



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.”**

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What is the Anglican Communion? Fact Sheet and Glossary

- “A worldwide family of churches”; term “Anglican Communion” coined in 1885
- Organized into 38 geographical provinces (some national, some regional) encompassing 161 countries with a total of 70,000,000+ members
- Each of the 38 provinces is autonomous (independent, self-governing), with oversight by a chief bishop or Primate, whose role is distinguished by the fact that they have responsibilities beyond their diocese
- The result of 17th century spread of the British Empire through colonization in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Southern Africa, and North America and then by church’s 19th and 20th century missionary expansion in Asia, Africa and Latin America, in what was to become the British Commonwealth
- A majority of Anglicans today are from the Global South, rather than from Europe and North America
- Provinces are composed of dioceses (smaller geographical units), each of which is overseen by a bishop (Latin *episcopus*); it is the diocese that is the distinctive, basic ecclesiastical unit of the Anglican tradition, rather than the parish, or local church, as is the case in many parts of Protestant Christianity
- The spiritual head of the Anglican Communion is the Archbishop of

Canterbury, where the church in England was established in 597 C.E. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the head of the Church of England, and his leadership is not legally binding except in this, the Archbishop's home Province

- Churches who are officially recognized, or "in communion with," the Archbishop of Canterbury (who among the Anglican Primates is called *primus inter pares*, "the first among equals") are by definition part of the Anglican Communion; The Anglican Communion has no controlling executive figure (such as the Pope), no central administrative/executive body, and no controlling legislative body

- Lambeth Conference: Meeting of all the Bishops of the Anglican Communion once every ten years (began in 1867 because of conflicts over the interpretation and authority of Scripture with regard to Genesis!). It is called and presided over by the Archbishop of Canterbury at the Archbishop's official residence, Lambeth Palace. Resolutions passed by the Lambeth Conferences are advisory — they have primarily moral, rather than legally binding, authority

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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, 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, Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Sally Belk, Terry Swette, Carly Allphin, Chris Coley, Keitch and family, Betty Hall, Paula Martin Derr, Frank Derr and family, MJ Weir and family and friends of Bob Janus.

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 January 5th, St. Mark's has received 70 pledges for a total of \$215,252, plus an additional \$7,150 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>.

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

1/8 – 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, 11:15 am – Vestry Meeting, 1:00-4:00 pm San Marcos (Sanctuary, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (Sanctuary)
Monday, 1/9	7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 1/10	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm- GS Troop 4841 (PH)
Wednesday, 1/11	10:30 am HE - The Fairfax, 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 1/12	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, 1/13	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 1/14	6:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Forum Discussion Sundays at 9:10 am

Today	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
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