

WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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CAPITOL HILL

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

9:00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

10:00 AM SERMON SEMINAR

Preacher

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Presiders

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan
The Reverend R. Justice Schunior

Director of Music

Mr. Jeff Kempskie

Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.

Hearing – The T-Coil system can be accessed by using a hearing aid with a T-setting, or by using one of our headsets. Please ask an usher for assistance.

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Childcare: the Nursery is open! Children up to age 3 are welcome. Take the stairs to the lower level; turn right to go down the hall to the Nursery, which will be the last room on your right.

The Parish Calendar is Online at www.stmarks.net/calendar/month.

Restrooms and water fountains are available in the foyer and on the lower level.

Lost & Found is managed by our new maintenance contractor PMM. Please contact the PMM On-Site Team (202-695-9433) to see if your item has been found or to turn in an item you've found.



FEBRUARY 5, 2017

Attendance:	250
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$10,730.84



The Epiphany Star above the altar is a gift from Joya Cox, its creator. It is an icosahedron, a figure with 20 plane surfaces, each of which also serves as the base of a pyramid.



SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist (<i>Family Eucharist is celebrated the second Sunday of most months</i>)
9:00 am	Children's Chapel (<i>not offered when Family Eucharist is celebrated at 9:00 am</i>)
10:00 am	Sermon Seminar
11:15 am	Holy Eucharist
5:00 pm	Contemplative Eucharist

We formally begin the worship service with the Prelude, a musical offering designed to bring us together for worship that allows for quiet reflection before the service begins. Please respect this time by refraining from conversations in the Nave as much as possible. While greeting each other is important, we ask that you do so outside the Nave or near the doors so that others can have quiet time.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Voluntary I in D major: Adagio & Allegro

William Boyce (1710-1779)

Opening Hymn LEVAS 62 In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

Opening Sentences

Presider Let us love one another, because love is from God.

People **Whoever does not love God, does not know God, for God is love. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us.**

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

People **God, give us your light, that we may see your goodness in all that we do, all that we share, and all that we love. Give us the ability to ask for what we need and help us to not be afraid to reach out and help those around us. Amen**

Sequence Hymn I See the Love of God

All Sing Twice

The image shows four staves of musical notation for the hymn "I See the Love of God". The music is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "I see the love of God in", the second "you; the Light of Christ come shin - ing", the third "through; and I am blessed to be with", and the fourth "you, oh ho - ly child of God." The music consists of a simple melody with quarter and eighth notes.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:21-37

from *The Message*

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“You’re familiar with the command to the ancients, ‘Do not murder.’ I’m telling you that anyone who is so much as angry with a brother or sister is guilty of murder. Carelessly call a brother ‘idiot!’ and you just might find yourself hauled into court. Thoughtlessly yell ‘stupid!’ at a sister and you are on the brink of hellfire. The simple moral fact is that words kill

“This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.

“Or say you’re out on the street and an old enemy accosts you. Don’t lose a minute. Make the first move; make things right with him. After all, if you leave the first move to him, knowing his track record, you’re likely to end up in court, maybe even jail. If that happens, you won’t get out without a stiff fine.

“You know the next commandment pretty well, too: ‘Don’t go to bed with another’s spouse.’ But don’t think you’ve preserved your virtue simply by staying out of bed. Your heart can be corrupted by lust even quicker than your body. Those leering looks you think nobody notices—they also corrupt.

“Let’s not pretend this is easier than it really is. If you want to live a morally pure life, here’s what you have to do: You have to blind your right eye the moment you catch it in a lustful leer. You have to choose to live one-eyed or else be dumped on a moral trash pile. And you have to chop off your right hand the moment you notice it raised threateningly. Better a bloody stump than your entire being discarded for good in the dump.

“Remember the Scripture that says, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him do it legally, giving her divorce papers and her legal rights’? Too many of you are using that as a cover for selfishness and whim, pretending to be righteous just because you are ‘legal.’ Please, no more pretending. If you divorce your wife, you’re responsible for making her an adulteress (unless she has already made herself that by sexual promiscuity). And if you marry such a divorced adulteress, you’re automatically an adulterer yourself. You can’t use legal cover to mask a moral failure.

“And don’t say anything you don’t mean. This counsel is embedded deep in our traditions. You only make things worse when you lay down a smoke screen of pious talk, saying, ‘I’ll pray for you,’ and never doing it, or saying, ‘God be with you,’ and not meaning it. You don’t make your words true by embellishing them with religious lace. In making your speech sound more religious, it becomes less true. Just say ‘yes’ and ‘no.’ When you manipulate words to get your own way, you go wrong.

