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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

5:00 PM CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST

Preacher and Presider

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

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.



JANUARY 29, 2017

Attendance:	327
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$28,644.10



The Epiphany Star above the altar is a gift from Joya Cox, it's 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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Sentences

Presider Arise shine! In Christ, God's light has been revealed to us; It reaches across time and space.

People We have come to see; we have come to follow.

Presider Arise shine! God's light has been revealed to all people; God's glory has been unveiled in all the earth.

People May we go and tell; may we go and share God's light with our needy world.

A period of silence is observed.

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

People Israel's jealous God, giver of love's law, in whom there is no blandness, no dullness of oppression; liberate us from all that numbs compassion to find in your commands light undimmed and flavor unrestrained; through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law. Amen.

The Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1-8

I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us

People Thanks be to God.

A period of silence is observed.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a

lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Michele H. Morgan

Music for Meditation

An Affirmation

Presider Let us declare our faith in God.
People **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named**
**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**
**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**
**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader God who revealed yourself to wise men following a star
Guide all who search and journey towards your light today,
People **God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**

Leader God who unveiled yourself in the gift of a child,
Show yourself to all who seek after justice and righteousness today,
People **God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**

Leader God who was baptized with those who declared their repentance in the Jordan river, manifest yourself to all who come with repentant hearts today,
People **God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.**

Leader God who fed the thousands with a handful of fish and loaves,
Satisfy our hunger with your word of truth and love,
People God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.
Leader God who changed water into wine at a wedding,
Fill all who thirst with the free gift of the water of life,
People God whose light shines like a bright guiding star have mercy on us.
Leader We invite all to offer prayers of petition, intercession, or thanksgiving silently
or if aloud, ending with "This is my prayer," to which all will respond, "**Amen.**"

A time for individual prayers is observed.

Leader Let us pray.
**People Gracious God, we thank you that Jesus' epiphany reaches across time
and space. As we go into this night may we embrace your call to come
and see, come and follow, go and tell others. May we remember that we
are bearers of Christ's light sent out to touch others. Amen.**

A Prayer of Confession

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is observed.

**People Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.**

Absolution

Presider God forgives you; forgive yourself and go in peace.

People Amen.

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

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

Clergy Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

People **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the

new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now we pray together:

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

Presider Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation to Communion

Presider We, St. Mark's, recognize this as God's table set before us and for all and this bread and wine as God's food for us and for all.

Therefore whoever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe,

People **All are welcome and invited to receive. Amen!**

The Communion

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

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People Gracious God, in this Eucharist you have given us a foretaste of your eternal banquet. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider May the love of the Creator go before you,
May the life of the Redeemer be within you,
May the joy of the Spirit shine through you,
And the blessing of God be with you now and forever.

People Amen.

Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

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Verger

David Deutsch

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

Opening Sentences, Mustard Seed House; Collect, The Book of Common Prayer, Revised; Affirmation, Prayers of the People, Confession, Post Communion Prayer, Blessing & Dismissal, "Common Worship" Church of England; Eucharistic Prayer, Enriching our Worship.

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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*)



THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Chief Special Warfare Operator William Ryan Owens, Peoria, IL



CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:

Episcopal Relief and Development
Companion Diocese Committee – Jerusalem
Committee on the Partnership with the Province of Southern Africa

IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:

Lomega - (Loryko, Sudan) The Right Reverend Paul Yugusuk



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 -- many thanks to our stalwart canvassers for canvassing and to so many members for pledging! **As of 24 January, we've achieved about 91% of** our goal of \$870,000 and we're down to the last 60-or-so pledgers! If you haven't already, PLEASE make your 2017 Canvass pledge today!

Unfortunately, where we are now won't cover our forecast expenditures for next year, so we are taking a two-prong approach: a) scrub expenses, which will involve even more painful cuts and b) reach out by phone to those who haven't pledged. If you haven't pledged, you can get yourself off the phone list by making your pledge today!

