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Epiphany: God Appearing

All of Advent and the Christmas season celebrate God's appearing in our world in Jesus. The final liturgies of Christmas even have the official title "Epiphany" meaning "appearance." In our Western Christianity the Epiphany Gospel remembers the journey of the magi from the East to worship the Child Jesus. Matthew's gospel often explains how in Jesus God has kept his promises to the Jewish people. But Matthew also includes the story of the magi, non-Jews, to make it clear that Jesus represents God's love "appearing" for all people, Jew and Gentile alike. The new Church would soon call itself "catholic" which means "universal" as well as Christian. All nationalities, races, and cultures are called to faith in Christ.

In the Eastern Churches, Christians hear the story of the baptism of Christ on the Epiphany. Thus the climax of the Christmas story is not just a baby, but the full grown adult Jesus who is revealed at the Jordan River as the Son, beloved of the Father and filled with the Holy Spirit. In this story God "appears" in the Jesus who prepares to begin his ministry that will culminate in his death and resurrection.

In our Episcopal and much of the Western tradition we celebrate both the Epiphany to the Magi and the Epiphany at the Baptism on two different days. Sometimes these days are consecutive Sundays, but this year these days are January 6 and 8. As we live as the Church, the body of Christ, in this world, the epiphany of God continues in and through us. In our lives joined to Christ and each other, we represent the epiphany of Christ who continues to call all people to faith in him. Our lives of ministry reveal the Christ who continues to reach out to help and save people in many different circumstances. The Incarnation and the Epiphany did not end two thousand years ago. God continues his becoming flesh in our lives; Christ continues his appearing through us. The mystery of Christmas includes the ongoing reality of our lives joined to Christ and making him present in our world. This is Epiphany in our lives. *(continued next page)*



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There is absolutely not enough room to list all the people who have made our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. Can I ask a favor? The next time you are here look at one thing for a moment and just thank God for the person or persons responsible for what you see - a musician, a clean cloth on the altar, a beautiful floral decoration, a person greeting you at the door, an acolyte. The list is endless. We don't want to take them for granted and we take these little moments of stopping and being grateful for what people do for us, so often facelessly. If our prayers must be as anonymous as their service for us often is, let's work on making our prayers no less generous than their service. A Happy and Blessed New Year in Jesus from all of your grateful parish staff.

Blessings, *David*



SHARED MINISTRY: FINANCE



Operations Update as of November 2016

November Budgeted Pledge Income:
 \$188,362 Actual
 \$205,350 Pledge

For the first time in many years our operations budget has been managed such that we have not had to go into the principal of our investment account. As of November 30, 2016 we have an operational deficit of \$18,471—a remarkable feat as our approved budget had a \$66,000 deficit. This amount will be funded through gifts received through December 2016 and the difference covered from the investment account.

Average Sunday Attendance: YTD - 112.9

2017 Pledge Campaign update: 90 pledge units, total \$271,481! Well on way to a goal of 100 pledges. Your generous pledging reduces our reliance on the investment account to fund operations, allowing the principal to grow and earn more interest to fund capital projects and improvements.

SHARED MINISTRY: ANNUAL MEETING AND VESTRY

Vestry Nominations 2017

Harold Wright, Dale Smith, Diane Hoover and Karen Franklin are our “graduating” Vestry class. As such they serve as the nominating committee. Please let any one of them know if you have questions, suggestions, or feel called to this service. We will elect four new Vestry members during the Annual Meeting.

By canon, Vestry members must be at least 16 years old, active members of the community, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, and in good standing. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The Responsibilities of the Vestry:

Leadership through envisioning, engaging, empowering, energizing and exemplifying.

Management through planning, (budgeting, allocating resources, setting objectives), organizing (policies and procedures), staffing (hiring, coaching performance, evaluation, compensation), controlling (monitoring results, corrective action, re-planning). *The Vestry Resource Guide*, Episcopal Church Foundation pp. 7-10

All vestry members should strive to the best of their abilities to:

- have a love of God and demonstrate a commitment to following the way of Christ;
- be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance;
- be fair, interact well with people and strive to earn the respect of all the members of the congregation;
- purposefully strive to “check one’s ego at the door” in order to work for the benefit of the whole congregation
- have enthusiasm and vitality for this ministry;
- commit time to vestry meetings, committee work; vestry retreat, regular worship; congregational events, annual meeting;
- pledge financial support;
- offer talents to support the congregation’s ministry;
- pray for the leaders and members of the congregation.

The Vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

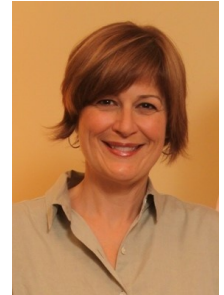
The 2017 Vestry Retreat is February 3 & 4 at the Roslyn Retreat Center

SHARED MINISTRY: VESTRY

Vestry Candidates

Amy Strite

I first came to St. Mark's in 2000 having decided I was ready find a church home. St. Mark's quickly became home indeed. Over the years it has been my privilege to be part of several ministries at St. Mark's. I have served on Inreach, Outreach, & Finance. I am appreciative of the opportunities the parish provides for service in the community as I know all too well how great the need is and believe whole heartedly that in our service we most faithfully bear witness to the Gospel.



