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ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
+
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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27, 2016



9:00 AM
HOLY EUCHARIST

9:00 AM
CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

10:00 AM
SERMON SEMINAR

11:15 AM
HOLY EUCHARIST

Preacher

The Reverend R. Justice Schunior

Presiders

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

Children's Chapel Leader

Ms. Caroline McReynolds-Adams

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.

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Attendance:	275
Pledge & Plate collection:	\$40,280.68



The Advent Wreath was given to St. Mark's by Scilla Adams in loving memory of her father, Colonel Neil Ramsay. Hand-forged by Richard A. Martin, a metal sculpture in Alexandria, Virginia, this work is made of steel with solid-link chains and hammered drip pans, painted black and measuring three feet in diameter, with a cross hanging beneath the central candle. .



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
✦ *Portions of the liturgy omitted at the 9:00 AM service*

Prelude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 64
(Wake up, the voice calls to us)

J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Opening Hymn 61 "Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us, vv. 1-2

Wachet auf

Opening Sentences

Presider We all want a meaningful Christmas.

All But meaning is not more things we don't need, more debt, more busy-ness.

Presider God, help us to conspire for the coming of your kingdom.

All Help us conspire to worship fully, spend less, give more, and love all. Amen.

The Collect

Presider God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

All Intimate God, we yearn for the light of your coming and the warmth of your embrace; focus our hearts on the truly important and keep us centered on that still point, Jesus our Emmanuel, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

(9:00) Children wishing to participate in Children's Chapel may follow the Crucifer to the Dance Studio (second floor) at this time.

The First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house

shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;

all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;

that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader Let us hear what the Spirit says to us.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 Sung by all



- 1 I was glad when they / said to me,*
"Let us go to the / house of the LORD.
- 2 Now our feet are / standing*
within your gates, / O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a / city*
that is at un/ity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / LORD,*
the assembly of Israel, to praise the / Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of / judgment,*
the thrones of the / house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jer/usalem:*
"May they pros/per who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your / walls*
and quietness with/in your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and com/panions' sake,*
I pray for / your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the / LORD our God,*
I will / seek to do you good. "

The Second Reading Excerpt from Jayber Crow, by Wendell Berry

“In Port William, more than anyplace else I had been, this religion that scorned the beauty and goodness of this world was a puzzle to me. To begin with, I don’t think anybody believed it. I still don’t think so. Those world-condemning sermons were preached to people who, on Sunday mornings, would be wearing their prettiest clothes. Even the old widows in their dark dresses would be pleasing to look at. By dressing up on the one day when most of them had leisure to do it, they had signified their wish to present themselves to one another and to Heaven looking their best. The people who heard those sermons loved good crops, good gardens, good livestock and work animals and dogs; they loved flowers and the shade of trees, and laughter and music; some of them could make you a fair speech on the pleasures of a good drink of water or a patch of wild raspberries. While the wickedness of the flesh was preached from the pulpit, the young husbands and wives and the courting couples sat thigh to thigh, full of yearning and joy, and the old people thought of the beauty of the children. And when church was over they would go home to Heavenly dinners of fried chicken, it might be, and creamed new potatoes and hot biscuits and butter and cherry pie and sweet milk and buttermilk. And the preacher and his family would always be invited to eat with somebody and they would always go, and the preacher, having just foresworn on behalf of everybody the joys of the flesh, would eat with unconsecrated relish.”

Reader Let us hear what the Spirit says to us.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel Matthew 24:36-44

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus according to Mathew.

People



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.____

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Gospeller The Gospel of Jesus.

People



Praise to you, Lord Christ.____

An Affirmation

Presider Let us affirm our faith together:
People **We believe in God**
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of free-
dom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt,
in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's good-
ness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness
and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church,
for the glory of God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader In this season of Advent, a time of waiting and hoping, but also of busyness and shopping, be with us, gracious God, as we strive to approach this season with joy and love.

Help us to approach the world with grateful appreciation for your creation so that we take joy in human connection, natural beauty, and the possibility of love and forgiveness.

People **Help us, Lord.**

Leader Guide us with your wisdom so that we are careful with our many resources. Help us to use our money wisely, especially during this time when we are assaulted by so many calls to buy more. We know that too often these are things that we desire now for ourselves and those we love, but will leave us feeling empty later.

