



WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 22, 2013

9:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

9:00AM CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

10:00AM SERMON SEMINAR

11:15AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Associate Rector

Co-Presider

The Reverend Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Preacher

Ms. Marcella Gillis, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Children's Chapel Leader

Mr. Weston Mathews, Seminarian

Director of Music

Mr. Jeff Kempskie

Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.
Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

VISITING OR NEW TO ST. MARK'S?

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. MARK'S! Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to celebrate life with us. Worship is in the round, and you are invited to sit anywhere in the Nave. Bulletin boards, restrooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway, and the Parish Hall is just beyond. If you have questions, please introduce yourself to the Vestry Greeter at the end of the service.

THE HONDURAS CROSS, above the central altar platform, symbolizes St. Mark's connection with the broader Anglican Communion and our obligations to our sisters and brothers around the world, particularly with our sister congregations in the San Marcos Cluster in Honduras. Eileen Blumenthal and the 2000 Mission to Honduras designed the cross, and Eileen commissioned its construction in Honduras as a gift to St. Mark's community

THE ABSTRACT RESURRECTED CROSS, which hangs in front of the lectern, was made by artist Lynda Smith-Bugge from local burlled maple and black walnut. The closed vertical of the cross has opened. Rays and circles lift the outstretched arms of the cross, just as the St. Mark's community has opened its arms to our family and others.

WORSHIP SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP AT ST. MARK'S

9:00 am Holy Eucharist is without a sermon. Children process to Sunday school classes during the final hymn.

9:00 am Children's Chapel, in the Adams Room, is a kid-friendly, 20 minute service of songs, prayers, and a confession ritual. At the Peace, the group rejoins the service in the nave. Children's Chapel is not held on the second Sunday of the month when the 9:00 a.m. service is a Family Service.

9:45 am Sunday School Classes for age 3 through grade 12; adult Bible study, other Christian Ed adult classes

10:00 am Sermon Seminar is held after the regular 9 am Eucharist. You are invited to comment on what or how the sermon "spoke" to you personally. Sermon Seminar concludes by 10:45 am.

11:15 am Eucharist and Sermon is a more traditional format.

5:00 pm Eucharist is a contemplative service with a homily and meditative music held every Sunday. An informal social hour follows the service where food and beverages are shared.

Hearing Assist: In the spirit of inclusion we offer both a "tele-loop" system and infrared headsets for those who are hard of hearing; both available by the doors from the beadles (ushers). To access the signal, switch your hearing aid to the "T" setting *and be sure to sit in the first three rows.*

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Open Communion is our invitation to *everyone* to gather around the altar for spiritual and communal nourishment. We believe this meal is a manifestation of God's love for each of us, regardless of our religion, beliefs or questions.

Announcements of church activities are often made by parishioners during the service. You can find more details in the service bulletin as well as on our website, www.stmarks.net. To become more informed on the many parish life activities and events and become more engaged in our church community you may wish to subscribe to the *Gospel According to St. Mark's* – our weekly electronic newsletter. To receive it, send an email requesting subscription to our Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, Susan Block, at Susan.Block@stmarks.net.

Childcare - St. Mark's provides care for children up to 3 1/2 yrs old during the Sunday morning services. Caregivers are available from 9:45 am -11:45 pm in the Nursery, on the lower level. Please note, the Nursery is closed Saturday, October 6, 2013.

About the organ: Please note that our beloved pipe organ, originally built in 1959 by the Holtkamp Organ Company, is currently unplayable while undergoing major electrical repairs and upgrades. Once the work is completed in late September, the console's electro-pneumatic action, used frequently to switch between various combinations of stops, will be easier to use and more reliable.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
✠ *Portions of the liturgy omitted at the 9:00 AM service*

Prelude *Adagio* from Sonata in A Major, K. 576

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

Opening Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

Opening Sentences

Presider Blessed be God.

People **Our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

Presider Blessed be God's kingdom.

People **Now and forever.**

All **Amen.**

The Collect

from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Presider Let us pray.

All **God of unexpected judgment, finding grace in the devious and compromised: free us from the certainty of having you in our grip that a better wealth may flow through our open hands; through Jesus Christ, the Currency of Life. Amen.**

✠ *The people sit.*

✠ **Hebrew Scripture** Amos 8:4-7

Read by Raiford Gaffney

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 605 What does the Lord require, vv. 1-2

Sharphorne

The Gospel Luke 16:1-13

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of Jesus.



