



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.”**

January 15, 2017

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, 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, Fred Landon, the Lewis family, the Magruder/Vangroll families and Kevan Campbell.

Also for our extended family: Emmett Sims, Liz S., Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Sylvia Valverde, John R., D. Crumel, William Pimental, Rod Pearson, Sr., Richard Stockstill, Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Betty Hall, Paula Martin Derr, Frank Derr and family, MJ Weir and family, friends of Bob Janus, Zoran Jakovac, John Gray and Tara Wilkins.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm’s way, we lift up Colin Maloney, Robert Payne, 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.

Announcements

The Nominating Committee for the Vestry is seeking candidates willing to serve on the Vestry for three and one year terms. You must be at least 16, a Communicant and known to the Treasurer, and willing to serve. Our Vestry retreat this year will be February 11th and 12th at Roslyn, in Richmond, and

attendance is necessary. Meetings are held usually after service the second Sunday of the month or at 7:30 pm the second Tuesday of the month. Mr. Russell Bradley, the outgoing Senior Warden, is the chair of the committee and is willing to inform interested persons of the many duties and responsibilities.

Can you make a commitment to joining one of our Sunday ministries? We have some wonderful ministries for you to consider joining: Altar Guild – Pat Hoppe, Flower Guild – Delsa Chui, Lay Eucharistic Ministers - Donna Anderson, Lectors – Russ Bradley, Intercessors – Jeanne Shafer, Acolytes – Pam Hamrin, Choir – Tatiana Andronikova, Ushers – Wally Tienken, Greeters – Bonnie Wilkins, Tellers – Karen Ashworth and Daughters of the King – Sheryl Sims. Please consider signing up at <https://goo.gl/forms/5jpigHi6Ypqv8y452>.

Region VI Episcopal Churches Plan Lenten Program: Lent, this year, begins March 1st, with Ash Wednesday services at 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. On four consecutive Wednesdays, four local Episcopal Churches are joining together for potluck and discussion. This year the focus will be on Sacred Space and Sacred Time. We will begin Wednesday night, March 8th, with dinner at 6:30 pm at St. Mark's. At 7:15 we will have our discussion, led by the Rev. Cornelia Eaton, discussing the Dine' understanding of Sacred Space and Time. Three following Wednesdays, we will meet in turn at All Saint's, Sharon Chapel, Olivet and Church of the Spirit. The hosting parish provides the soup, salad, bread and drinks.

Shrove Tuesday Dinner is February 28th from 5:00-7:00 pm and will be a fundraiser for this year's Mission Trip to Navajoland.

UCM: The Heart of the Community: January 16th at 9:00 am at Burke Lake Park, Shelter C - MLK 10K Trail Run and 5K Run/Walk. Sign up at metrurunwalkspringfield.com.

A Memorial Fund has been established in **thanksgiving for the life of Shirley Hunter**. If you would like to donate to it, please be sure to include a note as to the check's purpose, and the family will be notified of your generosity.

The Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter first opened 30 years ago. Winter is here and all local shelters are operating with warm food, a place to sleep and a kind smile from volunteers, supported by our local agencies. Thank you to all who have donated time, warm winter gear and food.

Upcoming Birthdays

1/15 – Wally Tienken, 1/16 – Linda Berg and William Connor Gormas, 1/17 – Mahlon Drabick, 1/20 – Steven Hughes and Ethan Luxner, 1/25 – Janice Sheppard-Stringfellow, 1/26 – Tom Gorman, 1/28 – Mari Gibson, 1/29 – Sarah Mendez, 1/31 – Nina Dominic

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am HE, 10:00 am HE, 1:00-4:00 pm San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 1/16	7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 1/17	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm- GS Troop 4841 (PH)
Wednesday, 1/18	10:30 am HE - The Fairfax, 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 1/19	9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 9:00 am-12:45 pm – Biology Class (PH), 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 5:00-7:00 pm – 7:00- 9:30 pm – San Marcos (large classroom)
Friday, 1/20	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 1/21	6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Forum Discussion Sundays at 9:10 am

Today	Meredith's last Sunday
1/22	Budget Discussion for 2017
1/29	Annual Meeting

Calendar

Today	11:15 am Potluck Farewell lunch for Meredith
1/16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
1/29	Annual Meeting, 11:15 am

