

## This Week at St. Mark's

<b>Today</b>	8:00 am – HE and Healing - The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 10:00am – HE and Healing - The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 11:15am – Rector Search Focus Group 1:00pm -4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S, PH, GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)
Monday, 2/ 4	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 2/5	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 2/6	10:30am – The Fairfax
Thursday, 2/7	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders
Friday, 2/8	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 2/9	1:30pm – 4:30pm – Truth Deliverance Church 6:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (PH)
Sunday, 2/ 10	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 3, 2019

### From the Desk of the Interim Rector

Telling stories together, laughing together, and sometimes sharing tears of joy or sorrow together – all of these moments are vital and life-giving in this time of transition at St. Mark's. These are some of the ways we as a congregation come to terms with our history. They help us reset our compass for the journey ahead and keep us from being locked in the past. Our history can block our future or give us a firm foundation for the future. We can stay focused on what we used to be and try to recreate it. (“Why don't we just keep doing it the way we did when Fr. So-and-so first came?”) Or, we can use that history like a launch pad. (“We've always made lemonade from the lemons we've been handed—I'll bet the next batch will be even better than the last!”) So, tell the stories! “Remember when we built Patience Hall?” “Remember when John was deployed?” “Remember that Blessing of the Animals?” “Remember when Meredith preached about that?” “Remember the parish dinner where the dessert table collapsed?” Let's live into our history and be free to walk into the future without stumbling, without looking over our shoulder, and without fear. God was with us in our history. God is with us today. God will be with us every step of the way ahead.

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**

Our first congregation focus group sessions are this Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, following the 10 a.m. service. Sixteen people have signed up and will meet in 3 groups of 5-6 people. We will ask you 5 questions. Five separate sessions have been scheduled for small groups such as Daughters of the King (2/10), Choir (2/10), Youth Group (1/27), Children/Youth Ministry Leaders (1/26), and Church Operations (1/31). We want to hear your thoughts about who we are at St. Mark's, where we're headed in the future, and the type of leader we need to get us there. Refreshments will be served. We will meet for about 90 minutes and you will be home in time to watch the Super Bowl game! Childcare will be available *with advance notice*.

**Congratulations!!** We extend congratulations to Fr. John and Jean Hall on the birth of their new granddaughter, Aurora Jean, who was born January 19, 2019 and weighed in at 7lbs. 1oz. The baby and new parents are doing fine.

**Knitting with a Purpose!** Please support the youth programs of our sister parish, San Marcos, by visiting their Knitting with a Purpose booth on Sunday, February 10, 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.



Today, February 3rd, we are filling the Soup Pot with cans, dry soup packets and boxes of nutritious soups for our neighbors at United Community Ministries. St. Mark's has always given generously and our Souper Sunday makes a difference in so many lives. Please bring all donations in bags. Thanking you in advance for your contributions.



**The Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections:** The Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections were held on January 27th. Congratulations to Tracy Tienken, Jimmy Bailes, Charlotte Brown, and Rob Bluey on being elected to continue serving on the Vestry. Father John presented a slide show describing the status of our financial situation and Average Sunday Attendance. Minutes of last year's annual report and reports from various ministries for 2018 will be posted on our website

**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.

**UCM:** During a recent St. Mark's forum, United Community Ministries (UCM) informed us that they always have a need for children's books for their main waiting room. They encourage clients' children to take a book home to foster a love of reading. Please place *new* or *gently-used* children's books in the food collection basket. Please bring them in a small (plastic is fine) bag. Thank you!

**VIC:** Ventures in Community (VIC) is in need of overnight volunteers every Tuesday night in February and March for their Hypothermia Outreach Program. The overnight shift is from 9:00pm until 7:00am. Each volunteer is allowed 3 ½ hours of sleep. For more information or to sign up, please contact Sherry Edelkamp at 703-966-1270 or VICHOPShelter@gmail.com. The next VIC monthly meeting Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Ft. Hunt Road, Alex., Va. Topics this year relate to the EMBARK plan for Route 1 and the "One Fairfax" plan for Fairfax County. Lunch will be provided.

### **Adult Forum**

**TODAY** – VOICE Interfaith Activities – Rosemary Kley, Presenter  
February 10<sup>th</sup> – “Anxious for Nothing” (video), David Walton, Presenter

### **Upcoming Birthdays !!**

2/3 – Tad Jones

2/5 – Titan Campbell

2/7 – Tracy Tienken

2/9 – Kristina Campbell