People **Guide us, Lord.**

Leader Inspire us to give more of ourselves, our presence, our listening ears. May we use our God given creativity to share ourselves in new ways that help us move more deeply into relationship with others.

People **Inspire us, Lord.**

Leader Surround us with your love so great that you sent your son to be made human, one of us. He came to us not as a king or a ruler, but as a helpless child.

Let us be so overcome with that love that we share it with all in our reach.

People **Surround us, Lord.**

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 **Hear our prayers, Holy One, and fill us with your peace that passes all understanding. Amen.**

A Prayer of Confession

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

Silence is observed.

People **Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.**

Absolution

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

All **Amen.**

Commissioning of the St. Mark’s Liturgy Planning Team

Members of the Liturgy Planning Team (LPT), 2016-2017: Mary De Nys (co-chair), Linda Chandlee (cochair), Valeri Byrd, Mary Cooper, Mary Jo Detweiler, David Deutsch, Raiford Gaffney, Jeff Kempskie, Michael Knipe, Hester Ohbi, Joan Schindel, Jim Steed, the Reverend Michele Morgan, the Reverend Justi Schunior.

Presider: The Psalmist tell us, “Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name...”

Today we recognize and celebrate those among us who contribute their time and talents as co-creators of our communal worship, with special emphasis on planning liturgy, the “work of the people.”

Will you, members of the Liturgy Planning Team, use your gifts and energies on behalf of our parish, striving to nurture and uphold our corporate worship? Will you seek to listen to the needs of our community as you work with clergy to plan liturgy that nurtures and sustains our communal life?

LPT: We will, with God’s help.

The people, as able, stand.

Presider: Will we, the people of St. Mark’s, uphold these our sisters and brothers in this ministry, giving them our support and encouragement?

People: We will.

Presider: Let us pray.

All: O God, by your Spirit, you call all of us into community and commission us for service. Grant us grateful hearts, especially for those whom we recognize today who say “yes” to your call. Through them and through us may your witness of love and justice go forth; through Jesus Christ, your son, our friend and brother. Amen.

Dedication of the refurbished Stained Glass Windows

Historic Moment, *Doris Burton, Jr. Warden*

Let us pray Gracious God, the whole world is filled with the radiance of your glory: Accept our offering of these windows which we now dedicate to you for the adornment of this place and the inspiration of your people. Grant that as light shines through it in many colors, so our lives may show forth the beauty of your manifold gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

Clergy Greeting

✠ **Announcements**

⁸ *Please limit announcements to one minute or less.*

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem

The Advent Prose

Gerald Near

Chancel Choir

*Drop down, O heavens from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.
Turn your anger from us, O Lord, and no longer remember our iniquities:
For behold, the city of the Holy One has become a desert, Sion a wilderness:
Jerusalem a desolation: this hallowed and glorious house, where our fathers praised you.
We have sinned, and have become like the unclean;
we are fallen like a leaf, our iniquities like the wind have swept us away.
You have hidden your face from us, and abandoned us to our wickedness.
Behold, O Lord, the afflictions of your people, and send forth the Lamb, the ruler of the earth,
From the Rock of the desert, to the mountain of the daughter of Sion,
That he may take away the yoke of our captivity.
Be comforted, O my people, for your salvation shall quickly come.
Why have grief and sorrow consumed you?
I will save you: do not fear: for I am the Lord your God, the holy one of Israel, your Redeemer.*

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel, vv. 1-2

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider The Lord is here.

People God's Spirit is with us.

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 offer thanks and praise.

Presider It is right indeed that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfillment, for you create all things, and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

When the times had at last grown full and the earth had ripened in abundance, you made us in your image for yourself.

And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to rear them in your way of compassionate love. From your own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary our sister.

