

March 3, 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

Worship

1. Lent begins this Wednesday. We will hold Ash Wednesday services here at St. Mark's on March 6 at 7am, noon, and 7pm. We will also be distributing "Ashes to Go" at the Capitol South Metro station in the morning and early evening. We invite you to join us at whatever time works for you!

Outreach

2. TODAY 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 karen.getman@gmail.com

3. Hill Havurah Discussion Concerning Anti-Semitism in the United States: On **Tuesday, March 5 at 7:00 PM** the Hill Havurah will present a discussion between author and journalist Jonathan Weisman, Anti-Defamation League Vice President of Innovation & Strategy Adam Neufeld, and founder and CEO of the National Coalition Building Institute Cherie Brown on anti-Semitism in the U.S. The panel will be moderated by director of the Jewish Social Justice Roundtable Abby Levine. The program will take place at the **Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 221 E. Capitol St. NE**, Washington, DC. Contact: Karen Getman karen.getman@gmail.com

4. Samaritan Ministry's "Next Step" Breakfast takes place on **Thursday, March 14, 7:30-9:00 AM at the National Press Club, 529 14th St. NW**. Listen to a participant's inspiring description of how the "Next Step" program helped him get a job—and changed his life. PBS News Hour correspondent Lisa Desjardins will be the emcee. Free (but contributions are encouraged at the end). Register at <http://bit.ly/SMGWNSB2019> or call (202) 722-2280, x 304. Contact Ellen Frost ellefrost@earthlink.net.

5. 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.

6. 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.

Music & Arts

7. 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.**

8. 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 Kempes at jeff@stmarks.net for more info.

9. 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.

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

13. 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 **March 31st**. For more information: contact Emily McDuff at emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com.

Christian Education

14. 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. For more information, email our Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb, at scott@stmarks.net.

15. 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 (llerbe@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.

Youth & Family Ministries

16. 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.**

17. 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 Caleb for more information.

Questions regarding these activities?

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