

# Announcements

*Announcements, not to exceed 150 words, are to be submitted to [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net) by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday 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) All Parish Retreat:** This year, we are scheduled to meet again at the Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD (<https://www.claggettcenter.org>) on June 17 and 18. We have more than 120 people signed up, so it should be a wonderful time! If you are coming, there are three things you need to do in advance:

- On Sunday June 11, bring in a box to be used in our box journal project. There's a big moving box in Baxter Hall for the boxes -- no larger than a shoebox, please!
- Before June 17, read the E-gospel that was sent out on Friday June 8 for more info on the Box Journal project -- and for the questions for reflection you need to think about before next week-end.
- On June 17, bring a photo of yourself. Could be a current one or one from any age. Nothing larger than 5 x 7, please!

If you have questions about the following, please contact

- Accommodations, Kit Arrington at [kit@tulsablue.com](mailto:kit@tulsablue.com).
- Other logistics, Kenn Allen at [juniorwarden@stmarks.net](mailto:juniorwarden@stmarks.net)
- Content, Nora Howell at [seniorwarden@stmarks.net](mailto:seniorwarden@stmarks.net).

It's shaping up to be a lovely opportunity to "be in community together!"

*Note: For those not attending the retreat, the Sunday worship schedule will remain the same (9am Eucharist, 10am Sermon Seminar, 11:15am Eucharist, Contemplative Eucharist 5pm)*

## *Worship*

**2) Altar Guild Announcement** Jesus may have been able to set the table and produce bread and wine easily, but until he arrives again, we need help in setting the table. Learning how the Altar is set and what goes where and how to set up for Ash Wednesday, Baptismal, normal service, and funerals has been documented to assist those who volunteer their time. There are actually official names for those items you see on the table. Not the cover, the table cloth, the rag thingy, the cup, the wine jug - real names! Join and find out. This is an equal opportunity activity and is supervised by those who wish to share the learning experience with others. The more assistants in the Guild, the fewer times each person needs to set the table. Please consider this opportunity to serve St. Marks in setting the table for Communion. Contact Joan Schindel at [jfschindel@yahoo.com](mailto:jfschindel@yahoo.com)

**3) 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 experience or training is needed. 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.

**4) 11:15 Bread and Wine Rotation** Thank you all so much! June, July & Aug. 5 have volunteers. All of August is posted if you would care to plan ahead. Email Cecilie Jones at [cecbill@mac.com](mailto:cecbill@mac.com) or use the website at the address below. <https://is.gd/stmbw2017summer>

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

### **Christian Education**

**6) Take The 2017-18 Christian Education Survey:** Please let us know what classes you would like to take or lead next year. We also would appreciate your feedback on the program in general. You can take the survey at <http://bit.ly/2017-18xianedsurvey>. Paper copies also available in the nave. Questions? Contact Joe Calizo [jcalizo@gmail.com](mailto:jcalizo@gmail.com)

**7) Wednesday Morning Drop-In Bible Study** the Wednesday Bible Class invites you to drop in for an hour of Bible study, a brown bag lunch, and fellowship. No reservations or advance reading required. **Date & Time:** Wednesdays from June 7 - August 30 at 12:00 to 1:00 pm. **Coordinator:** Raiford Gaffney, [rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com) **Location:** St. Mark's (Penniman Room)

**8) Christian Education Weekend 2017 In Review:** Heather Powers, Co-Leader of 2017 Christian Education Weekend, wrote a fantastic article "**The 2017 Christian Education Weekend- From Curious to Committed**" in the May edition of *Winged Lion Review*. If you did not see it in the newsletter, you can read it on the St. Mark's website at <https://www.stmarks.net/>

### **9) Ongoing Christian Education**

These groups meet weekly and are open to newcomers:

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

**Wednesday Morning Drop-In Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00pm, Penniman Room

### **Music & Arts**

**10) Do You Like to Sing or Play an Instrument?** If so, we want to know! Singers of all voice parts (especially basses at the 11:15) 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@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff@stmarks.net).

