

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

August 26, 2018

From The Rector’s Desk

Randolph, N.H., August 26, 2018 **What Will Define You?**

It is great to wake up in almost total silence. But then the snoring of the dog, who somehow moved onto the bed in the middle of the night, is now telling me to get up. Layla is now 75 pounds, and claims her portion with great authority. When I try to move her off she looks at me with these large brown eyes, forgiving me for my stupidity. Beverly sleeps on, so I get up to make a pot of coffee and see what the weather is for today. I begin each day with the daily office...and usually drift off on one of the readings. The propers for that day, a saint, or the readings for Sunday. Today I stumble again on Joshua, and begin to think about the past 37 years, and the 21 great years at St. Mark's. Yesterday I met with a mason and his assistant, who are going to try to repair the chimney on this house. They told me of the jobs they have nearby; a retaining wall, a crumbling foundation, and some patios. In each job, I hear a real enthusiasm for what they are doing. "But I'm turning 53 this year" he says, "and things are beginning to hurt. I may just stick to retaining walls". But first, my chimney I plead. A job where I can see what I have done today sounds appealing. But then there is the aching in my back, and the idea of lifting stones or block just hurts. Joshua's words, "Choose ... this day ... whom you will serve". God grant me the strength to say with Joshua: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. AMEN. The people of Israel rose to the occasion of the prophets questions, and replied most appropriately: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery". The background of the story on King David, reminds us that we live in a world where brokenness has a way of encouraging even more brokenness. The lesson is a reminder that sinful acts and moral compromise continue to breed pain and distress to the second and third generation. Many of us are parents or grandparents, or aunts or uncles, and in those roles we have often known a time when pain has crashed in upon us because of events or decisions in the lives of those we love. I wonder what is next in my own life. But then I am drawn to the idea of taking a walk with the dog that now sits on my feet. I wonder what I can repair today, there is so much that needs attention. I think about the places in my life I have felt most alive, and know that it was in the company of others, taking a challenge, and trying to make things work. Including the relationships that are at the heart of my life. I enjoy the silence, but I feel alive in the world. There are certain fundamentals in our faith. Love God, Love your neighbor as yourself. So, Layla, let me put on my shoes and take a walk. Then we'll see where God takes us today.

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

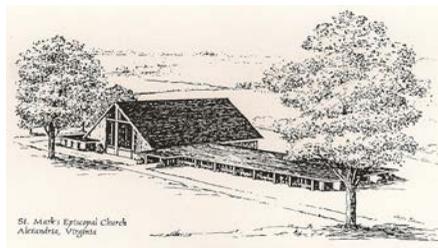
Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark's Parish: Lindsay Drabick, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, Emily Davis, Kent White, the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill, Hailey Heyse, , Kathleen Lemmon, Irrsula Mpouma, Richard Sparks, Janis Bicelas.

Extended family: 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, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk, John Sims, Shawn, Arlene Washington, Barbara, Robin Groome, Peter Butler, Annie Osborne.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way, we lift up Tim, Emily and family, Andrew Kley, Pat Foughty, Brian Talay and Danielle Budzko. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE, The Rev. Michael Pumphrey, Celebrant Mrs. Donna Anderson – Summer Lay Preacher 10:00am – HE, The Rev. Michael Pumphrey, Celebrant Mrs. Donna Anderson – Summer Lay Preacher 1:00pm- 4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)
Monday, 8/27	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 8/28	7:00pm-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 8/29	10:30am – The Fairfax – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 4:00pm – 8:00pm – River Farm Meeting
Thursday, 8/30	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 8/31	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 9/1	8:00am – 12noon – River Farm 1:30pm – Truth Deliverance Church
Sunday, 9/2	8:00am – HE and Healing– The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher 10:00am – HE and Healing - The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

Announcements

College Bound!! Our prayers and hopes go out to our College bound family members:

Megan Murchie-Beyma - Washington & Lee University
Natalie Pineda – Virginia Commonwealth University
Tyler Chui – Virginia Commonwealth University
Emily Marquez – Fashion College of New York
Sofia Campos – Northern Virginia Community College
Kate Larson – Old Dominion University
Gabriella Pineda – Northern Virginia Community College
Afia Marfo – William & Mary College
Christian Pineda – University of Utah
William Pineda – Mary Washington University
Kobe Marfo – Rutgers University

Audit Committee Volunteers: Velma Scott-Boyle and Wally Tienken have volunteered to conduct the church's audit for 2017. This is an annual requirement for all Episcopal churches. Charlotte Brown and Becky Sanders will be gathering the information in preparation for the audit. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please see Velma or Wally.