Nancy Karpeles

Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ. _____

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of Jesus.



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Praise to you, Lord Christ. _____

Sequence Hymn 605 What does the Lord require, vv. 3-4

Sharpthorne

✦ **The Sermon**

Ms. Marcella Gillis, Director of Youth and Family Ministries

The Prayers of the People

Written by Panama Service Trip Teens

Led by Hanna Andrews, 9:00; Weston Mathews, 11:15

Leaders We pray for the St. Mark's community where we know steadfast love, prayer, and financial support have raised us, sustained our mission in Panama, and in past missions to Honduras, and surround us on every side today. God in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leaders We pray for the people and communities that nurture us; for our families, friends, schools, and activities that give us life. God in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Leaders We pray for our friends in San Pedro and give thanks to them for teaching us to make new friends, to honor each other and to accept hospitality when we were hungry, sick, and working together for a sustainable environment. We pray for the friends the St. Mark's community have met around the world, especially in Trinidad, Honduras, who teach us to find home in faraway places. God in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Leaders We give thanks for our partnership with Sustainable Harvest International in Panama and throughout Central America, and we especially remember Maribel, Amanda, and Mariano who guided us as we learned ways to care for all of creation. God in your mercy,,

People hear our prayer.

Leaders At homestays and in fields, walking through mountains and swimming in a waterfall we came to love one another more deeply, supporting each other in a new culture and inspiring each other to take new risks. May we embody this spirit at St. Mark's, in Washington, DC, and wherever our lives may lead us. God in your mercy,,

People hear our prayer.

Leaders We are grateful God, for finding you in each other, in the children, women and men of San Pedro and in the beauty of your sunrise, stars, water and wildlife that reveal your goodness. God in your mercy,

People hear our prayer.

Leaders We invite you to offer prayers of petition, intercession and thanksgiving silently or aloud, and if aloud, concluding with "God in your mercy," to which our community will respond, "Hear our prayer."

A time is reserved for individual prayers.

Leaders Let us pray.

All Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and by the sea and in the mountains: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Pour out your blessing upon all who live and work in San Pedro and grant that we give thanks to you for food and drink and all other necessities of life, respect those who labor to produce them, and honor the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. Amen.

Mission Moment (9:00 am)

Preston Brooks and Eva Dalzell

(See pg. 10 for additional information)

The Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ's Spirit ever abide within you.

People **And within you.**

All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.

Vestry and Officer's Greeting

Mary Thuell, 9:00; Jim Steed, 11:15

Associate Rector's Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem Lord, I want to be a Christian
Chancel Choir

Spiritual, arr. John Barnard

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Presentation Hymn 288, v.3

Dix

As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;
And by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;
Singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

adapted from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider We lift up our hearts.

People **We lift them to God.**

Presider Let us give thanks to our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Co-Presider Lifegiving God, your word speaks in the void, calling into being things that are not, inviting us to share your work of creation.

We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking eyes of wonder.

Presider We thank you for the ages long of gathering stars and cooling earth, of life evolving and waking of wonder.

We thank you for the creatures with whom we share the world for their lives so different from our own and the richness they reveal.

Co-Presider We thank you for the Son of Man, formed from Mary's flesh and nurtured by her faith; he walked the growing earth and proclaimed a fearless kingdom of bird and lily, child and stranger, the beggar and the blind.

On the cross he joined the labor of all creation's yearning; in his rising, he hallowed all flesh to bear the glory of God; he gives the brooding Spirit to bring to birth a living hope.

Presider

Therefore, with all that has life through him with animals and angels and all who hope for a new creation we share the song of love which sounds from all eternity:

Sanctus

Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heaven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. * Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed is the One who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

Co-Presider

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant of my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider Therefore, we come to him in whom all is created in heaven and earth, whose cross and resurrection make all things new.

We offer this to you, asking you to smile upon the gifts we bring, for you alone are the Giver and Christ's the gift through which we live once and for all.

Co-Presider Through him who was emptied to bear your fullness we make our prayer with all created life to the glory of the God who fills all in all now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And so we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us so that we might continue his work of loving the world:

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Festival Eucharist, Craig Phillips

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a fraction anthem. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with a 4/4 time signature, featuring a long note with a slur over it. The lyrics 'lu - ia, al - le - - - lu - - - ia.' are written below the staff.

The Choir sings the verse "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" after which all repeat the refrain.