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

### **Outreach**

**12) Help Sunday Suppers feed the homeless.** You can make a hot dish using a simple recipe we provide and drop it off in Baxter Hall (hot and in a disposable pan) between 4:30 and 5:15pm on Sunday, June 18th. You can serve food at the statue on Franklin Square (on 14th St NW between I and K St NW) from 6pm to 7:30pm. NOTE: This is the weekend of the All Parish Retreat. If you would prefer to bring a frozen store-bought dish to Claggett, that would also be very helpful. Please email to coordinate at [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com).

**13) Lunches for Capitol Hill Group Ministry Parenting Class** Volunteer to provide a simple sandwich and fruit lunch for the 10 participants in Capitol Hill Group Ministry's Monday Parenting Class. These lunches provide the catalyst for this class that offers CHGM client participants help in

coping with the challenges of child rearing and life in general. Drop off the lunches Monday morning between 8 and 11 to Shirley's Place at 1338 G ST SE. If you need help with this, contact Susan Sedgewick at [jssedgewick@gmail.com](mailto:jssedgewick@gmail.com). Signup here for the dates in June, July and August: <https://tinyurl.com/Parentingclass-summer2017>

**14) Church of the Brethren Soup Kitchen Volunteers Needed** The Washington City Church of the Brethren (COB), located at 4th and N. Carolina SE, needs volunteers to assist with soup kitchen operations Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Volunteers assist with food preparation, service, and clean up, from 10a.m. to 2:30p.m. Volunteers may opt for the entire process or choose a specific activity (prepping, serving or clean-up). Interested persons must complete a volunteer application, available online at [www.bnp@washingtontycob.org](http://www.bnp@washingtontycob.org). Questions may be referred to newly hired Food Operations Manager, Faith Westdorp, Brethren Nutritional Program (BNP) at the above site, or call her at 202 546-8706. Questions may also be referred to Jack Richards.

**15) Pray – Fast – Act to End Famine:** The Presiding Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Episcopal Church invite us to a season of prayer, fasting and advocacy. The season began with a three-day fast starting Sunday, May 21st, the Global Day of Prayer to End Famine. The season will continue with a fast day on the 21st of each month through December 2018, when the 115th Congress will conclude. The 21st of each month is significant, because by that date, the majority of food assistance benefits for that month will have run out. This means that the last week of the month is usually the hungriest week in America. For more information go to: <http://advocacy.episcopalchurch.org>

**16) June 12 Candlelight Vigil to Remember the shooting at the Pulse night club in Orlando.**

The Pride Fund to End Gun Violence, DC Mayor Muriel Bowser, and the Gay Men's Chorus will commemorate the one-year anniversary of the shooting and come together to honor the victims and demand action from elected officials. The ceremony will begin at 7pm in Dupont Circle. Those attending are asked to bring a candle and gather at the fountain. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1876989325848854/>

**Parish Life**

**17) St. Mark's Reading Group** meets on the **second Wednesday** of every month in the Dozier Library at **12:30 p.m.** On June 14<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy* by J.D. Vance. If you have read the book, please join us. Looking ahead, on July 12 we will discuss *The Orphan Master's Son* by Adam Johnson. Contact: Linda Ewald, [lherbe@yahoo.com](mailto:lherbe@yahoo.com) or 301-541-5133.

**18) Exploring Race In Our Society:** The Inclusivity Working Group will be presenting an opportunity to further examine race and its implications. Rick Rutherford, a seasoned diversity facilitator, has graciously agreed to lead a book group on the subject. Session one will review "Michael K. Williams Asks: Am I Typecast?" which can be found on YouTube. (The video was selected for its thought-provoking content but contains some curse words.) In the following three sessions, participants will discuss The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander for its investigation of how our criminal justice system enforces discrimination and oppression. Beginning June 21, the group will meet at 7:00 pm on the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Room. Please contact Rick Rutherford ([rruther427@aol.com](mailto:rruther427@aol.com)) with any questions.

