

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 11:15am – Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections (PH) 1:00pm -4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S, PH, GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S,PH)
Monday, 1/ 28	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 1/29	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 1/30	10:30am – The Fairfax
Thursday, 1/31	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders
Friday, 2/1	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 2/2	1:30pm – 4:30pm – Truth Deliverance Church 6:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (PH)
Sunday, 2/ 3	8:00am – HE – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 10:00am – HE - The Rev. Michael Pumphrey 11:15am – Rector Search Focus Group



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ's love:

January 27, 2019

From the Desk of the Interim Rector

I'm hooked on the latest **Netflix** craze, “*Tidying Up with Marie Kondo*,” a series in which organizational guru Marie Kondo helps clients clear out their clutter – and choose only those things that **spark joy**. This week, blogger Jan Edmiston posted a piece entitled “*Marie Kondo-ing Church Buildings*” that I'd like to share. Edmiston writes:

“I found myself in a church closet over the weekend and it was an inspirational experience. I've been in a variety of church closets in my life and most of them look like they've been overrun by hoarders: Donated wheelchairs, old clothes, and dated non-perishables. Holiday closets with half-melted candles and sad wreaths. Bankers boxes of “important records” – like every bulletin used since the resurrection, ancient photos of Christmas Pageants Past with no identifying names or dates, rubber banded offering envelopes without the money but with names and numbers “in case we need them someday.” My closet experience last weekend involved none of that. Not only was everything labeled and stacked neatly, there was room to change my clothes without bumping into random mop handles. Seriously, I was energized. You could say that joy was sparked, which leads me to Ms. Kondo...Yes, we need to de-clutter. But mostly we need to ask ourselves: What about our Church sparks joy?”

This is a great question! What about our Church inspires joy? Here at St. Mark's, what fills us with hope? Why are we expectant? When are we happy? What brings us true joy? As we move through this interim time awaiting the call and arrival of our new Rector, we have a sacred moment to reflect – yes, to unclutter – but to reflect on why St. Mark's is a place that sparks joy for us and for others, now and in the days ahead. Like Marie Kondo, I believe that all human beings crave joy and order and beauty. Let's think about how, as a church community, we offer these things in the name of God.

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, Warren Sims, 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, 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 .

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

Don't forget to sign up for the focus group sessions on the Feb. 3, 2019. The purpose is to seek your input 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. We want everyone to have the chance for their voice to be heard. Light refreshments will be served. We will meet for about 90 minutes and you will be home in time to watch the Super Bowl game! There is a link to an online sign-up sheet in the weekly email or you can sign up in the narthex after the 10 a.m. service. Advanced registration is greatly appreciated for planning purposes. We will meet in small groups of 6-10 people and will ask you 3-5 questions. 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.

Altar Books: We are blessing and dedicating 2 Altar books today in memory of Dick Stockstill, a long time and beloved member of St. Mark's. We thank the Stockstill family for this generous gift.

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.

Souper Sunday: On next Sunday, February 3rd, we will once again be filling the Soup Pot with cans, dry soup packets and boxes of nutritious soups for our neighbors. 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.

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!

The Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections: The Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections will be held after the 10 a.m. service **TODAY**. According to Canon 11 of the Episcopal Church, those eligible to vote are "adult communicants in good standing, registered in the particular Church in which they offer to vote. The voting shall be by ballot in person and, unless otherwise provided by the meeting, a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. There shall be no voting by proxy. But no election shall be valid unless the participating qualified votes number at least ten per cent of the number of active communicants qualified to vote reported for the previous year."

Supporting the U.S. Coast Guard: Our neighbors at the U.S. Coast Guard station on Telegraph Road are entering a period of trying times as the number of shutdown days grows into the 30s. While some of us within our own parish family are either furloughed and being asked to work without pay, the USCG has a significant number of junior enlisted members where no paycheck can mean desperate times. I have reached out to the Coast Guard station, and they provided me with the following information: The "Coast Guard Mutual Assistance - CGMA" organization seeks and takes donations to help their members in need. Their website is: <http://www.cgmahq.org/>. Or you can simply google "Coast Guard Mutual Assistance." Their website has a "donate" button very near the top. Most of us would donate as civilians and I'd recommend donating in honor of St. Mark's. I know the Shutdown is a huge and daunting process, and but aside from prayer for our national leaders as Father Hall urges, we can do one small thing to help - and if I may I'll borrow from the Daughters of the King prayer - "I am but one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do. What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do. Lord, what will have me do?" Changing the "I" to "we" -- I believe we can do a small thing to help our neighbors in immediate need just down the street. Thanks very much, Mike Foughty

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

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!

Outreach: Please check board in the Narthex to see upcoming opportunities. As St. Mark's parishioners, positively engage our community by reaching out!

Adult Forum

TODAY - Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections
February 3rd - VOICE Interfaith Activities - Rosemary Kley, Presenter

Upcoming Birthdays !!

1/31 - Adetola Awofisayo/Nina Dominic/Jennifer Spans
2/2 - Candace Fisher