

This Week at St. Mark's

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

Monday, 1/22 7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)

Tuesday, 1/23 4-5:00pm – The Girl Scout Council (PH)
7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)

Wednesday, 1/24 10:30 am – HE – The Fairfax – The Rev. John Weatherly
7-9:00 pm – San Marcos (PH)

Thursday, 1/25 9:30 am – Morning Prayers
10:00 am – Holy Folders

Friday, 1/26 5:00-7:00pm – San Marcos
6:30pm – River Farm Cooperative Meeting
7:00-9:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S)

Saturday, 1/27 1:45 - 4:00pm – Truth Deliverance Center (S)
2:00 – 9:00pm – Private Event (PH)
6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Pan de Vida (S)

Sunday, 1/28 8:00am – HE, , The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
10:00am – HE, The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
11:15am – Annual Meeting

Adult Education Forum

Jan 21st 2018 Budget for St. Mark's
Jan 28th Annual Meeting Preview, Meet the Vestry Nominees

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:
Offering Good News in the midst of a confusing world.”
January 21, 2018

“Seeing The Face of God in One Another”

Dear Friends and Members of St. Mark's,

Feb. 16th and 17th, St. Mark's will be hosting the workshop "Seeing the Face of God in One Another". A program of the Episcopal Church, founded at the initiative of our Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, it is being presented with the hope that all Clergy, Lay leaders, and members of the church will spend time in this essential dialogue.

As hosts, we have been asked to assist in welcoming Episcopalians from the Washington D.C. area, Friday night, beginning at 5:00, and again Saturday morning, at 8:00. Help is needed as Greeters, Hosts, and in preparing a light dinner Friday night, Breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Please let the Rector know if you can help at anytime during the weekend. You do not need to attend the entire workshop if you can only assist in preparation. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. We expect between 30 and 40 participants. A fuller description of the program is below.

"The Antiracism Training and Action program of the Episcopal Church is a process for dismantling racism in the church and in society. This methodology promotes learning which is both experiential and intellectual. The first goal of this methodology is that participants will be able to analyze the dynamics of power and oppression so that they can engage in the visioning of an alternate reality for the church and society. That vision for us is the creation of the Beloved Community. However, in constructing the foundation of a just and equitable church and society, we must first receive training to understand the building blocks of racism and oppression so that we can truly become antiracists. This will occur on the personal, interpersonal, institutional, and systemic levels. A second goal of the training program and, indeed, of the Episcopal Church as articulated in its resolutions is the transformation of the racist structures in this church as a means of transforming society. Too often, our church and all institutions of faith have rejected Paul's admonition in the twelfth chapter of the epistle to the Romans and have conformed to the racist, oppressive standards of the world and have not been beacons of transformative light which can lead to full equity and liberation for all. The crux of this second goal is to shine the light of truth on the predominant and historic Euro-centric focus of this country and to change it into the leading antiracist multicultural and fully inclusive country on the face of this planet. Those who are interested in the history of the church's commitment to the elimination of racism are directed to the Archives of the Episcopal Church and the "History of the Church's Commitment to Antiracism" .

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 Nezar-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 @1/21: \$212,373.00
MORTGAGE PLEDGES@1/21: \$7,540.00

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

River Farm presents-Social Justice Speaker: River Farm is excited to announce that George Jones, director of the DC-based organization Bread for the City, will be coming to speak to their group on Friday, January 26, at 7:30pm in Patience Hall. Bread for the City is an NGO committed to helping DC residents move out of poverty. To do so, they offer a number of different social services including food, clothing, medical care, and job-search assistance. They also operate an orchard and partner with other DC-area orgs and schools.

In his talk, George will be speaking about how—and why—he has helped move his organization toward having a racial equity lens. He'll go over key terms and concepts, including "racial equity," "implicit bias," and a "racial equity analysis," and speak to why these terms need to be understood and embraced as tools and part of a framework that aids in the effort to tackle race based disparities.

They can't stress enough how excited they are that their group has this rare opportunity; it's a chance to learn about social justice and organizational change from an expert. Please mark your calendars and find childcare now! If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Emily Paterson at Emily@riverfarmcooperative.com.

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.**

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.

SOUPer SUNDAY! Please mark your calendar—SOUPer SUNDAY is February 4, 2018. Please help us fill the soup kettle with healthy soups for UCM Food Pantry.

VIC Meeting: The February VIC meeting will be on Tuesday, February 7, 2018, 7:00pm at the INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital. The topic will be **Community Affordable and Inclusive Healthcare.**

Lost Items: If you have some lost or left behind items in the kitchen, i.e. plates, bowls, gold spoons, etc., please retrieve them from the kitchen shelf. Thank you!

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

1/20 – Steven Hughes/Ethan Luxner
1/25 – Janice Shepherd Stringfellow
1/26 – Tom Gorman