekend retreat is led by author Anna Fitch Courie. Come spend three days focused on your health. Please visit www.christwalk40day.blogspot.com for more information.

Shrine Mont Camps: St. Andrew's Camp is a program specifically designed for children with particular social, environmental or behavioral needs. *If you know of a child or family for whom this camp would be an excellent fit, please contact Paris Ball, Director of Shrine Mont Camps.*

Yard Sale - June 4th! Support our mission team by donating used items for our Yard Sale. Donations are welcome now and can be stored in the red shed. The shed will be open during worship and as needed. Call the Church office to make arrangements. Please NO clothing!

Giving Securities to the Church: 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. St. Mark's also has an investment fund with the Diocese. 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. **Are you 70.5?** You can make a tax free donation from your IRA!

Flower Power Mother's Day Run – Sunday, May 8th, at Fort Hunt Park, 8:00 am. The Fun Runz is hosting a 1K walk/5K run to benefit UCM. You must pre-register for this event at www.funrunz.org. \$30 for 5K and \$25 for 1K. Check-in opens at 7:00 am in picnic area E. Paved course is stroller and pet friendly.

Church of the Spirit ladies plan a spring tea on Saturday, May 21st, at 9:30 am and invite all women in the congregation. There will be a guest speaker who will be speaking on prayer. Please bring your own tea cup and saucer if you can and a dessert, tea sandwiches or special tea would be appreciated. Please RSVP to Rev. Meredith by 5/15.

Upcoming Birthdays

5/2 – Shirley Hunter and Jeff Kissler, 5/3, Luke Bluey, 5/4 Adrienne Boyd, 5/5, Ford Bentrup, 5/6 – Deborah Clay-Mendez, 5/7, Amanda Kreuzsch, 5/8 – Lock Grigsby, 5/9 – Candi Carpenter and Lovette Elliott, 5/10- Teresa Brunson, 5/13 – Walker Bentrup

April Anniversaries

5/14 – Helen and John Dell

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. Adult Forum (PH), 10 a.m. HE and Healing, 11:15 am – Daughters of the King (large classroom), 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 5/2	7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 5/3	8:45-10:00 am - workout class (PH), 7-8:30 pm – GS Troop 4841 (PH), 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, 5/4	10:00 am HE and Healing, The Fairfax, 12:30 pm – The Pentagon, 6:30-7:30 pm – Women of Spirit (large classroom), 7:30-9:30 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 5/5	8:45-10:00 am – workout class (PH), 9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 5-9:30 pm – Fairfax County Foster Care and Adoption Training (PH and large classroom)
Friday, 5/6	7:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida
Saturday, 5/7	6:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 7-9:00 pm – San Marcos Bible Study (large classroom)

Adult Forum

Today	Christ, Community, Culture (Rogation Sunday)
May 8	Mother's Day Breakfast
May 15	Pentecost
May 22	St. Mark's in the Park
May 29	Memorial Day

