

## **January 19, 2020 Announcements**

Announcements, **not to exceed 150 words**, are to be submitted to [bulletin@stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin@stmarks.net) by **5:00 pm on the Tuesday** preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

To view the parish calendar online, go to our homepage <stmarks.net> and click "Calendar" at the top of the page.

### **Christian Education**

**1. TODAY Confirmation, Reception & Reaffirmation: What Are They? On Feb. 23rd**, Bishop Mariann comes for her episcopal visit, there will be an opportunity for her to confirm adults and teens and receive several adults into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church. Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation are sacramental rites marked by a public affirmation of faith. So when and why are these rites celebrated, and who is eligible to participate?

**Today, Sunday, January 19th at 1pm and again at 4 pm in the Conference room** our rector Michele Morgan there will be an **informational meeting** about what those rites are and how you might want to be a part of them in stepping more deeply into the life of St. Marks as an Episcopalian.

**2. "Care for Creation" Class:** All of the seven sermons during the Sundays in Epiphany will be about "Care for Creation." Epiphany lasts from January 12 until February 23. The inspiration for Care for Creation comes from a book called Care for Creation: A Franciscan Approach.

Join us for an exploration of what the concept means and what we are called to do to care for creation. **Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 pm, in the Dance Studio, January 15, 22, 29, Feb 5, 12, 19** whichever sessions you can attend. The classes are being held in conjunction with the St. Mark's Green Lions. For more information, contact: Collie Agle [Charles.agle@gmail.com](mailto:Charles.agle@gmail.com) (202)255-2687

**3. "The Stories We Tell."** St. Mark's Christian Ed program is pleased to host this exciting **Spring retreat** in conjunction with The Guild for Transformational Studies, **April 4-9 at the Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond, Virginia**. The retreat will offer the opportunity to listen to each others' stories. What has formed our sense of self? Who authors our history? We will invite Knowing to unfold itself through reflection, imaging, art, body awareness, and sharing. This retreat is open to all. A registration form is required. For those who paid a deposit of \$500 to secure a place in this seminar, the second tuition payment of \$598 is due no later than February 1, 2020. Scholarships – full or partial are available. \*Limited space is still available.\* Please contact Susan Thompson [susanlynnthompson@gmail.com](mailto:susanlynnthompson@gmail.com) for further information and the **sign-up in Baxter Hall**.

**4. St. Mark's Sisterhood!** Do you long for more intentional connection with other women at St. Mark's? Do you want to develop, deepen, and sustain authentic friendships to have a spiritual sisterhood? Join us for five classes to explore topics such as fun, intentional connection, vulnerability, trust, loss, and disappointment. We are the ones we've been waiting for to create a soulful sisterhood! **"Foundations of a St. Mark's Sisterhood: An Intergenerational Discussion on Women's Spiritual Friendships"** will meet on five Sundays: **Feb. 23 and Mar. 1, 8, 22, and 29, 11 AM - 1 PM in Dozier Library**. Contact Elizabeth McCain [EMcCainLPC@yahoo.com](mailto:EMcCainLPC@yahoo.com), Julie Murphy [juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com), or Nancy Yanish [nancy.yanish@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.yanish@gmail.com) with any questions.

**5. 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](mailto:charles.agle@gmail.com)

- \* **The Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 11:30 am-12:45pm**, Brown bag lunch follows  
Location: **Elders Room (in the undercroft)**. Class Leader: Peter Mosley; Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney (rgaffneydc@gmail.com or 202-460-5415).  
The so-called “Minor Prophets” were not diviners of the future but loud critics of the inequalities, corruption, and injustices in their society. Jesus knew them well. As a resource and guide we will continue to use the classic work *The Prophets* by Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel. We will read Bible text from different translations and Heschel’s commentary of a particular passage.
- \* **Centering Prayer, Thursdays 7:30-8:30am, 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.
- \* **Sunday Morning Bible Class, 10-11 am until May 17, 2020, Penniman Room**  
Second Samuel (Hebrew Scriptures) Convener: Bob Ewald (lberbe@yahoo.com; 301-541-5133)  
Second Samuel focuses on the complicated life of David: claiming his kingship; centralizing the religious and political traditions of the Israelites; waging war against The Other; dealing with messy family relationships. The class consists of class discussion of the assigned reading for that day. Regular attendance is encouraged. Additional outside readings are not expected.