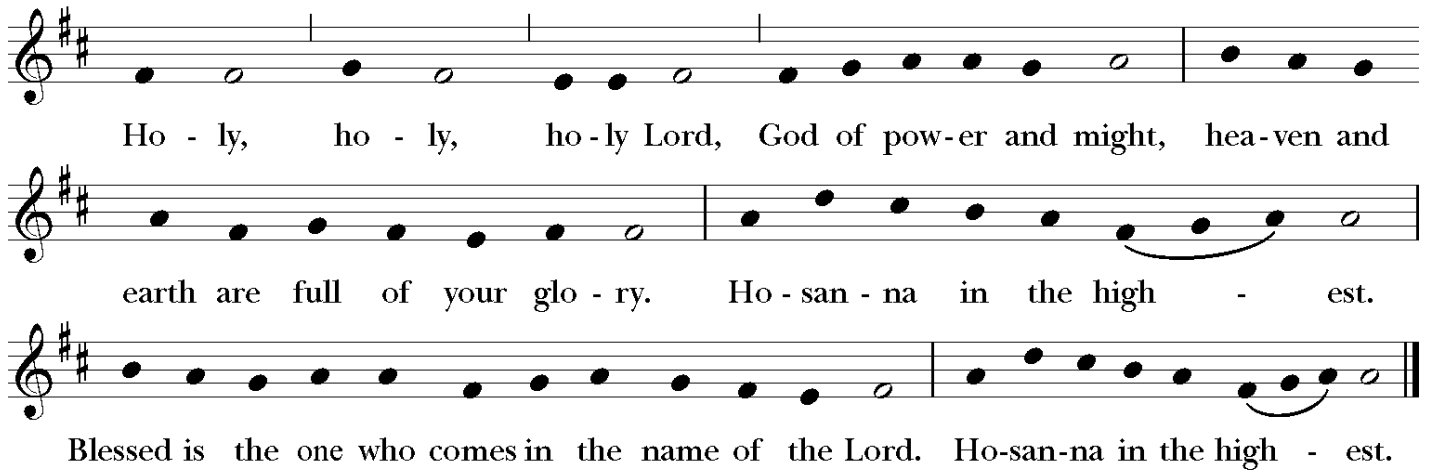
Jesus revealed your care for all you have made, and showed us your way of reconciliation. Looking forward to the joy of new life Jesus suffered the pangs of the cross and in rising again became the first-born of the renewed family.

You sent your Holy Spirit and gave birth to us your church. Your Spirit stays to nurture and to guide us.

Now we join hands around your table, and with all creation we hymn your praise for your unending love, as we sing,

Sanctus S 124

New Plainsong, David Hurd



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 To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

And so in this great sacrament we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

People **Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Presider Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love, and prayer, and be a voice for those who are not heard. In union with your whole church we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

All **Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider **And now, as our Savior Jesus taught us, we pray:**

All **Our Father, in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

S 154 *New Plainsong, David Hurd*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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,

All **All are welcome and invited to receive. 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

My Lord, What a Mornin'

African American Spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh
Doris Summey, soloist

*My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.*

LEVAS 11 Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

James E. Moore

Post Communion Prayer

Presider Together, let us pray.

All God of new beginnings, you draw near to us in word and sacrament to strengthen and renew us; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, may your light so shine through us that all may welcome your Son at his coming. We ask this in the name of Jesus Emmanuel. Amen.

Closing Hymn 57 Lo! he comes, with clouds descending

Helmsley

The Blessing

Presider The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve God.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

arr. David Lanz (b. 1950)

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

Affirmation of Faith and Confession, Common Worship. Eucharistic Prayer and Post-Communion Prayer, A New Zealand Prayer Book.

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SERMON SEMINAR at 10:00 am

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute or less.

The Sermon

The Reverend R. Justice Schunior

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?

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Liturgical Leaders and Worship Participants

Verger	David Deutsch, 9:00; Loretta Veney, 11:15
Acolytes	Liz Layton, 11:15
Altar Guild	Josie Jordan and Margaret Wood, 9:00 Barbara Harvey and Bertha Martin, 11:15
Bread & Wine	Mary Cooper, In honor of her husband on the occasion of the rededication of the stained glass windows, 11:15
Greeters	Barbara Nelson, Bill Jones and Jack Burton, 11:15
Lay Servers	Kim Bayliss, Bill Dickinson, Rita Ossolinski and Rick Rutherford, 9:00 Pat Latin, Raiford Gaffney, Bertha Martin and Barbara Nelson, 11:15
The First Reading	Ellen Frost, 9:00; Doris Burton, 11:15
The Second Reading	Nancy Lucas, 9:00; Jack Burton, 11:15
Prayers of the People	Mike Novy, 9:00; Hester Obhi, 11:15

