

June 30, 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. TODAY 20s/30s Faith Fellowship - Sunday, June 30th at 6:00 pm in the Dozier Library** we will resume our monthly Faith Fellowship meetings. We'll continue our 20 Questions series, share highs and lows, and have tea. For more information, contact Emily McDuff at emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com.
- 2. Please note that, in recognition of Independence Day, the office and church will be closed next Thursday and Friday, July 4 & 5.**
- 3. The Membership Committee** is looking for people to serve as **Newcomer Greeters** for the 9 a.m. and 11:15 services in the months that have five Sundays, which occur four times a year. This year, fifth-Sunday greeters are needed for June, September and December. The task involves greeting newcomers before or after the service, answering questions, providing information about the church, and inviting them to coffee hour or lunch in Baxter Hall. If you would like to provide this ministry of hospitality, please contact Mary Cooper (macooper3313@aol.com).
- 4. Coffee Clean-up Volunteers Needed:** The 11:15 crowd is not coming through with volunteers to clean up coffee. The majority of current Grounds Crew have been on the job for 5 years and they need a break. Become a team player! Learn the joy of washing pots and serving your fellow-Lions...contact Doris Burton dmburton21@gmail.com if you, too, wish to be a part of this group!
- 5. Coming Soon! The 40th almost-annual July 4th Crab Feast. Sunday, July 21.** There will be **one (1) morning service at 10 a.m.** followed by that amazing event...beginning with that ever-delightful Parade of Crabs led by last year's Crab of the Year, Tracy Council. For crustaceans: crabs will be \$15, chicken (only) \$10, children under 10 eat free. Doors close at 12:45...don't be late! Questions? Contact Doris Burton dmburton21@gmail.com
- 6. Help Shuck Corn:** On **July 21** we will be serving fresh corn as part of the **crab feast**. If you want to help with shucking, join us in the **Parish Hall around 9-ish**. There is one morning service at 10 AM that day. Remember there's only a limited amount of fence to be painted. Contact: Jim Steed steedj66@gmail.com.

Christian Education

- 7. Episcopalians 101:**
We will be holding another session of our *Episcopalians 101* class on **July 7** and **July 14** at **4pm** in the **Dozier Library**, before the 5pm service. If you would like to learn more about the history, theology, and liturgy of the Episcopal tradition, please join us! For more information, please contact Assistant Rector Scott Lipscomb at scott@stmarks.net.
- 8. Wrestling with the Angel** is a theology and ethics discussion group that meets each **second Sunday of the month** at **1:15pm** 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 **July 14th**. For more information, email our Assistant Rector, Scott Lipscomb at scott@stmarks.net.
- 9. Wednesday Morning Drop-In Proverbs 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 Proverbs or whatever comes up. No reservations or advance reading

required. **Date & Time: Wednesdays through August 28 at 12:00 to 1:00 pm. Coordinator:** Raiford Gaffney at rgaffneydc@gmail.com or 2024605415 **Location:** St. Mark's (Penniman Room)

10. New Class on Aging. There is a new Christian Education class coming this Fall; **Aging: Claiming my Changing Life.** We will explore those changes that come as we grow older, the losses, the gains, the new realizations. There will be 4 class sessions and a weekend at Claggett. The classes are **October 23 & 30, November 6 & 13 (Wednesdays).** **The weekend is November 1 - 3,** and the cost is \$230. The leaders are Martha Connor-Donnelly (macd46@hotmail.com), Pete Eveleth (peter.eveleth@gmail.com), Betty Foster (bettywesfoster@earthlink.net), and Don Lipscomb (4zdel-arc@cox.net). Please talk to one of us if you have questions or are interested.

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

* **SMMC Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00pm, in the Adams Room.**

Contact: Collie Agle, (202) 255-2687 or charles.agle@gmail.com

* **The Wednesday Morning Drop-In Bible Study, 12:00-1:00pm, Penniman Room.**

* **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

12. Registration is open for all weeks of summer camp at the Claggett Center! Claggett has served as the summer camp and retreat center for the Diocese of Maryland since 1952. In 2018, Claggett began a partnership with the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, providing camp experiences for young people grades 2-12 in both dioceses to spend time in creation and grow in faith. All camps are **weeklong** and residential in **Adamstown, Maryland**, with each week hosting a different age group. Spaces are still available at all camps! For more information and registration, visit claggettcenter.org!

13. Summer Sunday School Continues. During the summer, children ages 3-10 are encouraged to join us the **2nd and 4th Sunday** of each month for a special summer edition of Sunday School! We will gather in the Dance studio at **10am**. Contact **Caleb Nelson Amaker** at youthdirector@stmarks.net with any questions.

Music & Arts

14. 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.

15. Music Lessons are available through the St. Mark's Music Studio: 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.

16. 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 email Penny Farley at p3farley@me.com if you can help.**