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated

Children’s Reflection

Rev. Michele H. Morgan

Please stand as able.

An Affirmation

Presider Let us declare what we believe about our faith:

People **We believe in God, the Creator,
Who gave people, animals, and all things their names.
We believe in God the Son,
Who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with love.
We believe in God the Spirit,
Whose presence strengthens us.
We believe in God, All in All. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader We love one another, and we love God. Therefore, we gather together in prayer. Loving God,

People **To you we give our hearts.**

Leader We pray for this country, and for all the countries of the world, as we try to live with and for each other. Loving God,

People **To you we give our hearts.**

Leader We pray for this planet, our Earth. God, may we come to see it, and see the whole universe, as your body, to be cherished and cared for. Loving God,

People **To you we give our hearts.**

Leader We pray for our families and friends, the people who love us and the people who take care of us. Loving God,

People **To you we give our hearts.**

Leader We pray for our neighbors who are hungry, homeless, and hurting. We prayer for all the places and people that are in need of your love. Loving God,

People **To you we give our hearts.**

Leader We now offer our individual prayers silently, or if aloud ending them with “**This is my prayer,**” to which we will all respond, “**Amen.**”

A period for individual prayers is observed.

Leader Let us pray.

People **God, accept our prayers and be with us this day and every day. Amen.**

A Prayer of Confession

Presider We have all made mistakes this week in what we have done and in what we haven't done. Let us confess these things to God: .

Silence is observed.

People **God, when we hurt others, we hurt you. Sometimes we don't do what we're supposed to do. We are sorry God. Please forgive us. Help us to love one another. Amen.**

Absolution

Presider No matter what, God loves us and forgives us. Be at peace.

People **Amen.**

Prayer and Blessing of Quilt Panel

Presider Loving God, you created us to be in relationship and to care for one another. As we view this quilt today, we ask you to open our hearts to the loving relationships that are recorded and reflected in the craftsmanship and beauty of this work. We bring before you this morning all that have been affected by the epidemic of HIV/AIDS: those who have died, especially Frank and Bill, and others who we now name we also pray for those who live with a diagnoses, and those whose families and communities have been stretched and torn because of our inability to recognize the humanity and dignity of every person.

We ask your forgiveness for the smallness and hardness of our hearts. We pray for the healing of memories, relationships, and individuals. We pray for the grace to celebrate the beauty and worth of every human being. May the beauty of these quilts lift our spirits to contemplate the beauty of all your creation. These things we ask in your holy name.

People **Amen**

Solo For the Fallen

Words by Laurence Binyon, Music by Mike Sammes
Rob Hall, soloist

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.

Welcome

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem Sing of the Lord's Goodness Words & Music by Ernest Sands
Teen Choir; Nadine Hathaway, director arr. John Carter
Jim Prunty & Jeff Kempeskie, piano

*Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever, faithful to the end of days.*

*Refrain: Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God. Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.*

*Power he has wielded, honor is his garment, risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all. Refrain*

*Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendor of the living God. Refrain*

*Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet, praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days. Refrain*

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn LEVAS 193 I Will Trust in the Lord, vv. 1 & 4 African American Spiritual

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Savior, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and to inspire us to live like Jesus. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

Sanctus S 127

Calvin Hampton

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, shed for you as a new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider: Father, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus. For honor and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

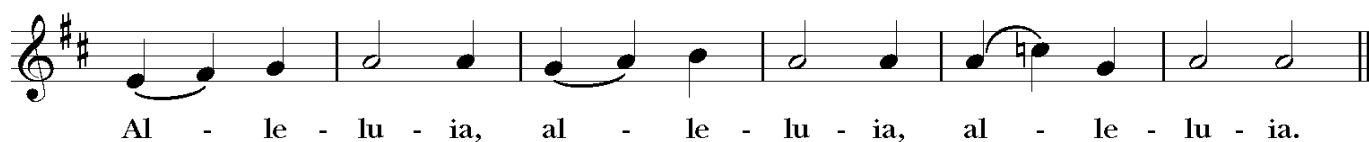
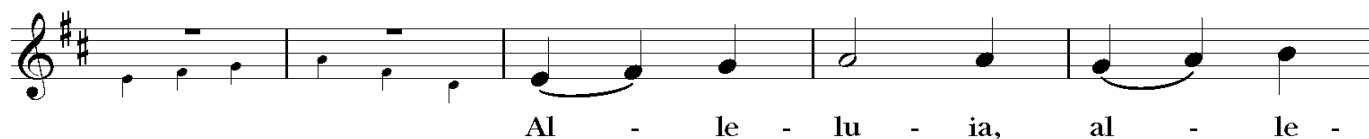
And now as Jesus taught us, we pray:

**People Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S 155

Gerald Near



The Invitation to Communion

Presider This is God's table. Jesus is the host. We are the guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished. Come and eat and live!

