



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.”**

September 25, 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, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris and Rod Pearson, Sr.

Also for our extended family: Elizabeth Jenkins, Martise Williams, LaVonne T., Joan Chatmon, the Fullerton family, Karen Mendonca, family and friends of Rosalie Duncan, Corinne Dumont, Isaiah Long, Kimberly Earle, the Magruder 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 and friends of Dickie Emerson.

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

Youth Group Meeting today from 11:30am-1:00 pm in the large classroom.

We need to begin lining up 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 let Kathy or the Rector know. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Dates are October 5 and 19, November 2, 16 and 30 and December 14.

St. Mark's Mortgage balance is now \$206,273.52. Help us eliminate our only capital debt!

Greeters Needed! We are in need of a few new greeters to welcome visitors and members for about 15 minutes before the 10:00 am service. Once a month you get to stand at the front door with a smile, greeting and handshaking. Please contact Bonnie Wilkins at 703-849-8820 or greytdog@verizon.net to join our Gracious Greeters team and help us out.

A church cannot exist without the wonderful people who make up the congregation of St. Mark's. It is that time of year when we begin the Season of Asking – asking you to make a commitment to joining one of our ministries. We guarantee that the commitment is small but the rewards are great. We have some wonderful ministries for you to consider joining. Please consider signing up at <https://goo.gl/forms/5jjpgHi6Ypqv8y452>.

Food Basket at Altar: We return to God for sharing as we are able. Many good canned good sales in our stores. Please remember the poor and hungry as you shop! Our community is experiencing many needy folks and there will be many good drives this fall. Last month we donated over 450 pounds!

Confirmation and reception classes begin October 16 for those in seventh grade and above. Bishop Gulick joins us on December 4th. Classes will be at 11:15 am in the Rector's office. Please see the Rector or Seminarians.

Episcopal Church Women Fall Meeting and UTO Ingathering: The program "Walk in Love" will be led by the Right Reverend Susan E. Goff on Thursday, October 13, at Aquia Episcopal Church, 2938 Jefferson Davis Highway, Stafford, Va. 8:30 am Registration, 1:30 pm Holy Eucharist. Free child care for all ages! Contact Jodie Pully at jodiepully@verizon.net. \$25 Registration fee. Forms and information available in Narthex.

Volunteer Chaplains needed at Inova Alexandria Hospital. Information session on Tuesday, September 27, from 6:30-7:30 pm. Call William Tweedley at 703-504-3809 or email William.tweedley@inova.org for more details.

Exercise your right to vote! October 17 is the last day for registering or changing information. See www.vote.virginia.gov. St. Mark's will be a polling place for some on November 8.

Absentee voting – Willing you be on vacation, working, in a traffic jam, home with sick kids? Beat the crowded lines and register this Saturday, October 1 and the next five Saturdays at your satellite neighborhood location. Bring photo ID or have one made there.

VIC Meeting is October 5 at UCC Church on Windmill Lane, Alexandria, at 11:30 am with lunch. Sharon Bulova will be a guest and talk about issues in Fairfax County. Please see Rosemary Kley if interested in attending.

VOICE (Virginians Organized in Interfaith Community Engagement), are expecting 1,500 at the Annual Rally and Business Meeting on Sunday, October 16, at Oakwood High School, Vienna (exit 92 off I-66), from 3:30-5:30 pm. Be a part of positive change on issues we all care about.

Film Festival: The Greater Washington Immigration Film Festival will be October 23 at 5:00 pm. Two films will be shown in our area by the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. VIC (Ventures in Community), to which St. Mark's belongs, is a sponsor.

Upcoming Birthdays

9/26 – Shannan Cole, 9/28 – Ed Kley, 9/29 – Charlotte Brown, 10/3 – Horatia Elliott, 10/6 – Sidoux Mitchell, 10/12 – Anne Brink, 10/13 – Joanna Wright

Anniversaries

10/6 – Fred and Laura Landon, 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), 4:15-5:00 pm – Cherubs Music (large classroom)

Monday, 9/26 7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH)

- Tuesday, 9/27** 8:45-10:00 am - workout class, if raining (PH), 7:00-9:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 4841 (PH), 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary)
- Wednesday, 9/28** 10:00 am HE The Fairfax, 7-9:30 pm -San Marcos (PH)
- Thursday, 9/29** 9:00 am-12:45 pm – Biology Class (PH), 9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 7:00-9:00 pm – Girl Scout Troop 4841 meeting (PH), 7:00-9:30 pm – San Marcos (large classroom)
- Friday, 9/30** 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
- Saturday, 10/1** 6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)

Adult Forum - 9:10 am in Patience Hall

- Today Meet Ms. Michaelene Miller, Seminarian
- October 2 St. Francis and the Muslims
- October 9 Why an Everymember Canvass?
- October 16 Electronic Giving
- October 23 Hazardous Saints, Barnabas
- October 30 Hazardous Saints, Thomas Cranmer
- November 6 Hazardous Saints, Sojourner Truth
- November 13 Hazardous Saints, Dorothy Day
- November 20 The Eucharist Explored
- November 27 The Rev. Meredith T. Heffner

Confirmation and Reception Classes - 11:10 am in Rector's office

- October 16 The Promises We Make, The Rev. John A. Weatherly
- October 23 Overview of Church History
- October 30 The Book of Common Prayer
- November 6 Introduction to Holy Scripture
- November 13 Marriage, Reconciliation and Death
- November 20 Instructed Eucharist
- November 27 Baptism, Creeds and Confirmation, What Next?