

Announcements - November 19, 2021

Submit announcements, *not to exceed 150 words*, to the [Bulletin Coordinator](#) by *5 pm Tuesday* to be included the following Friday. Announcements run for three weeks unless we hear from you.

All announcements must include a parishioner's name and email address as a contact.

To have your event included on the [parish calendar](#), send it to the [Parish Administrator](#).

To have your event posted on the [parish website](#), send it to the [Website Team](#).

New Announcements

**Love Your Neighbor.
Practice Here.**

1. 9. St. Mark's Annual Stewardship Campaign Continues - November 21, 2021

Ephesians 5:2 "and live in love, as Christ loved us."

Last week we had a Stewardship Moment on the theme of *Love Your Neighbor Practice here*. We are at \$410,045.91 which is 46% of our goal. Thank you so much for your support.

Pledge forms are on the St. Mark's website or you can scan this code:



From Parish Leadership & Staff

2. Parish Prayer List Refresh

[11/19]

In the church year, Advent is the start of the year and one of the times that we clear our prayer list, both in the bulletin and in the e-gospel. So as of the November 26th e-gospel we will have all the names off and you need to contact our [Bulletin Coordinator](#) to have names on the list [bulletin\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:bulletin[at]stmarks.net).

Outreach

3. Thanksgiving Baskets for our neighbors

Remember pre-Covid Thanksgivings? Many of us at St Mark's would put together a "basket" of groceries for Capitol Hill Group Ministry, now Everyone Home DC, to give to a client family so they too could celebrate.

This year, as we continue to reduce in-person events, Everyone Home DC wishes to provide a **Thanksgiving Dinner gift card, rather than a basket of groceries, to each family that works with them.** This means they need 150 \$50 gift cards to distribute to families in advance of Thanksgiving. Use [this link](#) or <https://tinyurl.com/TGBaskets> to donate to this important ministry of providing for others. Be sure to indicate you are from St Mark's from the pull down menu for "Organizational Partners."

4. Gifts from the Holy Land – It's back! [11/19]

From **November 28 - December 19**, the Mid East working Group is again sponsoring their annual Advent sale of olive oil and olive wood crafts. These are wonderful gifts for your family or others. This year the proceeds will benefit the Episcopal Princes Basma Centre in Jerusalem, a unique treatment and rehabilitation center serving Palestinian children with disabilities, regardless of ethnicity or religion. The Centre's innovative program using virtual therapy is providing rehabilitation services for children in Gaza where access to services is challenging due to the constant shortage of medicine, staff, and supplies and the restrictions that prevent patients from travel to Jerusalem. The sale will be in Baxter Hall and you can pay with cash or by check made out to St. Mark's Church with "olive oil" in the subject line. Questions? Contact [Maureen Shea](mailto:mtshea[at]aol.com) mtshea[at]aol.com.

Christian Education

5. *Canceled* - Learning the History and Legacy of the St. Mark's Dance Studio [11/19]

The event scheduled to be held Sunday November 21st has been canceled. Good news: It will be replaced with an experiential dance session in 2022, led by Rosie Brooks. More information to come.

Worship

6. Openings for new Altar Guild and Acolyte Corps Members [11/5]

Wanted: a. People who can set a table and wash dishes; b. people who can walk and like to dress up. Both Altar Guild and Acolyte Corps have openings for new members (welcome Mitch Wood!) for both services. We'd especially love to see a parent/child combo for the 9 am service but will happily have that grouping at 11:15. Contact [Susan Ryerson](mailto:ryersu[at]gmail.com) (9 am AG: ryersu[at]gmail.com) or [Doris Burton](mailto:dmburton21[at]gmail.com) (11 am and acolytes: dmburton21[at]gmail.com)

7. Scripture and Prayer Readers Needed [11/5]

Like to read out loud? The Readers' Guild--those of us who read the scripture or prayers on Sundays--are looking for new additions to our team. If you have experience, fabulous! if

not...we will train...Both services have plenty of room. Please contact [Jim Steed](mailto:steedj66@gmail.com) (steedj66[at]gmail.com), the coordinator effective 11/21.

8. Seeking Christmas Greening Co-Chair [11/5]

Feeling Creative?? It's almost Christmas!! Worship Committee is looking for a co-chair (or three) to oversee the greening of the nave for Christmas. We have some new purchases from last year to make the job a bit easier. Greening will **begin after the 11:15 on Dec 19**. Work can **continue during the week** since Christmas Eve is Friday night. If you're willing to help but not chair--either way--contact [Doris Buron](mailto:dmburton21@gmail.com) dmburton21[at]gmail.com.

Music

9. Advent Lessons & Carols Service [11/19]

Please join us for our beloved service of Advent Lessons & Carols on **Sunday, December 5th at 5 pm** in the nave. Alternating with the readings will be seasonal hymns and choir anthems. A reception will take place after the service.