Invitation to Communion

Presider Here at St. Mark's, we observe an open Communion. In the holy might of the Spirit of God who strengthens us to be as the One we follow,

Co-Presider we, like Jesus, invite everyone, whomever we are, from wherever we have come, and whatever we believe into the fellowship of this table.

The Communion

Everyone is invited to God's Table.

For our visitors: *Gather, one group at a time, a round the altar platform. Remain until everyone has received the bread and wine and is dismissed by the Presider, who will say "Go in peace." You may consume the bread then receive the wine by taking a sip from the chalice or goblet OR you may hold the bread, which will signal that you wish to intinct (dip the bread) into the chalice or the goblet. A non-alcoholic alternative to wine is offered in the plain goblet, and gluten-free crackers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, simply cross your arms across your chest..*

Music During Communion

Hymn 488 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane

Lord, We Pray Thee

John V. Roberts
(1841-1920)

Chancel Choir

Lord, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be giv'n to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LEVAS 145 Have Thine Own Way, Lord!

Words by Adelaide Pollard
Music by George C. Stebbins

The people stand, as able

Post Communion Prayer

from Prayers for an Inclusive Church

Presider Together, let us pray.

All Spirit of Life, we thank you for disordering our boundaries and releasing our desires in this feast of delight: draw us out of hidden places and centers of conformity to feel your laughter and live your pleasure. Amen.

✦ Announcements at 11:15

Please limit announcements to one minute each.

Closing Hymn 550 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

Restoration

The Blessing

Presider May the Spirit be the storm that shakes the foundations, the leap of new fire, which turns oppression to ash; may her wildness seduce us with holy desire; and the Blessing of God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer be with us, and remain with us always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Co-Presider Hearing the word of God let us go into the world to act in the spirit of love and justice. Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude Allegro maestoso *from* Sonata in A minor, K. 310

W.A. Mozart



SERMON SEMINAR *at 10:00 a.m.*

Announcements

Please limit announcements to one minute.

Hebrew Scripture

(See pg. 3)

Read by Jim Steed

The Sermon

Ms. Marcella Gillis, Director of Youth and Family Ministries



Mission Moment: Teen Service Trip 2013 - Panama

Seven teens and four adults from St. Mark's traveled to Panama this June to work on a variety of projects with Sustainable Harvest International. The 10 day trip included a four-day homestay in the rural community of San Pedro, about 2 hours southwest of Panama City. While staying with local families, the group was able to observe many of the sustainable agricultural projects implemented by participants in the SHI program, including diversified and organic farming techniques, composting and fish farming. The group worked on installing an irrigation system for a farmers co-op, dug out a terrace system and planted vegetables, and spent a day reforesting a hillside that had been slash-and-burned with over 300 saplings. They also spent a day at the local elementary school sharing stories, games and songs with the children. Many of the teens were deeply touched by the hospitality and generosity shown by their host families, and were able to develop close bonds in a short amount of time. In addition to learning a great deal about sustainable agriculture, food security and international development at large, the group experienced profound transformation in their interactions with others- both the families and community members as well as the wonderful SHI staff and field trainers.



Worship and Liturgical Participants

Verger	David Deutsch
Acolytes	Avery Townsend, <i>Crucifer</i> ; Annadora Garner, Emily Townsend, <i>Torch Bearers</i> , 9:00 Michael Knipe, 11:15
Altar Guild	Nancy Lucas, Susan Ryerson, 9:00; Liz Layton, Jane Miller, 11:15
Bread & Wine	Kenn Allen and Maureen Shea, 9:00; Jane and Crane Miller, 11:15
Layservers	Jane Byrne, Raiford Gaffney, Linda Huntington, Pat Latin, 11:15



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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Lolita Abernathy (Paul's mother) • Frederica Barrow • Margret Berendes (Chris Berendes' mother) •
Chip Block (Susan Block's cousin) • Sylvie Kalas Braddock (Barbara Nelson's granddaughter) •
Joya Cox • Pamela Foggin • Margret Garner (Gene Garner's mother) •
Will Henely (Elin Whitney-Smith's grandson) • Joan Maloney (Beryl Maloney-Lillaston's mother) •
Taylor Emerson (Randy Marks' niece) • Celia Hahn • Patricia Harold (Rosemary Harold's mother) •
Rick Hayes • Dennis Lewis • Charles Marks • Nat Marks • Lila Marks • Randell Prothro •
Bruce Ritter • Al Rollins • Arnold Taylor • Geneva Watkins (Pontheolla's mother)

