

# April 15, 2018 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: [stmarks.net/connect/calendar](http://stmarks.net/connect/calendar)

## **From the Vestry and Parish Leadership**

**1. Extended Vision 2020 Campaign:** We are imagining our spiritual home's tomorrow in more creative and exciting ways. Vision 2020 raised over \$4 million in gifts and in the sale of Baxter House. However, since we reached and stretched on our improvements during the Vision 2020 campaign, we still now service a debt of approximately one million, which costs us \$70,000 a year.

We have some fundamental maintenance and structural issues that need to be addressed soon in order to keep us safe and comfortable in our communal space. Erasing or significantly reducing the 2020 debt and making other capital improvements are the primary drivers of this campaign along with our desire to make a significant gift to our broader community. Because we are sustained by the power of community and strong pastoral support, the Extended Vision 2020 presents an opportunity to support and ensure that St. Mark's will continue to be a force that continues to sustain us, and allows us to contribute to the broader community. We invite 100% participation; the glass is half-full.

**Pledges are a three-year commitment and will be accepted until May 31, 2018, with payment due in full by March 31, 2021.** Pledge forms are in the Church Office, online and will be in the track racks in the nave at each entrance. Co-Chairs Rob Hall and Jackie Boddie can be reached at [ExtendedVision@stmarks.net](mailto:ExtendedVision@stmarks.net), to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please contact us if you would like to meet and discuss the Extended Vision.

## **Outreach**

**2. Sunday Suppers Sandwich Making Today!** Please join us in **Baxter Hall today, at 4:00 P.M.** as we prepare sandwiches, in support of Sunday Suppers, a group actively supported this month by our St. Mark's teens and their parents! We usually complete sandwich making in about 30 minutes, and leave Baxter Hall to make **delivery at 5:45 P.M.** *We always need at least 3-4 sandwich making volunteers!* Please help us with this important program. Questions? Please contact Co-Managers Jack Richards ([ktjr89@verizon.net](mailto:ktjr89@verizon.net)) or Alix Pereira ([alix.pereira@gmail.com](mailto:alix.pereira@gmail.com)).

**3. Mite Box Collection** - If you participated in the Lenten Mite Box Devotional exercise and have a filled mite box with offerings, please bring your mite box to St. Mark's for collection. **You can drop-off your mite box** on the small dusty rose octagon **next to the organ during Sunday, April 15 and Sunday, April 22.** Members of the Outreach Board will pick-up the boxes and all donations will go to Horton's Kids, a Capitol Hill-based nonprofit that empowers school age children to graduate from high school ready for success. Contact: Elizabeth Okeke-Von Batten [eblazevich@gmail.com](mailto:eblazevich@gmail.com).

**4. Sexual Harassment Bystander Intervention Training on Saturday, April 28:** from **1-3pm in the Elders Room.** The #MeToo movement has finally given the seriousness and pervasiveness of sexual harassment the attention it deserves. What is your role in preventing and ending sexual harassment in your workplace and community? Come to this two-hour training led by trainers from the awesome local non-profit organization, Collective Action for Safe Spaces (CASS). You'll learn tangible ways to intervene if you witness harassment, discrimination, or even microaggressions. The training cost \$25 per person and reservations are required. To reserve your spot or ask questions, email Lindsey Jones-Renaud at [LJonesRenaud@gmail.com](mailto:LJonesRenaud@gmail.com).

**5. Israel/Palestine Film Festival:** Film is a wonderful way to explore the complex, difficult, and emotional issues that have prevented peace in Israel/Palestine for over three generations. **A free series with discussion** following each showing – Voices from the Holy Land – is being offered **this month** at multiple locations in DC, MD., and VA. All remaining films will be on **Sundays at 2:30**. Titles include: Disturbing the Peace; Roadmap to Apartheid; Censored Voices; Jews Step Forward; Thank God It's Friday; The Field; Gaza – A Gaping Wound; Gaza in Context; The Danger of Neutrality; Bethlehem: Hidden from View; and Palestine Pre-1948. For more information go to [www.voicesfromtheHolyland.org](http://www.voicesfromtheHolyland.org) Co-sponsored by the St. Mark's Mid-East Working Group.

**6. The Green Lions' (St. Mark's Environmental Action Group) Earth Day is Everyday.** Ready to make an impact? Learn more or join the Draw Down Challenge today. The 100 most substantive solutions to 'draw down' global warming. See how your daily choices matter: <https://drawdown.ecochallenge.org/> Questions? Contact Victoria Doyon 202-286-3112

### Parish Life

**7. St. Mark's Reading Group** meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month in the Dozier Library at **12:30 p.m.** On **April 18**, we will discuss *Sing, Unburied, Sing* by Jesmyn Ward and on **May 16**, we will discuss *Stay With Me* by Ayobami Adebayo. Contact: Linda Ewald, [llerbe@yahoo.com](mailto:llerbe@yahoo.com), 301-541-5133.

