

## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

**November 4, 2018**

### Welcome! Welcome!

Today we welcome **The Rev. John C. N. Hall** as our Interim Rector. John will serve St. Mark’s during the coming year as we work through our transition period. Over the past couple of months, the Vestry and parishioners have had the opportunity to meet with John about the important role and purpose of an Interim Rector. He brings to St. Mark's many gifts as an administrative leader, team coordinator and ministry developer, engaging teacher and preacher, and pastoral care provider. In his ordained ministry, Father John has served eight congregations in four states. A graduate of Virginia Seminary here in Alexandria, he holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Seabury Western Seminary as well. In 2001, John founded, nurtured, and incorporated Matthew's Crossing Food Bank, a community-based non-profit now serving more than 50,000 clients each year. John is married to Jean Hall. Jean has lived in the Philippines, Brazil, and Mexico. She earned a Master of International Management degree from Thunderbird School of Global Management. John and Jean enjoy restoring antique furniture, especially chairs with cane seats. Many of their projects may be seen on their Raising Cane Facebook page. Together, John and Jean have four adult sons and three daughters-in-law, two grandchildren (with another on the way), and a Labrador Retriever named Ruby.

### 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 and Ron Graves.

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.

We pray for Eric Luxner and family whose aunt, Thelma Luxner died on Monday, October 22, 2018.

It is also with great sadness that we share the passing of COL (ret) Emmett Sims, father of Sheryl Sims on October 30, 2018. The funeral service will be held at the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Old Town Alexandria. Additional information regarding the arrangements will be forthcoming.

### This Week at St. Mark’s

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am – HE, Healing - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 9:15am – The Adult Forum 10:00am – HE, Healing - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 1:00pm- 4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)
Monday, 11/5	7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 11/6	Election Day 7:00pm-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 11/7	10:30am – The Fairfax 6:00pm- 9:00pm – AA Drama Group
Thursday, 11/8	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 11/9	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 11/10	1:30pm – 4:00pm - True Deliverance Church
Sunday, 11/11	8:00am – HE – The Rev. John Hall 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John 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>

**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.

**Episcopal Relief and Development:** Gift giving time is nearing and Episcopal Relief and Development have many suggestions to help our world neighbors in need. Instead of another monetary donation, how about a pig, flock of chickens, clean water or mosquito net? You can order any of these items from their catalog or on line at [episcopalrelief.org/gifts](http://episcopalrelief.org/gifts).

**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).

**Thank You! Thank You!:** We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Earl Hughes and Wally Tienken for repairing the front door to the church. Your hard work is greatly appreciated. This is just another example of the wonderful gifts and talents we have here at St. Mark's!

**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.

**UCM:** The United Community Ministries would like to thank St. Mark's for their generous gift of \$600 to support them and the families they serve. The donation will make a critical difference to families and children who need a fighting chance to create a better life for themselves. It means food, rental assistance and more for families in immediate need. Thank you again for the commitment to help struggling families and children grow and thrive.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Giving Hope Breakfast:** This event will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2018 7:30am – 9:00am at the Springfield Hilton, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield, Va. The breakfast is free and there will be an opportunity to make a gift at the end if you so desire. For more information, please contact Rosemary Kley.

**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.

**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** - The Old, New and You – Tracy Tienken, Presenter

November 11<sup>th</sup> – Recap of the Diocesan Convention – Rev. Donna Foughty & David Walton, Presenters

November 19<sup>th</sup> – Special Evening Adult Forum – Church Safety – Officer Robert Urps, Presenter

### Upcoming Birthdays !!

11/4 – Mike Morgan

11/6 – Eva Buckles

11/7 – David Walton

11/10 – Kwaku Benfi

### Happy Anniversary!!

11/4 – Dan & Becky Sanders