

## ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

**September 23, 2018**

**Today**

### This Week at St. Mark’s

8:00 am – HE, The Rev. Michael Pumphrey  
9:15am – The Adult Forum  
10:00am – HE, The Rev. Michael Pumphrey  
11:15am – The Discernment Committee Meeting (Heffner Room)  
1:00pm- 4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S,PH,GH)  
4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)

Monday, 9/24 7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)

Tuesday, 9/25 7:00pm-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S)

Wednesday, 9/26 10:30am – The Fairfax – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey  
6:00pm- 9:00pm – AA Drama Group

Thursday, 9/27 9:30 am – Morning Prayer  
10:00 am – Holy Folders  
6:00pm – 9:00pm – Girl Scouts

Friday, 9/28 No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, 9/29 1:30pm – Truth Deliverance Church

Sunday, 9/30 8:00am – HE – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey  
10:00am – HE - The Rev. Michael Pumphrey



**“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.

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.

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. 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*

**St. Mark's Eight Month Financial Summary:** Summer is almost over; please don't forget the work of the church continues! Please keep up your pledge, and give extra to help us with the mortgage!

<u>Income</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>Budget YTD</u>
Pledge and Plate	\$163,119	\$186,000
Building use	24,855	30,280
Other	2,449	8,968
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$190,423</b>	<b>\$ 225,248</b>

Expenses

Staff	\$124,179	\$156,008
Bldg. Expenses	44,282	39,536
Education, Worship	2,570	3,500
Outreach	14,709	15,272
Other	11,574	9,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 197,314</b>	<b>\$ 224,224</b>
Difference	\$ (6,891)	\$ 1,024

**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. 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.

**Discernment Committee:** The Discernment Committee will hold its first meeting **today**, September 23, 2018 at 11:15am in the Heffner Room

**Donation Envelopes:** In the bulletin today you will find donation envelopes to assist in offsetting the cost of Rev. Weatherly's commemorative plaque and weekend celebration. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Mortgage Update:** As of September 12, 2018 our mortgage balance is **\$123,035.50**. We appreciate your continued contributions!

**Offender And Restoration (OAR):** All are invited to attend the free "Sing Out for Second Chances" presented by OAR on Sunday, October 28, 2018, 4:00pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 711 North Columbus Street, Alexandria, Va. 22314. All proceeds will benefit OAR. For more information, please call Heather Pritchett at 703-228-7435.

**Information for Bulletin:** If you have information or announcements for the bulletin, please submit them to the church office via email or telephone call no later than Tuesday by close of business. Thank you.

**Adult Forum**

**Today** – The Christian/Jewish Relationship- Kim Lewis, Presenter  
 September 30<sup>th</sup> – The Formation of the New Testament - Kim Lewis, Presenter

**Upcoming Birthdays !!**

9/24 – Kwabena Amponsah  
 9/28 – Ed Kley  
 9/29 – Charlotte Brown/Patrick Manley