

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

July 29, 2018

Today

This Week at St. Mark’s

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

Monday, 7/30

7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)

Tuesday, 7/31

7-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)

Wednesday, 8/1

10:30am – The Fairfax – Rev. John Weatherly
12noon – The Pentagon – The Rev. John Weatherly
9:30 am – Morning Prayer
10:00 am – Holy Folders

Thursday, 8/2

Friday, 8/3

No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, 8/4

1:45pm – Truth Deliverance Church

Sunday, 8/5

8:00am – HE – The Rev. John Weatherly, Preacher
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“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

From The Rector’s Desk

In the Apostle’s Creed we say, “I believe in Jesus Christ, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead” This is very factual. It says exactly what people experienced about Jesus and began to understand about this unique relationship he had with God. You note however that it does not say “And walked upon the water, healed the sick, raised the dead, scared his friends” What this statement of belief is trying to say, is that we believe these things about God, made incarnate through Jesus Christ. It is easy to get confused about doctrines, dogmas, creeds and formulas describing the Trinity. We confuse the signposts with reality. What we are looking for in our relationship, is someone that is more than who we are, as good as we may be, and in whom there is eternal connection to our Creator. To believe in Jesus is to discover that gift of Grace that allows us to accept him for who is, and that promise that we shall come to know him intimately, personally and forever. The disciples weren’t quite there. They had not yet come to that place of friendship, and unhesitant trust. But the fact that they had not yet “got it”, regardless of all the signs they had seen, does not deter Jesus from his effort. And in place of their fear, he offers his peace. “Take heart, it is I” And he got into the boat, and the storm ceased.

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, Dick Stockstill, 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.

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.

Announcements

Worship Watch July 22 Adult Forum Recap by Fairfax County Officer Robert Urps: The safety discussion addressed emphasizing the 3 R's: Recognize, Report, & Respond. Most violence in a house of worship are from someone within the congregation, someone who knows a member of the congregation, or someone that has a personal conflict with the church. He recommended ushers and greeters stand in the narthex to watch the doors and that everyone be aware of their surroundings and come up with a "what if" plan. Congregants should report any suspicious activities to a member of the vestry, clergy, or Fairfax County non-emergency police 703-691-2131. Since so many people have keys to the church, Officer Urps recommended replacing locks to our doors and keeping track of who is issued a key. He also recommended that in a disaster or emergency, we should know which members of the congregation are nurses, EMTs, doctors, or law enforcement, and to have a large first-aid medical bag available. The Vestry would like to have Officer Urps come back for a 2 hour presentation which will address Worship Watch for the first half and Active Violence for the second half. If you are interested, please contact one of the Vestry members so we can schedule the event one evening at the church. Thank you all who attended.

Sunday School Teachers: As we plan for the upcoming year, we are looking for 2 volunteers to teach Sunday School on a rotating basis. Please contact or see Pam Hamrin, Belinda Appiah or Nana Marfo for more information.

Vacation Bible School: VBS this year was a great success, We would like to thank our VBS Director, Ashley Bryda and her staff of volunteers, Melissa Bluey, Donna Anderson, Pam Hamrin, Mary Alice Herman and Doug Van Arsdol. We also thank our youth and young adults who volunteered their time and talents, Andrea Campos, Fernando Rubio, Diego Geisner, Noah Caliendo, Molly Hamrin, Natalie Pineda, Gabriella Pineda, Spencer Hibbett, KC Onyedeké, Sofia Campos, Florence Garzia, Katherine Juarez, Kathryn Larson, Ryan Lear, Chizi Onyedeké, Oswaldo Juarez and Kate O'Hara.

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.

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

UCM's Back to School Program: UCM is requesting financial contributions or donation of new backpacks. They especially welcome larger-sized backpacks for middle and high school students. Gender-neutral colors are preferred for all grade levels. All donations are needed by August 6, 2018.

Adult Forum

TODAY – Review of The Episcopal Church General Convention

August 5th – Seeing Christ in our Guests – David Walton and Velma Scott-Boyle

August 12th – Seeing Christ in our Guests (Part 2)

August 19th – Seeing Christ in our Guests (Part 3)

August 26th - Seeing Christ in our Guests (Part 4)

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 several years of service. His last day of worship will be September 9, 2018---but before his last day, we are celebrating him 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!!!**

UCM: Need to get rid of items from your summer clean out? UCM takes donations Tuesday thru Saturday from 10am -5pm. The drop-off point is Sacramento Drive and Route 1. For pick-up call – 703-768-1106x320. For removal of large items and recycle where needed, call 703-333-5865. UCM is also collecting pack back donations and school supplies. They can be taken to the Fordson Road office or placed in St. Mark's basket for delivery. Also, if you are interested in volunteering, please call 571-255-8993.

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.

New Vestry Member: Tracy Tienken is our newest member of the Vestry after a unanimous vote Sunday. She officially joined the Vestry at the July 15 meeting and will serve the remainder of this term. Please congratulate Tracy!

Rector Search Committee: The Vestry met last Sunday 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 !!

7/29 – Oluchi Dominic/Catherine Perich/Greg Stringfellow

8/2 – Delsa Chui/Earl Hughes

8/3 – John Bradley

8/4 - Donna Anderson/Felecia Awofisayo

8/6 – Kahmani Green