

## July 23, 2017 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** proceeding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

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

### Music & Arts

**1. Sing with the Summer Choir! Just show up early to learn the music.** There is a minimal time commitment and no prior experience is necessary. Also, it's fun! July 23: 9:15 warm up for the single 10 am service. August 6, 20, 27: 8:20 warm up in the nave for 9:00 services, 10:30 warm up downstairs in the Elders' Room for 11:15 services. Questions? Contact Jeff Kempskie, Director of Music: [jeff@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff@stmarks.net)

**2. 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 Kempskie** [jeff@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff@stmarks.net). Students of all ages and experience are welcome

### Outreach

**3. Join Drew Hart at The Festival Center on July 22nd from 1-3 pm** as he leads a training on "Confronting Racism in the Church." Moving stories, honest assessment, and practical tips for beginning to address racism in your own contexts. This event is great for small group leaders hoping to start/continue the discussion, or community members interested in being more equipped to confront racism head on! Tickets are \$10, and available here: <https://tinyurl.com/DHartTraining>

**4. WIN Citywide Action:** The Washington Interfaith Network is organizing a citywide action on **Wednesday, July 26th at First Rock Baptist Church (4630 Alabama Ave SE) at 7pm (arriving at 6:30 to be seated)**. WIN is an organization of religious congregations and community associations that work together to build power and amplify the voices of members of our community. At the upcoming action, WIN will ask Mayor Muriel Bowser to commit to creating jobs for returning citizens and residents in areas of high unemployment, investing in public transportation, building affordable housing, protecting information the city collects from immigrant and refugee residents, and reducing gun violence and improving community safety. St. Mark's will be a guest congregation at the upcoming action, and we have committed to bring 10 people, though more are invited. If you'd like to join us, please contact **Peter Casey** at [pccasey@gmail.com](mailto:pccasey@gmail.com). If there's enough interest and the need arises, we may coordinate transportation from the church.

**5. Gentrification Book Talk.** On **Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm** join American University School of Public Affairs Associate Professor Derek Hyra for a talk on his book Race Class, and Politics in the Cappuccino City. Hyra's research focuses on processes of neighborhood change, with an emphasis on housing, urban politics, and race. **Location: Calvary Episcopal Church 820 6<sup>th</sup> St NE D.C.** Register at <https://tinyurl.com/Hyrabooktalk> or contact Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart [gfisher143@verizon.net](mailto:gfisher143@verizon.net)

**6. Come have fun with Capitol Hill Group Ministry supported client families at the Monday, August 14 Family Night in Baxter Hall at 6pm.** We need folks to bring dinner items, host, sing songs and have fun. The school-age kids will receive their back-to-school backpacks from St Mark's teens. This fun event for adults and kids starts at 6 and is usually finished by 8. Diane Hoover is coordinating the dinner again this year. Sign up in foyer to bring a salad, a side or beverages. Can't cook or come? Email Diane at [roadbikedc@gmail.com](mailto:roadbikedc@gmail.com) to ask how you can help out. Other questions? Ask Susan Sedgewick, [jssedgewick@gmail.com](mailto:jssedgewick@gmail.com) or Stephanie Deutsch, [scd@his.com](mailto:scd@his.com).

**7. Sightlines: Spirituality & Purpose for the Path Ahead.** Are you approaching your later years with an attitude of expectancy and adventure? Will you finally live fully, leaning into your spirituality and operating from passion and joy? Can you envision how limitations might be paths to transformation? Christ Church is hosting a diocesan pilot project on the spirituality of aging, and you are invited to participate. Through video presentations, discussions, and experiential exercises, expect to learn, share, question, reflect – and be surprised! All materials will be provided. *Sightlines: Spirituality & Purpose for the Path Ahead* will meet at 6:00p.m. on **August 8, 16, 20 & 27** in the meeting room of Christ Church, 620 G. St. SE, Washington, DC 20003. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to Elizabeth Boyd [eboyd@seaburyresources.org](mailto:eboyd@seaburyresources.org) or 202-414-6316. Sightlines is a project of The Episcopal Diocese of Washington and Seabury Resources for Aging.

