

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

September 16, 2018

This Week at St. Mark’s

Today	8:00 am – HE, The Rev. Mary Thorpe 10:00am – HE, The Rev. Mary Thorpe 1:00pm- 4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)
Monday, 9/17	7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 9/18	7:00pm-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 9/19	10:30am – The Fairfax – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 6:00pm- 9:00pm – AA Drama Group
Thursday, 9/20	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders 6:00pm – 9:00pm – Girl Scouts
Friday, 9/21	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 9/22	2:00pm – San Marcos Celebration
Sunday, 9/23	8:00am – HE – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 10:00am – HE - The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 11:15am – The Discernment Committee Meeting (Heffner Room)



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

From The Rector’s Desk

Dear Vestry of St. Mark’s, Friends and Members,

I want to thank all of you for a fantastic party Saturday, and great reception on Sunday. You graciously received my family and reminded us all again of what a wondrous and sacred place St. Mark’s is. We have had great adventures together, and I pray we will continue to grow into the journeys we have before us. In the 1980’s a T.V. show, **The Golden Girls** celebrated aging, while often admitting that it was challenging and sometimes painful. Their rendition of Bob Hope’s *Thanks for the Memories* remains a reflection of our human and social condition at one point in our life. *"Thanks for the Medicare/For Blue Cross and Blue Shield/For a hip that finally healed/Remember, on prescriptions, generic is a steal/We thank you so much."* Let me assure you, I do not plan to go out so quietly! But thanks to all of you, and especially our Wardens, Jim and Rob, our Social Saints, Kathy Hughes and Charlotte Brown. Thank you for the memorial rock....it was sobering to see my name in bronze! And thank you all for your continuing generosity of spirit. My family and I have grown up at St. Mark’s. You were with me through 30 months of combat deployment, and you kept me surrounded by your prayers and presence since and before. May God continue to watch over all of us in the many years ahead!

Faithfully yours,

The Rev. John A. Weatherly

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, Jeanette Parris, 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, Janis BiceLas.

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.

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.

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.
Phillipian 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

From the People's Warden: Last weekend's retirement celebration for Father John was a fitting tribute to our rector of 21 years. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend Saturday's party and Sunday's service. The Vestry would like to recognize **Jim Bailes, Charlotte Brown, Kathy Hughes and Sheryl Sims**, who served on our committee that organized the weekend's events. Please consider making a donation for Father John's commemorative plaque and the weekend celebration.

This Sunday's Adult Forum will feature the Rev. Mary Thorpe, director of transition ministry for the Diocese of Virginia. Rev. Thorpe will also deliver the sermon at the 8 and 10 o'clock services. **The Vestry will hold its meeting today at 11:15 in the large classroom.**

Parishioners are invited to attend. Over the next few weeks, the Rev. Donna Foughty and the Rev. Michael Pumphrey will serve as supply clergy for St. Mark's. The Vestry is currently working with the Diocese of Virginia to interview candidates for interim rector. That individual will serve until a new rector is hired. We're grateful to have Revs. Foughty and Pumphrey to help us through this transition.

Adult Forum

TODAY – The Rev. Mary Thorpe, Director of Transition Ministry

Sunday School: The Sunday School will begin its new year **today**. We will have classes for Pre-K to high school. Registration forms will be available today. If you have any questions, require additional information or would like to volunteer, please contact Belinda Appiah, Nana Marfo or Pam Hamrin.

Flowers: The flowers on the altar are donated by John and Helen Dell in memory of the lives loss and in thanksgiving for those who responded on September 11, 2001.

Mount Vernon Community Day: Our annual Community Day to Serve is Fast Approaching! Area parishes will join again to fill bags of non-perishable food and snacks for disadvantaged children in Alexandria. We work from 9AM to 11AM. The fellowship and work is great fun! We welcome your help if you are new or returning. Students can earn volunteer-hour credit. If you cannot attend but want to donate, please bring supplies (see list on Facebook page of Ventures in Community) by THIS Sunday September 16. St. Marks donations will be delivered on Friday evening, September 21. You may also bring your donations with you after 8AM on Saturday, September 22. Location is the Church of Jesus Christ of latter Day Saints, 2000 GW PARKWAY (right on Lucia Lane, just north of Cedar Knoll restaurant). Any questions? contact Rodney Fisher (703) 329-2340 Thank you!

Rector Search Committee: The Vestry met and appointed a search committee for St. Mark's new Rector. We thank the eight parishioners who have volunteered to serve: Ashley Bryda, Al Dominic, Rosa Krewson, Eric Murchie-Beyma, Gaby Pineda, Sheryl Sims, Mary Jane Stockstill, and Bonnie Wilkins, who will serve as the committee's chairwoman. The meeting of this committee will be held on **September 23, 2018 at 11:15 in the Heffner Room.**

Upcoming Birthdays !!

9/16 – Chole Lewis
9/17 – Megan Murchie-Beyma/Justin Petrick
9/18 – Matthew Foster
9/19 – Steve Mitchell
9/20 – Jean Bailes/Vicky Johnson
9/21 – David Winsor/Janet Davis
9/22 – Amelie Cagle/Sara Dillich/Nanah Janneh

Happy Anniversary!!

9/18 – Brian & Maggie Croghan