

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ’s love:

September 30, 2018

THE MANY FACES OF STEWARDSHIP

By Doug Varner

With the excitement of our Every Member Canvass just around the corner, it’s easy to lose track of the fact that stewardship goes on all year long and takes many different forms. Sometimes our time and talent can be the most effective and rewarding offering we can make to do God’s work here on earth. Service on the Altar Guild provides many opportunities to facilitate and enrich our Sunday Worship Service, and the work of Ushers and Tellers is never-ending and essential. Sunday School can always benefit from another teacher, and there is a very immediate need for someone in the Nursery. Another area with which I am deeply involved is the Choir. As the year matures and transitions into a new one, the Choir stands to lose several members who will not be easily replaced. If you are the least bit musical please consider joining the St. Mark’s Choir. Rehearsals are after the Sunday Service, September through May.

And whatever you do, don’t lose sight of the importance of the pledge drive.

Intercessions, Thanksgiving, Prayer Requests

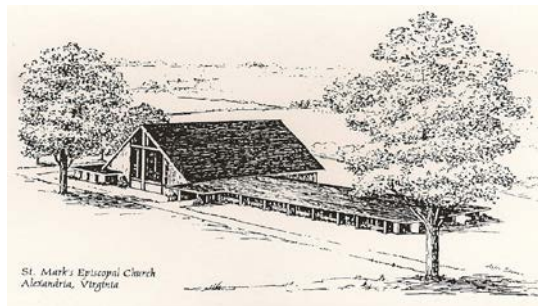
Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially in the St. Mark’s Parish: Lindsay Drabick, Juliana, Albie, Lou, Janet, Judy, Sarah Derringer, Muriel Hughes, Mary, Caroline Bradford, Jeanette Parris, Kimberly Earle, John Dell, Kevannah Campbell, Velma Campbell, 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, Richard, Reed and Josh.

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. 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, 10/1	7:00-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 10/2	7:00pm-9:00 pm-Pan de Vida (S) 7:00pm – 9:00pm – Girl Scout Training (PH)
Wednesday, 10/3	10:30am – The Fairfax – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 6:00pm- 9:00pm – AA Drama Group
Thursday, 10/4	9:30 am – Morning Prayer 10:00 am – Holy Folders
Friday, 10/5	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 10/6	1:30pm – Truth Deliverance Church
Sunday, 10/7	8:00am – HE – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 10:00am – HE - The Rev. Michael Pumphrey



“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

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
Total	\$190,423	\$ 225.248

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
Total	\$ 197,314	\$ 224,224
Difference	\$ (6,891)	\$ 1,024

Ventures In Community (VIC): The Ventures in Community Day of Service was a big success. Thank you for your donations and participation. Together, local churches in our area filled 500 bags of non-perishable food for poor students so they will have healthy food on the weekends. We welcome you to join us again next year. VIC is made up of local faith communities including St. Mark’s and organizations like United Community Ministries to serve those in need in our community. St. Mark’s has been an active part through a monthly contribution as well as through the dedicated leadership of Rosemary Kley. The VIC October meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 3rd, 7:00pm at the INCA Mosque facility on Woodlawn Trail across from Five Guys on Route 1. The speaker is the Fairfax County Officer responsible for implementing the “One Fairfax” program adopted by the County Supervisors. We welcome and encourage all to attend. For more information, please contact Rosemary Kley or Rodney Fisher.

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.

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

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.

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!

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 Formation of the New Testament - Kim Lewis, Presenter
October 7th - A Basic Spanish Lesson – Katty Valderrama, Presenter

Upcoming Birthdays !!

10/3 – Horatia Elliott
10/6 – Sidoux Mitchell