

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:
Offering Good News in the midst of a confusing world.”
January 14, 2018

This Week at St. Mark’s

- Today 8:00 am – HE, The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
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11:15am – Vestry Budget Meeting
1:00- 4:00p – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH)
4:00-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
- Monday, 1/15 7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
- Tuesday, 1/16 4-5:00pm – The Girl Scout Council (PH)
7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
- Wednesday, 1/17 10:30 am – HE – The Fairfax – The Rev. John Weatherly
7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)
- Thursday, 1/18 9:30 am – Morning Prayers
10:00 am – Holy Folders
- Friday, 1/19 9:00am – 4:00pm – River Farm Book Swap (PH)
5:00-7:00pm – San Marcos
7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)
- Saturday, 1/20 1:00 - 5:00pm – Mt. Vernon Lions Bland Competition
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (S)
- Sunday, 1/21 8:00am – HE, , The Rev. Donna Foughty, Preacher
10:00am – HE, The Rev. Donna Foughty, Preacher

Adult Education Forum

- Jan 14th Embracing Mystery
- Jan 21st 2018 Budget for St. Mark’s
- Jan 28th Annual Meeting Preview, Meet the Vestry Nominees

The Calling of the First Disciples. Second Sunday in Epiphany 2018

Jesus says to his disciples in the Gospel of John: "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. And it is they that testify on my behalf; yet you refuse to come to me to have life" (5:39-40) "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." Jesus was there before he was born of Mary and the Holy Spirit and Jesus is there now, able to help us find the way, - able to help us, because he, like no other person before or since, has not only been on the way, he is, because of who he was, and is, and evermore shall be - The Way. There is something very special about Jesus either that Jesus is the greatest liar the world has ever met, and no-one should ever follow him - or call him a great teacher. Or you take on his words, "I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but by me". The very first Christians the thousands in Jerusalem who decided to follow Jesus on the day of Pentecost- and the tens of thousands throughout the Roman Empire who become followers in the next two or three decades, were not called Christians - the were called "Followers of The Way". As People of the Way - as men and women who are priests or bridges between God and the rest of the human family - as God's own people - chosen for eternity by God himself - we are called to connect people to the Lord – to bring them, perchance, to the Way that we have found. We do that - not by apologizing to them about how Jesus claimed to be the Son of the Most High God - and the way, the truth and life... but by proclaiming in our words and in our deeds the mighty acts of the one who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. We do it by proclaiming the acts that he has done for all people so that they might know His love: "dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life." And by speaking the acts that he has done within our lives: - the prayers answered - the teachings that we were given, especially those we received which we did not seek or want, - the strength beyond ourselves that has sustained us when we ourselves were all done in, - the little miracles, the often unexpected miracles, that happen that bring ever new light and hope and peace into our lives and into the lives of others. Thanks Be to God!

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.

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

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 warmly welcome all those who have come to worship with us today!!

Announcements

New Youth Minister: We welcome Gabriella Elizabeth Pineda as our new Minister for Youth. This 4-6 hour a week position is primarily responsible for, and not limited to, assisting the Rector with programming for 7th-12th graders, and their families, including Sunday activities, Bible study and fellowship. She will plan and support our Mission Trip for youth Grades 7 and above, lead youth, volunteers, parents and staff in providing an environment that stimulates faith formation and models healthy relationships, while providing the joy and safety needed for our children and youth. Gaby is an active member of Iglesia San Marcos, and will begin her duties the first of the year.

YOUR PLEDGE IS NEEDED!

PLEDGES RECEIVED TO DATE: 66
TOTAL AMOUNT PLEDGED @1/14: \$212,373.00
MORTGAGE PLEDGES @1/14: \$7,540.00

2016 – as of December 24, 2016 - Units pledged – 66/Totaling: \$199,752
2015 – Units pledged – 63/Totaling: \$212,208

Pledge Envelopes: If you have not received your pledge envelopes for 2018 or your current envelope is numbered 76 or higher, please contact the Parish Administrator

Prayer List: The Prayer List for St. Mark's is located in the blue folder in the Narthex. It will be updated as needed.

VICHOP Needs Volunteers: Volunteers are needed for VICHOP Shelter on New Year's eve and Wednesdays in January, Tuesdays in February and March. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Edelkamp at 703-966-1270 or VICHOSHELTER@gmail.com.

Annual Vestry Meeting: The Annual Vestry Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 11:15am.**

1st Quarter Worship Schedules: If you have not submitted your 1st Quarter Worship Schedule for your ministry, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Administrator. Thank you!

An Invitation to join the Vestry :The Vestry is seeking three (3) interested persons who may fulfill the following requirements: a confirmed adult (at least 16 years old) communicant of the Parish in good standing (being regular in attendance); and "known to the Treasurer".

The Canons establish four primary goals for the Vestry:

1. Cooperate with the Rector in the support of the spiritual welfare of the Parish and assist him or her in his duties.
 2. Care and trust of Parish finances.
 3. Care and trust of Parish buildings and property (appoint trustees, enter into contracts pertaining to property, e.g.).
 4. Choose leadership of the church (Rector, Wardens, and representatives to the Diocesan convention) and certify candidates for ordination as a deacon or priest.
- Plus, have a willingness to dedicate time and energy for the health and future of the parish, attend regular worship, events and all vestry meetings.

Vestry members serve for three year terms, unless they are filling an unexpired term.

Any interested persons please let any present member of the Vestry know. The Annual Meeting will be January 28th. The Vestry retreat to Roslyn will be March 3rd and 4th, 2018. Our facilitator will be Julie Simonton of the Diocese.

Upcoming Region 6 Workshop: The Region 6 Workshop- "Seeing the Face of God in One Another" will be on February 16th and 17th here at St. Mark's. More information will be forthcoming.

Lenten Season: The season of Lent is upon us. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming Lenten services: **February 13th – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner; February 14th – Ash Wednesday Services at 7:30am and 7:30pm and February 21st - the first Lenten Dinner at St. Mark's.**

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

1/15 – Wally Tienken/Albie Gallardy

