



Parish Retreat at Shrine Mont
St. Mark's and Holy Comforter Episcopal Churches
Date: October 23 – 25, 2026

“DWELLING IN THE WORD”

Preliminary Retreat Schedule:

Friday, October 23^d

4:00-5:30 PM	Arrival and Check-in (Virginia House)
5:30 PM	Dinner (Virginia House dining room)
7:30 PM	Gathering at designated hospitality house

Saturday, October 24th

8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:00 AM	Worship
9:30 – 10:30 AM	Workshops 1 and 2 (select 1)
10:45 – Noon	Workshops 3 and 4 (select 1)
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:00 – 1:30 PM	Period of Silence
Afternoon	Freetime (Games, hike to the cross, walk the Labyrinth)
5:30 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Bonfire with S'mores

Sunday, October 25th

8:00 AM	Breakfast
	Worship – time and location TBD
12:30 PM	Lunch and Depart

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
520 N. Arthur Ashe Blvd, Richmond
Phone 804.358.4771
Website: www.stmarksrva.org

Holy Comforter Episcopal Church
4819 Monument Ave., Richmond
Phone: 804.335-3251
Website: www.hoco.org

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A
WEEKEND AWAY IN
THE MOUNTAINS, AND
GET TO KNOW OTHERS
IN YOUR CHURCH
COMMUNITY

A PLACE AWAY,
NESTLED IN THE
SHENANDOAH
MOUNTAINS,
APPROXIMATELY 2½
HOURS FROM
RICHMOND

A PLACE FOR HIKING,
POND FISHING,
BONFIRES AND PORCH
SITTING. A PLACE TO
BE ACTIVE OR QUIET.

A PLACE FOR THE
WORSHIP OF GOD
UNDER THE HIGHEST
CEILING OF ANY
CATHEDRAL IN THE
WORLD





Dwelling in the Word

Dwelling in the Word is a way of listening to scripture, each other and God. It is about listening to each other in a spirit of free speech and an open heart and discerning what God is saying to each of us.

Please see the Shrine Mont website for specific policies, local attractions, directions, etc. at <https://shrinemont.com>

Donations are accepted for Parish Retreat Scholarships for those who need assistance.

Workshops:

- Workshop #1: “Dwelling in the Word” – Mike Maruca and the Rev. Benjamin Badgett
 Workshop #2: “Listening for God” – Book Discussion – Karen Franklin and Mickie Jones
 Workshops #3 and #4: “Natural Expressions of God” – art using found objects. Includes walk to find inspiration and items in nature
- “Flower Arranging” – Doug D’Urso
 - Visual expressions – Jen McCauley and Karen Franklin
- Work on projects may continue after lunch

Afternoon Free time

Activities options include

- Games – board, card, etc.
- Hiking to the cross or walking the labyrinth
- Trips to nearby attractions
- Drum circle led by Charles Wolfe
- Reading, napping, making new friends

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Please complete by September 20th. Mail to St. Mark’s or complete information on-line at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Oie3vj3TsCT7E_d0HebnS7VBBts4Rta_/edit?usp=sharing&oid=105139008934631149840&rtpof=true&sd=true

Name(s): _____ email address: _____

Children (Names and ages): _____

Single Room: _____ Double Room (indicate Roommate preference) _____

Special Needs (dietary, handicapped, allergies, etc.): _____

Price includes lodging, retreat activities and meals

Adults: Double: \$225.00 per person Single: \$285.00 per person
 Teens: same as adults
 Youth ages 4 to 13: \$160 per person
 Children 0 to 3: Free

Payment may be mailed to St. Mark’s or made online at: <https://stmarksrva.org/give/>

Please note purpose of the payment in the “Tribute Message” or send an email noting payment to your Parish representatives: **Holy Comforter** - Mary Davis at mvojtava@gmail.com

St. Marks – Mickie Jones at mpj4120@verizon.net

Full or partial scholarships may be available. Please talk with your Clergy or Parish representatives.

