

February 24, 2019 Announcements

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

From the Vesty & Parish Leadership

1. We Want YOU...to run for a leadership position at St Marks. All members in good standing are eligible to run for positions in the church leadership. The open positions to be **voted on at this year's annual meeting on Sunday March 24, 2019**, are: Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Three Vestry spots, one diocesan delegate.

To enter someone as a nominee, obtain a nomination form from the tract racks, enter their name at the top, sign your name as of one of the required ten, and then pass it to others who will likely want to see that person run for office for their signatures. When finished, **submit the form** to any nominating committee member or the church office drop box **by February 24th**. Additional information regarding the process can be found in the tract racks or feel free to inquire of any of the nominating committee members named below.

Thank you for considering this important volunteer job at our church. Nominating committee members are: Thia Hamilton, Stephanie Deutsch, Beth Mahood, Karen Wiedemann, Annie Rorem, Nora Howell, Kenn Allen, and Michele Morgan. Questions? Contact Beth Mahood ehmahood@gmail.com

2. Celebrate Caroline! Please join us **TODAY following the 9 a.m. service** at a special Coffee Hour to celebrate Caroline and thank her for her years of service as our Director of Youth & Family Ministries.

Youth & Family Ministries

3. POSTPONED - Middle School Service Trip Interest Meeting - Our rising 6th-8th grade will spend **4 days/3 nights together in service in DC this summer July 14-17**. We will serve with many important organizations in our neighborhood and community as well as spend some bonding time together as a group. **The interest meeting scheduled for February 24 is postponed- be on the lookout for a new meeting date and time in the coming weeks.**

4. Needed - Adult Chaperones for Summer Service Trips! Looking for ways to get involved at St. Mark's, give back to your community, and be inspired by some pretty cool youth? Consider signing up to be a service trip chaperone! We are looking for **3+ adults for the High School trip to Philadelphia June 16-22** and **2+ adults for the Middle School trip in D.C. July 14-17**. Email Caroline for more information.

Questions regarding these activities?

**Contact our new Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministries,
Caleb Nelson Amaker, at caleb@stmarks.net.**

Outreach

5. Incarceration Justice is a group of St. Mark's parishioners and friends who meet to discuss and support reform of the incarceration systems in our country. We write letters to DC residents imprisoned in federal facilities, read books on the subject of incarceration, and discuss opportunities to advocate for reform of the incarceration systems in Maryland, DC, and Virginia. Our next meeting will be at **6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 26 in the Penniman Room**. We will be discussing *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. If you are interested in joining this work, please contact our Assistant Rector Scott Lipscomb at scott@stmarks.net.

6. 2019 Holy Land Pilgrimage Information Meeting – Sunday, March 3 from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Adams Room: Is travel to the Holy Land on your bucket list? Come to hear about the next multi-narrative pilgrimage with Tom and Karen Getman and MEJDI Tours. **The trip** consists of 11 days in Israel and the W. Bank, including a visit to the Cannan Olive Oil Cooperative (**November 25 – December 6, 2019**). Additionally, you can include a 5 day pre- trip extension to Jordan (November 19-25). This is a unique contextual journey during which we visit the Holy sites and meet people whose stories introduce us to a deeper perspective on the political and social context of Israel and Palestine. Look at some of the itinerary, ask questions, hear from others who have made the journey in the past. Can't make the meeting but interested in the trip? Contact: karen.getman@gmail.com

7. A Sunday Suppers Support Team Thank You! Special thanks to sandwich making volunteers **Kathryn Tatko, Margaret Crenshaw and Chris Padgett**, who helped Sunday Support Team Co-manager Jack Richards prepare 80 sandwiches last Sunday, for Sunday Suppers! The sandwiches, 6 1/2 dozen hard-boiled eggs (prepared by **Ruth Ann Hess** and **Diane Hoover**) hot casseroles and other food was delivered to the Sunday Suppers team at Franklin Square, 14th St. NW., who in turn provided sustenance to needy souls on the street.

8. Consider applying for the Episcopal Service Corps! If you are (or know) a young person deciding what to do after college, this program organized by the church is an excellent option. Move to a new city, live in an intentional community, work in a job helping others. There are more than 20 programs across the country, from Denver to New York City, Chapel Hill to Seattle. Applications are being considered now. Visit episcopalservicecorps.org to apply.

9. Help Sunday Suppers from the Comfort of Your Couch - Sunday Suppers is looking for a scheduler/email wrangler to share some of the work that keeps Sunday Suppers running all 52 weeks a year. The job involves replying to emails from people interested in volunteering and letting the site coordinator for that week know to expect someone. It has always been less than 10 emails per month - sometimes it is 0 emails per month. If you are interested, please email Lisa.ramish@gmail.com.

