

August 6, 2017 Announcements

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

Official Parish Calendar online at: <http://www.stmarks.net/connect/calendar/>

Parish Life

- 1. ST. MARK'S READING GROUP** meets on the **second Wednesday** of every month in the Dozier Library at **12:30 p.m.** Feel free to bring your lunch. On **August 9th**, we will discuss *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. On **September 12th**, we will discuss *Miss Clare Remembers* by Miss Read. Contact: Linda Ewald, lherbe@yahoo.com or 301-541-5133
- 2. EXPLORING RACE IN OUR SOCIETY.** The Inclusivity Working Group is presenting an opportunity to further examine race and its implications. Rick Rutherford, a seasoned diversity facilitator, has graciously agreed to lead a book group on the subject. He has asked that participants be willing to make a commitment to attend three sessions, held at **7:00 pm on the third Wednesdays of July, August and September**, during which we will discuss The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander for its investigation of how our criminal justice system enforces discrimination and oppression. Please contact Rick Rutherford (rruther427@aol.com) with any questions.
- 3. ST. MARK'S COLUMBARIA.** Niches are available for purchase by members of St. Mark's Church for themselves and close family members. For information email the Columbarium Coordinator, Penny Hansen at pennyhansn@aol.com.
- 4. SUNDAY LUNCH IS BACK!** Yes, we are committing to a return to regular Sunday lunches after the 11:15 AM service. Remember that costs for hosts are reimbursable as future Sundays will require purchase of lunch tickets. Don't come for lunch? Don't despair. We also are set to go with coffee hour with treats at 10:45 after Sermon Seminar and after 5 PM service. **To sign up to host, contact Junior Warden Kenn Allen** juniorwarden@stmarks.net.

Worship

- 5. Assist with Altar Guild:** Looking for a chance to help out before the service? Meeting people is never easy, so one way to befriend is to be of service. The altar guild is full of people who have been around a good long while and will teach you how to set up the altar for our Sunday Service. We gather **30 mins before the service**, set up, learn all manner of cool new words, (think of upping your score on words with friends) and get the low down on the history of the church. It is really a great way to connect. If you are interested let Joan Schindel know. jfschindel@yahoo.com or 703-836-2766

Christian Education

- 6. Ongoing Christian Education.** These groups meet weekly and are open to newcomers:
Wednesday Morning Drop-In Bible Study, Wednesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, Penniman Room
SMCC Meditation, Mondays, *suspended until after Labor Day*

Youth & Family Ministries

7. Summer Sunday School will take place **TODAY** August 6, August 13, August 20, and August 27. We offer a creative time of art, service projects, and music for children ages 3 to 12. Join us in the **Dance Studio** from **10am-10:45am!**

8. Children's Chapel Dates: Children's Chapel continues all summer **during the 9am service** with the exception of Sunday, August 13 which will be a Family Eucharist Service. Join us!

9. August 27- Service Trips Celebration! ALL ARE INVITED to our Sunday, August 27 Service Trips Celebration that will take place from **12:30pm-2pm after the morning services.** We will make a delicious lunch and share pictures and stories from both the High School trip to Nicaragua and the Middle School trip here in DC. You won't want to miss it!

Music & Arts

10. Sing with the Summer Choir! Just show up early to learn the music. There is a minimal time commitment and no prior experience is necessary. Also, it's fun! **August 20 and 27: 8:20 warm up in the nave for 9:00 services, 10:30 warm up downstairs in the Elders' Room for 11:15 services.** Questions? Contact Jeff Kempskie, Director of Music: jeff@stmarks.net

11. Music Lessons. The St. Mark's Music Studio offers voice lessons with **Kellie McHugh** kellie.mchugh.81@gmail.com and **Adam Caughey** adamcaughey@gmail.com and piano lessons with **Jeff Kempskie** jeff@stmarks.net. Students of all ages and experience are welcome

Outreach

12. SOUP KITCHEN: TODAY– Please pick up a casserole pan (which contains an easy recipe, a date label, and detailed delivery suggestions) on the table near the High Altar. The pans are provided to the congregation on the first and second Sundays of every month. Parishioners are encouraged to prepare one or more casseroles and deliver them in person to the **Capitol Hill United Methodist Church** (CHUMC) located three blocks from St. Mark's Church. CHUMC, in turn, feeds our needy and hungry neighbors on the hill throughout the week. Need more information? Please contact Jack Richards at (703) 751-1456 or ktjr89@verizon.net

13. Come have fun with Capitol Hill Group Ministry supported client families at the Monday, August 14 Family Night in Baxter Hall at 6pm. We need folks to bring dinner items, host, sing songs and have fun. The school-age kids will receive their back-to-school backpacks from St Mark's teens. This fun event for adults and kids starts at 6 and is usually finished by 8. Diane Hoover is coordinating the dinner again this year. Sign up in foyer to bring a salad, a side or beverages. Can't cook or come? Email Diane at roadbikedc@gmail.com to ask how you can help out. Other questions? Ask Susan Sedgewick, jssedgewick@gmail.com or Stephanie Deutsch, scd@his.com.

14. Refugee Storytelling Fundraiser: "American Odyssey: True tales about hospitality, homecoming and plunging into uncharted waters." Story District and Good Neighbor Capitol Hill (the refugee resettlement project) are co-presenting a story telling fundraiser event about DC's diverse refugee population at **Lutheran Church of the Reformation (212 East Capitol St NE) on Thursday, August 10 at 7:00 pm.** Buy tickets online or at the door: www.storytellingfundraiser.brownpapertickets.com. For more information or volunteering contact: Karen.getman@gmail.com

15. Sightlines: Spirituality & Purpose for the Path Ahead. Are you approaching your later years with an attitude of expectancy and adventure? Will you finally live fully, leaning into your spirituality and operating from passion and joy? Can you envision how limitations might be paths to transformation? Christ Church is hosting a diocesan pilot project on the spirituality of aging, and you are invited to participate. Through video presentations, discussions, and experiential exercises, expect to learn, share, question, reflect – and be surprised! All materials will be provided. *Sightlines: Spirituality & Purpose for the Path Ahead* will meet at 6:00p.m. on **August 8, 16, 20 & 27** in the **meeting room of Christ Church, 620 G. St. SE, DC**. A light dinner will be served. RSVP to Elizabeth Boyd eboyd@seaburyresources.org or 202-414-6316. Sightlines is a project of The Episcopal Diocese of Washington and Seabury Resources for Aging.

16. COOK, DRIVE, SET UP OR SERVE for Sunday Suppers on August 20th. We need a hot meal for 50 homeless neighbors. You can volunteer to cook the whole meal or cook a part of it using a recipe we provide. We also could use someone to drive the van and set up the site on any 3rd Sunday of the month. We always meet at 6pm at **Franklin Square**. Contact Lisa.ramish@gmail.com to get more info or volunteer.

17. Want an easy Outreach Activity? Sign up to provide Lunch on a Monday for 10 participants in Capitol Hill Group Ministry's Parenting Class. The class, led by CHGM's wellness coordinator, offers client participants help in coping with challenges of rearing children and life in general. Our lunches provide a shared meal which helps build trust within the group. CHGM staff report this make the class effective!

Lunches can be simple homemade or store bought sandwiches or wraps and a piece of fruit such as bananas, clementines, or grapes. (As some of the participants have dental issues, apples can be too hard for them to eat.) **You drop off the lunches at Shirley's Place, 1338 G St SE, on your Monday between 8 and 11am.** Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/Lunch-Fall2017>. If you need help in participating in this ministry contact Susan Sedgewick (jssedgewick@gmail.com).