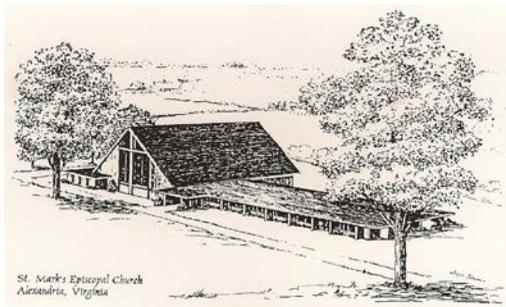


Today

This Week at St. Mark's

8:00 am – HE, The Rev. Michaelene Miller, Preacher
10:00am – HE, The Rev. Michaelene Miller, Preacher
1:00- 4:00p – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH)
4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Monday, 4/16 7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 4/17 7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 4/18 10:30 am – HE – The Fairfax –The Rev. John Weatherly
7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
Thursday, 4/19 9:30 am – Morning Prayer
10:00 am – Holy Folders
6pm-9pm – Girl Scouts
Friday, 4/20 Pan de Vida Painting Narthex
Saturday, 4/21 No Activities Scheduled
Sunday, 4/22 8:00am – HE, –The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
10:00am - HE, The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
11:15am – Vestry Meeting



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:”

April 15, 2018

From the Rector’s Desk

The story of the travelers and Jesus on the road to Emmaus the day after He has risen is rarely heard on Sunday morning. It is relegated to the Wednesday of Easter week so unless the preacher steps out of the lectionary we rarely experience the wonderful message given to us here. During Easter season we hear of all kinds of ways that Jesus appears to his followers once he is risen from the dead. They usually take place in a building or along the shore. The road to Emmaus, though talks about journey. Here are two heartbroken people (only one, Cleopas is named so scholars think his companion is his wife) walking from Jerusalem to the small town of Emmaus. The last few days had passed in a whirlwind of pain, grief, and confusion. Their faith in Jesus is almost overcome by the fear of recent events. A stranger joins them – and asks questions as if he has been in a closet the last three days. Their rabbi, Jesus had died on a Roman Cross and this morning the women who went to his tomb found him gone. The stranger walks with them and explains how all these events had fulfilled scripture. And as he talks, their hearts burn. They arrive at Emmaus and the couple invite Jesus for a meal. During the meal when Jesus breaks bread they finally know who he is. Cleopas and his companion were journeying away from a place of pain. Their physical journey became a spiritual journey the moment Jesus entered the picture. A journey we all share as Christians. It is journey, with lows and highs, sadness and happiness, emptiness and fullness fear and faith. We walk along discussing among ourselves our frustrations and disappointment; we keep within ourselves our loneliness and our sadness until we are ready to burst. Then, suddenly, Jesus is here. We don’t always recognize him, he is a stranger who enters into our conversation and sets a table for us. Our hearts burn within us and he opens our eyes to a new understanding, a new hope a new peace. O father of light, bring us with all certainty to receive your son Jesus as he is present in the mystery of bread and wine. Prepare our hearts to embrace true life, which comes to all pilgrims who seek him on the Emmaus road. Amen

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: 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, Rosemarie Beyma & the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Rebecca Carrier, Beth Oakes, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill,.

Extended family: Phyllis Nezart-Biggs, Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Emmett Sims, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Carol Rose, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk, John Sims, Shawn, Arlene Washington, Barbara, Robin Groome, Peter Butler.

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.

We especially remember Dorsye Yvette Parris-Porter who died on Sunday, April 8, 2018. She was the daughter of Michael A. Parris and the late Pauline Shirley Parris. Please keep Michael and the entire Parris family in your prayers.

Announcements

Upcoming Adult Forums

Today – Presentation by Steve Mitchell – The Fourth of Ezra (cont'd)

April 22nd – Presentation by Mike Foughty – The Resurrection Experience

April 29th – Presentation by Mike Foughty – The Resurrection Experience (cont'd)

Women of Spirit: The Women of Spirit will reconvene their meetings this spring on Thursday nights beginning April 19, 2018. We will be reading and discussing, *“How to Fix a Broken Record”* by *Amena Brown*. Our final session will be on May 31, 2018. All women are welcome to join! For more information, please contact Ashley Bryda at ashpearson@aol.com.

Vacation Bible School: This summer, VBS will be held during the week of July 23-27, 2018. There are a number of exciting volunteer positions available! Whatever your skills, talents, or passions, you can put them to use at VBS. It's going to be an incredibly meaningful and fun week for both children and the volunteers. To register your child or to sign-up as a volunteer, visit our VBS website: cokesburyvbs.com/stmarksalexandria. For additional information or if you have further questions, please contact Ashley Bryda at ashpearson@aol.com.

Shrine Mont 2018: Please mark your calendars for the Shrine Mont Retreat to be held August 10-12, 2018. For more information, please contact Mother Donna.

Mark Your Calendars!!!: The Youth Department will sponsor its annual Spaghetti Dinner and Talent Show on April 28, 2018. For more information or to participate, please contact our Youth Minister, Gabriella Pineda. You don't want to miss this!!!

Vestry Meeting: The next Vestry Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 11:15am. All Vestry members, please plan to attend.

Shrine Mont: The mountains are calling. Will you go?? Shrine Mont is looking for Camp Counselors. Whether you used to be a camper or not, they will teach you what you need to know to make a positive impact on kids. Transform your summer. Challenge yourself. Join the team. For more information go to shrinemontcamps.net/counselor-applicants.

Volunteers Needed!: We are **still** looking for two adults, preferably women, who can accompany our Mission Team to Charleston, S.C., June 23rd to June 30th. You must be able to help drive a 15 passenger van, sleep on the floor, eat food handled by teams of 10 people and smile when feeling grumpy. We will provide an opportunity of a life time and health insurance during the trip. If you are interested, please contact Gaby Pineda or Rev. Weatherly.

United Community Ministries: United Community Ministries would like to thank St. Mark's for their generous contribution of \$600.00. It shows a vote of confidence in their agency and the families they serve. Thanks to the generosity of St. Mark's, UCM has been able to achieve its mission to mobilize the power of community to equip, educate and empower the vulnerable, children, youth, adults and families to improve their lives. St. Mark's gift provides the next generation with essential education and enriching experiences. It means food, rental assistance and more for families in immediate need. UCM is truly grateful for St. Mark's commitment to help struggling families to grow and thrive. Together, we are changing lives and every life changed contributes to a stronger community for all of us.

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.

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



Upcoming Birthdays

4/16 – Molly McMillan

4/17 – Eric Murchie-Beyma

4/18 – Al Dominic

4/21 – Sweeney Appiah/Sabrina Coles

Happy Anniversary!!!

4/21 – Leonard Slobodin & Susan Byers

4/21 – Mark & Jennifer Spans