10. The Green Lions urge you to attend the **2019 DC Environmental Film Festival**, now the largest environmental film series in the world, presenting 100+ films to audiences of more than 20,000, collaborating with over 110 partners, including museums, embassies, universities, theaters, running **March 17-24**. Stream some films on your device at <https://dceff.org/about/> Choose *Watch Now*. Here are 3 shorts:

- Amazing Grace (5 mins): An African farmer who changes his life to help the planet.
- The Anacostia River: Making Connections (12 mins): revival of the now beautiful river, which was once one of the most polluted rivers in the nation.
- Canus Lupus Colorado (18 mins): the reintroduction of wolves into Colorado, following the success of their return to Yosemite.

Find the schedule at dceff.org, click on lower part of the picture on the left where it says *Select* to see trailers. Admission for most films: \$12.

Music & Arts

11. Looking for Friends of Music! We are looking for a group of volunteers to support the continued activities of the St. Mark's Music Program. We need assistance with half a dozen or so events throughout the program year including special concerts, Advent Lessons & Carols, Carols & Cheer, Choral Evensong services, and Hymns & Hoopla. Some of the ways you can help include 1) providing food, drinks, or setup/cleanup help for receptions, 2) greeting and ushering at events, and 3) helping with advertise. **Please e-mail Penny Farley at p3farley@me.com if you can help.**

12. Get Involved in Music. We're always looking for more people to participate in the music program! The **Chancel Choir** rehearses **Thursdays 7:30-9:30 pm**, the **Boys & Girls Choir** rehearses approx. **every other Sunday from 11-12:30 pm** and the **Handbell Choir** rehearses the **2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6:45-8 pm**. Let us know if you play an instrument and we can also find ways to get you involved. Contact Music Director Jeff Kempeskie at jeff@stmarks.net for more info.

13. Music Lessons are available through the St. Mark's Music Studio: Julia Morris (juliamorris23@gmail.com) teaches flute lessons; Diane Atherton (dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com) offers 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.

14. St. Mark's Dance Studio Seeking Board Members. The Dance Studio has been an integral part of the St. Mark's community since 1963. The Studio's Advisory Board provides oversight and assistance to the Dance Company. The Board is seeking new volunteer members for a two-year commitment and is particularly interested in individuals with financial and marketing skills. If you are interested, please provide a brief statement that includes the types of activities you can support. Contact Fynnette Eaton (202) 203 8098 or flejem@gmail.com

Parish Life

15. TODAY: The 20's & 30's Faith Fellowship meets on the **last Sunday** of each month to discuss a short reading, talk about our month, and build friendships. We gather around **6pm**, just after the 5pm service, down in the **Dozier Library**. Our next meeting is **today, February 24th**. For more information: contact Emily McDuff at emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com for more information.

16. St Marks Women to Women (& male friends) – Join us on **Tuesday, February 26th in Baxter Hall from 6-8pm** for a light dinner and **discussion on 'Embracing Otherness'** led by Rev. Patricia Catalano including food, fellowship, discussion and silent prayer. Come and enjoy! ~\$5 donation to cover dinner supplies, RSVP ednaboon@gmail.com

17. Pantry Contributions: Thank you all for coffee cups over the past few years. However, our 'cups runneth over' and we have no room for more. Please take your next batch of throw-aways to Good Will instead! Also: please do not contribute any more flavored tea!! Again, we have an overabundance and limited space. Contact Doris Burton, dmburton21@gmail.com

18. Plastic/s Is/Are a No-No: The pantry is in overload with plastic cutlery left by renters, etc. We even have a load of compostable cutlery! If you are doing pub lunch or a social event, please do NOT bring cutlery...we have enough for 100+ lunches!! Also, remember that styrofoam is outlawed in DC and come July 1, so will plastic straws (hip, hip, hooray!!!). Contact Doris Burton, dmburton21@gmail.com

Christian Education

19. Wrestling with the Angel is a theology and ethics discussion group that meets each **second Sunday of the month** at **1:15** downstairs in the **Dozier Library**. We ponder a few passages of Scripture as a jumping-off point to ask questions about our most deeply-held values and beliefs. Our next meeting will be on **March 10**; we will be discussing the reality of responsibility and the possibility of forgiveness.

20. Ongoing Christian Education. These groups are open to newcomers:

- * **Sunday Morning Bible Class, 10-11 am, through May 19, 2019, Penniman Room**
Studying First Samuel (Hebrew Scriptures)
Convener: Bob Ewald (lherbe@yahoo.com; (301) 541-5133)
First Samuel is the story of Israel's (rocky) transition in leadership from Priest (Samuel) to King (Saul, David). The course consists of class discussion of the text assigned for that day.
- * **SMMC Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00pm, in the Adams Room.**
Contact: Collie Agle, (202) 255-2687 or charles.agle@gmail.com
- * **The Wednesday Bible Class** is studying the Hebrew prophets using the classic work "The Prophets" by Rabbi Abraham Heschel. Class continues on **Wednesdays, 11:30 am - 12:45 pm**. Brown bag lunch follows. Location: **Elders Room in the undercroft**. Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney, rgaffneydc@gmail.com.
- * **Centering Prayer, Thursdays 7:30-8:30 am, in the Nave.** Centering Prayer is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. Please contact Collie Agle if you are interested or curious, at (202) 255-2687 or charles.agle@gmail.com.