People **The only people excluded from our communion table are those that Jesus himself would exclude and that is no one. Amen.**

The Communion

Please gather one group at a time around the altar. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available; please make your needs known to the minister.

Music During Communion

May Jesus Christ Be Praised Words by Robert Seymour Bridges, alt.
Music by Joe Cox
Boys & Girls Choir
Libbi Rivera, director; Conrad Chaffee, piano

*When morning fills the skies, my heart, awaking cries;
when evening shadows fall, this rings my sunset call:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
When joy for music longs, this is my song of songs,
God's holy house of prayer has none that can compare:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
No lovelier antiphon in all high heav'n is known.
There to the Holy Word this, our one song, is heard:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, you that see his face,
God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore:
May Jesus Christ be praised!*

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether Harold W. Friedell
Chancel Choir

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether;
For when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together,
Thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.
As the faithful used to gather
In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father
Break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.
All our meals and all our living
Make as sacraments of thee,
That by caring, helping, giving,
We may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.*

Please stand as able.

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People **Eternal, Loving God, we thank you for this simple meal that brings Christ into our hearts, and brings us closer to you. May your love touch others through us. Amen.**

Closing Hymn 347 Go forth for God; go to the world in peace, vv. 1-2, 4

Litton

The Blessing

Presider Life is short, and we have but little time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God, who made us, who loves, and who travels with us, be with you now and forever

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Go into the world and knowing you are led by the light of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude Voluntary X in A minor, Op. 5: Larghetto & Vivace

John Stanley (1713-1786)

Liturgy Request

At St. Mark's, we frequently change the liturgy (the language we use during our worship service). Our goal is to use language that reflects our common effort to put into words our relationship with God. In order to keep the liturgy truly alive and life giving, we need your input. Please feel free to contact the clergy at any time to discuss the liturgy and how the words we say affect you.

Liturgy Source

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SERMON SEMINAR 10:00 AM

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

The Sermon

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Sermon Seminar Guidelines:

1. Is what I have to say relevant to the sermon?
2. Is it meaningful? Will others care?
3. Can I make it short?
4. Will I later regret not having said it?
5. Has anyone else said it?



Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	David Deutsch
Acolytes	St. Mark's Youth
Altar Guild	Susan Sedgewick & Gretchen Wilson
Greeters	St. Mark's Youth
Bread and Wine	Bill Lee & Mary Freed with Isabelle & Nanelle
Lay Servers	St. Mark's Youth
Readers	St. Mark's Youth



PARISH PRAYER LIST

Alishia Daugherty Bauman (*Kristen Deutsch's cousin, Stephanie and David Deutsch's daughter-in-law*)
Grace Aspinall • Pamela Blumgart • Janice Brown • Joya Cox
Sylvie Kalas Braddock (*Barbara Nelson's granddaughter*)
Gary White (*Michael Stratmoen's stepfather*) • Alyssa Earnest (*Lynda Bugge's grandchild*)
Taylor Emerson (*Randy Marks' niece*) • Mr. and Mrs. David Glaze (*of Boulder, CO*)
Dave Haglund • Celia Hahn • Rick Hayes
Alice Kistler (*Kathryn Powers' sister*) • Dennis Lewis • Elizabeth Long
Lina Marks (*Randy Marks' mother*) • Nat Marks • Lila Marks
Lilly March • Jane Miller • Barbara Nelson
Leslie F. Nickerson (*Frank Nickerson's father and Amelia Nickerson's grandfather*)
Randell Prothro • Marilyn Stiles • Arnold Taylor • Debbie Keysor and Joyce Gutson



THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Vincent Alcazar (*Parishioner*) • Kayla Baily (*Parishioner*) • Blake Bassett (*Parishioner*)
Clint Billings (*son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner*)
P. J. Boehm (*brother of Rachel Boehm*) • Preston Brooks (*Parishioner*)
Stephen Dannenmaier (*brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier*)
Jason Earnest (*grandson of Lynda Smith-Bugge*)
Kurt Hansen (*nephew of Brock and Penny Hansen*)
Weston Zarek (*son of Tom Zarek*)



CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:

Theological Education Sunday
Diocesan Commission on Ministry
All Seminaries, Seminarians, and Seminary Professors; Postulants and Candidates
Pray in thanksgiving for the life and witness of Absalom Jones

IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:

Lusaka - (Central Africa) The Right Reverend David Njovu



Display of the AIDS Memorial Quilt at St. Mark's

Today one section of the AIDS Memorial Quilt is displayed on the Rood Screen in memory of those lost to AIDS. The particular section displayed includes the panel remembering Frank M. Lemay whose memorial service was held at St. Mark's in 1993. Also displayed is a new panel for Wm. "Bill" Landers, former St. Mark's Vestry Member, which has just been completed by a group of St. Mark's parishioners led by Martha Connor Donnelly and designed by John Lineberger.