**19) Film Club – "Bedazzled":** JUNE 16 (Rescheduled from April) Join us for the hilarious 1967 British comedy based on the Faust legend, "Bedazzled," directed by Stanley Donen, and starring (and written by) Peter Cook and Dudley Moore. With Eleanor Bron and Rachel Welch. 50th Anniversary! **FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 7:30 PM, 1321 GERANIUM STREET, NW, WASHINGTON, D.C.** Bring snacks/desserts/potent potables to share.

**20) Can You Help? Rides to Clinic Needed:** Elizabeth Long, a member of St. Mark's since childhood, has been on dialysis for years but is now near the top of the list for a kidney transplant. She could get the call next month or later this year. Following surgery, she'll need to get from her home near Andrews AFB to the Washington Hospital Center in NW DC, once or twice a week for 13 weeks for critical adjustment of her immune suppression meds. For the first three weeks, a cousin will be staying with her and able to drive. But volunteers are needed for the remaining weeks. To keep clinic visits to two hours, she needs to arrive by 8 am, which means pick-up at 6:30 am. If you can drive her once, either round-trip or one-way, please contact Peter Hawley at [pawleydc@gmail.com](mailto:pawleydc@gmail.com) or 202-526-4799. When we know the actual dates, we'll use Sign-Up Genius for scheduling. Thanks for lending a hand!

**21) Coffee Team Requests:**

- Our job is to make coffee, create a welcoming space and work alongside the folks who bring food. There has been some folks who assume that we will be able to clear tables and wash up food plates. Unfortunately we barely have time to stay on top of coffee, and hot water so if you bring food part of the deal is that you stay and keep the space tidy.
- HELP HELP HELP...honest if you **drink coffee** (for the love of everything holy) **sign up to make it**, we will train you and you will be the hero of the revolution. It is a wonderful place to serve and the Rector will sing your praise when she writes her memoir about her life in tending the altar of the lord in the midst of community. Doris Burton, Coffee Maven, will train you ([dmburton21@gmail.com](mailto:dmburton21@gmail.com))
- The other cool part is that you get to see the inner workings of the kitchen, because if you become a coffee maker, you get to go into the kitchen, you get to use the sinks, and you get to see the FETCO machine, which you need to be trained on to use...if you are not doing the coffee service, (or helping with the food) you do not get to go into the kitchen, yeah really stay out of the kitchen, thank you in advance.

*The tragedy of being buried under an avalanche of ceramic is real, do your part and donate your coffee mugs elsewhere. We have plenty, in both the office and the kitchen.*

**22) Join St. Mark's at the Capitol Hill Fourth of July Parade!:** St. Mark's is marching in this year's annual Capitol Hill Fourth of July parade down Barracks Row on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome! More details forthcoming on timing and meeting location. If you'd like to participate, please email Jessie Babcock at [Jessie.babcock@gmail.com](mailto:Jessie.babcock@gmail.com).

**23) Reception and Art Opening: Lamentation for the Forsaken:** with artist Michael Takeo Magruder. Lamentation for the Forsaken is a new media installation that juxtaposes Christ's suffering and journey to the cross with the anguish and plight of refugees fleeing the Syrian Civil War.

Thursday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for drinks and viewing of the installation 6:15 p.m. Conversation with Michael Takeo Magruder. Reception following. Location: Immanuel Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary 3737 Seminary Road Alexandria, Virginia 22304. If you plan to attend, please reply by June 13, 2017, to Debbie Townsend: [dtownsend@vts.edu](mailto:dtownsend@vts.edu) or 703-461-1714.

The artist is pleased to present a print to individuals who make a donation of at least \$500 to the International Rescue Committee ([www.rescue.org](http://www.rescue.org)) to benefit refugees. The installation can be viewed May 20<sup>th</sup> through August 10<sup>th</sup> during open hours of Immanuel Chapel.

**Youth & Family Ministries**

**23) Summer Sunday School Begins TODAY!** Our traditional Sunday School might be through for the school year, but never fear- Summer Sunday School is here! Starting June 11 we will offer a creative time of art, service projects, and music during the 10am hour for children ages 3 to 12. We will gather in the Dance Studio. See you there!