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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Gladys Anderson (*Matt Patton's grandmother*) • Grace Aspinall • Federica Barrow •
Alishia Daugherty Bauman (*Kristen Deutsch's cousin, Stephanie and David Deutsch's daughter-in-law*) •
Pamela Blumgart • Janice Brown • Lynda Bugge •
Sylvie Kalas Braddock (*Barbara Nelson's granddaughter*) •
Anne Carter (*Justi Schunior's mother*) • Joya Cox • Deborah Cunningham •
Andrew Earnest (*Lynda Bugge's grandson*) •
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 •
Lilly March • Nat Marks • Lila Marks •
Lina Marks (*Randy Marks' mother*) • Jane Miller • Barbara Nelson •
Leslie F. Nickerson (*Frank Nickerson's father and Amelia Nickerson's grandfather*) •
Randell Prothro • Marilyn Stiles • Arnold Taylor •



THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Vincent Alcazar (*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 (*son of Erika Bugge, 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:

St. Andrew's Church, College Park
St. Andrew's Church, Leonardtown
St. Andrew's Episcopal School and St. Andrew's Lower School, Potomac
Church of the Holy Comforter, Washington (St. Andrew's Parish)
Vocational Deacons' Retreat (December 2-3) Pray for those in process for ordination

IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION:

Kansas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dean Wolfe



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements, **not to exceed 150 words**, are to be submitted to diana@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) 2017 CANVASS: Be. Belong. Give. *The formal Canvass period has ended -- many thanks to our stalwart canvassers for canvassing and many members for pledging! As of 17 November, we're close to 70% of the way towards our goal of \$870,000, up a very impressive 10% from last week!*

You'll notice that we're not at 100%, so we do need members to make your pledges so that we can get the 2017 operating budget finalized. 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 nora.howell.va@gmail.com.

Worship

2) NECROLOGY On Monday December 5th at 7pm, we will be having a service of Loss and Remembrance. As part of that service we will be reading the names of the people we wish to remember. So if you would like family members names read please email me at Michele@stmarks.net.

3) ADVENT ART PROJECT This Advent we're turning the stuff we buy into a Christmas season bursting into the world! Please bring the ads and circulars from your newspapers, especially the ones right before Thanksgiving, to church the next few Sundays. Together we will shred the stuff that crowds out the space we need to fully welcome and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The more ads we have the better.

4) ARE YOU CALLED TO READ THE SCRIPTURE OR LEAD THE PRAYERS DURING ADVENT? Do you have an interest in reading a scripture or leading the Prayers of the People at a morning service? If so, please contact Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com or 2024605415. Please provide your name, email, most reliable phone number, which Sunday service (9 or 11:15 or both) you prefer and if you prefer scripture or prayers. The four Sundays in Advent are 11/27, 12/04, 12/11, 12/18. Raiford will consolidate all requests in order to meet as many requests as possible.

5) 11:15 Bread and Wine Rota: We are delighted to say that the Bread and Wine 11:15 for all Sunday's in November and December are spoken for - with one exception. Is someone willing to offer for Christmas Eve? An evening Service. Let us know at cecbill@mac.com. Thanks to all who have signed up.

6) 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 at haroldknipe@gmail.com, or 202-487-3990.

7) 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.

Christian Education

8) Guild for Transformational Studies Approach Class #1 –An Advent Evening. Members of Washington DC's Home Guild for Transformational Studies lead seekers in an Advent exploration. Come, listen to the Nativity story and experience the mystery in new and synchronous ways. **Date & Time:** Monday, December 12, 2016; 7:30-9:30 p.m. **Leaders:** Susan Thompson, Lynn Kneeder, Betty Foster. **Coordinator:** Susan Thompson. **Location:** Baxter Hall. **Fee:** \$25 to Christian Education.

9) January Christian Education Weekend. What do you need for yourself, your children and family, your community and the world to understand and make sense of these fraught and complex times? To whom will you turn while traversing these troubled waters? What can our church do to help us all navigate these seas and engage the world beyond our community in dialogue and action? If you'd like to explore these questions with others in our community, come join us on the Christian Education Weekend, Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday morning, January 6-8, 2017. Location: Saint Mark's Church - no long drive or lodging charge; babysitting available by arrangement, A special invitation is extended to those who have not previously attended a Christian Ed weekend and to parents with Sunday school age children. Signup: Church foyer. Questions: Please contact us at: peter.eveleth@gmail.com, hepheather@gmail.com, hpowers@wendtcenter.org, or crupp@ix.netcom.com.