Frank M. Lemay is the deceased partner of Keith Krueger. They attended St. Mark's in early 1990s and likely had the first same-sex blessing done by a St. Mark's clergy, the Rev. Susan Gresinger (now Flanders). This is the first time his panel has been displayed in Washington, DC since it was donated to the NAMES Project -- it was last fully displayed on the Washington Mall in October 1996. Frank was a diplomat at the State Department and lived around the world. The design of the sandcastle and the poem he wrote symbolize his whimsical nature.

*The sea rose up to greet me
As I left the land
The sea rose up to take me
With her wind swept hand*

*The sea so deep and barren
Rose up to fill the void
And rocked me oh so gently
For with my life she toyed*

*She picked me from the bottom
And on the waves I rode
Then to the depths she dropped me
Into her depths of cold*

*And to this day I slumber
Within her bosom cold
And which the ships pass slowly
Along my sources of old*

Frank M. Lemay

William "Bill" Landers was a beloved member of St. Mark's and was particularly known for being the first person to place flowers on the hanging wood cross at Easter. He served on the St. Mark's Vestry and his funeral was in our Nave. Bill had a distinguished legal career at the Department of Justice and the White House, and prior to that served in the US Attorney's office in LA and private practice. The design shows an ever dapper Bill in front of symbols of work (pillars) and worship (window), as well as his love of flowers, including poppies from his home state of California.

What is the AIDS Quilt? In June of 1987, a small group of strangers gathered in a San Francisco storefront to document the lives they feared history would neglect. Their goal was to create a memorial for those who had died of AIDS, and to thereby help people understand the devastating impact of the disease. This meeting of devoted friends and lovers served as the foundation of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt. Today the Quilt is a powerful visual reminder of the AIDS pandemic. More than 48,000 individual 3-by-6-foot memorial panels — most commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS — have been sewn together by friends, lovers and family members.

We display these quilts as a reminder of those whom we have lost as we head into Valentines week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements, not to exceed 150 words, are to be submitted to bulletin@stmarks.net by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

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

From the Vestry & Parish Leadership

1) The Annual Meeting is March 26 following a 10 am-only morning service. Every year at our annual meeting we elect new leadership that helps Clergy and Staff attend to the day to day business of St. Mark's. All church members are encouraged to attend to elect two wardens, three Vestry members, and two Diocesan delegates as well as consider an amendment to the bylaws changing the term of office for wardens from one to two years with an option to run for one additional year.

A) Running for Office, is a brochure describing the responsibilities of the job openings, is available in the are in the track racks in the Nave.

B) Nominating petitions are also in the tract racks (pink) or available electronically on the website and from members of the Nominating Committee (Peter Sherer, Doris Burton, Jack Burton, Steve Dalzell, Fritz Henn, Martha Huizenga, Bill Dickinson, or Marilu Sherer) and **must be submitted no later than COB Feb 19**. Submit to Nominating Committee members or drop in the envelope on the foyer grey board.

C) Eligibility To be eligible to vote, you **MUST** have (a) made a financial contribution [the bylaws do not require a pledge] no later than noon on March 26, 2017 and affirmed your desire to be a member OR (b) be a confirmed Episcopalian whose name is in our parish register. Note: it is an either/or.

2) 2017 CANVASS: Be. Belong. Give. The formal Canvass period has ended, and we're just doing some final calls to wrap things up. Many, many thanks to all who have pledged -- it is much appreciated!

As of 9 February, our faithful parishioners have pledged \$805,735. While this amount is short of the goal we set, it is consistent with the amount included in the 2017 budget recently approved by the Vestry. We are almost exactly in the same place where we were last year, in terms of numbers of pledges (279 this year) and amount. What's new is that we now have 19 new members, a nice big increase over last year.

While the formal Canvass period is over, we are of course always eager to welcome new members. To find the forms and background information you need, go to stmarks.net/donate and click one of the links to "Pledge to Donate in the Future" or "Forms For Making or Paying a Pledge." If you have any questions, please feel free to write to Nora Howell at stmarks canvass@gmail.com.