**8. "Dangerous Moonlight" (1941)** - Join us as Kathy Tatko presents this British wartime drama, directed by Brian Desmond Hurst, starring Anton Walbrook and Sally Gray, with a notable score written by Richard Addinsell, featuring the fictional "Warsaw Concerto." **Friday April 20, 7:30 PM, 1321 Geranium Street, NW, Washington, D.C.** Bring snacks/desserts/potent potables to share. For further info., contact Alicia Ruble, 202-420-9256, [blurbologist@hotmail.com](mailto:blurbologist@hotmail.com).

### Christian Education

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

- \* **Sunday Morning Bible Class, 10-11 a.m., April 22-May 13, 2018, Penniman Room**  
Studying the Book of Ruth. Convener: Bob Ewald ([llerbe@yahoo.com](mailto:llerbe@yahoo.com); 301-541-5133)  
Ruth, an outsider (a Gentile and a Moabite) who becomes the great-grandmother of David, is a character in story about close relationships among a people who have to face their difficult situations and resolve them on their own. The course consists of class discussion of the text assigned for that day.
- \* **SMCC Meditation**, Mondays 7:30-9pm, the Nave. Contact: Collie Agle [chagle@washpathfind.com](mailto:chagle@washpathfind.com)
- \* **Tuesday Evening Bible Study, 7:30-9pm, Dozier Library.**  
Discussing mysticism in relation to the Gnostic Gospels  
Co-Coordinator: Bill Jones ([billclough@icloud.com](mailto:billclough@icloud.com)) Kathleen Grant ([xqueenmommy17@gmail.com](mailto:xqueenmommy17@gmail.com))
- \* **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 11:00am-12:15pm, Elders Room** (Brown bag lunch until 1pm)  
Studying The Dream of God by Verna Dozier.  
Leader: Peter Mosley Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney, [rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com)

### Youth & Family Ministries

**10. TODAY- Youth at Sunday Suppers:** Youth and families are taking over the Sunday Suppers outreach in April and May! Come to help serve the meal, drive the youth, and more. This is a great way to give back to our neighborhood and spend time together, and we need everyone's help to make it work. Sign up to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/2GYFE7I> or email Caroline or just show up! We will **gather at 5:30pm in Baxter Hall this evening.**

**11. April 21-22: Middle School Lock In:** 6th-8th grade youth- come celebrate the end of another school year with your St. Mark's fam! We will play tons of silly games, eat a lot of junk food, watch movies, and have free reign of the church that night. Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/lock-in-MS>.

**12. April 22: Earth Day Garden Cleanup and Celebration:** The Green Lions Committee working with Youth and Family Ministries is sponsoring an event for families with young children (**age 5 to 10**) **on Sunday, April 22nd right after Sunday school (11am-12pm)**. Parents are asked to come to help supervise and siblings are invited. There will be some activity games, simple tasks in the gardens, and "green treats." In case of rain, the event will be held indoors. To help us plan and get details, please let email Betsy Agle for more information: [betsy@agle.net](mailto:betsy@agle.net).

**13. April 28-29: High School Retreat:** 9th-12th grade youth- come join us for a relaxing weekend away at a beautiful country home **in Blue Ridge Summit Maryland!** We will cook our meals together, watch movies, play board games, and enjoy some time away. Register today at <https://tinyurl.com/retreat-HS>.

Questions regarding these activities? **Contact Director of Youth and Family Ministries Caroline McReynolds-Adams** [caroline@stmarks.net](mailto:caroline@stmarks.net)

### **Music & Arts**

**14. Sing in a Choir!** Singers of all voice parts are needed in the **Chancel Choir (rehearses Thursdays 7:30-9:30)** and the **Boys & Girls Choir (rehearses approximately every other Sunday 11:00am-12:30pm)**. The **Handbell Choir** is also looking for people to ring hand bells (rehearses approximately **every other Wednesday 6:45-8pm**). No prior experience is required. Questions? Contact Jason West, Interim Director of Music: [jason@stmarks.net](mailto:jason@stmarks.net)

**15. Music Lessons.** At the St. Mark's Music Studio, Julia Morris ([juliamorris23@gmail.com](mailto:juliamorris23@gmail.com)) teaches flute lessons; Diane Atherton ([dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com](mailto:dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com)) and Adam Caughey ([adamcaughey@gmail.com](mailto:adamcaughey@gmail.com)) offer voice lessons; and Stephanie Ng ([stephanien217@gmail.com](mailto:stephanien217@gmail.com)) and Jeff Kempeskie ([jeff@stmarks.net](mailto:jeff@stmarks.net)) teach piano lessons. Students of all ages and experience are welcome. Learn more about our teachers at [stmarks.net/music](http://stmarks.net/music).