



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 29, 2017

Today - Annual Meeting at 11:00 am!

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, 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, MJ Weir and family, friends of Bob Janus, John Gray, Gerry Cox, Col. (Ret.) Don Carter, Tara Wilkins and Kent White.

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

!!!Don't forget the 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!!!**

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.

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.

VIC meeting, 2/1 at 7:00 pm at Mt. Vernon Hospital (Blue entrance) to accommodate those not able to attend day meeting. See Rosemary Kley if interested.

Upcoming UCM Events: **Free financial counseling** once each month. Registration required. See bulletin board.

Thrifty Thursdays – free budgeting classes at South County Government Building. Register at crogers@britepaths.org. See bulletin board.

Valentine Dinner and Dance, Saturday, 2/11, at 7:00 pm. Good Shepherd Catholic church, Creedon Hall. Benefits UCM Progresso Center for Literacy and Citizenship.

SOUPer Saturday: 2/18, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, Torpedo Factory.

Upcoming Birthdays

1/29 – Sarah Mendez, 1/31 – Nina Dominic, 2/2 – Candace Fisher and Heather Tomaszek, 2/7 – Tracy Tienken, 2/9 – Kristina Campbell

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am HE, 9:15 am – Adult Forum, 10:00 am HE, 11:00 am – Annual Meeting, 1:00-4:00 pm San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 1/30	7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 1/31	10:30 am Bible Study. All welcome! (large classroom), 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm- GS Troop 4841 (PH)
Wednesday, 2/1	10:30 am HE and Healing - The Fairfax, 12:30 pm – HE and Healing – The Pentagon, 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 2/2	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, 2/3	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 2/4	6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Forum Discussion Sundays at 9:10 am

Today	Annual Meeting
2/5	Report from Michaelene Miller on her adventures
2/12	Report from the Rev. Cornelia Eaton on her adventures

Calendar

2/5	Scout Sunday, “Souper Bowl” Sunday
2/8	Fairfax County Public Hearing on River Farm Parent’s Cooperative at St. Mark’s
2/11-12	Vestry Retreat, Roslyn
2/28	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

THE RIVER FARM COOPERATIVE HOMESCHOOL PROFILE

Based in Alexandria, Virginia, the River Farm Cooperative (RFC) is a parent-owned homeschool cooperative offering a dynamic elementary program for children in grades K - 5. RFC's nature-based program is based on the premise that both parents and children are integral parts of a school community of lifelong learners.

School Day. The RFC school day is 8:45am-3pm, Monday through Friday from September through May. Families may bring their children as early as 8:30am. Two full-time teachers are present at all times, and parent helpers join the staff at 12pm daily and until the last child is picked up at the end of the school day. RFC's students are away on a field trip 1-2 days per month.

Enrollment. RFC's student body is currently divided into two classrooms, each with its own full-time professional teacher: a Lower Class with children in grades k-2, and an Upper Class with children in grades 3-5. The maximum number of total RFC students is 24. Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year is 22 students.

Non-Discrimination Policy. RFC was founded in 2014 with a mission to foster a life-long love of learning. In order to facilitate such a passion, the founders emphasized small class sizes, interpersonal, academic, and nature-based rubrics for learning and age appropriate strategies for community partnership, social justice, and respect for all. This focus on good citizenship extends to RFC's admissions and hiring practices. RFC is strongly committed to providing equal employment opportunity for all employees, applicants for employment, and for all students and applicants for admission. All employment and employee or student applicant decisions at RFC—including those relating to hiring, promotion, transfers, benefits, compensation, placement and termination—will be made without regard to an individual's race, color, religion, creed, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, marital status, veteran status, or any other status protected by applicable law. RFC believes this is the only acceptable way to operate.

For more information, please contact RFC's Presidents – Mark and Lindsey Vick, at 703-489-9728 or 703-489-0754, respectively.

Fairfax County Zoning Hearing, February 8th at 9:00 am.