From the Office

3) Help Needed on the St. Mark's Website. The Communications Working Group is looking for 2-3 people with web experience to help manage the St. Mark's website. These individuals would help with regular updates like posting Service Bulletins, announcements, and informational updates, as well as help the team think through and execute on strategies to keep the site fresh and informative for its different audiences. This takes no more than a couple hours a week and can be done from home at hours convenient to you, though some items have a degree of time-sensitivity to them. The group also meets in person a few times a year to discuss what's working and what's not working, and to consider broader strategic goals for the site. Familiarity with WordPress is a must. Interested? Please contact Thia Hamilton at hamilton.thia@gmail.com.

Worship

4) 11:15 Lay Servers. Would you like to play a central part in our worship? We are recruiting volunteers to be lay servers at the 11:15 service. No particular experience or training is needed although there is a manual. Volunteers generally sign up once a month or once every two months. This is an important, meaningful position. **Contact:** Linda Huntington at 301 279-2248.

5) Acolyte Service. Interested in being an acolyte at 11:15 services? Participating in the service adds another dimension to your experience of, and is a contribution to, our community's weekly ritual. All the training and support you might need will be provided. Interested? Contact Michael Knipe @ haroldknipe@gmail.com, or 202-487-3990.

6) MISSING: White vinyl tablecloth used on the nave table by the pipes. Please return if found!

7) Mark Your Calendars for May 4-6, 2017, for ProgressiveChristianity.org's *EMBRACE FESTIVAL* in Portland, Oregon where you can join hundreds of others from all over the country to experience some of the amazing creativity and spiritual exploration that are undergirding the future of Christianity. In 1994 St. Mark's then rector Jim Adams created The Center for Progressive Christianity, which today is called ProgressiveChristianity.org. This network has continued to lead the way in offering resources for creating sacred community, pursuing social justice, and fostering personal transformation and is now poised for this on-the-ground, in person celebration. Embrace Festival will be packed with information, ideas, workshops and fun. Don't wake up next spring and discover you've already obligated yourself elsewhere! More information at <embracefestival.com> or talk to Susan Flanders, susanflanders@earthlink.net or Janice Gregory, janmaxgreg@gmail.com.

Christian Education

8) Introduction to Life at St. Mark's. Three sessions from 12:30-2:00, **Sundays, March 5, 12, 19, and May 7, 14, 21.** Opportunities to formally join St. Mark's congregation during a liturgy are on **March 26, and May 28.** Leaders: The Rev. Michele Morgan and Youth and Family Director Caroline McReynolds-Adams. In the Dozier Library.

9) Catechesis. Have you ever wondered what goes on in the Catechesis classrooms? Want to give back to St. Mark's by teaching Sunday School? Hoping to connect more closely with St. Mark's youth? We are looking for a few good volunteers to help teach. Catechesis runs from late September through May each year. Training is provided. If you'd prefer to try a couple classes before committing to the full year, that's ok too - we welcome any participation! All teachers will need to complete the "Safeguarding God's Children" class. Please contact Kris Humphrey (kristenjhumphrey@gmail.com) or Nora Howell (nora.howell.va@gmail.com) for more information.

10) Christian Education Catalog. The 2016-17 Christian Education Catalog is now available on-line at <http://www.stmarks.net/grow/classes/>. Please take a moment to check out our classes. You'll find information on Sunday School, Adult Bible Study, and classes on a variety of topics ranging from race and privilege to the art of documentary film. Questions? Contact Lucy Brown (lucybrown66@gmail.com) and Joe Calizo (jcalizo@gmail.com).

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

Marching Through the Bible: Gospel of Mark, Sundays, 10:00-11:00 am, Penniman Room

SMMC Meditation, Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm, Nave

Tuesday Night Bible Study, 7:30-9:00 pm, Dozier Library

Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 11:00 am-12:15 pm; brown bag lunch follows, Elders' Room

12) Tuesday Night Bible Study is exploring the Christian mystic tradition, starting with four medieval English mystics: Richard Rolle and The Fire of Love, the anonymous author of The Cloud of Unknowing, Walter Hinton and The Ladder of Perfection and ending with Dame Julian of Norwich and Revelations of Divine Love. Our text will be Visions of God by Karen Armstrong. We hope that this may become an ongoing inquiry into religious mysticism as it is experience in Christianity and other faith traditions. **When/Where:** Tuesdays 7:30-9pm. **Where:** Dozier Library. **Fee:** \$25 contribution per semester. Questions? Contact Bill Jones (billclough@icloud.com) or Kathleen Grant (queenmommy17@gmail.com)

13) Marching Through The Bible: The Gospel of Mark. This weekly class meets at **10 a.m. Sundays** in the Penniman Room. The Jesus stories in Mark, our Patron Saint, are the oldest in the New Testament, and reflect the struggles in the early Christian community during the first Jewish revolt against Rome (66-74 A.D.). The stories are pithy, direct, and challenging, with Jesus's sidekicks (the disciples) behaving very much like us! The course consists of class discussion of the Mark text assigned for that day. Regular attendance is encouraged. Additional outside readings are not expected. "Marching Through the Bible" is named in memory of our long-time convener, Francis "Buzz" March. Fee: \$25 per semester. Convener: Bob Ewald.

