

## **May 27, 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.*

The Official Parish Calendar is online at: [stmarks.net/connect/calendar](http://stmarks.net/connect/calendar)

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

**1. Annual Parish Retreat: \*\*Deadline Extended -- Sign up by May 29\*\*** 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.

**2. Claggett Song Requests:** This year at the Parish retreat, we will have a dance with a DJ instead of a square dance. We would like to have a mix of songs that represents all generations. If you have a song that you would really love to hear, please email the name of the song and artist to Dan Ramish at [dhr5s@yahoo.com](mailto:dhr5s@yahoo.com) before June 5th. He will do his best to fit it on the Claggett playlist.

### **Christian Education**

**3. 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:Collie Agle 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 Drop-In Ecclesiastes Bible Study**  
If you have a free moment, the Wednesday Bible Class invites you to drop in for an hour of Bible study, a brown bag lunch, and fellowship. We plan to read and discuss small portions of Ecclesiastes or whatever comes in. No reservations or advance reading required.  
**Date & Time:** Wednesdays from **June 6 through August 29** at **12:00 to 1:00 pm**  
**Coordinator:** Raiford Gaffney at [rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com) or 202-460-5415  
**Location:** St. Mark's (Penniman Room)

### **Youth & Family Ministries**

**4. \*No Sunday School Next Week, MAY 27!\*** We'll see you all again on June 3 for Banner Sunday.

**5. \*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.

**6. June 17-August 26- Summer Sunday School!** Children ages 3 to 12 join us Sunday mornings from 10am-10:45am in the Dance Studio for our joint Summer Sunday School! This summer's theme is 'An Illustrated Earth: Celebrating God's Creation.' Each Sunday will have fun activities, a bible story, and an art project. Come join in the fun! Summer Sunday School is largely volunteer led, so if you are available to help out, email Caroline!

Questions regarding these activities? **Contact Director of Youth and Family Ministries Caroline McReynolds-Adams** caroline@stmarks.net

### **Music & Arts**

**7. Baroque Bonanza III** on two consecutive weekends, **June 9-10 & 16-17**, will feature **four concerts**, all at **8 pm here at St. Mark's**, plus a bonus event: a **Viol Consort Play-in 10:00-12:30** on **June 16**, beginners welcome. Concerts are \$30 general admission & \$25 students/seniors. Viol Consort Play-in is \$15. The groups performing are:

**June 9:** The Friends of Fasch (Thomas MacCracken, director): Chamber Music for Historical Woodwinds

**June 10:** Modern Musick (John Moran & Risa Browder, directors) Festegiammo Vivaldi! Concertos and Sinfonias by the "Red Priest" of Venice

**June 16:** ArcoVoce Chamber Ensemble, with Rosa Lamoreaux, soprano: A Baroque Banquet

**June 17:** Paula Maust, harpsichord: Recital of music by Bach, Buxtehude, Couperin, and Scarlatti

For more information, email: [lusion@earthlink.net](mailto:lusion@earthlink.net) or go to [www.ensemblegaudior.com](http://www.ensemblegaudior.com)

**8. Summer is a'coming!** The St. Mark's "Summer Choir" will be returning this year! As in the past, the 'Summer Choir' is made up of singers from the choir and congregation who enjoy singing. There is a rehearsal prior to the service to learn easy anthem to sing at the service. This is a perfect opportunity for anyone who can't commit to a regular weekly rehearsal and Sunday. This is also great for newcomers to St Mark's who are interested in the choir but haven't joined yet. The exact dates the Summer Choir will sing will be announced soon. Watch this space or the e-Gospel for follow-up details. If you want to be put on the 'watch' list for the Summer Choir, send me an email ([Jason@StMarks.net](mailto:Jason@StMarks.net)). Or if you want to speak in person, come talk to me after I finish playing my Postlude this morning.

**9. 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

**10. Concerned about food waste?** Food Rescue US has solved one of the biggest barriers to food donation: transportation. It enlists volunteers to transfer excess food from businesses and restaurants that have too much to agencies serving people with too little. **Using their own cars and a handy app, volunteers select food runs to fit their schedules;** the whole process usually takes under an hour. Susan Sedgewick and Maureen Shea have been picking up food at We the Pizza and delivering it to Shirley's Place. (St. Mark's supports Shirley's Place, part of Capitol Hill Group's Ministry's mission to serve the homeless, with donations and volunteers - [www.chgm.net](http://www.chgm.net)) **Please consider joining the volunteer ranks** of this excellent organization. There are numerous runs every day of the week and in locations throughout the DMV. You can sign on for as many or a few as you like. For more information and to download the app, go to the website at [www.foodrescue.us](http://www.foodrescue.us).

**11. A Sunday Suppers Support Team \*Thank You\*!** - Special thanks to volunteers **Gabriella Boston and her son Luke**, and **Valerie Byrd**, who, last Sunday, helped Sunday Support Team Co-manager Jack Richards prepare 90 sandwiches for the Sunday Suppers site in downtown DC. The sandwiches (and 5½ dozen hard-boiled eggs and casseroles, both prepared by St. Mark's teens), were delivered to the Sunday Suppers site on Sunday evening. They distributed these and other food to needy persons at Franklin Square, on 14th St. NW.

## Parish Life

**12. Inclusivity Feedback Sessions:** As the Inclusivity Working Group prepares to change its focus and role within the church, we would like to hear about your experiences with inclusivity at St. Mark's. If you have encountered a barrier to participation at St. Mark's or feel you have been excluded because of your identity group, not interpersonally but institutionally, we would like to offer you two opportunities to talk with us about your experience. Loretta Veney and Jennifer Holland will be available to **listen at 12:30 pm on June 17**. Katherine Anderson and Jennifer Holland will be available to **listen immediately following the 5:00 service on June 3**. Thank you. Contact: Katherine Anderson [kep5@cornell.edu](mailto:kep5@cornell.edu).

**13. St. Mark's Reading Group** meets on the **third Wednesday** of every month in the Dozier Library at **12:30 p.m.** On **June 20**, we will discuss *Stay With Me* by Ayobami Adelbayo and on **July 17**, we will discuss *Little Bee* by Chris Cleave. Contact: Linda Ewald, [llerbe@yahoo.com](mailto: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)