### **Youth & Family Ministries**

**6. TODAY Youth and Family Ministries Sunday Supper.** Join us to help serve those in need on **January 19th from 5:30pm to 7:00pm**. We will **meet at St. Mark's at 5:30pm**, then head together to Franklin Square to feed and sit with area DC residents. Food is taken care of, but we need help with set up and clean up.

**7. Dusk 2 Dawn: Youth Overnight with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry January 25th-26th.** Middle and High School youth from our Diocese will enjoy an overnight event at the **National Cathedral** with Bishop Michael Curry! The night is from **5:30pm on the 25th to 8:30am on the 26th**. It will be focused on local social justice issues, fun, and time with the Presiding Bishop. Please email Caleb for more information!

**8. St. Mark's Ski Trip Information:** See our announcement in Parish Life!

Contact: Caleb Nelson Amaker, Interim Director of Youth & Family Ministries, youthdirector@stmarks.net

### **Outreach**

**9. TODAY Sunday Suppers Sandwich Making!** Help us this month to prepare sandwiches in support of the Sunday Suppers organization, whose volunteers today are St. Mark's parishioners. Join us in **Baxter Hall at 4:00 P.M.** We usually complete sandwich making in about 30 minutes. Questions? Please contact Co-Managers Jack Richards ktjr89@verizon.net or Alix Pereira alix.pereira@gmail.com.

**10. Fundraiser Concert for Good Neighbors Capitol Hill Refugee Resettlement:** The Second String Ensemble (with the Melifera String Quartet) under the direction of Matthew Maffett will perform a benefit concert **at St. Mark's** titled Strings for a Winter Evening. This event, scheduled for **January 25, 7:30 pm**, will support the work of Good Neighbors Capitol Hill and will be used for vital refugee resettlement needs. A reception will follow the performance. A suggested deductible donation of \$20/person or \$30/family is requested either at the door - by cash, check or credit card – or online at [ww.goodneighborscapitolhill.org](http://ww.goodneighborscapitolhill.org) (indicate amount in the Refugee Resettlement box and include “Benefit Concert” in the memo line). Questions? Contact Karen Getman karen.getman@gmail.com

**11. Hebron: A Documentary and Commentary- Wednesday, January 29 – 7:00 pm. St. Mark's Episcopal Church (301 A Street SE) Baxter Hall.** Parking is limited to a few spaces in the church lot, some A Street availability and pay-parking on 3rdSt. SE. Capitol South metro is a 4 block walk/ Union Station is 7 blocks. Yousef Natseh and Rachel Joy have been serving with the Christian Peacemaker Teams in al-Khalil (Hebron) since 2013. Natseh's film examines the extent to which human rights are realized in a Palestinian community under Israeli occupation. The film will be followed by a brief presentation and Q&A re: the situation on the ground, daily life under occupation, and Palestinian resistance to Israeli settlements. Hebron is the largest city in the southern West Bank. It's residents live under constant pressure. St. Mark's pilgrims have all visited Hebron and have been exposed to the challenges of this complex city. Mezze served. Contact Karen Getman karen.getman@gmail.com.

**12. Thank you for your generosity!** Over the holiday, I asked for your help in supporting my fundraising efforts for the **Episcopal Service Corps**, part of my commitment as a corps member. This money helps cover our housing, our monthly stipend, and the weekly training that we receive on topics such as non-violent communication, anti-racism, contemplative activism, and faith-based justice. With your help, I have already surpassed my fundraising goal, and I am completely overwhelmed with gratitude for the St. Mark's community. Unfortunately, I was unable to get the names of everyone who donated in person, so I can't send you all thank-you cards. Please accept my greatest thanks now, or email me at eva.dalzell@gmail.com if you would like a card. They're pretty cards. Love, Eva Dalzell

### **Music & Arts**

**13. St. Mark's Players present Landford Wilson's "Book of Days" at 8 pm on January 31, February 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15, and at 2 pm on February 8 and 15.** Caroline McReynolds-Adams, former St. Mark's youth minister is the lead player. Not to be missed! Poster is in foyer. Online box office is at stmarksplayers.org.

