



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

September 3, 2017

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Phil Brown, Betty Hughes, Lindsay Drabick, Dick Stockstill, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, Carol Farley, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, Emily Davis, Kent White, Tyler Chui, Betty Hughes, Rosemarie Beyma & the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen.



Extended family: Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Col. Wil Scudder, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, John Savage, Timmy Carper, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Joe Farren.

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

Annual Intercultural Summit: The 2nd Annual Intercultural Summit Will be held on Saturday, September 16th at Epiphany, Herndon, (3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Oak Hill, VA 20171) from 9:30am – 3:30pm. Because we are a multicultural church in a multicultural world, we hope you and members of the congregation will attend, even if you are not currently engaged in multicultural ministry. The cost of the event is \$15 per person or \$10 per person for groups of 4 or more.

Episcopal Relief and Development Organization Offering: The Episcopal Relief and Development Organization of the Episcopal Church, a long established and trusted relief agency, is receiving funds for South Texas and Louisiana. An envelope is provided is today’s Sunday bulletin for any gifts you may like to make.

Fairfax County’s Nurturing Parent’s Program: Beginning in October, we want to invite St. Mark’s and San Marcos congregations to join Fairfax County’s Nurturing Parent’s program for pot luck and fellowship. We have been providing two meals a month for these Wednesday night programs and we hope that folks will continue to join us. Under the tutelage of Kathy Hughes, we will provide a main course, i.e. lasagna, baked chicken or meatloaf and we invite the parish family to come with a salad or desert. Dinner will start at 6:15-6:30 and finish by 7:00. Spanish language classes in parenting

will begin at 7:00 and we will clean up and make our way home. The first dinner will be hosted by the Rector grilling hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone, September 20th. Again, food donations are welcome but not essential. Come and join us!

“Invite, Welcome and Connect”: Our area Episcopal Churches are hosting a conversation on how to build communities of hospitality, Saturday, Oct 7th at St. Mark’s. We need hosts and greeters to join us this day. The theme is to create worship communities of welcome and incorporation.

Do you have church keys? If you have keys to the church doors that you no longer need, please turn them in to the office or to the clergy. Please put your name with the keys so we can remove your name from the key log. If you have a key and still need it, please let the office know.



Sunday School: Children's Sunday School will begin on September 17. There will be registration on September 3 and 10. Also on September 10 we will have the Sunday School teachers available during the Coffee Hour.



The River Farm Cooperative School: Classes will begin Monday thru Friday starting September 5th.

Outreach: Please check board in the Narthex to see upcoming opportunities. As St. Mark’s parishioners, positively engage our community by reaching out!

St. Mark’s Summer Music Program for Children: Diane Kutz will continue to teach choral singing to our children during the 10 a.m. service until September 10. Children join their parents at the peace.

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.

Please wear your name tag! If you need one, please let us know.



Special Events

Mount Vernon Day to Serve: Join us at Heritage Presbyterian Church on Sep. 16 from 9-11 to assemble Power Packs (weekend meals for elementary students). Non- perishable drinks/food are needed. Donations will be collected until the 10th in the “Day to Serve” box in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact Pamela at 703-768-2319.



Upcoming Birthdays

9/2—John Bozek, Bob Magini, Joshua Connelly, Olivia Pritchett

9/4—Margo Chisholm

9/6—Jeff Gray

This Week at St. Mark’s

Today

8:00 am – HE and Healing, 9:15-9:50am—adult forum, 10:00 am—HE and Healing, 11:15 am—Youth Mission Trip Meeting, 1:00-4:00 pm – San Marcos (S, PH, GH)

Monday, 9/4	7-8:30 pm-BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 9/5	7-900 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 9/6	10:30 a.m. HE and Healing, The Fairfax, 12:30 p.m. -HE and Healing, The Pentagon 7:00-9:00 p.m. – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 9/7	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 9/8	7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Saturday, 9/9	7:00 - 9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)



St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, Virginia

Adult Education Forum

Sept. 3 rd	Stories of Creation: The Rev. John A. Weatherly
Sept. 10 th	A Passion for Christ: Paul: The Rev. John A. Weatherly
Sept 17 th	Out Into the World: The Rev. Donna Foughty
Sept. 24 th	What I Did on My Summer Vacation: Ms. Michaelene Miller
Oct. 1 st	Feast of St. Francis Observed: The Rev. Cornelia Eaton
Oct. 8 th	“Invite, Welcome, Connect”
Oct. 15 th	Honoring, Creation, Restoring Relationships: The Rev. John A. Weatherly
Oct. 22 nd	Our 2018 Every member Canvass
Oct. 29 th	“A Kingdom Without Walls”
Nov. 5 th	All Saint's Day Observed/ Reports from Diocesan Convention
Nov. 12 th	“Social Justice, Realizing God's Vision
Nov. 19 th	Dedication Sunday. What Now?

Our New Parish Administrator

Becky Mays is our new Parish Administrator. She is a native of Alexandria, Virginia and is a recent retiree of the Federal Government. She spent her career with the Department of the Army having worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and her last assignment was as the Executive Administrator to the Commander, Kimbrough Ambulatory Care Center, Fort George G. Meade, MD. She is currently the founder and Director of the Women's Ecumenical Choir. The choir consists of 50+ women from various churches throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area. They recently celebrated their 10th year anniversary. Becky is the mother of two, grandmother of three and great grandmother of one. Becky will be getting married on November 4th to Daniel C. Sanders, Jr.

2017 Intercultural Summit – All Hearts Open
September 16th – Epiphany Herndon

- 9:30 Gather and Welcome
- 9:35 Introduction to the Day
- 9:45 Plenary: The RT. Rev. Shannon & The RT. Rev. Susan Goff
- 10:15 The Rev. Jabriel Ballentine (Florida)—The Events of Charlottesville have highlighted the racial divide in our country, our state and even our church. How do we find our way to community from chaos?
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 1st Workshop Series
1. Diocese of Maryland Latino Ministry—Learn how a church was revitalized by Latino ministry
 2. Diocese of Maryland: Two cultures, one church—Learn how congregants can be in community with congregants of another through strategic staffing
 3. The Rev. Jabriel Ballentine: Evangelism and the Black Church—The Black Church and its future. How to revitalize historic African American churches.
 4. The Rev. Kim Coleman (Trinity, Arlington) The Rev. Cass Bailey (Trinity, Charlottesville)-Intentional multicultural ministry—Why it takes intentionality and purpose to create diverse congregations
 5. The Rev. Cayce Ramey, The RT. Rev. Shannon Johnson-Triangle of Hope-A Journey To Reconciliation
 6. Social Media-How to use social media in the context of intercultural ministry
 7. The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff- Broad leadership & diocesan initiatives-The theology and scriptural basis for intercultural ministry
 8. The Rev. Brad Hauff, Episcopal Church Missioner for Indigenous Ministries— Cultural elements in liturgy and worship—you want to include cultural elements that represent the diversity into your congregation but you don't know how or think it isn't necessary. Brad will walk us through how examples of culture in liturgy in the context of indigenous cultural and why diversity in liturgy is important.
- 1:30 Break
- 1:45 2nd Workshop Series
- 2:30 Brad Hauff: Episcopal Church Indigenous Ministries
- 3:15 Final Words from Bishop Goff
- 3:30 Departure

