

This Week at St. Mark's

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| Today | 8:00 am – HE, 8:45-10:00 am –HE, 1:00-4:00 pm – San Marcos (S, PH, GH), 4:00-6:00 pm Pan de Vida (S) |
| Monday, 5/29 | Memorial Day, Office closed |
| Tuesday, 5/30 | 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida Bible Study (Sanctuary), 7:00-9:00 pm - GS Troop 4841 (PH) |
| Wednesday, 5/31 | 10:30 am HE, The Fairfax, 7:00-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH) |
| Thursday, 6/1 | 9:30 am – Morning Prayer, 10:00 am – Holy Folders, |
| Friday, 6/2 | 7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S), 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. San Marcos Bible Study (large classroom) |
| Saturday, 6/3 | 7:00 - 9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH) |

Adult Forums

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| Today | The Myth of Redemptive Violence |
| June 4 | Practicing Resurrection |
| June 11 | |

Upcoming Important Dates

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| June 4 | St. Mark's Mission Team car wash |
| June 11 | Youth Sunday and Recognition of Sunday School Teachers with cookout, Vestry meeting at 11:15 a.m. |
| June 18 | Dedication of Mission Team |
| June 23 – July 1 | Mission trip to St. Michael's, N.M. |
| July 31 – August 1 | Vacation Bible School |



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

May 27, 2017

Invite, Welcome and Connect

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, Kevannah Campbell and Emily Davis.

Also for our extended family: Phyllis Nezart-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.

Please pray for those who have died, especially Mari Gibson Merz, our Parish Administrator.

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



We were shocked to learn Monday that our Parish Administrator, Mari Gibson Merz, died of a stroke on Saturday, while cleaning up her father's house in Kilmarnock. Her father had recently died, and she was helping her brother get it ready for sale. Mari has been our Parish Administrator for two years, and during that time, she has prepared our bulletins, kept our calendars, and been the first voice or face that people met when they came to St. Mark's during the week. She was very active in cat rescue, and has 15 of her own. As a resident of Vantage community, she was

close to the work and life of our neighborhood. Her husband Al is the former head percussionist of the NSO, and teaches percussion at their home. Her service was Friday at St. Mark's, and her ashes were interred in our Memorial garden. Please keep her husband Al in your prayers, as he continues to be treated for cancer. A search for her replacement will begin soon

The Rev. Donna Foughty has now been appointed our Interim Associate Rector through the summer. Please welcome her new duties, including organizing our weekend in Shrine Mont!

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. 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 reasonable. 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. Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing you at Shrine Mont!
Blessings,

The Rev. Donna Foughty (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 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 –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 \$22,000 of the \$23,000 needed. Our next fundraiser is a 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.

Pentecost Speakers Needed! Do you read and speak a language other than English? "Voices" are needed for next Sunday – multitudes are needed. Please see the Rector. The reading will be John 20:19-23.

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

Upcoming Birthdays

5/28 – Susan Byers, 5/29 – Elizabeth Biddle