



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 8, 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 Jespersion, Susan Oldow Patterson, Josephine, Linda, Ashley, Avery, Doug, Victoria and family, Walter, Father Paul Platt, Rosalie Duncan, Robert, Smith, Sr. and Jr., Matt, Bill, Al, Gretchen, Gerry Massey, Shawn West, Martise Williams 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, Sue Austin and James Stone.

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:

Join us today at 8:45 am for our Mother's Day Breakfast! Donations benefit the Mission team!

Matching Gift Update:

Thanks to you, we have matched \$1,881 of our \$2,000 Matching Gift Offer. Only \$119 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 \$20,000! 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 21st	Social Saints' Spaghetti Dinner, Talent Show and Raffle (<u>Note Date Change</u>)
May 29 th	Car Wash
June 4 th	Yard Sale

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Open Meeting with River Farm Cooperative School, Tuesday, May 10, at 7:30 pm in the large classroom. All are welcome to attend and Fr. John will bring doughnuts. Discussion to allow River Farm Cooperative to use Sunday School space during the week starting in September. We have been approached by the parents of River Farm as to the possibility of moving to St. Mark's. The twenty students and two teachers would primarily use the small classrooms during the week. They would have access to Patience Hall as well, but always give first use to St. Mark's events. River Farm is particularly oriented to making full use of the outdoors and is excited about our location. Full consideration of wear and tear, utilities and janitorial needs have been included. If you cannot attend, a future date can be arranged. The Vestry will consider the request at their next meeting, May 15th at 11:15. Visitors are always invited but do not have voice or vote at Vestry meetings unless they have been granted privilege or time on the agenda.

We will celebrate Alan Bentrup's ministry with us May 15th. We will be collecting a cash gift for him and envelopes are provided. 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 11th, from 6:30-7:30 PM. We will be reading “Mere Christianity” by C. S. Lewis. Please read Book III, Chapters 7-12, before our meeting. See you then!

Daughters of the King/Josephine Bakhita Chapter will meet 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.

Volunteers needed to read the Gospel next Sunday in various languages: Latin, Spanish, Greek, Russian, Crio, French . . . The Reading is the Gospel of John, Chapter 14, verses 8-27. Please see the Rector.

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!

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.

Tea Party with 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

5/8 – Lock Grigsby, 5/9 – Candi Carpenter and Lovette Elliott, 5/10- Teresa Brunson, 5/13 – Walker Bentrup, 5/14 – Afia Marfo, 5/18 – Grace Hardy, 5/20 – Sylvia Williams, 5/21 – Mike Foughty, 5/24 – Nana Marfo, 5/25 – Fatina Williams, 5/26 – Pat Hoppe, 5/28 – Susan Byers, 5/29 – Elizabeth Biddle

May Anniversaries

5/14 – Helen and John Dell

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, 1:00-3:00 p.m. San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-8:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 5/9	7:00-8:30 p.m. BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 5/10	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, 5/11	10:00 am HE, The Fairfax, 6:30-7:30 pm – Women of Spirit (large classroom), 7:30-9:30 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 5/12	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)
Friday, 5/13	7:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida
Saturday, 5/14	6:00-9:30 pm – Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 6:00-9:00 pm – Eagle Scout Court of Honor (PH), 7-9:00 pm – San Marcos Bible Study (large classroom)

Adult Forum

Today	Mother's Day Breakfast
May 15	Pentecost – The Work of the Church in the World
May 22	St. Mark's in the Park
May 29	Memorial Day
June 5	Ramadan begins, Introduction by Rev. Weatherly