

# January 14, 2018 Announcements

Announcements, **not to exceed 150 words**, are to be submitted to [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net) by **5:00 pm on the Tuesday** proceeding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

Official Parish Calendar online at: <http://www.stmarks.net/connect/calendar/>

## **From the Vestry and Parish Leadership**

**1. Annual Meeting – February 25<sup>th</sup>** The annual meeting is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> this year, a bit earlier than usual. That means it's time to start thinking about serving on the Vestry or as a Diocesan Delegate. Look in the tract racks in the Nave for a brochure about the duties of each job and a nomination form; you'll need the signatures of 10 pledging members to be on the slate. Questions? Ask Karen Wiedemann at [nominatingcom@stmarks.net](mailto:nominatingcom@stmarks.net) or Nora at [seniorwarden@stmarks.net](mailto:seniorwarden@stmarks.net). Are you a Parish Pillar Chair? You'll be writing a report about last year; start sharpening your pencil! Doris Burton is coordinating the Annual Report; her email is [dmburton21@gmail.com](mailto:dmburton21@gmail.com).

**2. 2017 Year-end Contribution Statements** will be sent out via e-mail in mid-January. If the church does not have an e-mail address on file for you, your statement will be mailed via USPS. If you do not receive an email with your contribution statement by about January 19<sup>th</sup>, try searching for "Your giving statement," which will be in the subject line, in case it ended up in your spam box.

## **Music & Arts**

**3. Sing in a Choir!** Singers of all voice parts are needed in the **Chancel Choir (rehearses Thursdays 7:30-9:30)** and the **Boys & Girls Choir (rehearses approximately every other Sunday 11:00am-12:30pm)**. The **Handbell Choir** is also looking for people to ring hand bells (rehearses approximately **every other Wednesday 6:45-8pm**). No prior experience is required. Questions? Contact Jeff Kempeskie, Director of Music: [jeff@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff@stmarks.net)

**4. Music Lessons.** The St. Mark's Music Studio has two new teachers! Annie Simon ([simon.annie@gmail.com](mailto:simon.annie@gmail.com)) now offers voice lessons in addition to Adam Caughey ([adamcaughey@gmail.com](mailto:adamcaughey@gmail.com)). Stephanie Ng ([stephanien217@gmail.com](mailto:stephanien217@gmail.com)) now offers piano lessons in addition to Jeff Kempeskie ([jeff@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff@stmarks.net)). Students of all ages and experience are welcome. Learn more about our new teachers at [stmarks.net/music](http://stmarks.net/music)

## **Youth & Family Ministries**

**5. We are back in Sunday School TODAY at 10am in the Undercroft!**

**6. Register today for our annual Family Ski Trip- Feb. 16-19!** We will be returning to Canaan Valley, WV for our annual ski weekend. Registration is open now at [stmarks.net](http://stmarks.net).

**7. January 21- Safeguarding God's Children Training:** We are partnering with Christ Church Episcopal on Capitol Hill to host a Safeguarding God's Children Training from 2pm-5pm on Jan. 21 at Christ Church (just down the street). See the website for more information, and email Caroline to RSVP.

**8. January 21- High School Service Trip Interest Meeting:** Calling all rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth! Join us for an informational meeting at 11am in the Adams Room on Sunday, Jan. 21 about our trip to rural Appalachia with Appalachian Service Project this summer, June 17-23.

**9. January 28- Middle School Service Trip Interest Meeting:** Calling all rising 6th-8th grade youth! Join us for an information meeting at 11am in the Adams Room on Sunday, Jan. 28 about our trip to Harper's Ferry, WV with FLOC'S Outdoor Education Center this summer, July 12-15.

Questions regarding these activities? **Contact Director of Youth and Family Ministries Caroline McReynolds-Adams** caroline@stmarks.net

### Outreach

**10. Outreach Support of CHUMC Meals Program.** Today, please pick up a casserole pan (which contains an easy recipe, a date label, and detailed delivery suggestions) **on the table near the High Altar**. The pans are provided to the congregation on the first and second Sundays of every month. Parishioners are encouraged to prepare one or more casseroles and **deliver them in person to the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church (CHUMC)** located three blocks from St. Mark's Church. CHUMC, in turn, feeds our needy and hungry neighbors on the hill throughout the week. Need more information? Please contact Jack Richards (703) 751-1456.

**11. Salvation Army Lunch-Making** – Join us in **Baxter Hall Sunday, January 28th immediately after Sermon Seminar** for making 200 lunches which will be delivered to those living on the street. This is a great project for families to assist with. Contact Edna Temaner ednaboon@gmail.com.

**12. Become an Outreach Board Member** - St. Mark's Outreach Board is looking for a few new members and a new Treasurer to grow our dedicated group and continue to serve those in need who live in the broader Capitol Hill community and in international communities where we have made a conscious commitment. Contact Outreach co-chair Elizabeth Okeke-Von Batten (eblazevich@gmail.com) if you are interested to learn more.

