

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

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

**October 28, 2018**

**Today**

### **This Week at St. Mark’s**

8:00 am – HE, The Rev. Donna Foughty  
9:15am – The Adult Forum  
10:00am – HE, The Rev. Donna Foughty  
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, 10/29

7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)

Tuesday, 10/30

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

Wednesday, 10/31

10:30am – The Fairfax  
6:00pm- 9:00pm – AA Drama Group

Thursday, 11/1

9:30 am – Morning Prayer  
10:00 am – Holy Folders

Friday, 11/2

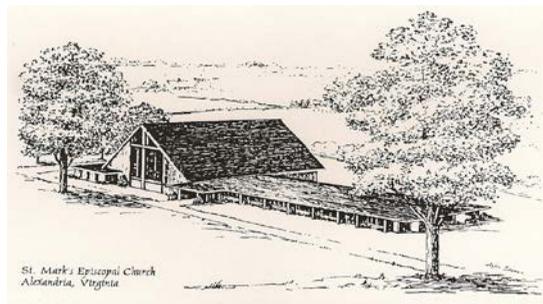
No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, 11/3

1:30pm – 4:00pm - True Deliverance Church

Sunday, 10/28

8:00am – HE – The Rev. John Hall  
10:00am – HE - The Rev. John Hall



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

### **Discernment Committee’s Rector Search Process**

We have entered into a Transition Period: Our vestry has issued a call for an interim rector and our Discernment Committee has started the first steps towards finding our next permanent rector. This “in-between time” is an opportunity to discover how our church and our surrounding community have changed since the last call. It will be a time of challenge and opportunity. We must all pray for God’s guidance and listen for the Holy Spirit to tell us where God is calling us to be in the future. We need full congregational input. We are not just attendees at church services, we are “the church.” The process of calling a priest is not like a secular hiring process, it is about entering into a relationship with someone who will lead us in our spiritual journey. For this reason, our search team is called the Discernment Committee—they will be discerning God’s direction with your help.

The first half of the transition period is a self-study process. We will ask the questions of Who have we been? Who are we now? And Who is God calling us to be? The answers will be used to create the Community Ministry Portfolio (CMP) and identify the gifts we seek in our next rector. The CMP is the primary document that potential candidates will read to understand who we are as a parish. It will be posted on the Office of Transition Ministry (otmportfolio.org) national database to announce we are accepting applications. In the following weeks, you will receive a survey to help us gather initial information. Our next information gathering tool will be holding small listening sessions called focus groups.

The second half of the transition period will involve reviewing applications, conducting interviews and site visits, and submitting the recommendation to the vestry to issue the call. It usually takes about a year to complete the entire process. We will provide more information as we continue through these stages.

*(Please join us for our Adult Forum today on this topic).*

### **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.

We pray for Rosa Krewson whose Father died on October 18, 2018. Funeral arrangements are pending.

## 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:** The rally at Fairfax HS last Sunday was attended by 1400 people from Christian, Jewish and Islamic groups. Prayers were offered in English, Spanish, Arabic and Hebrew. The dialogue was positive with Governor Northam and Attorney General Mark Herring. Issues of the day included safety in our schools, with more mental health and counseling needed, higher salaries for teachers as opposed to guns; restoration of rights for unpaid court debts, which hurts the poor disproportionately and costs the state more to house them in prisons; revision of the Court bail system, which also hurts the poor disproportionately, and the unjust system which targets black and brown people disproportionately.

**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. Office 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 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).

**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.

**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.

**Farewell Reception:** The Virginia Theological Seminary will host a farewell reception for the Rt. Rev. Shannon Johnston on today, 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** – Rector Search-Getting Started – Bonnie Wilkins, Presenter

November 3<sup>rd</sup> - The Old, New and You – Tracy Tienken, Presenter

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

### Upcoming Birthdays !!

10/30 – Margaret Patterson

11/1 – Patrick Manley

11/2 – David Diaz

11/3 – Edy Ramioka