



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.”**

November 13, 2016

Today is Dedication Sunday: As of November 8th, St. Mark's had received 35 pledge cards for 2017 for a total of \$134,132 with an additional \$6, 900 toward the mortgage fund. This is good progress but still far short of what our church needs for next year's operating budget, missions and programs. Please submit your pledge card today, November 13, if you can. This will greatly help our Treasurer and Vestry make plans for the upcoming year when they meet this week.

Confirmation and Reception Classes – 11:15 am – Rector’s Office

Today	The Book of Common Prayer, Marriage, Reconciliation and Death, Ms. Michaelene Miller
November 20	10:00 am – Instructed Eucharist; 11:15 am – The Sacraments
November 27	Introduction to the Episcopal Church
December 4	11:00 am – Confirmation

Now available on the Tract table in the back of the church is “Alleluia! Amen”
A Child’s Guide to Communion.

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, Donna Anderson, Richard Sparks, Phil Brown, Shirley Hunter, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel

Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Don Lopez, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, Carol Farley, Fred Landon and the Magruder/Vangroll families.

Also for our extended family: Emmett S., Cordelia S. Warren S., Shirley and Marva Alums, Abdulazeen W., Liz S., Phyllis Nezat-Biggs, Sylvia and Rev. E. Valverde, John R., D. Crumel, William Pimental, Vicki Robb, Kenneth Leland and family, Ken Crabb and family, friends of Dickie Emerson, Rod Pearson, Sr., Barbara Butler, Richard Stockstill, Carol Ostergard, Chantia Savoy and family and friends of Grace Riggles.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way, we lift up 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.

** Names are kept on the prayer list for four weeks unless requested otherwise. If you would like to add or remove someone, please call the Church office Tuesday-Thursday between 9:00 and 3:00. Thank you. **

Announcements

If you did not receive your Stewardship mailing, pledge cards and information are available on the tract table at the back of the Sanctuary and **if you would like to be added to the weekly St. Mark's e-blast**, please call Mari Tuesday-Thursday at 703-765-3949 or email her at stmarksalex@netzero.net.

The Altar Guild invites you join in an "Advent Event" this coming Saturday, an opportunity to **expect, prepare, celebrate and welcome** with a cup of coffee and goodie in one hand and a cleaning cloth and some polish in the other! **Saturday, November 19, beginning at 8:00 am**, you are asked to come as you are to offer your valuable time to the church. What for? **To expect, prepare, welcome and celebrate the coming of Jesus**. His house is need of some TLC, focusing on the immediate altar area and the silver and brass need a good polish. Please come!

Salvation Army Angel Tree. Every Sunday in November, the Angel Tree sign-up list will be available in the Narthex after the 8:00 and 10:00 services. Please consider "adopting" one of the children or going together with another family – these gifts are usually the **only gifts** the children will receive for Christmas. All gifts must be returned to the church or to Bonnie Wilkins before December 4. Contact her at 703-765-4253 or email greytdog@verizon.net.

Skilled CNA available for morning or evening shifts. Please call Yaa at 703-459-0401.

We need helpers and greeters for our Nurturing Parent dinners, November 30 and December 14. We need 5 or 6 volunteers to assist. Please contact Kathy Hughes or the Rector.

Can you make a commitment to joining one of our Sunday ministries? We have some wonderful ministries for you to consider joining: Altar Guild – Pat Hoppe, Flower Guild – Delsa Chui, Lay Eucharistic Ministers - Donna Anderson, Lectors – Russ Bradley, Intercessors – Jeanne Shafer, Acolytes – Pam Hamrin, Choir – Tatiana Andronikova, Ushers – Wally Tienken, Greeters – Bonnie Wilkins, Tellers – Karen Ashworth, Andronikova and Daughters of the King – Sheryl Sims. Please consider signing up at <https://goo.gl/forms/5jpigHi6Ypqv8y452>.

St. Mark's Book Club will meet tomorrow, Monday, November 14, at 7:00 pm in the large classroom.

UCM is collecting canned goods and gift donations for 1,000 children and must be donated by December 9. Holiday food will be accepted up to one week prior to both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Upcoming Birthdays

11/16 – Francisco Robles, 11/17 – Kara Pantalena, 11/18 – Khayla Rivas,
11/20 – Beth Oakes

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am HE, 9:15 am, Adult Forum (PH), 10 am HE, 11:15 am – Discussion on Letter of Agreement with River Farm School to use Gibson Hall as a school (large classroom), 1:00-4:00 pm San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 4:15 pm – Cherub Music (large classroom)
Monday, 11/14	7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH), 5:00-7:00 pm NVA Tutoring (large classroom)
Tuesday, 11/15	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary), 7-9:00 pm- GS Troop 4841 (PH), 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting (large classroom)
Wednesday, 11/16	10:00 am HE - The Fairfax, 9:30 pm -San Marcos (PH), 5-9 pm – Nurturing Families (PH, GH)

Thursday, 11/17 9:30 am – Morning 9:00 am-12:45 pm – Biology Class (PH), Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 5:00-7:00 pm – NVA Tutoring (classroom), 7-9:30 pm – San Marcos (large classroom), 7-9:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 4841 meeting (PH)

Friday, 11/18 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Saturday, 11/19 9:30-3:00 – Suicide Prevention Workshop (PH), 6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)

Adult Forum - 9:10 am in Patience Hall

Today	Hazardous Saints, Dorothy Day
November 20	The Eucharist Explored
November 27	Hazardous Saints, Oscar Romero
December 4	Bishop Gulick
December 11	Pageant with Live Animals
December 18	Lessons and Carols

The Rev. Cornelia Eaton's Seminarian Support Committee

