

## **ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:  
Offering Good News in the midst of a confusing world.”  
December 3, 2017

**Special Offerings:** Special envelopes for Christmas Flowers and for our part-time staff are found in the bulletin today. All names received by **December 17<sup>th</sup>** for flowers will be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service bulletin. Please make donations to St. Mark’s Episcopal Church and its purpose on the notation line. The loose offering today will be designated for the Bishop’s Discretionary Fund.

### **Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests**

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Phil Brown, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, Carol Farley, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, Emily Davis, Kent White, Tyler Chui, Betty Hughes, Rosemarie Beyma & the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Rebecca Carrier, Beth Oakes.

Extended family: Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Col. Wil Scudder, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, John Savage, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Joe Farren, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Emmett Sims, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Carol Rose, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, Steve Berry.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm’s way, we lift up Colin Maloney, Robert Payne, Tim, Emily and family, Walter Smiley, Andrew Kley, Pat Foughty and Brian Talay. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

**Bishop Visitation:** Suffragan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff will visit with us today, on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 10:00am service. There will be Baptism and Confirmation. Please join us for a reception after the service.

### **YOUR PLEDGE IS NEEDED!**

**PLEDGES RECEIVED TO DATE: 50**  
**TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED @12/3: \$180,723.00**  
**MORTGAGE PLEDGES@12/3: \$7,540.00**

**2016 – Units pledged – 50/Totaling; \$178,672**  
**2015 – Units pledged – 51/Totaling: \$171,780**

## Announcements

**Wednesdays in December Potluck:** Join us for dinner this Wednesday and the next at 6:30 p.m. for Fairfax County's Nurturing Parent's Program. We gather for potluck and fellowship the first and third Wednesday of each month. Under the tutelage of Kathy Hughes, we will provide a main course, i.e. lasagna, baked chicken or meatloaf. We need help preparing at 5:00pm, serving at 6:30pm and cleaning up at 7:30pm. Dinner will start at 6:30 and finish by 7:15. Spanish language classes in parenting will begin at 7:30. Come and join us!

**Christmas Pageant:** The Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> during the 10:00 AM service. All children and youth are invited to participate. We will get in costume and rehearse at 9:00am on December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please be on time. Also, during Sunday School on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Sunday School teachers will work with the children and youth to select the appropriate costume. If possible, please have your child/youth attend Sunday School on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you have any questions, please see Pam Hamrin.

**Room for Rent:** Spacious basement apartment for college student or professional adult Parish member. For more details, please contact Rev. Weatherly.

**New Hope Housing:** New Hope Housing, serving the Route 1 corridor has received 200 Thanksgiving meals from individuals, groups and businesses. More are expected for Christmas. Volunteers are preparing meals at each of the shelter sites. If you would like to contribute or volunteer visit the New Hope website contact Sami Smyth, at [ssmyth@newhopehousing.org](mailto:ssmyth@newhopehousing.org) or 703-799-2293 ext. 11 for more information.

**Salvation Army Angel Tree:** Thank you so much!! All 50 Angels (children) have been sponsored. We appreciate your support of this Outreach Project. A special thanks to Bonnie Wilkins for spear heading this project. If you have any questions, please contact her at 703-765-4253 or email, [greytdog@verizon.net](mailto:greytdog@verizon.net)

**San Marcos Coat/Glove Drive:** San Marcos will be sponsoring a coat/glove drive for the homeless in December. Please bring all donations to St. Mark's by December 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please see Rev. Weatherly.

**Prayer List:** The Prayer List for St. Mark's is located in the red folder in the Narthex. It will be updated as names are added. Names are kept for 30 days unless otherwise requested.

**An Invitation to Join the Vestry :**The Vestry is seeking six (6) interested persons who may fulfill the following requirements: a confirmed adult (at least 16 years old) communicant of the Parish in good standing ( being regular in attendance); and "known to the Treasurer".

The Canons establish four primary goals for the Vestry:

1. Cooperate with the Rector in the support of the spiritual welfare of the Parish and assist him or her in his duties.
2. Care and trust of Parish finances.
3. Care and trust of Parish buildings and property (appoint trustees, enter into contracts pertaining to property, e.g.).
4. Choose leadership of the church (Rector, Wardens, and representatives to the Diocesan convention) and certify candidates for ordination as a deacon or priest.

Plus, have a willingness to dedicate time and energy for the health and future of the parish, attend regular worship, events and all vestry meetings.

Vestry members serve for three year terms, unless they are filling an unexpired term.

Any interested persons please let any present member of the Vestry know. The Annual Meeting will be January 28<sup>th</sup>. The Vestry retreat to Roslyn will be March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **Vestry Declaration**

Before becoming a member of the Vestry, under the Canons of the Diocese of Virginia each person must subscribe the following declaration and promise:

*“I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrines, worship and discipline of The Episcopal Church; and I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of Vestry member of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Potomac Region, Diocese of Virginia, according to my best knowledge and skill”.*

**Outreach:** Please check board in the Narthex to see upcoming opportunities. As St. Mark’s parishioners, positively engage our community by reaching out!

**E-giving** –Getting started with online giving is easy. Visit [stmarksalex.org](http://stmarksalex.org) and click the “Donate Now” link to create an account and make your donation.

**Please wear your name tag!** If you need one, please let us know.



### **Upcoming Birthdays**

12/3 – Ethan Morrison

12/4 – John Carpenter/Anna Webber/Pam Smith/Allison Foster/Zoe Buckles

12/5 – Bill Mendez, Jr.

12/7 – Kendra Scott

12/9 – Tom McIntyre

12/9 – Jimmy Bailes



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

- Today 8:00 am – First Advent, HE and Healing, The Rev. Donna Foughty, Preacher  
10:00 am-HE and Confirmation, The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Suffragan Bishop  
1:00 – Bishop Goff at San Marcos (S, PH, GH)  
3:00-7:00 pm – Girl Scouts (PH)  
4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
- Monday, 12/4 7:00-8:30 pm-BS Troop 4077 (PH)
- Tuesday, 12/5 7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
- Wednesday, 12/6 10:30 am – HE and Healing – The Fairfax, The Rev. John Weatherly  
12:30 pm – Pentagon Eucharist, The Rev. John Weatherly, Celebrant & Preacher  
6:30 pm – Nurturing Families at St. Mark's  
7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
- Thursday, 12/7 9:30 am – Morning Prayers  
10:00 am – Holy Folders
- Friday, 12/8 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
- Saturday, 12/9 1:30 – 4:30 pm – Truth Deliverance Center  
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (S)

### **Adult Education Forum**

- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Pageant  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Lesson and Carols: The Story Behind the Story  
Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> No Forum – Services only at 8:00 am/5:00 pm/9 pm  
Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Wassel  
Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> Epiphany – Visitors Bearing Gifts



***“Enter to Worship – Exit to Service”***