

January 21, 2018 Announcements

Announcements, **not to exceed 150 words**, are to be submitted to 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 25th The annual meeting is scheduled for February 25th 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 or Nora at seniorwarden@stmarks.net. **Deadline is TODAY, January 21st at 7:00 pm to get your nomination forms in!** Either give yours to a member of the Nominating Committee (Karen Wiedemann, Kenn Allen, Nora Howell, Jen Holland, Doug Jackson, Josie Jordan, Fritz Henn, or Michele) or put it in the large envelope in the Foyer.

2. 2017 Year-end Contribution Statements were just sent out via e-mail on January 17th. If for example, you use Gmail, the e-mail will appear like this:

St. Mark's Episcopal Chu. » **Inbox** Your giving statement from St. Mark's Episcopal Church

If the church does not have an e-mail address on file, a paper statement will be mailed. If you do not see your contribution statement in your e-mail inbox, try searching for "Your giving statement".

If you have any questions, contact Patricia (patricia@stmarks.net or 202-543-0053 x305).

Youth & Family Ministries

3. 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.

4. TODAY- 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 TODAY at Christ Church (just down the street). See the website for more information, and email Caroline to RSVP.

5. TODAY- High School Service Trip Interest Meeting: Calling all rising 9th-12th grade youth! Join us for an informational meeting at 11am in the Adams Room TODAY about our trip to rural Appalachia with Appalachian Service Project this summer, June 17-23.

6. 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.

7. February 9- Mardi Gras Dance: Mark your calendar and buy your tickets now for the St. Mark's incredible Mardi Gras Dance. **Friday, February 9th from 6-10pm.** Join us for a delicious dinner and dancing, with babysitting, kids activities and a live band. Visit goo.gl/HAiQRw for details and purchase of online tickets (or you can purchase after services).

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

Outreach

8. 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.

9. Sunday Suppers Sandwich Making Rescheduled. Sandwich making in support of the Sunday Suppers project has been rescheduled for **January 28th at 4:30 P.M., in Baxter Hall.** Please join us to prepare sustenance for hungry souls on the streets of DC. Questions? Contact Jack Richards ktjr89@verizon.net or Alix Pereira alix.pereira@gmail.com.

10. 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

11. 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 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.

12. 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 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.

13. 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 26th 7-9pm** at the **Washington National Cathedral**. Tickets available at www.edow.org \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. A light dinner is included.

14. Hands on Judaism - Want to see what an interfaith project might look and feel like? Come downstairs to the **Elders Room on Sunday January 28th from 1:00 -- 3:30** and get a sensorial experience of the faith of Judaism. There are some Hands on Islam materials in Room 4, which will also be available to you. Questions? Ask Nora at nora.howell.va@gmail.com.

15. 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.thehaitproject.org. Questions? Contact Lila Meade limeade@vassar.edu

16. Save the Date for St. Mark's Women to Women - St. Mark's Women to Women invite all (yes, men too) to a pot luck on **Thursday, February 15th 6:30-8:30**. Loretta Woodward Veney will discuss caregiving issues and her experience writing two books: 'Being My Mom's Mom' and 'Refreshment for the Caregiver's Spirit'. Last Name: A-D Drinks, E-J Salad, K-Q Main dish, R-Z Sweets. Contact: Edna Temaner at ednaboon@gmail.com

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Email Julie Murphy at juliaabbottmurphy@gmail.com to buy your tickets online or you can also buy them after any Sunday service. Adult - \$20 following services/\$22 adult online, Child/young adult (5-18) - \$10 following services, /\$12 young adult online, Child (infant to under 5) \$5 and preregistration required by Sunday, February 4. Note: To help us defray costs, each adult/couple are asked to bring a beverage to share (beer, wine and/or soft drinks).

Laissez le bon temps rouler! Questions? Contact Julie Murphy juliaabbottmurphy@gmail.com

18. St. Mark's Reading Group meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month in the Dozier Library at **12:30 p.m.** On **February 21** we will discuss *Everyone Brave is Forgiven* by Chris Cleave. Contact: Linda Ewald, llerbe@yahoo.com 301-541-5133

Christian Education

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

* **Sunday Morning Bible Class**, Sundays, **10-11 am, January 28-April 15, 2018 Penniman Room** Studying the Book of Esther. Convener: Bob Ewald (llerbe@yahoo.com (301) 541-5133)

The story of Esther, a member of a religious minority, who cleverly and courageously engineers the rescue of her people from state-sanctioned genocide. The course consists of class discussion of the text assigned for that day. One-time Bible Class fee: \$25

* **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

* **SMCC Meditation**, Mondays 7:30-9pm, the Nave. Contact: Collie Agle chagle@washpathfind.com

Music & Arts

20. Free Choral Concert at St. Mark's Sunday January 28th at 2:30 pm - Singing for the delight of DC audiences since 1991, Polyhymnia Chamber Chorus specializing in exceptional music that is not sung often enough. Polyhymnia's concerts showcase compositions crossing multiple genres, languages and periods, a repertoire unique among DC-area ensembles. This concert will include works by Rachmaninoff, Ravel, Butterworth and Vaughan Williams; Renaissance renderings of the Magi; and a selection from Candide (1956) to celebrate the Leonard Bernstein Centennial. A light reception follows the performance. Contact Brock Hansen at (202) 550-4295 with questions.

21. 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

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