

## **ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

**November 11, 2018**

### **From the Desk of the Interim Rector**

Greetings! How wonderful it is to be called to serve St. Mark’s as your Interim Rector. Thank you so much for the warm welcome last Sunday. I look forward to getting to know you and hearing your stories in the months ahead. The days of transition before us are an exciting time – a time for remembering, dreaming, and planning. Author William Bridges, writing about organizational and personal change, reverses the usual “beginning, middle, end” process to one calling us to know the end before we can fully embrace the beginning. He offers these three, often overlapping, stages:

- Starting with our ENDING: A time for letting go and making space for what is coming, for saying good-bye to people, but also to the way some things used to be.
- Moving through the MIDDLE: A time when things are in flux – a wonderful, creative period marked by exploration and innovation, discovery and learning.
- Claiming our new BEGINNING: A time of crossing an important threshold when new people arrive, new roles begin, and new practices get put in place.

I look forward to walking with you as we embark on our journey of transition together. Please feel free share your thoughts with me and with each other as we seek God’s plan for St. Mark’s.

Fr. John Hall

### **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, Kimberly Earle, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, Emily Davis, Kent White, the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill, Hailey Heyse, Irrsula Mpouma, Richard Sparks and Jackie Cerio.

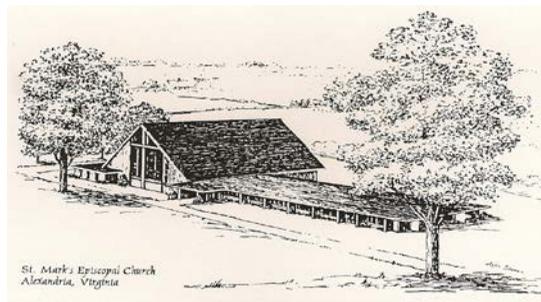
Extended family: Rod Pearson Sr., Betty Bradley, Sandra Robinson, Elmore, Mike Greenham, Kwan Dae Suk, Jean Blair, Gordon Murchie, Bob Schaeffer & Jenny Crabb, Carol Ostergard, Kevin and Richard Campbell, Baby Iris, Grayson Howard, Isatu Samura, Wendell Patterson, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, 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, Janis Becker, Richard, Reed, Josh, Steve Ellis, Indira Murillo, David Haggard, Ron Graves and Sook Ja You.

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.

The funeral service for COL (ret) Emmett Sims, father of Sheryl Sims, will held on Friday, November 16, 2018 at the Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred Street in Old Town Alexandria beginning at 10:00am. Please keep The Sims family in your prayers.

### **This Week at St. Mark’s**

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am – HE, - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 9:15am – The Adult Forum 10:00am – HE, - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 11:15am – Discernment Committee Meeting 1:00pm- 4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S, PH,GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)
Monday, 11/12	7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 11/13	7:00pm-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 11/14	10:30am – The Fairfax 6:00pm- 9:00pm – AA Drama Group
Thursday, 11/15	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders 6pm -9pm – Girl Scouts
Friday, 11/16	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 11/17	8am-3pm – Arlington Quilters Auction
Sunday, 11/18	8:00am – HE – The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall



***“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”***

## Announcements

**Rector Search Prayer:** Beginning this week, you will hear the following intercessory prayer after the Prayers of the People. Please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will direct our paths and open our hearts to hear God's will and to discover where God is leading us to be in the future.

*We thank you Lord for the community of St. Mark's church. For the love among us, and the ministries we do. Be with us now as we prepare to call a new rector. Guide the search committee as they help us to discern our future and how we may continue to know Your will for our parish family. Strengthen us as we look to a new future built on the foundation of the past. Help us to know what to keep and what to let go. Enlighten the heart of the person who will be our new rector that they will hear Your call. Give us all courage and faith to trust You to lead us to a new and exciting future.*

**Congregational Survey:** A congregational survey will be sent to your email address soon. Hard copies will be available in the Narthex. The survey is anonymous and will take approximately 10-20 minutes to complete. Your responses will be key in our search for a new rector. Please thoughtfully complete your survey and return/submit it as soon as possible. <https://tinyurl.com/StMarksDiscernmentSurvey>