14) The Bible, The Birth of Christianity and Gender (Jesus Seminar On The Road): April 21-22 Celene Lillie (Union Theological Seminary) and Deborah Niederer Saxon (Christian Theological Seminary, IN) will examine the leading role of women in the rise of Christianity and the formation of Christian beliefs. Why does gender continue to be so prominent in religious disputes about knowledge, purity, and authority? How does that relate to Roman imperial power? What's the new story about women and Christian origins revealed by recent scholarship? Sessions at St. Marks: **Friday, 4/21, 7:30 p.m.–9:00 p.m., Saturday, 4/22, 9:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.** Chris Berendes (jesusseminardc@gmail.com), [facebook.com/jesusseminardc/](https://www.facebook.com/jesusseminardc/)

15) A report on the annual Christian Ed Weekend is coming from Christian Ed Co-directors Joe Calizo and Lucy Brown. About 55 people gathered Friday evening and all day Saturday, Jan. 6-7, to discuss what they need to make sense of our troubling times and what St. Mark's can do to help. It quickly became clear that many were looking for ways to help bridge the divides in our communities, country and world and were turning to their faith community for support and enlightenment. It was suggested that the Christian Ed program might arrange talks, classes and workshops focused, for example, on spiritual growth or deepening our understanding of the "other" or the most vulnerable in our midst. There were many more suggestions and a clearly expressed desire for help figuring out how best to engage in outreach, both individually and collectively. Stay tuned for more details in an upcoming report.

Music & Arts

16) Music Lessons. The St. Mark's Music Studio offers voice lessons with Kellie McHugh (kellie.mchugh.81@gmail.com) and Adam Caughey (adamcaughey@gmail.com) and piano lessons with Jeff Kempeskie (jeff.kempeskie@stmarks.net). Students of all ages and levels of experience are welcome.

17) Do You Like to Sing or Play an Instrument? If so, we want to know! Singers of all voice parts are needed in the Chancel Choir (regular Thursday 7:30-9:30 pm rehearsals in the nave). Teens are invited to sing with the Teen Choir and children are invited to sing with the Boys & Girls Choir (both rehearse Sundays, 11-11:45 in the Music Studio & Elders' Room, respectively). The Handbell Choir rehearse every other Wednesday from 6:45-8 pm. No prior experience necessary. There are also opportunities to play solo instrumental pieces year-round. Please contact jeff.kempeskie@stmarks.net.

18) Chiarina Chamber Players Concert Voice, piano and cello -- three simple instruments that combine together to make magic. Chiarina Chamber Players celebrates *Voyages in Song* with pieces by the 19th century's power couple of classical music, Robert and Clara Schumann. Also on the program will be Chopin, Liszt, Richard Strauss and Andre Previn. Chiarina's artistic directors, pianist Efi Hackmey and cellist Carrie Bean Stute, will be joined by spectacular soprano Laura Strickling. **When:** February 18th at 4 pm. **Where:** Nave. **Tickets:** \$10 students, \$15 adults. Receive a \$5 discount by purchasing tickets through Eventbrite.com (search for: voyages song) and entering promo code STMARKS5.

Outreach

19) Mite Boxes; Exploring How to Pay Kindness & Empathy Forward this Lenten Season. The Outreach Board is soliciting your help in crafting our Mite Box devotional booklets for this 2017 Lenten Season. As we reflect on the year ahead, we hope to include thoughtful actions that readers of the devotional can employ as they reflect and act during their Lenten Journey. We encourage you to submit a thought and action that displays empathy and kindness to those around you. Feel free to brainstorm these ideas with loved ones or small groups that you are affiliated with at St. Mark's. Entries are to include a maximum of 50 words and may be sent to Outreach Co-Chair Liz Okeke-Von Batten at ebb29@cornell.edu.