St. Mark's Seven Month Financial Report: Summer is almost over; please don't forget the work of the church continues! Please keep up your pledge, and give extra to help us with the mortgage!

<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Pledge and Plate	\$130,187	\$ 145,831
Building use	18,670	22,295
<u>Other</u>	<u>19,335</u>	<u>22,603</u>
Total	\$168,192	\$ 190,729

Expenses

Staff	\$107,980	\$111,566
Bldg Expenses	39,884	33,194
Education, Worship	1,881	1480
Outreach	13,168	13,013
<u>Other</u>	<u>8,872</u>	<u>6,899</u>
Total	\$ 171,786	\$166,152
Difference	\$ (3,594)	\$ 24,577

Adult Forum

TODAY – Seeing Christ in our Guests (Part 3)

September 2nd – Looking Back on 21 years (bring pictures to share) – The Rev. John Weatherly

SAVE THE DATE!!!: As you know, our Rector, the Rev. John Weatherly is retiring after twenty-one years at St. Mark's. His last day of worship will be September 9, 2018---but before his last day, we will celebrate on Saturday, September 8, 2018, tentatively scheduled to begin 2:00 pm. We will have the food catered but need help with desserts on Saturday September 8, 2018. On Sunday September 9, 2018 we will continue celebrating after the 10:00 service. For September 9, we need help with finger food and more desserts, yes there will be a cake. We also need volunteers for set up and cleanup on both days. More details and information will be forthcoming. If you would like to volunteer to help with the celebration, please contact Sheryl Sims, Jim Bailes, Charlotte Brown or Kathy Hughes. **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Mortgage Update: As of August 10, 2018 our mortgage balance is **\$125,266.51**. Please help us continue to reduce our debt with your generous gifts.

Sunday School: The Sunday School will be begin its new year on Sunday, September 16th at 10:00am. We will have classes for Pre-K to high school. Registration forms will be available soon. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Belinda Appiah, Nana Marfo or Pam Hamrin.

FOR EXISTING MY-E-OFFERING PARTICIPANTS: Electronic withdrawals from credit card and ACH/Direct Withdrawal have not been made for June. The company has updated their system and everyone must re-enter your donation information following these instructions:

To reset your donation, follow the steps below:

1. Go to members.myeoffering.com
2. Click "Forgot Password?" in the top right
3. Follow the instructions to reset your password (you can use your previous password, if desired)
4. Sign in and follow instructions for setting up a "wallet" and new recurring donation for the remainder of 2018. **PLEASE** make up the missed June donations through the use of an offering envelope or setting up a one-time donation when you are on the MyEOffering website. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or need assistance, call MyEOffering at 1-877-393-3330. **NOTE:** You will **NOT** see your previous year's donations on this website. St Mark's bookkeeper Mike Morgan will be contacting the individuals by email with any additional information.

Rector Search Committee: The Vestry met and appointed a search committee for St. Mark's new Rector. We thank the eight parishioners who have volunteered to serve: Ashley Bryda, Al Dominic, Rosa Krewson, Eric Murchie-Beyma, Gaby Pineda, Sheryl Sims, Mary Jane Stockstill, and Bonnie Wilkins, who will serve as the committee's chairwoman.

Upcoming Birthdays !!

8/28 –Jeff Pierce/Samuel Slobodin

8/29 – Rev. Beverly Weatherly

8/30 – Molly Mitchell/Felix Awofisayo

Upcoming Anniversaries!!

8/28 - Pat & Mahlon Drabick

8/29 - Michael & Jeannette Parris