



## 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 6, 2016

**Pledge Count:** As of October 31st, St. Mark's has received 30 pledge cards for 2017 for a total of \$113,732 (plus \$3900 toward the mortgage fund). This is great progress for a campaign which is only one month old, but still less than half of what our church needs for next year's operating budget, missions and programs. Please submit a pledge card by Dedication Sunday (November 13th) if you can. This will greatly help our Treasurer and Vestry make plans for the upcoming year.

**And the Winners are Amelie and Charlie Cagle !** The raffle for tickets to the Capitol Steps performance on November 13<sup>th</sup> took place Thursday morning. Names of those who had pledged by the end of October were on slips of paper and put into a large shopping bag and the winning names were drawn. Congratulations to Amelie and Charlie!

### **Prayer for an Election**

*Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges:  
Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and  
representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all  
may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. BCP*

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

Today	No class
November 13	The Book of Common Prayer, Marriage, Reconciliation and Death, Ms. Michaelene Miller
November 20	10:00 am – Instructed Eucharist; 11:15 am – The Sacraments, The Rev. Cornelia Eaton
November 27	Introduction to Holy Scripture
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 and Carol Farley.

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 and Richard Stockstill.

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](mailto:stmarksalex@netzero.net).

**Bishop Johnston** has recently posted an 8 minute video on Proportional Giving and Stewardship at <https://youtube.com/watch?v=DPXL9rtzJK8>.

**The Altar Guild** invites you join in an “Advent Event”!! At this busy time of year an opportunity to **expect, prepare, celebrate and welcome** doesn’t excite most of us but what about a cup of coffee and goodie in one hand and a cleaning cloth and some polish in the other? **On Saturday, November 19, beginning at 8:00 am**, you are asked to come as you are for a few minutes or hours 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. The menu and food purchase will be handled by Kathy Hughes but we need 5 or 6 volunteers to assist. Please contact Kathy or the Rector. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Dates are November 16 and 30 and December 14.

**A church cannot exist** without the wonderful people who make up the congregation of St. Mark’s. Can you make a commitment to joining one of our ministries? We guarantee that the investment is small but the rewards are great. We have some wonderful ministries for you to consider joining. St. Mark’s Ministry Contact List: 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/5jjpgHi6Ypqv8y452>.

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

### **Upcoming Birthdays**

11/6 – Eva Buckles, 11/10 – Kwaku Genfi and Deborah Bergstrom, 11/11 – The Rev. Donna Foughty, Becky Bagdasarian, 11/12 – Laura Landon, Craig Shelton and Belinda Appiah, 11/16 – Francisco Robles, 11/17 – Kara Pantalena, 11/18 – Khayla Rivas, 11/20 – Beth Oakes

### **This Week at St. Mark's**

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am HE and Healing, 9:15 am Adult Forum (PH), 10 am HE and Healing, 1:00-4:00 pm San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
<b>Monday, 11/7</b>	7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH), 5:00-7:00 pm NVA Tutoring (large classroom)
<b>Tuesday, 11/8</b>	5:00 am-9:00 pm – Voting in Patience Hall, 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary)
<b>Wednesday, 11/9</b>	10:00 am HE - The Fairfax, 9:30 pm -San Marcos (PH), 5-9 pm – Nurturing Families (PH, GH)
<b>Thursday, 11/10</b>	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)
<b>Friday, 11/11</b>	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
<b>Saturday, 11/12</b>	9:30-11:00 – Megan Kelly Violin Studio (PH), 6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)

### **Adult Forum - 9:10 am in Patience Hall**

Today	The Rev. Cornelia Eaton and Ms. Michaelene Miller – Discussion of protecting Native American ground and waters from incursion
November 13	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