

## May 13, 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** preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

The Official Parish Calendar is 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.

**2. Annual Parish Retreat -- Register Now!** This year's Parish Retreat will take place June 9-10, just a short drive outside the city in Adamstown, MD. It's a great opportunity to connect more deeply with the St. Mark's community and have a little fun while we're at it. All are welcome! You can sign up online at <https://conta.cc/2HMgdU5> or in person after the morning services. As with the last couple years, a bus is available and you can reserve a spot on the sign-up form.

### Music & Arts

**3. South Pacific Musical:** "Bali Ha'i may call you...where the sky meets the sea" - Take in the Pulitzer Prize winning musical *South Pacific* with St. Mark's Players. The cast features incredible local talent, including St. Mark's own Caleb Gustafson! Upcoming performance dates include **May 17th, May 18th and May 19th**. Tickets are available online at [www.stmarksplayers.org](http://www.stmarksplayers.org).

**4. 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)

**5. 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)) teaches piano lessons. Students of all ages and experience are welcome. Learn more about our teachers at [stmarks.net/music](http://stmarks.net/music).

## Outreach

**6. Outreach Support of CHUMC Meals Program.** Today, **please pick up a casserole pan** (which contains an easy recipe, a date label, and detailed delivery suggestions) **on the table in the foyer**. 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, at Seward Square SE. CHUMC, in turn, feeds our needy and hungry neighbors on the hill throughout the week. Questions? Please contact Jack Richards: ktjr89@verizon.net

**7. Sunday Suppers Support Team – Planning Ahead for Sandwich Making:** Help us make sandwiches for hungry souls, **next Sunday, May 20, 4:15 to 4:45 P.M. in Baxter Hall!** We always need 2-3 volunteers to create and bag sandwiches, in about 30 minutes. The sandwiches are delivered the same evening to Sunday Suppers, who feeds needy persons at 6:00 P.M., in Franklin Square, 14<sup>th</sup> St NW. Questions? Please contact Jack Richards ktjr89@verizon.net.

**8. This Wednesday - A Palestinian Theology of Liberation Panel: May 16- 1:30 – 3:00** Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, a friend of many at St. Mark's and founder of Sabeel, the ecumenical liberation theology center in Jerusalem, will speak along with Tarek Abuata, Executive Director of Friends of Sabeel North America. They will discuss Liberation Theology: Palestinians Speak Justice. Rev. Dr. Mae Cannon, Executive Director of Churches for Middle East Peace, will moderate. Ateek will also discuss his new book: *A Palestinian Theology of Liberation: The Bible, Justice and the Palestine-Israel Conflict*. For more information see <http://sabeel.org> - [www.cmep.org](http://www.cmep.org) - <https://www.fosna.org/content/about-fosna> or contact Maureen Shea mtshea@aol.com

## Worship

**9. Companions Renewal of Commitment -** On **May 20th** join us **in the Garden at 10:45am** for the renewal of vows for Collie Agle as a Companion of the Society of St. Francis.

**10. Flag Bearer Needed:** St. Mark's includes the American flag in the procession at morning services on Memorial Day [translated to May 27] and again on July 4 [translated to July 1]. We need someone to carry the flag on those dates, one person at each service. If you are willing to do this please give your name to Mary DeNys mlld3536@cox.net or Jim Steed steedj66@gmail.com.

**11. Banns of Marriage.** I publish the banns of marriage between Robert Donnelly of California and Gwen Bone of California. This is the second time of asking. If any of you know any reason in law why they may not marry each other you are to declare it. Please contact Rev. Michele Morgan.

## Parish Life

**12. Celebration Potluck After Church Today.** If you saw the notice in the e-gospel you know that Rick Warfield has pulled together a potluck in celebration for those who want to gather to celebrate the kindness that they have found in their lives, through the people who might be moms, have moms, seek out children to love and support, who just want to bring more love into the world. Join us in the **Parish Hall at 12:45.**

**13. St. Mark's Reading Group** meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month in the Dozier Library at **12:30 p.m.** On **May 16**, we will discuss *Stay With Me* by Ayobami Adebayo. On **June 20**, we will discuss *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. Contact: Linda Ewald, llerbe@yahoo.com, 301-541-5133.

**14. Warning! The Lost and Found Overfloweth** - coats, water bottles, books, etc. Please look in the closets in the foyer. See something of yours? Take it! Missing a favorite plate or platter? Check those on the table in Baxter Hall. **Anything not claimed by June 3 will be delivered to Goodwill** the following week. Questions? Please contact Kenn Allen, Junior Warden at [juniorwarden@st.marks.net](mailto:juniorwarden@st.marks.net)

### **Christian Education**

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

- \* **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, Adams Room this week** (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**

**16. TODAY - Senior Lunch:** All High School seniors are invited to join us for an end of year lunch to celebrate your year and plan for Banner Sunday (June 3). We will meet in the library at 11am and walk to lunch together.

**17. TODAY- High School Service Trip Stock Sales:** Our High School youth are traveling to East Tennessee to serve with Appalachian Service Project this summer, and you have the opportunity to support the team! **Youth will be selling shares of stock in our trip for \$20 each before and after services each Sunday in May.** With the purchase you will receive a stock sale certificate, a handwritten note from a youth during the trip, and an invitation to our Service Trips Celebration in August which includes a delicious lunch and presentations for our youth about their experience. All the proceeds will go towards the trip cost for our High Schoolers and chaperones. Bring some extra cash and your checkbook to support this important cause!

**18. May 20 - Youth at Sunday Suppers:** Youth and families are taking over the Sunday Suppers outreach in May! Sign up to bring a casserole, serve the meal, help 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/2qVksqc> or email Caroline.

**19. June 3 - Banner Sunday + End of Year Celebration:** Just us for a joint morning service at 10am to celebrate the end of another great school year! Sunday School classes will process with their banners, High School seniors will offer reflections, and we will have a special reception following the service to honor our teachers and graduates.

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