



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

May 21, 2017

Invite, Welcome and Connect

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Through the season of Easter and Pentecost, St. Mark’s is going to try to model a pattern of Invitation, Welcome, and Connection. We will invite our neighbors to join us in worship and fellowship, welcome them when they arrive, and work to connect them and ourselves, in this community God has given us and Christ has shaped. Today, and hopefully on every Sunday of the month, members of your Vestry and clergy invite all, and especially newcomers to the parish, to join us for coffee and conversation after worship. The first Sunday of the month will be an open forum for those interested in how to become more engaged in parish life. 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.

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Clara Bottner, Beth Oakes, Donna Anderson, Nell Brill, 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, Mary Jane Stockstill, Kevan Campbell and Emily Davis.

Also for our extended family: Phyllis Nezar-Biggs, Rod Pearson, Sr., Richard Stockstill, Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Carol Ostergard, Col. Wil Scudder, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jenny Schmidt, Vicki Robb, Kent White, Jean Blair and Ed Duffy.

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

St. Mark's Mortgage Balance is \$179,927.61. If you can make a gift to lower the balance, it would be greatly appreciated.

Daughters of the King Tea Invitation:

Welcoming all women to a summertime tea with good food and fellowship.

Saturday, June 10 from 2:00-4:00 pm in Patience Hall.

Please RSVP by May 20 to Sheryl Sims at sesims@goodwin.com

or 571-326-1983.

Shrine Mont 2017

Suddenly summer is upon us and so it is time to plan for St. Mark's weekend at Shrine Mont.

One of the things I have been waiting on has been the calendar for Fairfax Schools so we are not too close to their opening.

I am sure many of you know schools will open August 28 this year which will push our dates a bit further back into August.

So, while the area around here will be hot and sticky we can all take a couple of days in the much cooler mountains and I can assure you the cost will be a lot less than finding a cabin in the mountains in August.

I have been working on a theme for this year and have a couple of things on the table. I hope to have it all nailed down shortly. I can tell you that we will be doing an intergenerational program (though with some time for just parents and just the kids). It will also involve art projects to engage everyone as we did last year.

On the back of this sheet there is an 'INTEREST SHEET' for those thinking to join us. Even if you are not sure but think you would like to join us please fill out the sheet and give it to Mother Donna or leave in the office.

I will need these back before the end of May

Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing you at Shrine Mont!

Blessings,

Mother Donna

Outreach: Please check board in Narthex to see the many upcoming opportunities available. As St. Mark's parishioners, we can participate in, and positively engage, our community as we reach out!

St. Mark's Summer Music Program for Children starts June 18th. This summer, during the time we normally hold Sunday School, your Vestry has hired a trained children's music person to teach choral singing to our children. Practice will be held during the first part of the 10:00 am worship, about 40 minutes, then the children will join their parents for Eucharist at the Peace. Please see Pamela Hamrin or Donna Anderson for further information. This

will be for any child who shows up on any particular Sunday and does not require weekly attendance.

Vacation Bible School:

Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Vacation Bible School
July 31- August 4
9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Register in the Narthex today

E-giving – Earlier this year, St. Mark's introduced e-giving as another option for fulfilling your pledge or making a donation. Now, you can help us track your online giving by placing an "I Give Online" card in the collection plate each Sunday. These cards are available in each pew. Getting started with online giving is easy. Visit stmarksalex.org and click the "Donate Now" link to create an account and make your donation.

Give electronically to the 2017 Mission Trip! Your help is needed to fund our 2017 Mission Trip to the Navajo Nation, June 23 to July 1. Twenty-three St. Mark's and San Marcos' Missioners are signed up to go and we have raised about \$19,000 of the \$22,000 needed. Our next fundraiser is a Yard Sale and one more car wash in June. **If you would like to make a donation to the Mission Trip Fund directly,** envelopes are in the back of the church.

Please wear your name tag! If you do not have a name tag or need a replacement, please let us know.

Region 6 parishes are looking for individuals willing to attend a Training the Trainer Workshop: This is designed especially for persons who have previously taken the Anti-racism training, "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other." If you want to attend the Training the Trainer workshop but have not taken this workshop, please take the May 24 and 25 workshop the Diocesan Center in Baltimore of the /May workshops. For information and/or to register, contact, Adam Barner at abarner@episcopalmaryland.org.

Upcoming Birthdays

5/21 – Mike Foughty, 5/22 – Evan Scott, 5/24 – Nana Marfo,
5/26 - Pat Hoppe, 5/28 – Susan Byers, 5/29 – Elizabeth Biddle

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE, 8:45-10:00 am –HE and Baptism/St. Mark's in the Park, 1:00-4:00 pm – San Marcos (S, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (S)
Monday, 5/22	7:00-8:30 pm BSA Troop #4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 5/23	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm - GS Troop 4841 (PH)
Wednesday, 5/24	10:30 am HE, The Fairfax, 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 5/25	9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders, 5:30-8:00 pm – River Farm (PH), 7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (large classroom)
Friday, 5/26	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 5/27	7- 9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)

Adult Forums

Living the Questions/Honoring Creation

Today	No Forum
May 28	The Myth of Redemptive Violence
June 4	Practicing Resurrection

Upcoming Important Dates

Today	St. Mark's in the Park, no picnic!
June 4	St. Mark's Mission Team follow-up Yard Sale (for those who missed May 20th)
June 11	Youth Sunday and Recognition of Sunday School Teachers
June 18	Dedication of Mission Team; Cookout of leftovers!