

August 12, 2018 Announcements

Announcements, **not to exceed 150 words**, are to be submitted to 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

Music & Arts

1. Capitol Hill Chamber Music Festival: All concerts take place at **St. Mark's in the Nave.**

- **Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:30 PM Italian 4-Part Canzonas 1585-1625**
- **Friday, August 17, 2018 at 7:30 PM The Able Virtuoso**
- **Sunday, August 19, 2018 at 7:30 PM Classical Trios**

The suggested (pay-as-you-wish) donation at the door will be \$20 or \$25; those 18 and under are free. Please see www.chcmf.org or call (202) 543-0053 (St. Mark's Episcopal Church) for more information. Advance pay-as-you-wish tickets are available if you wish through chcmf.brownpapertickets.com.

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

3. Summer Choir - Last Chance: As in the past, the 'Summer Choir' is made up of singers from the choir and congregation who enjoy singing. Our last date is **August 19**. 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. **We rehearse 45 minutes before each service (8:15 in the Nave, 10:30 downstairs in the Elder's Room).** All the anthems are easy – only 2 or 3 parts. The dates chosen are based on the Sundays more of the choir will be able to sing....so you won't be alone! We look forward to having you join us on one or more of these Sundays. Questions? Contact returning Music Director Jeff Kempeskie Jeff@stmarks.net.

Worship

4. Ush with Us on Sundays! St. Mark's is expanding the corps of people who welcome all to worship each Sunday. We know the importance of greeting people warmly and helping them enter into worship with all that they need to participate comfortably. Ushers make that happen...by arriving 15 minutes early, greeting and giving out bulletins with the correct hymnal(s), and taking up the offering. To help this ministry flourish, St. Mark's begins this fall to use a software program designed to facilitate advance scheduling, process substitution requests, and provide automatic reminders. Whoo hoo! Ushering once every few months, monthly, or weekly are all options. Consider whether being part of the usher corps is a way that you might want to support our church. **If you are interested, email josiejordan52@gmail.com.**

Outreach

5. Family Night with CHGM: Monday, August 13 from 6 – 8 pm in Baxter Hall (setup begins at 5 pm). St. Mark's will once again host a "Back to School Night" for several families served by Capitol Hill Group Ministry. The dinner is a wonderful opportunity to provide hospitality, conversation and a meal to these families and to supply the children with backpacks filled with supplies for the school year ahead. Entertainment for the children provided by Mr. Skip! We are **seeking volunteers in two ways: (1) please bring food/drinks for the meal and/or (2) please join us as hosts.** A signup sheet is in the foyer, or you may use SignUpGenius by typing this URL into your browser: goo.gl/DtzhZs Questions? Contact Elizabeth Townsend: familytownsend@verizon.net or 703-967-3956. Many thanks!

6. Sip and Savor with CHGM: Capitol Hill Group Ministry (CHGM) will hold its third annual Sip and Savor event on **Saturday, September 8th, 7:30 -10:30 pm at the historic Eastern Market's North Hall.** Sip and Savor will be a lively celebration of local food, craft beer, wine, cider, spirits, and music--all in support of our homeless neighbors. Join us for unlimited food and beverage samples from 24 of the Capitol Hill area's best restaurants, breweries, wineries, and distilleries while you enjoy music performed by local artists and bid on fabulous silent auction prizes. New this year--spirits and more wine vendors! **Early Bird tickets are \$60 through August 10th. \$25 teetotaler tickets are also available.** For more information and to purchase tickets and sponsorships, visit <http://sipandsavor.chgm.net>. We'll see you there!

Parish Life

7. August Birthday Lunch – August 26. We will celebrate all August birthdays at a Sunday lunch on August 26th. We hope to have a Nancy Karpeles cake plus lots of good food. If you would like to bring something, please contact Raiford Gaffney at 2024605415 or rgaffneydc@gmail.com.

8. 20s/30s Faith Fellowship - Sunday, August 26th in the Dozier Library at 6:00 pm (following the 5:00 pm service) Calling all young in age or at heart who are looking for an opportunity for fellowship and reflection! Come join us immediately following the 5:00 pm service for a faith tea time. We will get to know each other, dwell on selected passages, and share community insight. There will be hot water for tea, but feel free to bring your own tea bag if you want something particular. Please email Emily McDuff at emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com with any questions. Hope to see you there!

9. Parish Fair: On **Sunday, September 9, following the one 10 am service,** we will host a Parish Fair **in the Nave.** Fun and informative, it will feature information on all of the many activities, organizations, services and opportunities that make up the lifeblood of our church. **If you would like to have your group featured, please contact Julie Murphy** at juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com as soon as possible. We will make you a sign and assign you a table. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to learn more about how you can get involved and for groups to sign up, recruit and promote!

10. Scott's Ordination Celebration: On **Sunday, September 16,** we will celebrate the September 15 ordination of our wonderful Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb **after all three services.** **If you would like to help** with coffee hour after the 9 am service, with pub lunch after the 11:15 service or with a reception after the 5 pm service, **please email Julie Murphy** at juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com and she will put you in touch with those taking the lead on these celebrations!

11. The St. Mark's Reading Group typically meets on the third Wednesday of every month in the **Dozier Library at 12:30 pm.** We will not meet in August and resume in September. On **September 19th,** we will discuss Judas by Amos Oz. Contact: Linda Ewald, lherbe@yahoo.com, 301-541-5133.

Christian Education

12. Catechesis Level I Adult Formation Class: “Help me get closer to God by myself.” That’s a quote from a young child who expressed very concisely the underlying principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). We adults prepare the room, arrange materials, tell the stories, ask questions, and give children the opportunity to enter into the stories in a deep and profound way – by themselves! **If you are interested in learning more about the program, or interested in teaching Sunday School, then come join us on Saturday, September 8 at 9:00 am in the Dozier Library downstairs.** On that day, we’ll **meet until 4:00 pm**, but will spend time sorting out meeting dates and times going forward, which are flexible. Nora Howell, certified by CGSUSA (cgsusa.org), will be teaching this class at no charge to St. Mark’s parishioners (value \$700). Questions? Send them to Nora at nora.howell.va@gmail.com. **Ready to sign up? Do so on the clipboard in the foyer**

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

- * **SMCC Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00pm, in the Adams Room.**
Contact: Collie Agle, (202) 255-2687 or charles.agle@gmail.com

- * **Centering Prayer, Thursdays 7:30-8:30am, in the Nave.** Centering Prayer is rooted in the contemplative practices of the Desert Fathers. It is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. Our gathering is for individuals who would like to begin their work day in silence and non-busyness. Cynthia Bourgeault, an Episcopal priest, writes in her book *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening* “that even though we can perhaps find ways to stop ‘outer noise’ it is much more difficult to still the ‘inner noise.’” Please contact Collie Agle if you are interested or curious, at (202) 255-2687 or charles.agle@gmail.com.

- * **Tuesday Evening Bible Study – on hiatus for the summer.**
Co-Coordinators: Bill Jones (billclough@icloud.com) Kathleen Grant (queenmommy17@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 through August 29 from 12:00-1:00 pm
Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com or 202-460-5415
Location: St. Mark’s (Penniman Room)

Youth & Family Ministries

14. Through 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