10) Christian Education Catalog: The 2016-17 Christian Education Catalog is now available on-line at <http://staging.stmarks.net/grow/classes/> and in the tract racks in the Nave. 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) Thursday Night Bible Study Thursday night religious study will be 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 this may become an ongoing inquiry into religious mysticism, as it is experienced in Christianity and other faith traditions. **When:** Thursday evenings, 7:30-9:00 p.m. **Where:** Dozier Library. **Fee:** \$25 contribution per semester. **Questions:** Contact Bill Jones (billclough@icloud.com) and Kathleen Grant (queenmommy17@gmail.com).

12) ONGOING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. These groups meet weekly and are open to newcomers.

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

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

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

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

13) INTRODUCTION TO LIFE AT ST. MARK'S. Three sessions from 12:30-2:00, **Sundays**, every other month. Dates: Nov. 6, 13, 20; Jan. 8, 15, 22; March 5, 12, 19, May 7, 14, 21. Opportunities to formally join St. Mark's congregation during a liturgy are on Nov. 27, Jan. 29, March 26, and May 28. Leaders: The Rev. Michele Morgan and Youth and Family Director Caroline McReynolds-Adams. In the Dozier Library.

14) CATECHESIS: Have you ever wondered what goes on in the Catechesis classrooms? Wanted 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.

15) MARCHING THROUGH THE BIBLE: The Gospel of Mark. This weekly class meets at 10a.m. 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.

Music & Arts

16) Dance Studio Annual Open House A show for all age - Featuring: St. Mark's Dancers (with several St. Mark's members), Hill Winds, Charmian Crawford (St. Mark's Choir Member) and more. **When:** Friday December 2, 2016. Doors will open at 7:30. Performance will start at 8:00 PM. **Theme:** "Gospel, Modern & All That Jazz, etc." **Donations:** Regular \$20.00; Senior Citizens 65+ \$15.00; Children under 12 years \$12.00.

17) CHIARINA CHAMBER PLAYERS CONCERT On Saturday, Dec. 3 at 4:00 pm the Chiarina Chamber Players will present a concert titled *Jewish Composers: From the Classical Tradition to the Café*. Music for Violin, Cello and Piano by Mendelssohn, Bloch and Schoenfield. Chiarina's artistic directors, pianist Efi Hackmey and cellist Carrie Bean Stute will be joined by violinist Alexandra Osborne, Acting Assistant Concertmaster of the National Symphony Orchestra.

18) ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS. Please join us for a lovely evening of readings, hymns, and special musical offerings from the Chancel Choir and Boys & Girls Choir. Sunday, Dec. 4 at 5:00 pm. A reception will follow the concert.

19) CAROLS & CHEER. Come join us December 21 for a fun evening singing your favorite Christmas carols while enjoying some snacks and drinks. Social time starts at 6:30 and singing goes from about 7:00 to 9:30 pm. Drop in any time! Please bring a snack or beverage to share or \$5.

20) BOARD OPPORTUNITY: The St. Mark's Players has an opening on its Board of Directors. Help the magic of theater come alive here in the Nave! Contact SMP_Board@googlegroups.com to let us know of your interest.

21) 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.

22) 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.

Outreach

23) MEMORIES TO THE LOST. Join us on Saturday, December 3 at 11:00 am in the Courtyard to help install "The Memorial to the Lost", a traveling exhibit of t-shirts representing each victim on gun violence in the greater DC area. We'll serve coffee and snacks. The more help we get, the less work there will be to do. RSVP to Justi at Justi@Stmarks.net.

24) NEWTOWN ALLIANCE TO END GUN VIOLENCE. St. Marks is hosting the National Vigil for All Victims of Gun Violence and the Newtown Foundation lobby days on December 14-15. Many people from Newtown, Connecticut and all over the country will be coming to Capitol Hill for Congressional lobbying as well as the Vigil on 12/14. We are offering our facilities, hospitality, volunteer time, and donated food and drink to the Alliance & the Vigil. Please sign-up on the sign-up genius website: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948aaa928a75-hospitality> to volunteer time at specific times during 12/14-12/15. Donated bakery, cookies, deserts, protein bars, bottled water and sodas, etc. are also needed. Please either check the sign-up genius website or contact Michael Knipe at either 202-487-3990 or HaroldKnipe@gmail.com.