**8. COOK, DRIVE, SET UP OR SERVE** for Sunday Suppers on August 20th. We need a hot meal for 50 homeless neighbors. You can volunteer to cook the whole meal or cook a part of it using a recipe we provide. We also could use someone to drive the van and set up the site on any 3rd Sunday of the month. We always meet at 6pm at Franklin Square. Contact [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com) to get more info or volunteer.

**9. 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> **Contact: Maureen Shea [mtshea@aol.com](mailto:mtshea@aol.com)**

**10. Outreach Board Update.** We are happy to report the following results of two Outreach projects this past spring. Thank you so much for your support! First, the sign sales raised \$2,950 for the **Good Neighbor Refugee Resettlement** effort. The welcoming green, blue and gold signs appear in yards all over our area and the funds support families resettling here. Second, we raised \$1,622.44 through our **Mite Box** program. Those funds go to Planned Parenthood to support the local office programs. We appreciate your participation in the Mite Box program once again, and all the loose change that rolled in to support the organization!

**11. 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 **any Monday morning between 8 and 11** to Shirley's Place at **1338 G ST SE**. If you need help with this, contact **Susan Sedgewick [jssedgewick@gmail.com](mailto:jssedgewick@gmail.com)**. **Sign up here** for the dates in July and August: <https://tinyurl.com/Parentingclass-summer2017>

**12. SOUP KITCHEN: CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN SOUP KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** The Washington City Church of the Brethren (COB), located at the corner of N. Carolina Avenue and 4<sup>th</sup> St SE, needs volunteers to assist with their soup kitchen operations on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 P.M. Volunteers provide assistance with food preparation, service, and clean up, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 P.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@washingtoncitycob.org](http://www.bnp@washingtoncitycob.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.

## Parish Life

**13. EXPLORING RACE IN OUR SOCIETY.** The Inclusivity Working Group is 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. He has asked that participants be willing to make a commitment to attend three sessions, held at **7:00 pm on the third Wednesdays of July, August and September**, during which we will discuss The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander for its investigation of how our criminal justice system enforces discrimination and oppression. Please contact Rick Rutherford (rruther427@aol.com) with any questions.

**14. ST. MARK'S READING GROUP** meets on the **second Wednesday** of every month in the Dozier Library at **12:30 p.m.** Feel free to bring your lunch. On **August 9**, we will discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. On **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, we will discuss *Miss Clare Remembers* by Miss Read. Contact: Linda Ewald, llerbe@yahoo.com or 301-541-5133

**15. ST. MARK'S COLUMBARIA.** Niches are available for purchase by members of St. Mark's Church for themselves and close family members. For information email the Columbarium Coordinator, Penny Hansen at pennyhansn@aol.com.

**16. SUNDAY LUNCH IS BACK!!** Yes, we are committing to a return to regular Sunday lunches after the 11:15 AM service. And, to show we are serious, we already have commitments from individuals and parish groups to provide lunch for five of the nine Sundays in July and August. Sign up to host. Remember that costs for hosts are reimbursable as future Sundays will require purchase of lunch tickets. Don't come for lunch? Don't despair. We also are set to go with coffee hour with treats at 10:45 after Sermon Seminar and after 5 PM service. Contact Junior Warden Kenn Allen juniorwarden@stmarks.net.

## Christian Education

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

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

**SMCC Meditation**, Mondays, *suspended until after Labor Day*

## Youth & Family Ministries

**18. Summer Sunday School Dates:** There is **NO Summer Sunday School today, July 23**, but we are back next through the end of the summer-- July 20, August 6, August 13, August 20, and August 27. We offer a creative time of art, service projects, and music for children ages 3 to 12. Join us in the **Dance Studio** from **10am-10:45am!**

**19. Children's Chapel Dates:** Children's Chapel continues all summer **during the 9am service** with the exception of Sunday, August 13 which will be a Family Eucharist Service. Join us!

**20. August 27- Service Trips Celebration!** ALL ARE INVITED to our Sunday, August 27 Service Trips Celebration that will take place from **12:30pm-2pm after the morning services.** We will make a delicious lunch and share pictures and stories from both the High School trip to Nicaragua and the Middle School trip here in DC. You won't want to miss it!