



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 1, 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, Shirley Hunter, 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, Vicki Robb, Kenneth Leland and family, Ken Crabb and family, friends of Dickie Emerson, Rod Pearson, Sr., Barbara Butler, Richard Stockstill, Carol Ostergard, Chantia Savoy, Monica Hietsch, family and friends of Grace Riggles, E. Ray Antone of Machias, Maine who is very ill and close family friend of the Dells, Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Sally Belk, Terry Swette, Carly Allphin, Chris Coley, Keitch and family, Betty Hall, Paula Martin Derr, Frank Derr and family and MJ Weir.

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

Pledge Count: As of November 30th, St. Mark's has received 62 pledge cards for 2017 for a total of \$202,692 (plus over \$7,000 toward the mortgage fund.) We are making progress but still need more pledges to meet our goals. If you haven't submitted a pledge card already, please consider filling one out as soon as possible to help our Treasurer and Vestry make plans for the upcoming year.

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, Andronikova and Daughters of the King – Sheryl Sims. Please consider signing up at <https://goo.gl/forms/5jjpgHi6Ypqv8y452>.

St. Mark's Book Group meets Monday, January 2, at 7:00 pm in the library.

Please join us on January 6th for the Region 6 Epiphany Service and Dinner with San Marcos and Mariachi Band at 6:30 pm. This will be a farewell for Adolfo, whose last Sunday is January 8th.

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.

A heartfelt 'thank you' to all who made a contribution to St. Mark's part-time employees.

The Eleanor U. Kennedy Shelter 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

1/1 – Jackie Cerio and Nana Ame Marfo, 1/2 - Jeanne Shafer, 1/3 –Ann Sparks,
1/6 – Sheryl Sims and Linda Larson, 1/8 – Brenda Huber, 1/11 – Amber Wihshi,
1/13 – Will Miles, 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 and Healing, 10:00 am HE and Healing, 1:00-4:00 pm San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 1/2	Office closed, 7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 1/3	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm- GS Troop 4841 (PH)
Wednesday, 1/4	10:00 am HE and Healing - The Fairfax, 12:30 – HE and Healing – The Pentagon, 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 1/5	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, 1/6	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 1/7	6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Forum Discussion Sundays at 9:10 am

1/8	The Camino, Meredith and friends
1/15	Meredith's last Sunday
1/22	Budget Discussion for 2017
1/29	Annual Meeting

Calendar

- 1/12 Holy Folders lunch with Meredith
- 1/15 11:15 am Potluck Farewell lunch for Meredith. Please send pictures to JWeathe951@aol.com.