To find all 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." You can pledge online, you can download a paper pledge form and mail it in, or you can pick one up in the tract racks and either put it in the collection plate or in the office mailbox at the top of the stairs. Questions? Write to Nora Howell at stmarkscanvass@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.

4) bulletin@stmarks.net is here! In an effort to streamline our bulletin production process we have established a St. Mark's bulletin email address: bulletin@stmarks.net Please direct announcements, suggestions, lay leadership volunteer assignments et al and anything else you can think of that is related to the St. Mark's bulletin to the new address. Many thanks!

Worship

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) 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

7) 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.

8) 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.

9) 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).

10) 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

11) 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)

12) Marching Through The Bible: The Gospel of Mark. This weekly class meets at **10am Sundays** in the Penniman Rm. 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/semester. Convener: Bob Ewald.

13) 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/)

14) 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

15) 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.

16) 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.

17) 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

18) 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.

19) 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.

20) Want to learn more about the refugee situation? There will be a town hall meeting at Lutheran Church of the Reformation this **Thursday, February 9th, from 11 AM - 1 PM** to discuss the national and local implications of actions regarding refugees and outline ways which congregations and individuals can stand with our refugee neighbors. Lutheran Reformation is one of the lead churches in our sponsorship of the Afghan family. It is at 212 East Capitol St NE

21) Refugee Update: With the very generous contributions from your homes, **The Capitol Hill Good Neighbor Program** has now furnished three apartments for Afghan families, two at Parkview Gardens in Riverdale and one in Cheverly. We will now team with others in CHGNP to provide employment counseling, transportation, general orientation, language competency, financial assistance, etc. If you have skills and interest, please contact karen.getman@gmail.com

22) Helping refugees: what are the choices? Find out on **February 11**. St. Mark's will host an event where you play the part of someone involved in the refugee crisis, in a scenario set in DC. Learn what people and your elected government can do. Listen to what other people think. Find common ground. Work towards solutions, not postures. For more information, go to <http://www.refugeemegagame.com>. Sign up now, it's free to participate!

23) 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.

24) 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)

25) 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.**

26) 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.

Parish Life

27) TODAY! Gun Violence Prevention Meeting from **2:00-3:30**. **Washington National Cathedral** is hosting a panel discussion on: "Gun Violence Prevention: Where do we go from here?" focusing on DC, VA, and MD. Three leading gun violence prevention experts from the DC Area will talk about the help that is needed if we are to make progress on gun violence prevention laws and policies in the coming year and hold our ground on positive legislation and policies that are already in place. The event will be on the Cathedral's 7th floor, in Perry Auditorium. It is free to all, including parking in the underground garage (accessible from Wisconsin Ave or Woodley Road). There will be a hard stop at 3:30 pm, so that football fans can get home well before Super Bowl kickoff!) Hope to see you there.

28) 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.

29) Reading Group meets the **first Monday of every month** in the Dozier library downstairs opposite the nursery at 7:30 p.m. For February 6, we will read The Summer Before the War by Helen Simonson. If you have read the book, please join us for the discussion. **Contact:** Linda Ewald (llerbe@yahoo.com, 301 541-5133).

30) 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 Pamela Blumgart (202-631-4936) (pjblumgart@mail.com) prior to attending a meeting. **Next meeting: February 13, 2017.**

31) 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

32) TODAY! Parenting Teens Group Gathering: Are you the parent of a Middle or High School aged youth? Join fellow St. Mark's parents of teens on Sunday, **today at 10am** in the Adams Room for a conversation about the trials and triumphs of parenting. A light breakfast will be provided. Come and connect!

33) Feb. 26, Rescheduled 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!

34) 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)

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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by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.



Welcome Guests!

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!

After completing, please remove this page and place in offering plate or give to greeter.

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

Name _____

Email _____

Zip Code _____

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)

Would you like to be contacted by a member of the clergy or member of the vestry?

_____ Clergy

_____ Vestry