The people of St. Mark's have been with me through some of the most challenging times and some of the most joyous times of my life. Through them all, this parish has provided the calm center, the sanctuary I so very much need. It is here, in this place, with you, that I am restored. Having been renewed and bolstered, I am better able to be a good spouse, a loving parent, a compassionate daughter, and a dedicated professional. I am so very grateful for St. Mark's & it would be my honor to serve the people of this parish as a member of the Vestry.

Frank von Richter

I joined St Marks in March 2000, after being away from Richmond for the previous 40 years; I came initially because of Buck Aiken, who was a classmate at St Christopher's. I was impressed with his sermons. I was also attracted to the 8 AM service and have been a participant and reader. I also attend Buck's Wednesday Bible Study group and find great satisfaction in our meticulous dissection of the Bible and associated readings. These sessions have greatly expanded my perspective on the evolution of our religious faith. I serve on the Marketing Committee and was an active participant in the rebranding of St. Mark's and developing the new logo. I feel that my extensive (30 year) background as a consultant gives me the skills to integrate various participants' positions and form positive and mutually acceptable solutions to issues. The social and cultural mix of fellow parishioners makes me eager to continue to support St Marks and expand its outstanding record of lay pastoral support of each other and outreach to the Richmond community.



Paul Williams

I was born in Blountstown, Florida in 1989. I moved from Florida to Rochester, New York in 2002 and to Richmond, Virginia in 2011. I attended St. John Fisher College in Rochester and received a B.A. in journalism and the TC Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond where I received my J.D. I currently work as a Staff Attorney at UnitedLex. I have attended St. Marks since 2014 and have greatly enjoyed getting to know the church community. In addition to worshipping at Sunday morning services, I enjoy working with the young adults ministry and attending the RVA Talks series.

My wife Kate and our dog Lucy and I live in Southside Richmond. We were married in 2015 in Cooperstown, New York. We were both drawn to St. Marks when looking for a church home because of St. Marks commitment to the city of

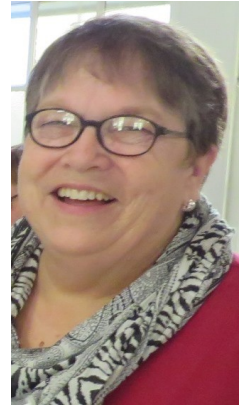


SHARED MINISTRY: DEACON

Richmond and its demonstrated dedication to being a church body that truly welcomes everyone to the Lord's table. Kate is a teacher, science department chair, and track coach at John Rolfe Middle School. We enjoy exploring new parts of the city with friends and the occasional Netflix binge watch of Friday Night Lights. Lucy enjoys frequent trips to the dog park and her monthly BarkBox filled with toys and treats.

Margaret “Mickie” Jones

It has been my privilege to attend St. Mark's since 1998 (with the exception of a 2-year hiatus). I came to visit on the recommendation of a friend who sang in the choir, and never left. I credit the people of St. Mark's with many things, including my spiritual growth, development of a “social conscience” (a work in progress), and the awareness of God in my everyday life. Perhaps even more importantly, I credit St. Mark's with the formation of my younger daughter into a caring and loving person with an active faith. Over the years I have been honored to serve as a member of the Parish Life Committee, to participate in innumerable community outreach opportunities, attend Annual Convention and serve on the Vestry. I am presently St. Mark's representative to Region X, and serve as regional president.



St. Mark's is a vital part of my life. This community provides a calm center in the midst of storms and a place of celebration in times of joy. I would be honored to contribute to the continued growth of this Parish by serving you on the Vestry.

From the Deacon's Den

Dear Friends in Christ,

St. Mark's is a wonderful church community to be involved in all year round. We have so much to be thankful for and so much to give to others.

Lent will be upon us soon, and I will be focusing on my passion ministry, women in prison, together with you as a team, and how St. Mark's can offer different ministries to them. On March 5, The Rev. Lynn Litchfield will present an outstanding performance to us at the Fellowship Hour. Lynn currently serves as the Director of Development for Grace Inside, an organization that purposes to be the light of Jesus Christ calling forth hope and change and a new way. Lynn is a former chaplain at Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women. Then in 2010 she became a leading advocate for the “lone woman on death row prior to her execution. You truly won't want to miss her monologue performance! As a follow-up to this performance, we will then meet later in the month after church to discuss ways of serving those in prison.

A few things have come to mind: a pen pal program with the women in my Thursday Night Bible Study at the prison; holiday card sending; birthday card sending; attending a Sunday afternoon worship service at the women's prison in their chapel on the grounds. Maybe you have some thoughts as well that we could explore when we meet.

Again, if anyone should want to contact me, please call the church number, 358-4771.