20) The Green Lions, St. Mark's environmental committee, and **St. Mark's Middle East Working Group** invite you to a showing of "Dry Season" from the National Geographic Years of Living Dangerously series. The film looks at the intersection of climate-change-induced drought in the U.S. and abroad, the war in Syria, the global appetite for paper and palm oil, deforestation, and global warming. We will have a discussion after the film and information about actions you can take. A potluck is being planned jointly with 5:00 service parishioners. **When: Sunday, February 26, 6-8 p.m. in Baxter Hall.** Questions? Contact Christina Herman (christina.herman55@gmail.com) or Pamela Blumgart (pjblumgart@mail.com), Green Lions co-chairs.

21) Salvation Army Grate Patrol – Our next Sunday is February 26th. Please join us in Baxter Hall after the 10:00 sermon seminar to make 200 bagged meals for the Salvation Army's Grate Patrol van to distribute Sunday evening. Future Sundays for your planning purposes are 3/26 and 4/23.

22) TODAY– Soup Kitchen: Pick up a casserole pan (with recipe, 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). CHUMC, in turn, feeds our needy, hungry neighbors throughout the week. Questions? Please contact Jack Richards or Alix Pereira.

23) Soup Kitchen: Planning Ahead for Sandwich Making! Please plan to help us make sandwiches for hungry souls, next **Sunday, February 19, 2017, 4:00 to 4:45 P.M.** in Baxter Hall. We always need 4-5 volunteers to create and bag 200 sandwiches, in about 30 minutes. The Soup Kitchen Team delivers the sandwiches the same evening to Sunday Suppers, who feeds souls on the street from a food truck at two DC locations. Sunday Suppers is assisted directly by St. Mark's members Dan and Lisa Hawkins. Questions? Please Contact Jack Richards or Alix Pereira.

24) Being an informed Good Neighbor to our Afghan refugee families: Would you like to become more aware of what our Afghan families have left behind in their home country? This is an evening to learn more about their culture and families, their familiar foods and traditions. But they have also left behind years of conflict and danger because of their support role with US troops and diplomats. This is an opportunity to hear from professionals with a depth of understanding for the losses and possibilities of our new Afghan friends. It is also a time to meet others from the Capitol Hill worship communities who have participated in the Welcome Team for the families. Wednesday, February 22, Baxter Hall from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. All are welcome.

25) Be an Advocate for Refugees: The Episcopal Public Policy Network is launching a nationwide advocacy campaign in support of refugees. Over the next two months, they're challenging Episcopalians to call their national, state, and local elected officials at least four times. Now, more than ever, people of faith must make their voices heard. They have created a 2x4 Fight for Refugees Campaign page with numbers to dial and a sample script <http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org/RefugeeAdvocacy> If you live in DC, encourage your friends in other states to be your voice! From the Mid East Working Group.

26) Yard Signs Welcoming Neighbors are available in 3 colors and 3 languages: English, Spanish, and Arabic. The sign says: ***No matter where you are from, we are glad you're our neighbor.*** I have a few to give away today and you can order them from:

AGE Graphics, 678 Township Rd. 297, Little Hocking, OH 45742 (tel: 740-989-0006)

They are made of vinyl and come with wood stakes. They are expensive unless you order 25 or more. Please contact: Eleanor Whitman (eleanor@takomaillage.org)

27) The Middle East Working Group announces "The 2017 St. Mark's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land". Planning has begun for travel in mid-October 2017 a 10 – 14 day options. Once again, MEJDI Tours will provide travel support for a multi-narrative encounter with people and places. The historical holy sites of our own Christian faith and other Abrahamic religions (Islam and Judaism) are a highlight of the pilgrimage. But differing from traditional Holy Land trips, our itinerary will include meetings with individuals whose work for peace and justice are beacons of light in a troubled land. **Interested? Want to know more?** Add your name to the sign up sheet in the foyer or contact Tom and Karen Getman at karen.getman@gmail.com **and we will contact you with preliminary itineraries, costs, and a registration of intent.**

28) TODAY! Soup Kitchen: 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. **Outreach**

29) SAVE THE DATE: Capitol Hill Group Ministry Open House and Annual Meeting, Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Join our Outreach partners of nearly 50 years to celebrate their work in the neighborhood, see their new location, and honor a community leader with the Ruth Rappaport Wisdom Award. Capitol Hill Group Ministry, 415 2nd Street, NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC.

Parish Life

30) FILM CLUB - "NOW, VOYAGER" (1942) Join us for this Bette Davis drama, from the novel by Olive Higgins Prouty, starring the inimitable Bette, with Gladys Cooper, Paul Henreid, and Claude Rains. With 3 Oscar nominations and 1 win, "Now, Voyager" is what used to be called 'a Woman's Picture,' perhaps the best one ever made. **FRIDAY, FEB. 17, 7:30 p.m.**, 1321 GERANIUM STREET, NW, WASHINGTON. D.C. Bring snacks/desserts/potent potables to share. For further info., contact Alicia Ruble, 202-420-9256, blurbologist@hotmail.com.

