

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

October 21, 2018

St. Mark’s Observance of Children’s Sabbaths Celebration

On Sunday, October 21, 2018, we will be celebrating Children’s Sabbath. In addition to a focus on our Children’s and Youth Education ministries, including having our young people participate actively in the service in a variety of ways, Children’s Sabbath also joins us with a national faith community in raising awareness of children’s issues and performing community service. This year’s national theme is “Realizing Dr. King’s Vision for Every Child: Lives of Hope, Not Despair.”

Why Participate in the Children’s Sabbath?

Sponsored by the Children’s Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children’s Sabbaths weekend unites faith communities of every religious tradition across the nation to: 1) Raise awareness of problems facing children and families in our nation (such as poverty, gun violence, and lack of health care), 2) Explore the texts and teachings in religious traditions that call us to nurture and protect children with love and justice, 3) Engage people of faith in immediate and long-term action to nurture, protect, and seek justice for children

By participating in this multi-faith, nationwide celebration, people of faith gain the inspiration of participating in a larger movement for children and help amplify the voice of our faith communities calling for justice. Our service project this year is to gather diapers and wipes for children in our community. All diapers and wipes collected will be donated by St. Mark’s to United Community Ministries.

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.

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, 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.

This Week at St. Mark’s

Today	8:00 am – HE, The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 9:15am – The Adult Forum 10:00am – HE, The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 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, 10/22	7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 10/23	7:00pm-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 10/24	10:30am – The Fairfax – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 6:00pm- 9:00pm – AA Drama Group
Thursday, 10/25	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 10/26	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 10/27	No Activities Scheduled
Sunday, 10/28	8:00am – HE – The Rev. Donna Foughty 10:00am – HE - The Rev. Donna Foughty



“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.

Discernment Committee: The committee will meet immediately following the 10 a.m. service today in the large classroom (Classroom 5) Gibson Hall.

VOICE: VOICE has an important 1200 member action **today** 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.

Flowers: The flowers on the Altar today are given in celebration of and thanksgiving for the 50th wedding anniversary of Rosemary and Ed Kley on October 26, 2018. Congratulations!!



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.

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 – Trauma and Faith – Rev. Michael Pumphrey, Presenter
October 28th – Rector Search-Getting Started – Bonnie Wilkins, Presenter
November 3rd - The Old, New and You – Tracy Tienken, Presenter

Upcoming Birthdays !!

10/21 – Hailey Heyse
10/22 – Kathy Norman
10/23 – Francisco Robles
10/24 – Abby Sparks/Mary Stockstill
10/25 – Casey Dominic
10/26 – Daisha Lee