**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.

### **Parish Life**

**16. Urgent Hospitality Help Needed:** MLK Weekend, **January 19th**, we need volunteers to bring both coffee hour after Sermon Seminar and snacks or lunch after the 11:15 service. You will soar to the top of Hospitality Heroes if you can help. Please contact Maureen Shea at mtshea@aol.com for details.

**17. Be Bold in 2020!** Knowing others and being known by them helps build community here at St. Mark's. So **if you have a name tag, please wear it**. If you need a name tag and attend the 9 or 11:15 am services, **sign up for one** at the table by the organ pipes or contact Peter Hawley (phawleydc@gmail.com). If you attend the 5 pm service, contact David Deutsch (dsd@his.com). Like the hymn says: "All things bright and beautiful...and bold!"

**18. 20s/30s Faith Fellowship - Sunday, January 26th** Calling all young in age or at heart who are looking for an opportunity for fellowship. Come join us in the **Dozier Library on the last Sunday of the month following the 5:00 pm service (around 6:00 pm)** for a faith tea time of discussion and reflection. For more information, email Emily McDuff at [emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com](mailto:emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com).

**19. "Dementia 101" Winter Potluck – February 1st** – Join the 3rd Agers for the latest on Memory Disorder research and care at Georgetown Medical Center in a presentation "Dementia 101" by Melanie Chadwick, MSN, ANP–BC, GNP–BC. She serves as sub-investigator in clinical trials of potential new treatments for Alzheimer's disease. She also serves as a clinician in the Memory Disorders Program through the Department of Neurology at Medstar Georgetown Hospital specializing in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of patients with dementia and related disorders. Remember it will be **Saturday, February 1st at 11:00 am - Where: Baxter Hall** – Don't Forget. Questions/Info? Contact Don Gangloff at [d\\_gangloff@outlook.com](mailto:d_gangloff@outlook.com)

**20. Knitting Ministry:** We're starting a St Mark's Knitting Ministry group! First meeting on **February 2, 2020**. Please join us **every other week on Sunday afternoons after Sunday lunch, close to 1:30**. It can be Outreach and/or Self-Care Ministry. Knit for others in need or knit your own personal project. Open to different meeting times. We can discuss at the first meeting what works best. No experience needed...Yarn and needles provided for beginners. Please let Cindy Dopp know if you are interested – [cindy@stmarks.net](mailto:cindy@stmarks.net) or 240 893-2693.

**21. Our annual St. Mark's Ski Trip will be Presidents' Day weekend (Feb. 14-17) in Canaan Valley, WV.** We will be staying at Blackwater Falls Lodge. There is something for all ages-- sledding, a restaurant/pub, game room and indoor pool all onsite! Canaan Ski Resort is nearby for skiing during the day and we will enjoy quality time together with games/movies/arts and crafts in the evenings back at the lodge. Rooms are available on a first come first serve basis, so the sooner you book the better! **Reserve your room by January 10 to receive our group rate.** Questions? Email Caleb at [youthdirector@stmarks.net](mailto:youthdirector@stmarks.net)

- **To Reserve Your Room:** Call 304-259-5216 and make your reservation. Ask for a room in the St. Mark's block. Rooms in our block have a group rate of \$112.00. Be prepared to make payment at the time of your call. Note: there are also available suites and cabins outside of our room block, the lodge manager can give you more information about those options at the number above. **\*\*Please note- during our stay, rooms are only offered at a 3-night minimum.\*\***
- **Once You Reserve Your Room:** Email Caleb so you can be added to our list. Ski reservations and other plans will all be solidified shortly after the new year.
- **Ski Reservations:** We offer group rate lift ticket and rental options at Canaan Valley Resort (about a 20min drive for the lodge). These must be purchased through St. Mark's. Other packages may be available directly from the resort, but will disqualify you for our group rate.