

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:
Offering Good News in the midst of a confusing world.”
November 12, 2017

This Week at St. Mark's

Today 8:00 am – HE , The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
9:10- am—Adult forum
10:00 am-HE and Sunday School, The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
11:15 am – Confirmation Class, Michaelene Miller (Heffner Room)
11:15 am – Vestry Meeting
1:00-4:00 pm – San Marcos (S, PH, GH)
3:00-7:00 pm – Girl Scouts (PH)
4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Monday, 11/13 7:00-8:30 pm-BS Troop 4077 (PH)

Tuesday, 11/14 7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)

Wednesday, 11/15 10:30 a.m. - HE, The Fairfax
6:30 p.m. – Nurturing Families, St. Mark's
7:00-9:00 p.m. – San Marcos (PH)

Thursday, 11/16 9:30 am – Morning Prayer (Heffner Room)
10:00 am – Holy Folders
6:30 p.m. – Women of the Spirit (Last Gathering) (Heffner Room)

Friday, 11/17 5:00 p,m – Regional Workshop: “Seeing the Face of God in Each Other”
7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Saturday, 11/18 8:30 am – Regional Workshop: “Seeing the Face of God in Each Other”
9: 00 am – 6:00 pm – Quilters Unlimited- Arlington Chapter
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (S)

Adult Education Forum

Nov. 12th Incarnation: Divinely Human
Nov. 19th Prayer: Intimacy with God
Nov. 26th Thanksgiving: Exploring God's Blessings
Dec. 3rd 8:00am – HE, 10:00am – Confirmation, Bishop's Visit
(Reception to Follow)
Dec. 10th Christmas Pageant

2017 Inquirer's and Confirmation Classes

This year's program is intended for anyone sixth grade or above, who is interested in learning more about their life in Christ, and the Episcopal Church. Those who wish to make a “mature commitment” to Jesus Christ through Confirmation or Reception, in the Episcopal Church, may be presented when Bishop Susan Goff comes for her visit Dec. 3rd. Young people who are confirmed are eligible to receive a \$200 voucher from the Diocese towards the mission Trip. Confirmation is for those who have never before made an adult, public confirmation of their faith in Christ. Reception is for those who have previously made an affirmation of faith in another denomination and wish now to do so in the Episcopal Church. Those who wish to be presented to the Bishop are expected to attend all four classes. Classes are open to all and will be held in the Rector's office at 11:15, unless otherwise noted.

Nov. 12th Introduction to the Book of Common Prayer: The Pastoral Offices
Presenter: Ms. Michaelene Miller
Nov. 19th The Eucharist and Baptism: The Rev. John Weatherly
Nov. 26th Organization of the Anglican Communion: The Rev. Cornelia Eaton, “What is a Bishop and Why is the Bishop Coming?”
Dec 3rd 10:00 Visit of The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, Suffragan Bishop
Any Questions? Call 703.765.3949

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, Rebecca Carrier, Beth Oakes.

Extended family: Phyllis Nezar-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, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Emmett Sims, Sarif Harding.

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, Pat Foughty and Brian Talay. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

For Reuben and Vicky Geisner who are to be married today, November 12th .

Announcements

Thanksgiving Service: There will be a joint Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 pm with San Marcos on November 22nd. Please mark your calendars!

First and Third Wednesdays of the Month Potluck: Join us for dinner this Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 p.m. for Fairfax County's Nurturing Parent's Program. We gather for potluck and fellowship the first and third Wednesday of each month. Under the tutelage of Kathy Hughes, we will provide a main course, i.e. lasagna, baked chicken or meatloaf. We need help preparing at 5:00pm, serving at 6:30pm and cleaning up at 7:30pm. Dinner will start at 6:30 and finish by 7:15. Spanish language classes in parenting will begin at 7:30. Come and join us!

Christmas Pageant: In anticipation of the Christmas Pageant (December 10th with live animals), we ask that as you are doing your end of season clothes sorting/donating, you look for bathrobes (for shepherds) and graduation gowns (for angels or wise men depending upon the color). Donations can be given to any Sunday School teacher. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Women of the Spirit: The Women of the Spirit meet Thursday for the last time this Fall, in the Heffner Room. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Rev. Cornelia Eaton or Ms. Michaelene Miller, Conveners.

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

PLEDGES RECEIVED TO DATE: 27

TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED @11/12: \$93,628.00

Dedication Sunday – November 19th!

We will be updating this each Sunday—so get your pledge in so you can be counted in the number!!

~Opportunities for Community Engagement~

Nov. 17th & 18th – The Diocese of Virginia will host a dialogue on Race and Reconciliation at St. Mark's, 5:00 Friday, November 17th and 8:30am Saturday.

Room For Rent

Spacious basement apartment for college student or professional adult Parish member. For more details please contact Rev. Weatherly.

Thank you!!

The Children's Sabbath Diaper Drive was a success. We collected 1,861 diapers that were delivered to United Community Ministries!! Thank you for serving the children in our community!

Regional Workshop: "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other" : Fifty years ago a bipartisan look at the 1967 race riots concluded, "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal." The emotions of events at Charlottesville, the energy fueling Black Lives Matter, the stridency of our thoughts about immigration, and the faces of lead stories in hourly newscasts show the movement's heart to be white vs non-white, and quantify how well the movement has adapted to changes in our culture. On Nov 17-18 (5:00 pm Friday, to 8:30 am Saturday) the Committee on Racial Reconciliation will hold a "**Seeing the Face of God in Each Other**", workshop to give each of us a safe opportunity to be understood, to understand, and to transform mutual understanding into shared prayer and action. If you are interested in attending this or a subsequent workshop, email race.recon.diocese.virginia@gmail.com for more details or to sign up. This year St. Mark's is the host. We will definitely need some help that weekend. If you can assist in registration on Friday and Saturday or order pizza for Saturday's lunch, it would be greatly appreciated. We are hoping to have at least 25 attendees. The Friday night session will be in Patience Hall and the Saturday session will be in the Sanctuary of St. Mark's.

Salvation Army Angel Tree. Want to get an early start on shopping for your Salvation Army Angel Tree gifts? A signup sheet with the children's wish lists will be in the narthex each Sunday until all children have been adopted. All gifts must be purchased and returned to the church by Nov. 30. Contact Bonnie Wilkins [703-765-4253](tel:703-765-4253), email: greytdog@verizon.net.

Thank you! Thank you! On behalf of my husband, Dan and myself, we would like to thank the St. Mark's family for their prayers, cards and gifts. We had a wonderful spirit filled wedding and we are thankful for friends like you. May God bless each of you---Dan and Becky Sanders.

FYI: Fr Cherian Pulimootil has accepted an interim position at St Paul's Episcopal church in Yuma,AZ . His email and telephone remain the same; but for holiday wishes:,Fr Cherian Pulimootil,1545 South 14th Avenue, Desert Rose Apt 215, Yuma,Az 85364

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

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.

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



Upcoming Birthdays

11/12 - Belinda Appiah/Laura Landon/Craig Shelton
11/14 - Mary Webster
11/16- Francisco Robles
11/17 – Kara Pantalena
11/18 – Khayla Rivas

Happy Anniversary to Mr. & Mrs. Krewsons who celebrated their wedding anniversary on November 11th.