

## September 30, 2018 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.

The Official Parish Calendar is online at: [stmarks.net/connect/calendar](http://stmarks.net/connect/calendar)

### Outreach

**1. Next Week – Writing Holiday Cards for Deployed Service Members!** Please join us in **Baxter Hall on Sunday October 7, before or between services** to write a holiday card for service members overseas. The cards will be part of care packages sent through nonprofit Operation Gratitude ([www.operationgratitude.com](http://www.operationgratitude.com)). Cards and pens will be provided; just bring yourself! Contact Jilian McGreen with questions at [jmcg1213@gmail.com](mailto:jmcg1213@gmail.com).

**2. Refugee Employment Team:** Looking for a way to make a difference in chaotic times? Refugees need sustainable employment and our Employment Team is looking for creative ways to assist their search. We will consult with Afghans who have successfully managed the make the transition to good jobs as well as more recent refugees who need advice. Join us in asking questions and brainstorming best practices for employment assistance. **Monday, October 8 (7:00-8:30 in the Rector's Room).** Margaret (Max) McLaughlin [margaretmclaughlin50@comcast.net](mailto:margaretmclaughlin50@comcast.net) and Karen Getman [karen.getman@gmail.com](mailto:karen.getman@gmail.com)

**3. Two Diocesan Hunger Walks:** The Hunger Fund Committee of the Diocese of Washington invites you to participate in one of two hunger walks **October 14th. The Southern Maryland Walk** starts at **1:30** and will be hosted at Serenity Farm ([serenityfarminc.com](http://serenityfarminc.com)) on the Patuxent River in Benedict, MD. The farm is designated as a historic site. Activities include a petting zoo and hayride. **The Cathedral Walk** starts at **2:00** on the Cathedral grounds. The walk will end just as Choral Evensong begins at 4:00. Walk details and materials are available on the website [hungerfund.net](http://hungerfund.net). From the main page, follow the link to Annual Hunger Walks.

**4. Talk on Christian Zionism Tuesday October 23: 6:30-8:30PM in Baxter Hall:** U.K. Rev. Dr. Stephen Sizer will speak on Understanding the dangerous significance of "Christian Zionism's: Roadmap to Armageddon? The historical roots of Christian Zionism, its theological basis and political agenda." For more information on the speaker, please see [www.stephensizer.com](http://www.stephensizer.com). Contact Tom Getman [tom.getman@gmail.com](mailto:tom.getman@gmail.com) of the Middle East Working Group.

**5. Help Sunday Suppers Connect to Another Church:** Unfortunately the couple that covered the 4th Sunday of every month is giving up this ministry after 12 years. If you have connections to a church or group that might be willing to take on serving supper **every 4th or every other 4th Sunday**, we need help **starting in 2019**. Email [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com).

### Parish Life

**6. Pub Lunch Today!** Walt Moody and Diane Ivone, with help from Kathy Tatko and Jack Richards, will provide pub lunch today. The meal is matzo soup and make-your-own ham, beef or turkey sandwiches, plus choice of breads & cheese, and potato salad. Come join us!

**7. TODAY 20s/30s Faith Fellowship - Sunday, September 30th in the Dozier Library at 6:00 pm (following the 5:00 pm service)** Calling all young in age or at heart who are looking for an opportunity for fellowship and reflection! Come join us immediately following the 5:00 pm service for a faith tea time. We will dwell on selected passages, offer time for meditation, and share community insight. Contact Emily McDuff [emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com](mailto:emily.a.mcduff@gmail.com).

**8. Third Ager Potluck Fall Potluck – Saturday, October 13th at 11:00 am - Baxter Hall.** Bring your favorite "fall" dish to serve 8; dessert, tea and coffee setups will be provided. All are invited - not just those sixty and over. The featured presentation is:

**Too Much Stuff - Downsizing** "Been there done that." Exactly why we want you there to tell your stories and share what you learned, what you wish you had known or been told. Phyllis Jane Young, a popular, long time Capitol Hill realtor & St. Mark's Parishioner has many years of working with people to facilitate their moving out of their home and moving into a new home. **Get some great tips on how to cut the clutter.**

**Important:** 3rd Agers, if you did not receive an email about this announcement, please send us your updated email address. Questions/Info? Contact Don Gangloff at St Mark's Third Agers ([stmarksthirdagers@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksthirdagers@gmail.com)) or [d\\_gangloff@outlook.com](mailto:d_gangloff@outlook.com)

