

This Week at St. Mark's

Today	8:00 am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 9:15am – Mother's Day Breakfast 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 11:15am – Mother's Day Breakfast 1:00pm -4:00pm – Iglesia San Marcos (S, PH, GH) 4:00pm-8:00 pm – Pan de Vida (S, PH)
Monday, 5/ 13	7:00pm-8:30pm – BS Troop 4077 (PH)
Tuesday, 5/14	7:00pm-9:00pm – Pan de Vida (S)
Wednesday, 5/15	7:00pm – Discernment Committee
Thursday, 5/16	9:30am – Morning Prayer 10:00am – Holy Folders 4:00pm – Nurturing Families
Friday, 5/17	No Activities Scheduled
Saturday, 5/18	1:30pm – 4pm – Truth Deliverance Church (S, PH)
Sunday, 5/19	8:00am – HE – The Rev. John C.N. Hall 10:00am – HE - The Rev. John C.N. Hall 11:15am – Vestry Meeting



“Enter to Worship.....Exit to Serve”

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“Opening the doors of Christ's love:

May 12, 2019

From the Desk of the Interim Rector

Stand. Sit. Kneel. Repeat. Stand. Sit. Kneel. Repeat. To the casual observer, a Sunday morning Eucharist in the local Episcopal Church might look like a calisthenics class. We're up. We're down. And we're up again. Have you ever noticed the rubrics in The Book of Common Prayer—those little comments in italic? They're the rules in the playbook. They're our directions as we celebrate our liturgy together. Some rubrics are meant to be optional and others that are not. Many refer to our posture—the physical stance of our bodies during a specific portion of the service. For example, after the Sermon, we recite the Nicene Creed “all standing.” It's interesting that there's no mention of a change in our posture for the Prayers of the People that follow the Creed. The flow of the rubrics encourages us to continue to stand for our prayers. This is not a new idea. In fact, it goes back to the ancient Judeo-Christian practice for prayer of standing, not kneeling or sitting. So why do we have these rubrics for how we pray? A hint to the answer is found in the name of the prayer book that houses these rules. The Book of Common Prayer is our guide to our common worship. We pray as a group in common, with one another, celebrating together with the same words, the same prayers, and the same postures. So, shall we stand, sit, or kneel? If your back or your will requires you to stand, or to sit, or to kneel, then please do. The rubrics, however, can guide your heart to a fuller common understanding of our common prayer together.

Fr. John Hall



Please pray for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or adversity, especially Pat, Nell, Richard, Mary, Nihal, Earl, Jeanne, John, Warren, James, Virginia, Richard, Annie, Gloria, Tim and family, Elizabeth, Helen, Betty, Kelly, Chris, Trina, Diana, Carrie, Robin and Scott.

For all military and civilian personnel and those serving in harm's way. 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.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on St. Mark's and guide those who will choose a rector for this parish. We ask that you send us a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



**RECTOR
SEARCH**

The Discernment Committee has been receiving applications and is prayerfully looking at each candidate to find the one with the gifts our parish identified as most important. The vestry has asked us to let them know if we have promising candidates by May 19, however, we cannot share any details concerning those candidates with the vestry or the congregation. We know you are eager to learn about the applicants, but please respect the applicants' privacy and our duty to perform this responsibility confidentially. Please pray that the Lord will send the right person for us and give us the wisdom to know who that person should be. In Christ's Love, Bonnie Wilkins, Ashley Bryda, Mary Jane Stockstill, Sheryl Sims, Eric Murchie-Beyma, and Gabriella Pineda.

Smile.Amazon.com: We are happy to announce that St. Mark's Episcopal Church has been added to the list of charities on [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). When you order through Amazon use [Smile.Amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). If you use this link it will set your default charity to St. Mark's Episcopal Church: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-0911830> Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to St. Mark's. You can always select charity lists under your account and enter St. Mark's Episcopal Church – VA. Continue to look out for a list of items the church needs as we will be updating this list periodically.

Mother's Day Breakfast!! The annual Mother's Day Breakfast will be held **TODAY** and will be served by the St. Mark's/San Marcos Youth Group. All proceeds will support the upcoming mission trip. Breakfast will be served between the 8am and 10am services and after 10am the service. For more information, please contact Pam Hamrin or Gaby Pineda.

Where's The Prayer List?? The Pastoral Care Committee is making changes to the policies governing St. Mark's Prayer List. Going forward, St. Mark's is requesting that individuals submit names to be on the prayer list for a period of 30 days at a time. Once a name is added to the prayer list, it will remain on the list for one month. After 30 days, the name will be removed. However, the name may be resubmitted for additional prayers – one month at a time – simply by contacting the Church Office. Privacy is extremely important to us at St. Mark's. To increase the confidentiality of those seeking prayers for themselves or for friends or family members, each person appearing on the prayer list will be listed by his or her first name only. This will allow parishioners to seek the support of church-wide prayer while maintaining a greater level of privacy. Remember that all information provided to St. Mark's is used for administrative purposes only. In order for a name to be added to the prayer list, we will need the following information: 1. Requester's full name and contact information. 2. Prayer recipient's full name and contact information. 3. General reason for prayer request. If you have any questions regarding the Prayer List, please reach out to Father John.

United Community Ministries Name Change: On Friday, May 3, 2019, at its 50th Anniversary Spring Gala, Alison DeCoursey, executive director, announced the renaming of the organization to United Community, with a new logo, to reflect a refinement of the organization's mission. "We are changing our organization's name to United Community to reflect our aspiration for the future of our community. For decades, we focused on providing basic human services to families. As we turn 50, to amplify our mission, we must alter the conditions that lead to multigenerational poverty we have witnessed far too often – inadequate transportation, education, housing, nutrition, safety, and employment. Working in collaborations we've never seen before, on a scale we've never attempted before, we envision a community where everyone thrives," DeCoursey said.

United Community (UC): Continues to have an immediate need for rice, canned tuna, and other canned meats including chicken. Low sugar breakfast cereals. and disposable diapers in sizes 4-6 are also needed. Our donations make a genuine difference in the lives of our neighbors. Visit <http://www.ucmagency.org/> and read about work UC does with the generous gifts of churches like St. Mark's. Please remember to bring ALL donations in bags and thank you!

Adult Forum

May 26th – What Does Memorial Day Mean To You – The Rev. Michael Pumphrey, Presenter
June 2nd – The Jewishness of Jesus (part I) – Mike Foughty, Presenter
June 9th – Missionary Work in China 1990s – Diamond Varner, Presenter
June 16th – The Jewishness of Jesus (part II) – Mike Foughty, Presenter

Happy Birthday!!!

5/14 – Afia Marfo