

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

October 14, 2018

THE FUTURE OF ST. MARK'S

by Doug Varner

This Sunday, October 14, we formally begin our Every Member Canvass and Pledge Drive. Everyone should have already received their information packet in the mail. Please don't set it aside for later, because you see, the future of St. Mark's is now in your hands. Some of us most value our regular Sunday worship service or our own quiet time in the Sanctuary, while others see the church doing God's work in the world. Perhaps these four walls have witnessed the most sacred days of your life, or a loved one lives on in the Memorial Garden. Whatever St. Mark's means to you, it is only possible because of you, and the commitment you make during this time. Please look within your heart and be as generous as possible.

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, 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, Janis Becker, Richard, Reed, Josh, Steve Ellis and Indira Murillo.

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 continue to pray for the family of Jeanette Parris, beloved wife of Michael Parris who died on Saturday, September 29, 2018. All services were held in Richmond, Virginia.

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE, The Rev. Donna Foughty 9:15am – The Adult Forum 10:00am – HE, The Rev. Donna Foughty 1:00pm- 4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)
Monday, 10/15	7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH) 7:30pm – Vantage Home Association- Earl Hughes-POC
Tuesday, 10/16	7:00pm-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S) 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Girl Scout Training (PH)
Wednesday, 10/17	10:30am – The Fairfax – The Rev. Donna Foughty 6:00pm- 9:00pm – AA Drama Group
Thursday, 10/18	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders 6:00pm-9:00pm – Girl Scouts
Friday, 10/19	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 10/20	No Activities Scheduled
Sunday, 10/21	8:00am – HE – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 10:00am – HE - The Rev. Michael Pumphrey



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“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

Announcements

Prayer for the Discernment Committee: Please pray the following prayer for and with the Discernment Committee as they embark on the search for a new Rector for St. Mark's: *Heavenly Father, we pray intently and expectantly as we search for a new rector of St. Mark's. We ask Your help in discerning who it is that You are calling to serve. Speak to our hearts, Lord, so that we may keep a humble heart and remove all personal agendas. Let us do nothing without thinking of the good of all at St. Mark's. Grant us the humility to value others and to build trust within our committee. Gracious Lord, allow us to use the gifts that You bestowed on each of us to accomplish this important task. We pray for our future rector, his or her family, as well as our own parish family. Put us in agreement that in all things it is Your will, done in Your way, that is accomplished. Give us an attitude of Christ and grant us patience and understanding throughout this process. Amen*

Matthew 7:7-8: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be open to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be open.
Philippians 2:3-4: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourselves not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others

VOICE: VOICE has an important 1200 member action on Oct. 21, 2018 from 4-6pm at Fairfax High School. We have commitments from Scott Braband, Superintendent of Fairfax County Schools, Governor Ralph Northam, and Attorney General Mark Herring. Our turnout goal for VOICE of Mt. Vernon is 30.

Our agenda comes out of listening sessions with 6000 individuals. At the action a diverse set of speakers will share compelling personal stories to illustrate the need for change in each of these areas:

1. Calling for the end to cash bail in Virginia. Cash bail disproportionately affects low income people.
2. Ending incarceration for non-violent substance abusers and other mentally ill offenders.
3. Restoring voting rights to convicted felons.
4. Doubling the number of school counselors (\$95 million)
5. Increasing teachers who reflect the diversity of the student body.
6. Retaining teachers through competitive pay.
7. Expanded or universal Pre-K.

Also, please think about participating in our Get out the Vote drive on Nov 6. For more information, please contact Rosemary Kley or Rodney Fisher.

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.

Children's Sabbath: As part of our celebration of Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 21st, we will be collecting diapers (any size) and wipes for United Community Ministries (UCM). There will be a collection box in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Hamrin or Belinda Appiah.

You Are Invited: An inspirational All Saints' Choral Evensong will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, 7:30pm at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria, Va. Candles will be available to light in memory of loved ones. Music from composers, C. Hubert H. Parry, Charles Villiers Stanford, and Richard Shepherd will be featured. A reception will follow and all are invited. For more information, please contact St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 703-549-3312.

4th 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.

Farewell Reception: The Virginia Theological Seminary will host a farewell reception for the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston on Sunday, October 28th, 2:00pm – 3:30pm in Scott Lounge, The Refectory. All are invited to come and join to thank Bishop Johnston for his committed service.

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 – "Tell Your Faith Story"

October 21st – Trauma and Faith – Rev. Michael Pumphrey, Presenter

Upcoming Birthdays !!

10/17 – Rodney Fisher

10/20 – Katherine Larson

