

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

August 20th, 2017

A note from Shrine Mont:

Last weekend, 30 St. Mark’s parishioners made their way to Orkney Springs, VA for a wonderful weekend filled with food, swimming, hay riding, ice cream, bonfires, s’mores, more food and zip-lining. It was a wonderful, relaxing time in a little piece of heaven on earth. More pictures will be posted soon.

Think about joining us next year—just ask any of us who went to learn about the fun, food, and learning we had.

Blessings,

The Rev. Donna Foughty

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, Bonnie Wilkins, Rosemarie Beyma & the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen.



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, Timmy Carper, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb.

We also pray for those who have died, especially Andrew O’Connor.

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

UCM’s Back Porch :

Doing fall cleaning? Consider donating clean & gently used clothing, furniture & household items to UCM’s Back Porch Thrift Store! This time of year, school supplies & food are also greatly appreciated. For more information, visit:

<http://www.backporchthrift.org/donate.html> (Back Porch) or

<http://www.ucmagency.org/give-to-ucm.html> (food/other donations).



LAST WEEK TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR PHOTO SESSION!

This is the last week to schedule your photo session for the new church directory. Each family will receive a free 8x10 print of their portrait. Dates are August 21st & 22nd from 2-9pm. Sign up online at the LifeTouch (formerly Olan Mills) website:

<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y3tycmrs/>



Lifetouch will give a \$5 discount coupon to apply towards any portrait purchase if you make a contribution to UCM or bring non-perishable food to donate to UCM when you come for your portrait.

Can't make these dates? Call the church office and talk to Madeline for more information about how to schedule a make-up photography session.

Do you have church keys? If you have keys to the church doors that you no longer need, please turn them in to the office or to the clergy. Please put your name with the keys so we can remove your name from the key log. If you have a key and still need it, please let the office know.



Sunday School: Children's Sunday School will begin on September 17. There will be registration on September 3 and 10. Also on September 10 we will have the Sunday School teachers available during the Coffee Hour. **ALSO: We are still in need of one teacher.** See Pam Hamrin or Donna Anderson if you are interested. We will be having a meeting of Sunday School teachers on August 27 after 10:00 AM service to discuss the calendar, curriculum, and other upcoming events.

The River Farm Cooperative School: We're a small, private school for grades K-6th. We focus on elements that we feel are missing from traditional curricula: foreign language (Spanish), inquiry-based, self-paced learning, thematic/integrative educational models in mixed-aged classes (with frequent field trips), lots of time in nature & on weekly hikes, & the arts/creative movement. In addition to all of these elements, we provide top-notch academic instruction! Visit us: www.riverfarmcooperative.com. We still have spaces for this Fall!



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

St. Mark's Summer Music Program for Children: Diane Kutz and Madeline Murchie-Beyma will continue to teach choral singing to our children during the 10 a.m. service until September 10. Children join their parents at the peace.

E-giving –Getting started with online giving is easy. Visit 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.

Special Events

Open Mosque Day: Interfaith dialogue is cooperative, constructive & positive interaction between people of different religious traditions and/or spiritual beliefs. Please join ICNA Islamic Center for a national ICNA Open Mosque Day campaign. All are invited to come on August 19th, from 2 pm to 4 PM to ICNA Islamic Center, 2913 Woodlawn Trl, Alexandria, VA 22306. We will have a short lecture, Q & A session, general dialogue, and food. If you wish, you can even bring a dish to share your culture!

Mount Vernon Day to Serve: Join us at Heritage Presbyterian Church on Sep. 16 from 9-11 to assemble Power Packs (weekend meals for elementary students). Non-perishable drinks/food are needed. Donations will be collected until the 10th in the "Day to Serve" box in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Pamela at 703-768-2319.



Upcoming Birthdays

8/22—Mathilda Williams

8/23—Charlie Cagle, Rob Bluey

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE, 9:15-9:50am—adult forum, 1:00-4:00 pm – San Marcos (S, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (S)
Monday, 8/21	2:00 pm-9:00pm—LifeTouch portrait sessions
Tuesday, 8/22	2:00 pm-9:00pm—LifeTouch portrait sessions 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary),
Wednesday, 8/23	10:30 a.m. HE and Healing, The Fairfax, 12:30 p.m. 7:00-9:00 p.m. – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 8/24	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 8/25	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 8/26	7:00 - 9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)



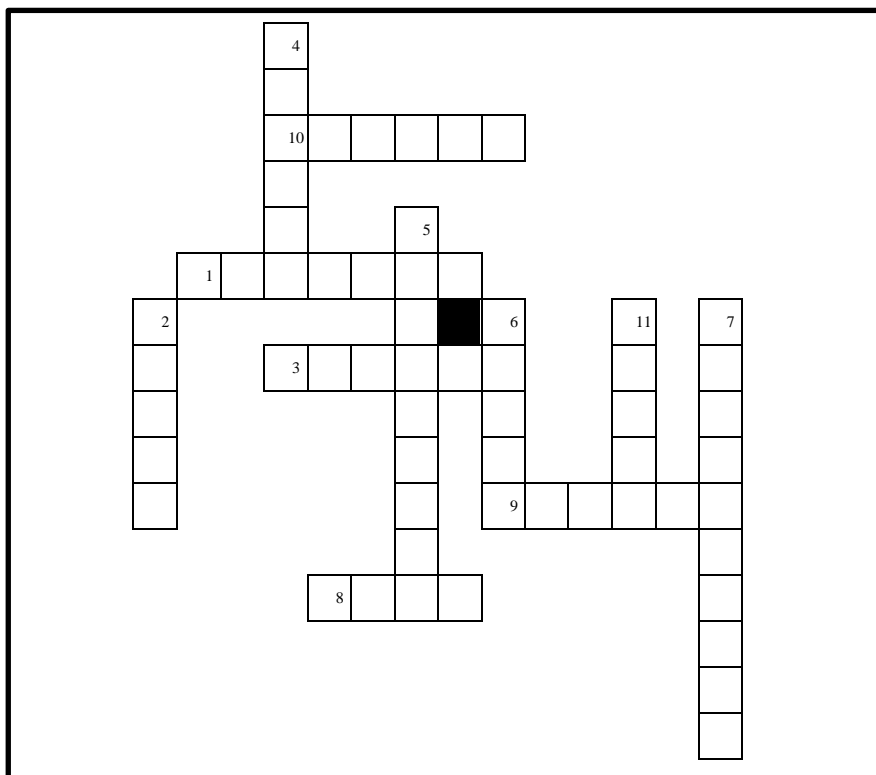
Adult Forums

Today, August 20	Creation (The Rev. Donna Foughty)
August 27	A Passion for Christ: Paul (The Rev. John A. Weatherly)

Upcoming Important Dates

August 27	Sunday School teacher's meeting
August 21 st & 22 nd	LifeTouch Directory portrait sessions
September 10	Sunday School registration opens
September 20	6:00 pm: Begin Nurturing Families program
September 16	Day to Serve (at Heritage Presbyterian Church)

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



Across

1. The first reading for this Sunday comes from this book
3. Whose brothers sold him as a slave in today's readings?
8. If you no longer need them, please return church _____ to the office!
9. The Book of Common _____.
10. Today's second reading comes from this book.

Down

2. "...it is not what goes into the _____ that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."
4. "It is like the dew of _____/ that falls upon the hills of Zion."
5. This week is your **LAST CHANCE** to sign up for a photo session for the new _____!
6. "I was sent only to the lost _____ of the house of Israel."
7. "Listen and _____"
11. "How good and pleasant it is to live in _____!"