25) NATIONAL VIGIL FOR ALL VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE. Join us for the 4th Annual Vigil for All Victims of Gun Violence to honor the more than 120,000 victims since Newtown in 2012. The interfaith vigil will take place at 7:00 pm on December 14. Please reserve your seat at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/4th-annual-national-vigil-for-all-victims-of-gun-violence-tickets-27316921648>.

26) GUNS AND THE SUPREME COURT. St. Marks will once again be hosting the Newtown Alliance Vigil on December 14. To increase our understanding of what state and local actions to control guns may or may not be acceptable to the Supreme Court after the *Heller* decision, **please join us for a lecture and discussion session on Thursday, December 8 at 7:30 in Baxter Hall.** Penny Hansen, who teaches an eight week course on the Supreme Court at OLLI/American University, will walk us through the cases, decisions and non-decisions that the Court has made over the last few years on this important subject. All are welcome.

27) THANKSGIVING BAG COLLECTION: Thank you! Thank you! Last Sunday we collected **45** Thanksgiving bags for Capitol Hill Group Ministry to share with families in their programs. Your abundant sharing brought abundant joy to many!

28) Capitol Hill Group Ministries: Volunteer at St Mark's annual Holiday party for Capitol Hill Group Ministry's shelter families on Monday, December 19 @ 6PM. Dinner volunteers are needed for this wonderful joyful event which includes cookie decorating and carol singing. Santa will come to distribute the gifts the St Mark's teens will be purchasing for the kids. Come help host and/or bring something for the dinner, Let Dinner Coordinator Diane Hoover (roadbikedc@gmail.com) or Susan Sedgewick (jssedgewick@gmail.com) know if you would like to contribute chicken, ham, sides or beverages for the dinner.

29) Advent Sale! The Annual MEWG Advent Sale of Christmas Gifts from Bethlehem and the West Bank will begin Sunday, November 27 – December 19 after all worship services. Our exceptional olivewood crèches, small nativity ornaments, and Fair Trade olive oil, za'atar and tapenade will be available. These items from farm and artisan cooperatives provide economic support to communities. Limited selection of some items, so shop early. If you anticipate needing quantities of olive oil for gifts, please contact karen.getman@gmail.com for advance orders and special delivery. A 20% donation from the sale will be contributed to refugee assistance project. The Middle East Working Group manages the sale (with assistance Pilgrimage Groups) Give a gift that gives twice!

30) A Special Advent Service: December 17th – National Cathedral: Join Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Bishop Mariann Budde, and the Evangelical Lutheran Bishop of Washington, Richard Graham, at a special service Saturday at 10:00 a.m. This is the 10th Annual Simulcast service where we celebrate with Christians in the Holy Land as they gather at the Christmas Church in Bethlehem. Together we will sing and pray as we await the Prince of Peace and commit to doing our part to heal a hurting world. The service is free and no reservations are necessary. For further information, contact Karen or Tom Getman or Maureen Shea (karen.getman@gmail.com, tom.getman@gmail.com, mtshea@aol.com) for the Mid-East Working Group.

31) Many thanks to those who have or are providing lunch this Fall to Capitol Hill Group Ministry's parenting class. These lunches enhance the effectiveness of this important weekly class for CHGM participants. Watch for the announcement for signing up to provide lunch to the participants in the Win-Spring 2017 session.

32) SOUP KITCHEN SANDWICH MAKING IS RESCHEDULED. Our monthly Soup Kitchen Team's sandwich making, in support of Sunday Suppers, is now rescheduled for 4:00-4:45 P.M., Sunday, November 27, in Baxter Hall. This is a temporary measure to accommodate recent changes in the leadership of Sunday Suppers, a DC organization feeding needy persons in DC, every Sunday evening. Two members of St. Mark's, Lisa and Dan Ramish, with the support of the St. Mark's Outreach Board, have volunteered to direct the program for the next six months. Details concerning the St. Mark's Sunday Suppers November 27 event are announced separately. Please plan to lend a helping hand, whether for making sandwiches or joining us to distribute food and friendship in DC!