MILITARY DEATHS:

Robert E. Thomas Jr. (24), Fontana, CA

THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Clint Billings (*son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner*)

P. J. Boehm (*brother of Rachel Boehm*)

Andrew Dannenmaier (*brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier*)

Stephen Dannenmaier (*brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier*)

Jason Earnest (*son of Erika Bugge, grandson of Paul Bugge and Lynda Smith-Bugge*)

Joshua Russo (*nephew of Stephanie and David Deutsch*)

Christian Schmidle (*son of Robert and Pamela Schmidle, husband of Jen Salerno*)

Dani Stearman (*niece of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier*)

Thomas Winkler (*nephew of Stephanie and David Deutsch*)

THOSE OF OUR PARISH ON THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:

Kenn Allen, Mark and Susanne Allen, Charmian Crawford, Margaret Crenshaw, Mary DeNys,

Hank and Kitty Donnelly, Karen Getman, Marcella Gillis, Barbara Harrelson,

Nadine Hathaway, Peter Hawley, Fritz and Suella Henn, Lena Lupica, Walton Moody,

Matt Miranda and Rita Ossolinski, Justi Schunior, Susan Sedgewick,

Maureen Shea, Christina White, Karen Wiedemann, and Henry Wolfinger,

CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:

The Church of the Holy Communion, Congress Heights Parish, *Rondesia Jarrett*, Priest-in-charge

IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY:

The Rt Revd Brighton Vitta Malasa, Upper Shire, Africa



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements, not to exceed 120 words, are to be submitted to angela.nedd@stmarks.net by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

1. RECTOR'S ORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS REMINDER: For the sake of courtesy and hospitality for others and with a conscious spirit of intentionality and selflessness for ourselves, announcements are 60 seconds in length. Suggested content: your name, a reference to the activity and the announcement number in the bulletin, and information about how to sign up and who to contact. (*Please do not duplicate the bulletin announcement.*) Thank you!

From the Office

2. DO YOU MAIL YOUR DONATION CHECKS? DO YOU USE ONLINE BILL-PAY TO DONATE?

Almost a year has passed since the church offices were moved, but many donors are still mailing their donations to the office's old mailing address – a townhouse no longer owned by St. Mark's!

- *The USPS mail-forwarding order is ending; most mail is no longer being forwarded!*
- St. Mark's needs your donations!
- To ensure delivery of your checks, please use the new mailing address:

301 A Street SE, Washington, DC 20003.

3. PHOTO DIRECTORIES: For those parishioners who participated in the photo directory project by having their photo taken by the Lifetouch photographer earlier this year and have not yet picked up their household's copy of the Photo Directory, it can now be picked up in the Church Office (Trailer #1) during office hours. Please call Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, in advance to be sure someone will be present to help you. Susan can be reached at 202-543-0053, ext. 305.

Vision 2020 & Transition Team Updates

4. KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON: Keep Calm and Carry On! Our permit is in hand--Here we go! The downstairs bathrooms most likely will be available for the next Sunday or two, Monarc's construction team will move into their trailer and begin preliminary work. We expect demolition to start in about 2 weeks. The porta-potties arrive this week. The handicap ramp at the A St. tower entrance will be installed soon; until then persons with mobility impairments may use the Foyer Entrance. Expect the Foyer and the upstairs restrooms to be cordoned off.

5. EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPT 23, expect access to the Undercroft to be by the exterior (outdoor), down-the-stair entrances only. If you are attending a meeting or a class, **please use the library door entrance so you don't disturb events in the Adams Room.** Updates on construction will be forthcoming!

6. REMINDER — THE PORTABLE NAME TAG BOARD in the foyer will be removed after the 5 P.M. Sunday service, **TODAY** (Sunday, September 22). All name tags not removed (i.e., all name tags left on the board) will be collected and temporarily stored. The Membership Committee will provide additional information at a later date.

Worship

7. WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Insight Meditation, *Nave:* Mondays, 7:30pm to 9:00pm; Thursdays, 7:00am to 8:00am
Holy Eucharist, *Chapel:* Thursdays, Noon to 12:45pm

8. VOLUNTEERS FOR READERS GUILD NEEDED. If you would like to read the scriptures, Prayers of the People or other selected readings during either early or late church services, please contact Susan Witek (slwitek@gmail.com). You can select the date, service and reading (scriptures or Prayers of the People) that works for you.