**9. The St. Mark's Reading Group** typically meets on the third Wednesday of every month in the **Dozier Library at 12:30 pm**. On **October 17th**, we will discuss The Botany of Desire by Michael Pollan and on **November 21st** we will discuss A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway. Contact: Linda Ewald, [llerbe@yahoo.com](mailto:llerbe@yahoo.com), 301-541-5133

**10. Families With Young Children Get-Away** - A couple of St. Mark's families are renting a house in **Cascade, MD** together for the weekend of **Oct 19-21**. This will give us time for our kids to become better friends and for us to have some rare "just adult time" after the kids go to bed. It is an hour and a half away and \$75 per family for the entire weekend. If you would like to join us, please email [Lisa.ramish@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.ramish@gmail.com)

**11. Save the Date! St. Mark's Annual Saints and Sinners Halloween Dance is on the calendar!** Make your plans to attend the annual St. Mark's Halloween Dance on **Friday, October 26 from 6 pm to 10:30 pm in the nave**. Come dressed as your favorite hero/heroine or your least favorite "devil." There will be dancing to the tunes of the Cheek to Cheek band, children's activities and babysitting, food and drink, and, most importantly, fun for all. Tickets go on sale soon. Questions? Email Julie Murphy at [juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:juliaabbotmurphy@gmail.com).

**12. Armistice Day, Sunday Nov. 11, 2018** marks the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War, WWI. We will mark that day with a special service. Archives & Parish History invites you to **participate by sending photos or stories of your family member** who served and/or died in the war to be included in a **Baxter Hall display**. Please contact Doris Burton ([dmburton21@gmail.com](mailto:dmburton21@gmail.com)). If you have artifacts but are uncomfortable bringing those to an exhibit, you can photograph and send that instead. **Deadline is October 29**, please.

### **Worship**

**13. Layservers Needed:** Would you like to participate in our worship services as a lay server? At St. Mark's, we welcome all to receive the bread and wine at Christ's table. We also welcome those who would like to serve as chalice bearers. If you would like to have more information or instruction for joining our team of lay servers, please contact Raiford Gaffney [rgaffneydc@gmail.com](mailto:rgaffneydc@gmail.com) (11:15 service) or Karen Getman [karen.getman@gmail.com](mailto:karen.getman@gmail.com) (9:00 service)

## **Christian Education**

**14. Reformatted by Popular Demand! Catechesis Level I Adult Formation Class:** “Help me get closer to God by myself.” That’s a quote from a young child who expressed very concisely the underlying principles of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS). We adults prepare the room, arrange materials, tell the stories, ask questions, and give children the opportunity to enter into the stories in a deep and profound way – by themselves. We have changed from a one-Saturday-a-month format to one that is more convenient given our super-scheduled lives. Come **join us on Sundays in the Dozier Library from 10:00 to 11:00. We’ll meet every Sunday that Sunday School is in session through May (probably), plus all day Saturday, February 2nd.** Nora Howell, certified by CGSUSA (cgsusa.org), will be teaching this class at no charge to St. Mark’s parishioners (value \$700). Questions? Send them to Nora at [nora.howell.va@gmail.com](mailto:nora.howell.va@gmail.com). Ready to sign up? Do so on the **clipboard in the foyer!**

**15. Honest to God: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 | 7:00pm at National Cathedral:** Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom Rabbi David Saperstein and New York Times columnist David Brooks are the first speakers in Washington National Cathedral’s new Honest to God series. They share the ways in which their lives have been shaped by the practices of their faith. Each Honest to God event is an evening of conversation that invites **public figures** to pull back the curtain, **revealing to us the faith that undergirds their public action.** How have the values, teachings and worship of their faith community shaped their public works? What lessons might they draw for other public figures, or those aspiring to public leadership, about the importance of spirituality or religion? For more information and tickets: <https://cathedral.org/event/honest-to-god>

**16. Men’s Class: Manning Up/Falling Down –The Balance of Men.** In an age of weak leadership, what does it mean to stand up and man up? When all existing lines in the sand are obliterated, where do we begin to redefine those lines? Where is my place in a frightening and unpredictable world? Join us October 2018 for a short men's course, meeting for **four Monday evenings, 7-9 pm (Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29) with a weekend retreat at DuPont House in Rehoboth Beach, DE on October, 19-21.** We will explore the dynamics and navigate the meaning of being a whole and authentic man in today’s world. Teachers: Stewart Andrews ([noodlebox@verizon.net](mailto:noodlebox@verizon.net)), Rob Hall ([rphall3@gmail.com](mailto:rphall3@gmail.com)), Don Lipscomb ([dlipscomb@delstudioarchitects.com](mailto:dlipscomb@delstudioarchitects.com)). Register at <https://tinyurl.com/marksmensretreat>.