31) 2017 BIG CLEAN IS COMING: Please join the Junior Warden, Fabric Committee and your fellow winged lions in spiffing up our nave, kitchen, and parish hall on Presidents 'Day Monday, February 20 between 9am-3 pm. A sign up board listing tasks (and needed equipment) is posted on the display wall in the foyer. Join us for a day of fun and frolic as we start our spring cleaning early...lunch available to morning workers, Community Service Hours for teens...and a good time will be had by all! stmarksjuniorwarden@gmail.com for questions.

32) Columbarium News: Anyone considering the purchase of one or more niches is encouraged to contact Penny Hansen (pennyhansn@aol.com), the Columbarium Coordinator. Purchase of niches is limited to members of St. Mark's Church and their immediate family.

33) Reading Group meets the **first Monday of every month** in the Dozier library downstairs opposite the nursery at 7:30 p.m. For March 6th we will read *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. If you have read the book, please join us for the discussion. **Contact:** Linda Ewald (llerbe@yahoo.com, 301 541-5133).

34) Caregivers Support Group for those caring for a seriously ill or otherwise incapacitated family member or friend. The group now meets on the **second and fourth Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Dozier Library. Please note the change in day and time. If you think such a group might be helpful to you, please contact Mary Welker (292-387-4083) (marymwelker@aol.com) or Pamela Blumgart (202-631-4936) (pjblumgart@mail.com) prior to attending a meeting. **Next meeting: February 13, 2017.**

35) Looking for Help with Household Services? Help David Durant, (former contractor at St. Mark's) help you. Except for odd jobs, and contributions from a few parishioners, David has received no other financial support; his present situation is urgent. In her letter of recommendation, Michele described David as efficient, very diligent and hardworking with a passion for caring for the people of St. Mark's. To help him obtain part-time employment or to perform odd jobs for you or your neighbors, please contact Penny Farley (p3farley@verizon.net), Pete Eveleth (peter.eveleth@gmail.com) or Nat White (whitenat1938@gmail.com).

Youth & Family Ministries

36) Feb. 26, Final Middle School Service Trip Interest Meeting: All rising Middle School youth are invited to our final interest meeting for the July 9-14 Middle School Service trip right here in DC! Join us on **Feb. 26th at 11am** in the Adams Room to hear final details of the trip before the registration deadline on March 12. Email Caroline (caroline@stmarks.net) for more information.35)

38) Feb. 26, Young Families Worship Conversation: Are you a family with young children who attends our 9am service, Children's Chapel, and 2ndSunday Family Eucharist? We want to hear from you at a special gathering with Rev. Michele, **Feb. 26th at 10am** in the Adams Room. Come let us know what you need and desire most from the morning service. Questions? Email Caroline!

39) Mar. 12, Acolyte Training: Are you interested in becoming an acolyte? Don't miss the March 12 acolyte training from 12:45pm-1:45pm! The role of youth acolyte is an important rite of passage in our community and is a ton of fun. All are welcome! Email David Deutsch for more information: dsd@his.com.

Save the Dates:

Spring Middle School Lock In: **May 6-7**

Spring High School Retreat: **May 13-14**

Parish Retreat: **June 17-18**

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We'd like to get to know you better.

We invite you to fill out this page, tear it off, and drop it into the offering plate or hand it to one of the greeters as you leave. Please take the rest of this service bulletin with you, so that you can refer to the service schedule, office directory, and information about upcoming events and classes at St. Mark's.

We hope you feel at home with us. If you have questions, please speak with the clergy or one of the greeters after the service. You can also call the office at any time and we will be happy to help you in any way we can.

Thank you for visiting St. Mark's today.

Go in peace and return often!

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I attended: _____ 9 am Holy Eucharist
 _____ 10 am Sermon Seminar
 _____ 11:15 am Holy Eucharist
 _____ 5 pm Contemplative Eucharist
 _____ Special (wedding, funeral, etc.)

Name _____

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Phone _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- _____ Baptism (child, adult)
- _____ Getting married at St. Mark's
- _____ Music (choir, lessons)
- _____ Children/youth classes & programs
- _____ Adult classes
- _____ Senior programs/activities
- _____ Outreach/community service
- _____ Environmental issues
- _____ Yoga classes
- _____ Dance classes
- _____ St. Mark's Players (theatrical productions)
- _____ Pastoral Care

Join us! For Newcomer Sundays the first Sunday of every month in Baxter Hall from 10:45 to 11:15.