Christian Ed

Check this part of the bulletin each week for a preview of upcoming classes. Check the website for additional information: <http://www.stmarks.net/ministry-and-programs/course-catalog>

CE Program Updates

9. CHRISTIAN ED CATALOG. The new 2013-2014 Christian Education Catalog containing program year information is now available in hard copy in the track racks or as a PDF file on St. Mark's website <http://www.stmarks.net> where it will be found under the Ministry & Programs tab. Begin to consider which classes you will take this year!

10. ACCESS TO UNDERCROFT. Many Christian Ed classes meet in the Undercroft, the space beneath the Nave. Due to construction on the Parish Hall, the Foyer entrance will be closed as of September 23. This means that access to the Undercroft **will be limited to the two exterior doors on the 3rd Street side of the church.** The exterior door closer to A Street leads to the Adams Room and has a sign listing classes and meetings in that space. Please use the exterior entrance closer to Independence Ave to access the Library and Undercroft corridor when the Adams Room is in use.

Sunday School Updates & Reminders

11. NEW!! SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CATECHESIS. All three levels of Catechesis begin **TODAY** Sunday, September 22 in the Undercroft. Catechesis I for age 3 to Kindergarten will meet in Room 6, Catechesis II for Grades 1-3 will meet in Rooms 1 and 3 and Catechesis III for Grades 4 and 5 will meet in Room 4. Please fill out your registration forms and plan to take your children to the Undercroft to introduce them to their teachers.

12. NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR FOR MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH.

- Middle School classes begin Sunday, September 22 in the Library in the Undercroft.
- On September 22nd, High School students remain at church to report on the youth trip to Panama
- High School class will begin the following Sunday, September 29th, and meet at a new location: the home of David and Stephanie Deutsch, 500 E. Capitol St, NE
- Parents are reminded to submit your registration forms to Marcella Gillis.

Catechesis Teacher Training

13. CATECHESIS FORMATION FOR ADULTS. We're offering Level I formation for adults interested in teaching Sunday School for our young children. The class will cover the Montessori foundations of Catechesis, the 3-6 year old child, and the essential lessons: Bible stories, parables, gestures of the Eucharist, geography—and lots more! When: The class meets one Saturday a month starting October 26 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. **Where:** Classroom 6 and the Library (Undercroft). **Leader:** Nora Rumpf. **Fee:** Free. **Questions?** Call or write to Nora Rumpf (nrumpf1b@aol.com, 703-328-1376).

Gateway Classes

14. NEW!! INTRO TO LIFE AT ST. MARK'S. This one-day "Intro" class offers an overview of the St. Mark's community—our vision (who we are), our vocation (what we do), and our values (how we do what we do). Near the end of the class, there will be an informal reception at which parish leaders will join the class to share a bit about opportunities for deeper engagement in our community life. We will finish in time to join the 5:00 p.m. service, if you wish to attend. **When:** Sunday, September 29, 1-4 pm. **Where:** Adams Room in the Undercroft. **Leaders:** The Rev. Paul Abernathy and Josie Jordan. **Fee:** Free.

15. NEW!! LIFE, COMMUNITY AND FAITH (LCF) CLASS. Ever considered the meaning, *the mystery* of being an individual in community? Then, whether an old, new, or prospective St. Mark's member, consider **Life, Community, and Faith!** In LCF, we examine our values, explore what makes sense (and doesn't!), and look afresh at Jesus who encountered life's temptations and complexities we all experience. Wherever we are on our faith journey (traditional or non-believers or curious agnostics), in LCF, we, engaging the Christian story and sharing our personal stories, can build a meaningful small-group, which, in turn, can offer a launching pad into the larger St. Mark's community. **When:** 10 Tuesdays, October 8-December 10, 7.30-9.30 PM, Adams Room. 2 Weekend Retreats: October 25-27 and December 6-8, Roslyn Center, Richmond, VA. **Co-Facilitators:** Paul Abernathy, Tracy Councill, Nancy Lucas, Weston Mathews. **Fee:** \$260 (covers cost of meals/lodging of first retreat; second retreat funded by private donation).

16. NEW!! BAPTISM COURSE. Designed for parents planning to present their child for Baptism, this class explores parenting issues that are posed by our Liturgy of Baptism. **When:** Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, 2013, 10:00 am–12:00 pm. **Where:** The home of Leslie Allen and Doug Ammon, 624 A Street, SE. **Leaders:** Leslie & Doug. **Fee:** \$25 contribution per couple. Baptism will be offered Sunday, November 3 and Sunday, January 12, at the 9:00am & 11:15am services. Rehearsal is the Saturday before Baptism Rite is celebrated.