### Parish Life

**13. Become a Hospitality Hero in 2018.** We have had a highly successful year providing hospitality for Sundays at 10:45 coffee hour, Sunday lunch and after 5 PM service. Please sign up for slots for 2018 on the posters in Baxter Hall for 10:45 coffee hour and Sunday lunch; and, starting today, on the poster in the Nave at the 5 PM service. Please plan to be a 2018 St Mark's Hospitality Hero! Questions? Contact Kenn Allen juniorwarden@stmarks.net.

**14. The Saint Mark's Players** present Tony Kushner's *Bright Room Called Day*. It is "unabashedly political, thought-provoking, a little scary, and frequently a good deal of theatrical fun..." (*Chicago Tribune*). Remaining performances are January 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27 at 8 pm and January 27 at 2 pm in the Nave. For tickets or more information, visit the box office online at [www.stmarksplayers.org](http://www.stmarksplayers.org).

**15. January 19<sup>th</sup> Film Club – A Royal Affair (2012)** - Please join us for the acclaimed historic drama starring Mads Mikkelsen and Alicia Vikander, about the insane Danish King Christian VII, the British princess forced to marry him, and the enlightened physician attempting to influence him for good. **Friday, Jan 19<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM, 1321 Geranium Street, NW, D.C.** Bring snacks/desserts/potent potables to share. For further info., contact Alicia Ruble, 202-420-9256, blurbologist@hotmail.com.

**16. UpBeat: A Joyful Night of Jazz and Spoken Word** - Join us for UpBeat, a joyful and musical gathering on the eve of Diocesan Convention, featuring Howard University's premier vocal group Afro Blue and Atlanta-based priest and social activist, the Rev. Kim Jackson. In addition to music and our featured speaker, representatives from our parishes, campus ministries, and faith communities throughout the Metro-DC area will share uplifting faith stories alongside food and fellowship. **Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm** at the **Washington National Cathedral**. Tickets available at [www.edow.org](http://www.edow.org) \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. A light dinner is included.

**17. Haitian Art Returns:** Many of you will remember the wonderful 2016 Vassar Haiti Project sale of original and affordable paintings and handicrafts raising funds to aid residents of dozens of villages served by their medical clinic in Fiervil and families in the mountain village of Chermaitre. The project returns to St. Mark's **Friday, Feb. 2 from 6-9pm, Saturday, Feb. 3 from 10am-4pm, and Sunday, Feb. 4 from 9am-2pm.** Vassar students will help with the sales which support not only sustainable development but artists in Haiti. Haiti is still suffering from the effects of the devastating 2010 earthquake and hurricanes in 2016 and 2017. For most information about the project, go to [www.thehaitiproject.org](http://www.thehaitiproject.org). Questions? Contact Lila Meade [limeade@vassar.edu](mailto:limeade@vassar.edu)

**18. Save the Date for St. Mark's Women to Women** Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 – Loretta Woodward Veney joins us for a potluck, book signing and discussion on caregiving and her experience writing two books: '**Being My Mom's Mom**' and '**Refreshment for the Caregiver's Spirit**'. Contact: Edna Temaner at [ednaboon@gmail.com](mailto:ednaboon@gmail.com)

**19. Mardi Gras Dance – Save the Date!** We hope everyone will join us on **Friday, February 9 from 6 to 10 pm** for a keep-the-winter-blues-away Mardi Gras dinner and dance. This is an all-parish event with babysitting, kids' activities, a live band, a delicious dinner and dancing until the Fat Tuesday lady sings! Tickets go on sale soon! Contact: Julie Murphy, [juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com).

**20. St. Mark's Reading Group** meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month in the Dozier Library at **12:30 p.m.** Feel free to bring your lunch. On **January 17** we will discuss *The Spectator Bird* by Wallace Stegner. On **February 21** we will discuss *Everyone Brave is Forgiven* by Chris Cleave. Contact: Linda Ewald, [lherbe@yahoo.com](mailto:lherbe@yahoo.com) 301-541-5133

### **Worship**

**21. Bread and Wine Volunteers** - Thank you all so much. All Sundays in January and February are scheduled for bread and wine at the 11:15 service. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Cecilie and Bill [cecbill@me.com](mailto:cecbill@me.com).

### **Christian Education**

**22. Ongoing Christian Education.** These groups meet weekly and are open to newcomers:

\* **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 11:00am-12:15pm, Elders Room** (Brown bag lunch until 1pm)  
Studying The Dream of God by Verna Dozier.

Leader: Peter Mosley Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney, [rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com)

\* **Sunday Morning Bible Class**, Sundays, **10-11 am, Penniman Room**

Studying the Book of Amos Convener: Bob Ewald ([lherbe@yahoo.com](mailto:lherbe@yahoo.com)) (301) 541-5133)

\* **SMCC Meditation**, Mondays 7:30-9pm, the Nave. Contact: Collie Agle [chagle@washpathfind.com](mailto:chagle@washpathfind.com)