

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 1:00pm -4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S, PH, GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)
Monday, 2/ 11	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 2/12	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 2/13	10:30am – The Fairfax
Thursday, 2/14	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders 7:00pm – Girl Scouts
Friday, 2/15	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 2/16	6:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (PH)
Sunday, 2/ 17	8:00am – HE – The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ's love:

February 10, 2019

From the Desk of the Interim Rector

Congregations, like people, tend to focus on who they are at particular times, and then stick to that identity until something comes along to shake them out of their rut. Do you ever remember looking in the mirror and being startled by discovering that some white hair had replaced your youthful dark hair? (For me, it was discovering NO hair where hair had once covered my head!) Often, our self-identity changes in fits and starts. I remember a congregation that thought of itself as a parish made up of young couples with lots of children filling the Sunday School. What that congregation failed to notice was that those young couples had all aged and their children were mostly off to college or work. Some of those “young couples” were now grandparents. But, back in the day, they *had* been young couples – the core of the congregation. When a parish is in a transition, like we are here at St. Mark's, the opportunity is presented for the congregation to update its perception of itself. It's time to reflect on who we were then, who we are now, and who we are challenged to become in the future. Let's bravely look in our mirror and see what looks back.

Fr. John Hall

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, Emily Davis, Kent White, the Lewis family, including Gloria & Karen, Pat Hoppe, Nell Brill, Hailey Heyse, Irrsula Mpouma, Richard Sparks, Jeff Gray, Mary Magnini, Eloida Reyes, Sheyla Cornwall, Nihal Masih, Wally and Terry Tienken.

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, Sarif Harding, the Vangroll Family, Sylvia Beauchamp, Sylvia Wren, David, Ellen, and Erin Mitchell, Roger Ray, Sally Belk, John Sims, Warren Sims, Shawn, Arlene Washington, Barbara, Robin Groome, Peter Butler, Janis Becker, Richard, Reed, Josh, Steve Ellis, Indira Murillo, David Haggard, Ron Graves, Sook Ja You, Kimberlee, Mary and Patty Klosky and Bob and Maggie Hohnberger and Kevin Lopez.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way, we lift up Tim, Emily and family, Pat Foughty and Brian Talay. We pray for those of every generation who live with the wounds of war or who have given their lives for this nation.

Announcements

Rector Search Prayer: 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.



**RECTOR
SEARCH**

Thank you for all who have participated in our focus group sessions. Our last group sessions are **TODAY**, following the 10 a.m. service. These two sessions will be with the Daughters of the King and the Choir members. The Discernment Committee members are calling the remaining members who have not yet participated to get their opinions. The skills and qualities you have identified for our next rector will be used when we announce our search on the national Episcopal Church database.

The Rector Discernment Survey Results are available! The results of the 51 surveys that you completed in Nov-Dec 2018 have been compiled into a report. The results were included as a pdf file in the weekly electronic newsletter. A small number of paper copies have been placed in the tract rack in the narthex over the name tags. Look for the "Rector Search Corner" sign on right hand side of the tract rack.

Knitting with a Purpose! Please support the youth programs of our sister parish, San Marcos, by visiting their Knitting with a Purpose booth today, following the 10:00 a.m. service. Homemade items -- both crocheted and knit -- will be available for purchase. All proceeds support San Marcos youth ministries.



A big shout out to the generosity of our fellow parishioners at St. Mark's, Alexandria, VA who donated soup for the "Souperbowl" of Caring food drive at church on Souper Sunday! Rodney and Candace Fisher delivered 110 pounds of food to the UCM food pantry in Alexandria, which was collected on Souperbowl Sunday!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

(Need volunteers with experience installing carpet and moving furniture)

As we have announced, we have a list of "THINGS TO DO" at St. Mark's from a maintenance perspective. On this list of "THINGS TO DO" is replacing the Rector's carpet. We have measured the room. We have samples from a carpet company. But we need advice from someone with experience installing carpet and perhaps carpentry. We would like to get some ideas on what installation options we should consider. The rug in the office has cove baseboard panel. Do we remove the glued baseboard prior to installation, then what? Do we bind the rug (expensive decision) and lay it down right up to the edge of the cove baseboard panel? The 1950s tile under the rug WILL NOT be removed. The doors in Rector's office and Heffner room were switched to open outward, but this has caused the doors to be difficult to open. Before installing the new carpet, should they be switched and opened inward vs outward? Should we install a pad under the rug? FINALLY, after these decisions are made based on needs and costs, we will need a crew to remove the Rector's furniture and then put the furniture back after the carpet is installed. We will be scheduling the rug installation and coordinating with the volunteers. IF anyone is interested in helping us get this done, please contact Charlotte Brown at the email address below. If you are only volunteering to move furniture, we will put your name on the list. If you have knowledge experience for carpet installation, please contact Charlotte Brown at Brown_charlie@verizon.net.

Pledge Envelopes: The pledge envelopes for 2019 are ready for pick up. They are in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Administrator.

SAVE THE DATES!!! Please save the following dates for our upcoming Lenten program entitled "The Way of Love". The program will begin the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday - March 13th, 20th, 27 and April 3rd, 10th and 17th. More information will be forthcoming.

Adult Forum

TODAY – "Anxious for Nothing" (video), David Walton, Presenter
February 17th – The Seven Churches & The Book of Revelation – Kim Lewis, Presenter

Upcoming Birthdays !!

2/11 – Kate Mitchell
2/13 – Emily Davis/Sherlock Grigsby
2/16 – Temi Awofisayo/Wally Robles/Weston Moats