



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:
inviting, embracing and serving community
offering Good News in the midst of a
confusing world.”**

April 30, 2017

Invite, Welcome and Connect

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Through the season of Easter and Pentecost, St. Mark’s is going to try to model a pattern of Invitation, Welcome, and Connection. We will invite our neighbors to join us in worship and fellowship, welcome them when they arrive, and work to connect them and ourselves, in this community God has given us and Christ has shaped. Today, and hopefully on every Sunday of the month, members of your Vestry, clergy and seminarians invite all, and especially newcomers to the parish, to join us for coffee and conversation after worship. The first Sunday of the month will be an open forum for those interested in how to become more engaged in parish life. 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.

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Clara Bottner, Beth Oakes, Donna Anderson, Nell Brill, Richard Sparks, Phil Brown, 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, the Magruder/Vangroll families, the Lewis/Gallimore families, Mary Jane Stockstill and Kevan Campbell.

Also for our extended family: Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Rod Pearson, Sr., Richard Stockstill, Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Carol Ostergard, Col. Wil Scudder, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jenny Schmidt, Vicki Robb, Kent White, Jean Blair and Ed Duffy.

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 and Pat Foughty. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

Announcements

St. Mark's Mortgage Balance is \$179,927.61. If you can make a gift to lower the balance, it would be greatly appreciated.

Saturday, April 29th, was our International Dinner. Sing, dance, play an instrument, stand-up comedy, whatever, was revealed. All were encouraged and welcome! Thanks for all who participated in our Dinner and Talent Show this weekend!

St. Mark's Summer Music Program for Children. This summer, during the time we normally hold Sunday School, your Vestry has hired a trained children's music person to teach choral singing to our children. Practice will be held during the first part of the 10:00 am worship, about 40 minutes, then the children will join their parents for Eucharist at the Peace. Please see Pamela Hamrin or Donna Anderson for further information. This will be for any child who shows up on any particular Sunday and does not require weekly attendance.

E-giving – Earlier this year, St. Mark's introduced e-giving as another option for fulfilling your pledge or making a donation. Now, you can help us track your online giving by placing an "I Give Online" card in the collection plate each Sunday. These cards are available in each pew. Getting started with online giving is easy. Visit stmarksalex.org and click the "Donate Now" link to create an account and make your donation.

Give electronically to the ministries of St. Mark's! Your help is needed to fund our 2017 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation, June 23 to July 1. Twenty-three St. Mark's and San Marcos' Missioners are signed up to go and we have raised about \$12,000 of the \$22,000 needed. Our next fundraiser is a Mother's Day Breakfast and our first car wash on May 7, during St. Mark's in the Park. We are planning a Yard Sale and one more car wash in June. **If you would like to make a donation to the Mission Trip Fund directly,** envelopes are in the back of the church.

Please wear your name tag! If you do not have a name tag or need a replacement, please let us know.

Training the Trainer Workshop: June 1, 2 and 3. This is designed especially for persons who have previously taken the Anti-racism training, "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other." If you want to attend the Training the Trainer workshop but have not taken this workshop, please take the May 24 and 25 workshop at the Diocesan Center in Baltimore of the April/May workshops. For information and/or to register, contact, Adam Barner at abarner@episcopalmaryland.org.

Kitchen Supplies: If you have left any personal pots, pans, dishes, etc., please feel free to take them home.

National Geographic's Gender Revolution: A Journey with Katie Couric:

Saturday, May 14, Christ Church, 118 N. Washington Street. Join us for a screening and panel discussion from 4:00-7:00 pm. Contact Beth at pflag.alexandria@gmail.com or 202-669-4549 with any questions.

Red Tent Weekend, May 12-13. Women only weekend at Roslyn Retreat to nourish the mind, body and soul. \$125 per person. Share wisdom and wine at a BYOB evening around the fireplace. Saturday includes buffet breakfast, nature walk or yoga class (\$10), Set and knit or crochet, creative craft project, lunch in dining hall, massage (\$55+ tip). Call 800-477-6296 to make reservations.

May 20th at 10:00 am – Institution of the Rev. **Meredith Heffner** as Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Potomac, MD. Please RSVP: office@stjamespotomac.org or call 301-762-8040. Car pool? Let's meet at St. Mark's at 8:50 am.

USPS Food Drive, May 13th. Please leave nonperishables in a bag by your mailbox and the USPS will deliver them to area food banks.

Upcoming Birthdays

5/2 – Shirley Hunter, 5/3 – Luke Bluey, 5/4 – Adrienne Boyd, 5/6 – Deborah Clay-Mendez, 5/7 – Patricia Owoso, 5/8 – Lock Grigsby, 5/9 – Candi Carpenter and Lovette Elliott, 5/14 – Afia Marfo

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE, 9:15 am Adult Forum, 10:00 am - HE, 1:00-4:00 pm – San Marcos (S, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (S)
Monday, 5/1	7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 5/2	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm- GS Troop 4841 (PH)
Wednesday, 5/3	10:30 am HE, The Fairfax, 12:30 pm – HE, The Pentagon, 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 5/4	9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (large classroom)
Friday, 5/5	7-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 5/6	7:00- 9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)

Adult Forums

April 30th to May 30th – Living the Questions/Honoring Creation

Today	The Prophetic Jesus
May 7	St. Mark's in the Park, Picnic after! (Seminarians' last Sunday)
May 14	Evil, Suffering and A God of Love
May 21	The Myth of Redemptive Violence
May 28	Practicing Resurrection

Upcoming Important Dates

May 7	St. Mark's in the Park, Picnic, car wash
May 14	Mother's Day Breakfast – 9:00-10:00 am, 11:15 am – Vestry Meeting
May 20	River Farm Cooperative School/St. Mark's Yard Sale Fundraiser for Mission Trip