

Today

This Week at St. Mark's

8:00 am – HE, The Rev. Michael Pumphrey, Preacher
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11:15am- Mission Team Meeting
1:00- 4:00p – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH)
4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Monday, 4/9 7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)

Tuesday, 4/10 7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)

Wednesday, 4/11 10:30 am – HE – The Fairfax –The Rev. Donna Foughty
 7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)

Thursday, 4/12 9:30 am – Morning Prayer
 10:00 am – Holy Folders

Friday, 4/13 9:00 am-8:00pm – Set up for River Farm Activity (PH)

Saturday, 4/14 8:00am – 1:00pm- River Farm Consignment Sale (PH)
 1:30pm-4:30pm – True Deliverance Church (S)

Sunday, 4/15 8:00am – HE, –The Rev. Michaelene Miller, Preacher
 10:00am - HE, The Rev. Michaelene Miller, Preacher



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

April 8, 2018

From the Rector’s Desk

Mercifully, every year we are brought back to Easter, and the story begins again. But this time, we apply it differently to our lives because we are different. And we keep moving, because on this side of the grave, that is what life is all about. We keep moving, even when we are standing still. And each time we come back to the Resurrection, we may experience his grace again in our lives and deepen our awareness of how God has provided for us.

Why does the Resurrection conclude with the women running away, afraid to tell anyone about what has happened? I think the answer is really simple...It’s because the Gospel isn’t finished. It’s up to you and me to complete the story. The resurrection is a story about movement:. The women are moving. Jesus is moving. If we won’t – who will? The resurrection is not the end of the story. The end has yet to be written, and we need to finish it. And so we don’t shout “Alleluia” because the story has ended. We shout “Alleluia” because the story continues and you and I are with God as the new Gospel writers. Almighty God, grant us, frail beings that we are, to move toward our future, and bring with it such a sure confidence in your love that we will lose our fears, and live in the knowledge of your presence, from which neither life nor death or fear can separate us.

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, Dorsey Parris Porter.

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, Daniel Sanders, Sr., 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.

Announcements

Mission Team Meeting: The Mission Team will meet today at 11:15am.

Upcoming Adult Forums

Today – Presentation by Steve Mitchell - The Fourth Book of Ezra

April 15th – 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)



Congratulations!!

We extend congratulations to Seminarian now The Rev. Michaelene Miller on her recent ordination. She extends her heartfelt thanks to the St. Mark's family for all of their encouragement and support. We wish her Godspeed!

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**](mailto: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**](http://cokesburyvbs.com/stmarksalexandria). For additional information or if you have further questions, please contact Ashley Bryda at [**ashpearson@aol.com**](mailto:ashpearson@aol.com).

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**](http://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

4/10 – Amber Tussing
4/13 – Maddie Murchie-Beyma
4/14 – Ben Bluey

Happy Anniversary!!!

4/8 – David Powers & Karen Ashworth
4/12 – The Rev's. John & Beverly Weatherly