Adult Experiential Classes

17. PARENTING AS STORYTELLING: IDENTITY, DESTINY, LEGACY. This class explores ways in which our family stories illumine our journey as parents. As Bible stories bind us to ancient human struggles to find meaning through faith, our own ancestral tales can be the foundation for what writer Bruce Feiler calls our “intergenerational self” and, importantly, for our children. Questions that will be explored include: What aspects of my family history do I want most to impart to my children? Where may God be revealed in that storytelling? Join us as we swap stories and connect as parents in a sometimes chaotic and demanding world. **When: *New dates!*** Sundays, October 20 and 27, November 3 and 10, 2013, 9–11 am. **Where:** Margaret Crenshaw’s home, 321 E. Capitol St. SE (1 block from St. Mark’s) **Leaders:** Paul Abernathy, Julie Murphy, and Kit Arrington. **Fee:** \$25.

Bible Studies

18. NEW!! MARCHING THROUGH THE BIBLE: THE APOCRYPHA—PART III AND BEYOND. This class explores 4 Maccabees, one the of books of the Apocrypha, a collection of Second Century B.C.E. to Second Century C.E. writings. The course consists of assigned readings and class discussions of the texts. Regular attendance is encouraged. Additional outside readings are not expected. We are trying to become familiar with reading and discussing the text itself. **When:** Sundays, September 22, 2013 through Spring, 2014; 10:00-11:00 am. **Where:** Classroom 5 (Undercroft). **Convener:** Bob Ewald. **Fee:** \$25.

19. NEW!! WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. This ongoing Bible study and discussion group is open to everyone and drop-ins are welcome. We will study the Gospel of Mark in The Scholars Version translation (Polebridge Press). **When:** Wednesdays, 11:00 am -12:15 pm; brown bag lunch follows until 1:00pm. **Where:** Fireside Room, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St., NE. **Leaders:** Paul Abernathy and lay leaders. Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney. **Fee:** \$25.

20. NEW! THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY. *Revelations*, Elaine Pagels’ latest study of the savage and strange Book of Revelation will be the subject for the fall Thursday Night Bible Book Study. **When:** Thursday, September 26 from 7:30 until 9 pm to pick up books and receive background on the Book of Revelation. **Class begins:** Thursday, October 24, 7:30-9 pm and meets weekly. **Where:** Library (Undercroft). **Leaders:** The Rev. Justi Schunior and Andrew Stafford. Please contact Justi Schunior (justi.schunior@stmarks.net) to order a book. **Fee:** \$25, plus cost of book

Meditation

21. MONDAY EVENING BUDDHIST MEDITATION. Come meditate with others in a quiet place. **When:** Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm. **Where:** Nave. **Leaders:** Collie Agle, John McIlwain, Jonathan Foust, Mary Aubry, Amy Smith. **Fee:** \$10 donation per class to be shared by leaders, Insight Meditation Community of Washington, and St. Mark’s Church.

23. THURSDAY MORNING BUDDHIST MEDITATION. Come meditate with others in a quiet place. **When:** Thursdays, 7:00am- 8:00am. **Where:** Nave. **Leaders:** Collie Agle, John McIlwain, Jonathan Foust, Mary Aubry, Amy Smith. **Fee:** \$10 donation per class to be shared by leaders, Insight Meditation Community of Washington, and St. Mark’s Church. 17

24. NEW!! THE ART AND PRACTICE OF MEDITATION. A class for everyone, regardless of faith tradition or experience. An experience of creating sacred pauses in a life that feels overwhelmingly busy. A skill in being open to whatever is happening in the present moment. **When:** Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, 25, 8-9:30 pm. **Where:** Adams Room. **Leader:** Collie Agle. **Fee:** \$25.

Youth and Family Ministries

Director of Youth Ministries can be reached at Marcella.Gillis@stmarks.net.

25. UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

- TODAY: 9:00am Children's Chapel (Adams Room)
9:45am: Catechesis & Middle School Sunday School Classes Begin (Undercroft)
10:45am: **Panama Trip Coffee Hour!** Please join us for coffee & snacks in the Adams Room following Sermon Seminar to learn more about our trip, talk to the teens and look at photos.

26. SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION. Registration & Permission forms for 2013-14 are now available on the website. Hard copies will also be available in the undercroft. Return these completed forms to Marcella as soon as possible!

27. SAFEGUARDING GOD'S CHILDREN is the Diocese of Washington's mandatory child abuse prevention training for staff & volunteers who work with children & youth. If you have already taken the course and need to renew your certification (expires after 3 years) you may do so online. **Contact:** Marcella for more information. **Upcoming dates:**

- Saturday, October 12, 9:30 am -12:30 pm, at St. Alban's Parish, DC
- Saturday, October 19, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, at Christ, Georgetown
- Thursday, November 7, 6:30 pm - 9:30pm, at St. Columba's Parish, DC

28. THE NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED Sunday, October 6.

Parish Life

29. THE FIRST GATHERING OF 3RD AGERS (those of us who are 60/60+) for 2013-2114 will be held on September 28. Back by popular request, we'll have another round of "Nancy's Questions," as we did a couple of years ago. During the renovation at St. Mark's, we will meet in the Parish Hall of Lutheran Reformation, across from the Folger Theater on East Capitol Street. **For more details:** contact Nancy Van Scoyac, Jane Miller, or Barbara Harvey (contact information in the Directory). **When:** Saturday, September 28, 10:30am to 2:00pm. **Where:** Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol St, SE.

30. TONIGHT!!! CHEWING ON FAITH WITH STREET SENSE'S BRIAN CAROME: Dearest 20s/30s, please join us for a delightful evening of good food, good conversation, and good company with Brian Carome, Executive Director of *Street Sense*, the newspaper by and about people struggling with homelessness. We'll have a tasty potluck and learn more about the mission and work of Street Sense. **When:** Sun, Sept 22, 6:00-8:00pm. **Where:** Nave. **RSVP & Potluck Contribution:** Caitie Whelan (caitie.whelan@gmail.com).

31. INTROSPECTION FOR MEN: The Mankind Project (MKP) offers an intensive weekend retreat, New Warrior Training Adventure (NWTa), that allows each man to look at his life, what's working and not working and what changes he wants to make. MKP will hold a NWTa "Gateway" weekend October 11-13 primarily for gay/bi/trans/questioning (GBTQ) men. And we are having open circle for GBTQ men on Monday September 30, 7-9:30 at a Shaw neighborhood home. The circle will replicate what thousands of men throughout the Mankind Project do every week or every other week. For info, contact Randy Marks, rmarksft@yahoo.com, 240.604.1754. Also please check out mankindpride.org or mkp.org. And please pass info on to men in your life who want to experience the gift they are.

32. CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: A support group for those caring for seriously ill or otherwise incapacitated loved ones meets the second and fourth Mondays each month. For more information, contact group leaders Suella Henn, (swhenn@mac.com, 202-544-0113) or Mary Welker (marymwelker@aol.com, 202-387-4083). **When:** September 23, 2013, 7:30pm. **Where:** Library.

33. ST. MARK'S READING GROUP. For October, we're reading *The Art Forger* by B.A. Shapiro. If you've read the book, you're welcome to join us! We will select the November book at the October meeting. **When:** Monday, October 7, 7:30 pm. **Where:** Library.

34. ONLINE READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP. During October and November, 16 lucky people will read *The Souls of Black Folk*, by W.E.B. DuBois online and then participate in a group discussion about the material online. **When:** October 1 to November 30. **Facilitator:** Stan Smith. **Where:** Online via your computer. **Questions? Or to sign up:** Please contact Stan Smith (stansmith1@mac.com, 703-820-4436, after 9/20 as Stan is out of town until then).

Outreach

35. INAUGURAL SHOWING OF "LOVE HEALS HOMOPHOBIA". This documentary film, created in response to an appeal from some of the 76 countries where it's illegal to be LGBT, fills an unmet need for African-American and straight religious leaders to share their spiritual journeys and their reflections on scripture and tradition. Half of these 76 countries are in Sub-Saharan Africa with others in the Caribbean, and there is often a link between the export of American religious misinformation and the rise of homophobia. This film, intended to raise the consciousness of varieties of communities, demonstrates how faith leaders embrace our LGBT sisters and brothers with justice and compassion. Produced and directed by Ed Breeding, supported by Lindy Miles and the St. Paul's Foundation of San Diego, CA. Panel discussion immediately follows.