33) 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!

34) Household goods needed for our shelter family moving to their own apartment. Great news! Damente and his grandmother, Ms Reid, will be moving from the shelter to their own apartment, but it is unfurnished. They need some pots and pans, dressers, a dinette or small dining room table, lamps, love seat-sized sofa, and a TV. If you have any of these things in good condition, email Susan Sedgewick at jssedgewick@gmail.com or call her at 202-546-0160.

35) GIVE THE HOMELESS FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP - Every Sunday, a group of volunteers provides food and friendship to the homeless in our city. It is a ministry that focuses as much on the social/emotional needs of DC's most vulnerable citizens as it does their physical needs. For years St. Mark's has provided sandwiches for guests to take with them after sharing a hot meal. Now we are also looking for volunteers to help provide the hot meals, or to serve the meals, or both. Our most pressing need is for 6-9pm on Sunday, Nov. 27th. We also need help on Dec 4, Dec 18 and Dec 25. If you are interested, please email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com.

36) DIAPER DRIVE: DIAPER DRIVE SUCCESS: St. Mark's is full of baby-helping rockstars! The final tally of diapers and wipes (and a few other essentials!) will be released this week, and all of those things you donated will go to babies and families in need. **WANT TO STAY INVOLVED?** Here are two easy ways. If you want to come volunteer with us, indicate your availability here: <http://doodle.com/poll/zt47txbkiiqzrhph> and email marikaklein@gwu.edu. Also, DC Diaper Bank's Amazon wishlist makes donating the items they need most even easier at any time of year: <https://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/1G9IJMMO5V30U>

37) 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.**

38) Refugee Update: Curious about the status of refugee resettlement? Lutheran Social Services assures the Capitol Hill Good Neighbor project that refugee resettlement is not an endangered program. However, many families who have been vetted arrive with family connections already in the States and do not need the level of support our community offers. LSS is awaiting a good match who will benefit from the assistance our group can provide. Thanks to those who are on our volunteer list as we continue to prepare. Want more information to volunteer your friendship and skills to resettlement? Contact: karen.getman@gmail.com.

Parish Life

39) Interfaith Potluck: On behalf of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the Hill Havurah, we would like to invite our interfaith families for a potluck dinner and discussion. Between our two congregations, we have many interfaith families that are trying to navigate how to raise their children. Some have decided to raise their children in both traditions and some are still struggling to find the right balance for their family. We hope to gather together to learn from one another and to discuss how we may support each other. Please join us on Wednesday, November 30th at 7pm in Baxter Hall. Child Care will be provided. Please RSVP to Tricia Eisner at pagranata@yahoo.com with the number of adults and children. We will share a program outline and a potluck sign-up sheet to those who RSVP. Beverages provided. Feel free to forward and share with families that you who believe may benefit from joining us.

40) The Bob Hahn and Crane Miller Memorial Birdwatching Expedition. In memory of Crane Miller and Bob Hahn, we birdwatchers propose an outing to Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge near Cambridge Maryland for Saturday, December 3. Though Crane's expertise will not be there to guide and inform us, we will have the companionship of fellow travelers to enjoy the outdoors and remember special moments with Bob Hahn and Crane Miller. Bring a lunch to eat out-of- doors, binoculars and your guide book. Logistics: We will meet at 8:30 am at the McDonald's on Whitehall Road off Rtes. 50/301 after Annapolis and a mile or two short of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge, where we will organize for ride-sharing and have breakfast before crossing the bridge. We will gather again at the Community Center at the end of the Choptank River Bridge in Cambridge. After sunset, on our way home we may stop for dinner at The Narrows Restaurant. We'll need a count to make reservations. Please bring cash to cover the meal, tax, and tip. Need a ride? or have questions about the outing? Please contact: Don Gangloff, dgangloff@aol.com, 301-519- 2249; or Gretchen Willson, gretchenwillson943@gmail.com, 202-362- 4417.