10. Carols & Cheer [11/19]

Our annual tradition of Carols & Cheer returns on **Monday, December 13th**. Come sing your favorite Christmas carols (we take requests!) while enjoying some food, drinks, and time to socialize. The event begins at 6:30 pm and the singing takes place from 7:00 to 9:30 pm.

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

11. On Display in the Dozier Library [11/19]

All faith traditions have found expression in art and architecture. To see a small sample of the amazing creativity that Christianity has engendered through the ages, come see the array of books for adults and children now on display in the library. There are awe-inspiring books on cathedrals and other churches around the world, including our own Washington National Cathedral, as well as colorful books of paintings illustrating stories in the Bible. Check them out (literally) by using the Sign-Out log on the corner bookcase. Enjoy! Questions? Contact [Peter Hawley](mailto:phawleydc@gmail.com) phawleydc[at]gmail.com.

12. St Marks Yoga Classes [11/19]

Since 1978, St. Mark's Yoga Center has offered quality Yoga instruction at affordable prices. Classes accommodate all levels and are in-person and on Zoom. Join us!

<https://www.stmarks.net/yoga>

Ongoing Announcements

From Parish Leadership & Staff

13. Signing In When You Attend Worship

We ask that when you attend Church, that you **sign in at the tables** at the doors. It is very important that we maintain contacts for notification in case someone reports they have contracted covid after attending. Staff and volunteer staff keep track of Sunday School students, teachers, choir, and those involved in worship, but everyone else needs to sign in. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me, [Linell Grundman](mailto:seniorwarden[at]stmarks.net) seniorwarden[at]stmarks.net.

14. Sunday Morning Tech Support

Tech support is available on Sundays between 10am and 12pm [by email](mailto:connect[at]stmarks.net) connect[at]stmarks.net or by calling 202-543-0053 and choosing option 7. Parish volunteers will be watching that email inbox and standing by for your calls.

Youth and Family Ministries

15. Bible Storytime Podcast Join Caleb and the St. Mark's Sunday School team for a 5-minute daily podcast! We'll have some music, read a bible story, and say a prayer. [Email Caleb](mailto:youthdirector[at]stmarks.net) youthdirector[at]stmarks.net to sign up.

Music

16. Do You Like Music?

Singers of all voice parts and levels of experience are invited to sing with the **Chancel Choir**, which rehearses Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30 pm. The **Boys & Girls Choir** (ages 5 and up) will rehearse Sundays from 11-11:45 am downstairs in the Elders Room. The **Handbell Choir** rehearses every other Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm. For all inquiries, please contact Director of Music Jeff Kempskie via [email](mailto:jeff[at]stmarks.net) jeff[at]stmarks.net or at 601-651-0880.

Christian Education

17. Sunday School is Available

When: 9:45 - 10:45

Where: St. Mark's Undercroft, with rooms designated for each age group

How: You can attend 9am worship with your children, then drop them off during the sermon seminar or you can drop them off before sermon seminar, leading into the 11am service.

We offer classes for every level K-12: Ages 3-6; ages 6 -9; grades 4 & 5; Middle School, grades 6, 7 & 8; High School, grades 9-12.

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18. Wednesday Midday Bible Class

This class explores the Biblical roots of “resurrection” before the Gospel accounts were written. What was the Jewish understanding of an “after-life?” We will reference the Psalms, the books of Maccabees, the prophet Daniel and portions of St. Paul’s letters. To guide us in this exploration, we reference the commentary of Bernard Brandon Scott’s book *The Trouble with Resurrection*. And we will be listening for the growth of our own understanding of Jesus’ Resurrection. Contact: [Raiford Gaffney](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com) [rgaffneydc\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc[at]gmail.com).

19. Centering Prayer. Every day on Zoom at 8:00 am.

Centering Prayer is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. For more information or to join the group, contact [The Rev. Patricia Catalano](mailto:adjunct@stmarks.net) [adjunct\[at\]stmarks.net](mailto:adjunct[at]stmarks.net).

20. St. Mark’s Meditation Center: Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm

Contact [Michele Rivard](mailto:Mmrivard@hotmail.com) [Mmrivard\[at\]hotmail.com](mailto:Mmrivard[at]hotmail.com) for more information. [Sign up for the weekly program email](#) to receive info on weekly online meetings.

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

21. Caregivers Support Group

If you are caring for a loved one and would like to share your experiences with others similarly engaged, please email [Julie Murphy](mailto:juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com) at [juliaabbotmurphy\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:juliaabbotmurphy[at]gmail.com) to join our monthly Caregivers Support Group. **We meet by Zoom on the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.** Over the course of the hour, we share the challenges of caregiving -- the stuff that breaks our hearts and challenges our minds but also the quiet moments of profound grace and deep love for the one who needs us. outreach