**Rector Search Process:** The Oct. 28, 2018 Adult Forum presentation describing the first phase of our rector search is available on the St. Mark's website. A small number of paper copies have been printed and placed in the narthex for those without internet access. Please remember to complete your **online survey** or one of the paper copies found in the narthex. We need full congregational participation! If you have any questions concerning the content of the slides or the survey, please speak to any of the Discernment Committee members. (Bonnie Wilkins, Chair)

**Discernment Committee Meeting:** The committee will meet in Classroom #5 today immediately following the 10:00am service.

**Special Evening Adult Forum:** There will be a special evening adult forum on Church Safety held on Monday, November 19, 2018. Officer Robert (Bubba) Urps, our local Crime Prevention Officer, with the Fairfax County Police Department will be presenting an overview of the Fairfax County Church Watch Program. Officer Urps will be presenting information designed to improve the safety of our church by teaching us worship observation skills, as well as the process for reporting an incident that occurs in a house of worship. The program will be held in Patience Hall from 7pm until 9pm. For more information, please contact David Walton by email at [dmwalton2003@yahoo.com](mailto:dmwalton2003@yahoo.com).

**A Special Thank You! :** We send a big special thank you to David Powers for replacing the thermostat in Gibson Hall as well as replacing the light bulbs in the dark basement. Thanks to Dave we now have heat and light!!

**Arlington QU Auction and Artisan Boutique:** You are invited to a "Live Auction" sponsored by the Arlington QU and Artisan Boutique on Saturday, November 17, 2018 from 10:00am until 2:00pm with the auction beginning at 11:00am. This will be held here at St. Mark's. Quilts, quilted items, handcrafted items for holiday gifting, quilting and sewing supplies and lots of fabric will be available. For more information, please contact Sheryl Sims.

**VIC:** A very heartfelt thank you to all the members of St. Mark's who took part in this year's VIC Mount Vernon Community Day to Serve. Because of your generosity and hard work, they were able to collect 2170 pounds of food items. This impressive volume of food made it possible for the group to assemble and deliver 656 Power packs to Food for Others and contribute 106 pounds of additional food items to the UCM Food Bank. Thank you again for your food donations and enthusiastic participation in the 2018 Day to Serve event. All of your efforts are so meaningful as we work to support children at risk for hunger in our area.

**Parish Cleanup:** Bishop Suffragan Susan Goff of the Diocese of Virginia will visit St. Mark's on Sunday, December 2, 2018. In anticipation of her visit, St. Mark's will hold a parish cleanup on the morning of Saturday, December 1, 2018. Please save both dates on your calendar and stay tuned for more information.

**UCM Benefit:** The Annual UCM Benefit will be held on Sunday, November 18, 2018, 5:00pm at the US Patent and Trademark Office, Old Town Alexandria. A comedy and musical satire entitled "*Make America Grin Again*" will be presented. For more information, please contact Rosemary Kley. Also, the last day for donations of unwrapped gifts for needy children will be on December 10<sup>th</sup>. You may deliver the gifts personally to UCM or bring them to St. Mark's.

**Book of Common Prayer:** Please note that we have "**Selections From the Book of Common Prayer Large Print**" in the back of the church on the bookshelf. Parishioners should ask the ushers for a copy and **PLEASE** return the copies after service. Thank you!

## Adult Forum

**TODAY** – Recap of the Diocesan Convention – Rev. Donna Foughty & David Walton, Presenters  
Meet Your New Interim Rector – Rev. John C.N. Hall, Presenter  
November 19<sup>th</sup> – Special Evening Adult Forum – Church Safety – Officer Robert Urps, Presenter

## Upcoming Birthdays !!

11/11 – Rev. Donna Foughty  
11/12 – Craig Shelton/Belinda Appiah  
11/16 – Franciso Robles  
11/17 – Kara Pantalena