**17. Ongoing Christian Education.** These groups meet weekly and are open to newcomers:

- \* **Sunday Morning Bible Class, 10-11 am, September 16, 2018 - May 19, 2019, Penniman Room Studying First Samuel (Hebrew Scriptures)**  
Convener: Bob Ewald ([lherbe@yahoo.com](mailto:lherbe@yahoo.com); (301) 541-5133)  
First Samuel is the story of Israel's (rocky) transition in leadership from Priest (Samuel) to King (Saul, David). The course consists of class discussion of the text assigned for that day.
- \* **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)
- \* **Tuesday Evening Religious Discussion Group – 7:00pm in the Library. The next meeting will be October 16th.** We will begin the new season discussing religious fundamentalism.  
Co-Coordinators: Bill Jones ([billclough@icloud.com](mailto:billclough@icloud.com)) Kathleen Grant ([queenmommy17@gmail.com](mailto:queenmommy17@gmail.com))

- \* **The Wednesday Bible Class** will study the same prophets Jesus studied. This year we will focus on the Hebrew prophets. These pesky individuals insisted on speaking God's truth to those in power and wound up included in the Bible. We quote them still today (e.g, Amos — "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."). Who were they, what impact did they have, and what do they offer us today? As a resource & guide we will use the classic work "The Prophets" by Rabbi Abraham Heschel. Class continues on **Wednesdays at 11:30 am** (*note time change*) **until 12:45 pm**. Brown bag lunch follows. Location: **Elders Room in undercroft**. Coordinator: Raiford Gaffney, rgaffneydc@gmail.com.
- \* **Centering Prayer, Thursdays 7:30-8:30am, in the Nave.** Centering Prayer is rooted in the contemplative practices of the Desert Fathers. It is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. Our gathering is for individuals who would like to begin their work day in silence and non-busyness. Cynthia Bourgeault, an Episcopal priest, writes in her book *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening* "that even though we can perhaps find ways to stop 'outer noise' it is much more difficult to still the 'inner noise.'" Please contact Collie Agle if you are interested or curious, at (202) 255-2687 or charles.agle@gmail.com.

### **Youth & Family Ministries**

**18. Sunday School Registration Continues!** Miss last week's first day back in Sunday School? No problem! Registration is open year-round. Stop by the **undercroft anytime** to meet teachers and grab a Registration form. All are welcome!

**19. 9/29-30, High School Retreat:** Youth grades 9th-12th are invited to spend a relaxing weekend away at **YMCA Camp Tockowgh in Worton, MD**. Start off the school year right with climbing walls, archery, canoeing, bonfire and more. Register today: <http://www.stmarks.net/grow/youth-and-family-ministry/>.

**20. Sign up to be a Sunday School Hall Monitor!** We need adult volunteers to serve as hall monitors **during the Sunday School hour on Sunday mornings (10am-11am)**. The hall monitor will help show new families to their classroom, help teachers with children who need bathroom breaks, and serve as extra security in the undercroft area. Email Caroline to sign up for a Sunday: [caroline@stmarks.net](mailto:caroline@stmarks.net)!

Questions regarding these activities? **Contact Director of Youth and Family Ministries Caroline McReynolds-Adams** [caroline@stmarks.net](mailto:caroline@stmarks.net)

### **Music & Arts**

**21. Music Lessons are available through the St. Mark's Music Studio:** Julia Morris ([juliamorris23@gmail.com](mailto:juliamorris23@gmail.com)) teaches flute lessons; Diane Atherton ([dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com](mailto:dianesvoicestudio@gmail.com)) offers voice lessons; and Stephanie Ng ([stephanien217@gmail.com](mailto:stephanien217@gmail.com)) teaches piano lessons. Students of all ages and experience are welcome. Learn more about our teachers at [stmarks.net/music](http://stmarks.net/music).

**22. 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](mailto:jeff@stmarks.net) for more info.