



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.”

October 23, 2016

Pledge Early and Enter to Win 2 tickets to Capitol Steps Benefit for UCM.

UCM’s Annual Capitol Steps Benefit will take place on Sunday, November 13, in Alexandria. It is anticipated that this will be an exciting concert (taking place right after the election) and will benefit a worthwhile local organization. At the end of October, all pledges received to date will be entered into a raffle to win 2 tickets to this event.

Vestry Every Member Campaign Commitment: “We’re All In.” The

Vestry at St. Mark’s has committed not to take their pledge amount from last year and simply write 2016’s figure on 2017 pledge cards. Instead, they have each prayerfully committed to give mindfully and proportionally, and have submitted their pledge cards. Please follow their lead as you discern how God is calling you to walk more broadly into the generous path He gives others through us. Join us in the commitment. Dedication Sunday is November 13th. Please return your pledge cards by that day!

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	Overview of Church History. The Rev. John A. Weatherly
October 30	The Book of Common Prayer
November 6	Introduction to Holy Scripture, The Rev. Cornelia Eaton
November 13	Marriage, Reconciliation and Death, Ms. Michaelene Miller

November 20 Instructed Eucharist
November 27 Baptism, Creeds and Confirmation, What Next?

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 and Jeanette Parris. 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 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.

** 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

Donut Sale Today to raise funds for Eagle Scout project to improve the trail between St. Mark's and Lee Rec Center.

Open Mosque Day Today. People of all faiths celebrate from 2:00-4:00 pm at 2913 Woodlawn Trail, Alexandria. Free food! Please attend this enriching experience with your family and friends.

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.

Follow Rev. Meredith's El Camino blog at <http://four.womenwalking.blogspot.com/?m=1>.

Cherub Music will meet today at 4:15 pm.

Many thanks to all the young people who helped lead worship last Sunday and especially to Mrs. Ashley Bryda for her direction and guidance.

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 2, 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, Intercrossors – Jeanne Shafer, Acolytes – Pam Hamrin, Choir – Tatiana 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>.

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

In observance of Clergy Appreciation Month members of the Josephine Bakhita Chapter are praying for St. Mark's clergy. We thank them for all that they do regarding the life of St. Mark's. Please join us by including them in your prayers as well.

The DOK Book Study (7 great women) will meet at Irsula Mpouma's house on October 30 to study and discuss the life of Corrie Ten Boom.

Film Festival Today: The Greater Washington Immigration Film Festival at 5:00 pm. "Deportation of Innocence" and "My Grandma's American Dream" will be shown by the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1901 Windmill Lane (just off Fort Hunt Road). \$8.00 at door.

Upcoming Birthdays

10/24 – Mary Stockstill and Abby Sparks, 10/25 – Kelechi Dominic, 10/26 – Daisha Lee

Anniversaries

10/23 – Ann Cherian and Cherian Pulimootil, 10/26 – Rosemary and Ed Kley

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am HE, 9:15 am Adult Forum (PH), 10 am HE, 1:00-4:00 pm San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (Sanctuary), 4:15 pm Cherub Music
Monday, 10/24	7:00-9:00 pm – Vantage Home Owners' Association Meeting (S), 7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH), 5:00-7:00 pm NVA Tutoring (large classroom)
Tuesday, 10/25	7:00-9:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 4841 (PH), 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, 10/26	10:00 am HE - The Fairfax, 7-9:30 pm -San Marcos (PH), 5-9 pm – Nurturing Families (PH, GH)
Thursday, 10/27	9:00 am-12:45 pm – Biology Class (PH), 9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 5:00-7:00 pm – NVA Tutoring (classroom), 7-9:30 pm – San Marcos (large classroom)
Friday, 10/28	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 10/29	6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)

Adult Forum - 9:10 am in Patience Hall

Today	Hazardous Saints, Thomas Cranmer
October 30	Hazardous Saints, Sojourner Truth
November 6	Hazardous Saints, Dorothy Day
November 13	The Eucharist Explored
November 20	Hazardous Saints, Oscar Romero
November 27	
December 4	Bishop Gulick
December 11	Pageant with Live Animals
December 18	Lessons and Carols