41) St Marks Women to Women invites you to Save the Date for **Empowerment through Education** with Dr. Leslie Rickey on Monday, **November 28th, 7-8:30**. Join us for an dynamic, informative, and lively discussion with Dr Rickey, Associate Professor of Urology and of ObGyn, Fellowship Director and Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at Yale New Haven. Dr Rickey is working with NIH and is committed to making advances in women's health and quality of life. Afraid to talk about pelvic floor issues even with your own physician? You are not alone. We are thrilled to have her join us and invite St. Mark's women to not only come out, but to bring along a friend, sister, cousin, mother and/or daughter. A-M Bring a beverage of your choosing; N-Z Bring a sweet or savory snack.

42) COFFEE, TEA, AND A BITE AFTER 11:15? Will you offer modest nibbles after the 11:15 service on 11/6, 12/04, or 12/18? If you're willing, speak to or email Jim Steed (steedj66@gmail.com) for details.

43) Columbarium News: The vestry recently voted to raise the price for St. Mark's columbarium niches from \$1200 to \$1500, effective January 1, 2017. The change was based on an analysis of the prices now being charged at other churches in our area and is the first such increase in 10 years. Anyone considering the purchase of one or more niches is encouraged to contact Penny Hansen (pennyhansn@aol.com), the Columbarium Coordinator, before the price change at the beginning of the coming year. Purchase of niches is limited to members of St. Mark's Church and their immediate family.

44) READING GROUP meets the first Monday of every month in the Dozier library downstairs opposite the nursery at 7:30 p.m. For December 5, we will read *Tender is the Night* by F. Scott Fitzgerald . If you have read the book, please join us for the discussion. **Contact:** Linda Ewald (*lherbe@yahoo.com*, 301 541-5133).

45) LOOKING FOR HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD SERVICES? Help David Durant help you. After Easter, St. Mark's replaced Green Maintenance with PMM as its janitorial services provider. GM laid off David Durant who had worked at SM for 7 years. Since then, David has actively sought permanent employment. Meanwhile, he has only been able to obtain sporadic work such as detailing cars, indoor carpet cleaning, raking yards, etc.). Except for these odd jobs, and contributions from a few parishioners, he 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).

46) 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. The next meeting is November 14 at 6:30 pm in the Dozier Library.

Youth & Family Ministries

47) Nursery News: Nursery parents, please bring in a picture of your child for our picture board. Also, please note that the nursery will be closed on Nov 27th for the Thanksgiving holiday

48) NOV. 27 THROUGH DEC 18, CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UPS! Calling all 3-13 year-old youth! Come sign up to be a part of our fun, joy-filled Christmas Pageant as an angel, animal, wise person, shepherd, reader, or member of the holy family! The Pageant takes place during our 4pm service on Dec. 24th. Sign ups will begin on Sunday, Nov 27 and go through Sunday, Dec. 18. See the bulletin board downstairs for more information, or email Caroline at caroline@stmarks.net.

49) DEC. 11 + 18, TEENS AT CAPITOL HILL GROUP MINISTRIES FAMILY NIGHT: Middle and High School Youth- We will once again purchase, wrap, and help pass out gifts for the shelter families at Capitol Hill Group Ministries! Join us from 11am-1pm for the gift shopping and wrapping pizza party and again in Baxter Hall on Monday, Dec. 18 at 5:30pm for dinner and gift giving with our Capitol Hill neighbors. For more information, email Caroline (caroline@stmarks.net).

50) WORSHIP ACTIVITY BAGS IN THE NAVE! We are now offering worship activity bags for our youngest parishioners with coloring pages, dancing scarves for music, bookmarks for the hymns, and more! The bags are hanging on the rack near the lobby entrance. Please return bags and their contents at the end of each service.

51) SAFEGUARDING GODS CHILDREN FALL TRAINING: The Fall training dates Safeguarding God's Children, the required child abuse prevention training offered by the diocese, have been announced. **This training is required** for any volunteers working with children and youth (including Christian education leaders) who have not completed a child abuse and sexual misconduct prevention program in the last three years and is strongly encouraged for anyone who wishes to learn more about how their parish can protect children and youth. Please register for one of these Saturday sessions and encourage others to join us in ensuring the safety and well-being of our youth program! Contact Caroline to register:

December 7: St. Columba's, 6:30pm-9:30pm25.

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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.

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- 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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Zip Code _____

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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 clergy person?

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