

April 28, 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

Parish Life

1. Jack Harris's Memorial Service is TODAY at 1:30pm with a reception to follow in Baxter Hall. **Bill Jones's Memorial Service will be next Saturday, May 4 at 10am.**

2. 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 April 28th**. For more information: contact Emily McDuff at emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com.

3. Lambda Lions Reception With Scott Lipscomb: All LGBTQ parishioners are invited to attend a gathering with our Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb, on **Wednesday, May 15th**, at 6 PM at the home of Rob Hall & Chris Behan. Please bring drinks to share. Rob and others will provide the main hors d'oeuvres. Where: **436 M Street, NW, #5, WDC 20001** (just two-plus blocks from the Mt. Vernon Square metro stop on the green and yellow lines). We'll have a fun reconnection time and a conversation with Scott about how we'd like to proceed as a group going forward. Questions? Please reach out to Rob at rphall3@gmail.com. We hope to see you on May 15th!

4. The Butterflies are here! The Butterfly is a universal symbol of resurrection, transformation, joy, celebration, love and the soul. As a symbol of transformation, the butterfly represents everlasting life, stemming from its various stages of life:

1. Birth - the caterpillar emerges from an egg. A caterpillar which eats constantly symbolizes earthly life where people are preoccupied with their physical needs
2. Death - the caterpillar transforms into a chrysalis which resembles a tomb
3. Resurrection - the caterpillar's body is broken down and transformed into a butterfly symbolizing new life free of material restrictions.

Thanks to the K-12 children are working on this craft project! Contact Edna Temaner ednaboon@gmail.com

Christian Education

5. 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.

6. 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 is **May 12**. For more information, email our Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb, at scott@stmarks.net.

Youth & Family Ministries

7. May 5 - 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. **Join us at 11am in the Adams room on May 5th** for an interest meeting to learn more.

8. Parents' Lunch with Caleb: Interested in getting to know our Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Caleb? Join us for a parents' lunch, **Saturday, May 11, from 12 to 2pm**. Sandwiches and snacks will be provided by the Membership Committee and there will be activities to entertain kids. If you are interested in attending (or have questions), please **let Amber Macdonald know by May 6th** at amacdojo@gmail.com.

9. May 19 - Sunday Suppers: Many thanks to brought food or volunteered time for our April Sunday Suppers service! Mark your calendars for our next Sunday Suppers **May 19**, the last of the school year. Please sign up today <https://bit.ly/2vkkJob>

Questions regarding these activities? Contact our new Interim Director of Youth and Family Ministries, **Caleb Nelson Amaker**, at youthdirector@stmarks.net.

Outreach

10. Mid East Working Group Thank you! Thank you to all who contributed a record **\$3,297** to the Good Friday Offering. It will be sent to the Princess Basma Center for Children in Jerusalem and the Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza. If you would still like to contribute, you may do so by writing a check to St. Mark's with GFO in the subject line. For the Mid East Working Group, Maureen Shea at mtshea@aol.com contact.

11. A Sunday Suppers Support Team THANK YOU! Special thanks to sandwich making volunteers **Kathryn Tatko** and **The Rev. Michele Morgan**, who helped Sunday Support Team Co-manager **Jack Richards** prepare 80 sandwiches on Easter Sunday, in support of Sunday Suppers! The sandwiches, 6.5 dozen hard-boiled eggs (contributed by the congregation) were delivered to Sunday Suppers at Franklin Square, 14th St. NW. They, in turn, provided sustenance to needy souls on the street.

12. You are invited to **Capitol Hill Group Ministry's Annual Spring Social** (formally known as Annual Meeting and Open House) on **Tuesday, April 30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Gather with friends, old and new, at the historic Hill Center at the Old Naval Hospital, as we reflect on our vibrant history, harness collective energy for future endeavors, and celebrate some exciting news. This year, we will be honoring Nicky Cymrot with the Ruth Rappaport Wisdom Award, which recognizes an individual who has displayed remarkable warmth, wisdom, and service to CHGM and the Capitol Hill neighborhood, and who inspires us

with their leadership and spirited joy of life and community. Come and mingle while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and wine provided by our friends at Schneider's of Capitol Hill. Tickets are free and space is limited. RSVP today at springsocial2019.eventbrite.com. Contact Abby Sypek sypek@chgm.net.

13. The Incarceration Justice Group will next meet on **Tuesday, April 30 at 6:30pm in the Dozier Library**. In addition to talking about our experience writing letters to incarcerated residents of the District, we will also be discussing James Cone's ***The Cross and the Lynching Tree***, as well as possibilities to support reform legislation in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. For more information, contact our Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb at scott@stmarks.net.

14. Ambassador Wilcox Talk on Prospects for Peace in Israel/Palestine: Is there any hope for peace between Israel and Palestine during Netanyahu's 5th term as Prime Minister? Curious about the recent history of Israel and the W. Bank? Would you like to hear someone explain these issues with compassion for all sides? On May 5, Ambassador Phil Wilcox (ret.) will speak on the roots of the conflict and the present status. As a former US Consul General in Jerusalem, and a past President of the Foundation for Middle East Peace, Ambassador Wilcox has a well deserved reputation as an authority on the nuances of the struggle between Israel and Palestine. He is an Episcopalian layman and continues to travel regularly to the region and is dedicated to fostering peace for Palestinians and Israelis. He speaks to groups large and small on this important topic. **Sunday afternoon, May 5 (3:00 pm (in the Adam's Room on the lower level))**. Please join the conversation whether you are traveling with us in November or not. For more info contact: karen.getman@gmail.com

Music & Arts

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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 to advertise. **Please e-mail Penny Farley at p3farley@me.com if you can help.**