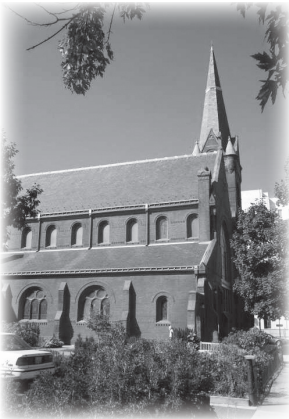


Want to know about classes being offered?

Go to:
www.stmarks.net and click on 'Christian
Education Catalog'

Job Openings

Each summer, the Co-Directors begin the task of finding teachers for the Fall classes. If you have an interest in teaching Sunday School or Adult Ed classes, please speak to one of the co-directors. They will put you on a path of preparedness for the coming year .



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Welcome to St. Mark's!

Christian Education at St. Mark's is unlike anything you've experienced at "your father's church"!

Our program is based on the work of Charles Penniman, a mid-20th century Episcopal theologian who wanted Christianity to assist people in their daily lives. Instead of simply focusing on Bible Stories, Penniman took the teachings of scripture and developed a program, called Functional Education, which would provide people with ways to address the problems of life.

As our rector, Paul Abernathy wrote, "Christianity, according to Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard (1813–1855), entails becoming contemporary with Christ, i.e., as the apostles, sharing in (not shunning) life's suffering." Kierkegaard did not agree with prevailing theological thought that Christianity was about believing certain things about Christ or Christianity. According to Kierkegaard, Christianity is all about behavior rather than belief.

Each year we compile an array of classes that dig deeper into the questions of life and living. Adult classes are offered on Sunday mornings or week-night evenings.



For our young children, from 3 ½ to 12 years of age, our Sunday school program is the 'Catechesis of the Good Shepherd'. This program uses a Montessori-like approach to help children learn about the depth of God's love, the life and parables of Jesus, and elements of the Eucharist.

For youth 13 years and older, we offer a Sunday school program using the Functional Christian Education method created by Penniman. "Func Ed" attempts to create an understanding of the Bible and traditional teachings of the church by beginning with the exploration of our life experience and our stories.

Each year, more than 100 members of our parish choose to share their time, talent, energy, and creativity by volunteering in this program. We are extraordinarily grateful to all of them for their kindness and generosity of spirit.



Gateway Classes

If you would like to be a part of the Christian Education program in any capacity, try one, or all of our Gateway Classes.

These classes introduce you to St. Mark's and our Christian Ed approach. Want to take one?

Introduction to Life at St. Mark's is a one-day class, offered periodically throughout the year. Contact the directors or listen for announcements.

Life, Community, and Faith is a 10-week class, which provides preparation for confirmation in the Episcopal church and an opportunity to become familiar with our CE program. This class is offered twice a year.

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