36. ST. MARK'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND. St. Mark's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: On Wednesday, September 25th the St. Mark's group officially begins its pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine. You can follow along with them on their blog (<http://holylandpilgrimage2013.wordpress.com>). They will welcome your comments and questions. Please save the evening of November 19 when they will report back to the whole parish at a special evening event. The Mid East Working Group will again offer Palestinian handcrafts and olive oil for sale before Christmas.

Music

37. DO YOU LIKE TO SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? If so, we want to hear from you! Singers of all voice parts are needed in the Chancel Choir, which rehearses Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 in the Nave. Children are invited to sing with the Boys & Girls Choir, which rehearses on Sundays from 11-11:45am. We also use instruments from time to time and hope to establish a Handbell Choir soon! Interested? **Contact:** Jeff Kempeskie (jeff.kempeskie@stmarks.net).

38. MUSIC LESSONS. The St. Mark's Music Studio offers voice lessons with Kellie McHugh (kellie.mchugh.81@gmail.com) and piano lessons with Jeff Kempeskie. All ages and levels of experience are welcome.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:
SEPTEMBER 22 – 29**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:00 am — 10:00 am	Holy Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
10:00 am — 11:00 am	Sunday School <i>Undercroft Classrooms, Library</i>
10:00 am — 11:00 am	Sermon Seminar <i>Nave</i>
11:00 am — 11:45 am	Boys & Girls Choir Rehearsal <i>Classrooms 3</i>
11:00 am — 12:30 pm	Grate Patrol <i>Adams Room</i>
11:15 am — 12:30 pm	Holy Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
1:00 pm — 4:00 pm	Vestry Meeting <i>Adams Room</i>
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Contemplative Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting <i>Classroom 6</i>
5:00 pm — 6:30 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
6:30 pm — 10:00 pm	20s/30s <i>Nave</i>

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

CLERGY & MUSIC DIRECTOR'S DAY OFF

9:45 am — 1:30 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
6:00 pm — 7:05 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
7:00 pm — 10:00 pm	Caregivers Support Group <i>Library</i>
7:30 pm — 9:00 pm	Insight Meditation <i>Nave</i>

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12:15 pm — 1:15 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm	St. Mark's Staff Meeting <i>Library</i>
3:30 pm — 8:30 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
6:00 pm — 7:05 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
7:00 pm — 9:00 pm	Rector's Advisory Committee <i>Library</i>
7:30 pm — 9:00 pm	Membership Development Committee <i>Adams Room</i>

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:00 am — 1:00 pm	Wednesday Bible Study <i>Lutheran Reformation Church</i>
11:00 am — 1:00 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
3:30 pm — 7:30 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
6:00 pm — 7:05 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
6:30 pm — 8:30 pm	Life, Community & Faith Class <i>Library</i>

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 am — 8:00 am	Insight Meditation <i>Nave</i>
12:00 pm — 12:30 pm	Holy Eucharist <i>Chapel (in Nave)</i>
3:30 pm — 7:15 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
6:30 pm — 8:00 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
7:30 pm — 8:30 pm	Dance Class <i>Classrooms 1,3</i>
7:30 pm — 9:00 pm	Thursday Night Bible Study Book Pick-Up <i>Library</i>
7:30 pm — 10:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal <i>Nave</i>

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:45 am — 7:45 am	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
11:15 pm — 12:30 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
3:45 pm — 7:15 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
6:00 pm — 8:00 pm	Women's AA Meeting <i>Adams Room</i>

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

8:15 am — 1:15 pm	Dance Classes <i>Classrooms 1,3</i>
9:00 am — 4:00 pm	Catechesis Teacher Training <i>Library, Classroom 6</i>
10:00 am — 12:00 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
10:00 am — 3:00 pm	Third Agers <i>Lutheran Reformation Church</i>
7:00 pm — 8:00 pm	AA Meeting <i>Adams Room</i>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

9:00 am — 10:00 am	Holy Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
10:00 am — 11:00 am	Sunday School <i>Undercroft Classrooms, Library</i>
10:00 am — 11:00 am	Sermon Seminar <i>Nave</i>
11:00 am — 11:45 am	Boys & Girls Choir Rehearsal <i>Classrooms 1, 3</i>
11:15 am — 12:30 pm	Holy Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
1:00 pm — 4:00 pm	Intro to St. Mark's Class <i>Adams Room</i>
4:00 pm — 5:00 pm	LCF Reception <i>Adams Room</i>
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Contemplative Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting <i>Classroom 6</i>
5:00 pm — 6:30 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>

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