SENT MINISTRY: OUTREACH

Care Bags for ACTS Lent 2017

ACTS is an organization St. Mark's supports and partners with to help Richmond's working poor avoid homelessness. ACTS staff offers budget counseling and financial assistance to those who through no fault of their own have run into financial difficulty and without ACTS help may face eviction or loss of basic utilities.



We all know that personal care and home care products are not cheap—but do you know that most of these items, things as basic as toilet paper and tooth paste that we take for granted **are not covered by SNAP benefits!** So it can be a choice between food and a tooth brush, medicine and soap. ACTS has “Care Bags” for their clients. This Lent lets fill some bags with the basics of personal and household care products and help those in our neighborhoods who are striving to maintain housing, employment, and dignity. Bags and lists will be available March 1, both in the church and on-line.



Girl Scout Collection of Feminine Hygiene Products

From Carter Yumi Strite:

My Girl Scout Troop is focusing this year on all the great things girls and women can do. We want to help women do good things too.

We want to help the women at the shelter at the YWCA and we need your help. **In January and February please bring feminine hygiene products to the box in the narthex** so we can give them to Becky Lee at the YWCA. Thank you very much.!

Yard Sale April 29, 8:00am—1:00pm

Bring your stuff to the church starting on Tuesday, April 25. If you need pick-up contact Ed Street; pick-ups for the sale begin on Wednesday, April 26 (NO PICK-UP ON FRIDAY).

Drop-off ends at noon on Friday.

A portion of this year's proceeds will go to ACTS, and to improve our storage room. Our goal is to We will be selling baked goods again this year. If you would like to bake something for the sale, please contact Malinda Collier. This year the Bake Sale is being partially sponsored by the Youth Groups with proceeds to benefit our Food Pantry.

We need LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS to help us prepare and carry out this event. The Yard Sale is lots of fun, so come and help sort, price, display, sell and clean-up.

**Please contact Frosty Owen or Ed Street to help,
ed.street@suntrust.com.**

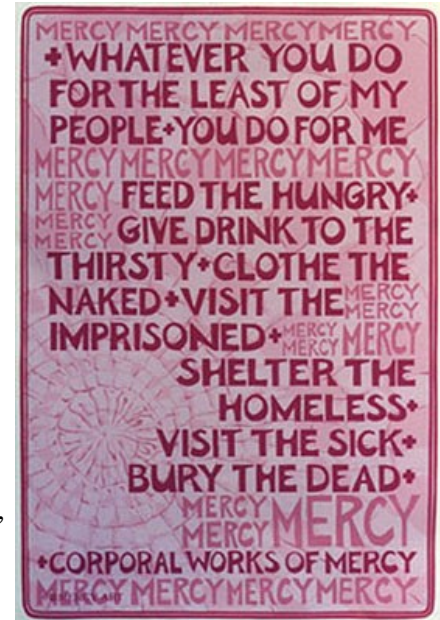


SENT MINISTRY: OUTREACH

Outreach Hospitality Ministry: Food Pantry & Soup Kitchen: How you can help

Pack bags before each distribution on the
2nd and 4th Saturdays, and
Serve on 2nd & 4th Saturday mornings, 9-10:30am

Donate food for the bags: Tuna, Vienna sausages, canned chicken or Spam, Hearty soups, stews, or chili, Pork and beans, Canned ravioli or spaghetti O's, Mac & cheese mix, Fruit or applesauce cups, Vegetables, Granola bars, Pop tarts, Single serving instant oatmeal or grits, Peanut butter, Packaged crackers, Single serving water or juice, Pudding cups, Cookies.



Reminder...the Food Pantry Ministry can provide hospitality only through your generosity. Please remember to pick up some easy open proteins, canned pasta, veggies, nutrition bars, fruits, soups or hearty stews.

Toiletry Items for Food Pantry: As you travel and stay in hotels/motels, please pick up the small toiletry items offered to you. Our Food Pantry Guests who are grateful to receive them.

Clothing Donations: Warm clothing and rain wear needed for guests of our food pantry. **All men's basics:** coats, hoodies, jeans, khakis, rain suits, underwear, socks, scarves, belts, socks, gloves, sneakers, boots, ponchos, and collapsible umbrellas. Also, we get requests for sleeping bags, backpacks, and rolling suitcases.

Soup Kitchen is both 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9:00—10:30am

Come and help serve and share fellowship with our Food Pantry guests. Donations of fresh fruit (especially oranges and bananas) are welcome. Contact Karen Kincaid, 233-4215.

Wednesday Night 12 Step Group Hosts:

Provide a St. Mark's presence in the building during this important support ministry to those in recovery. Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm.

**To share in this ministry of presence and giving please contact Ed Street,
ed.street@suntrust.com. Thank you!**

GATHERED MINISTRY: FELLOWSHIP

Come On Now—Everyone Wants to have Fun!

Where better than at St. Mark's with friends new and old

**Neighborhood Dinners
Tuesdays at 6pm,
January 10, February 7,
March 7, and April 4.**



**A delicious dinner with
beverage and dessert all for
\$5.00**

**Lunch Bunch
Meets Second Sundays after the
10:30 service**



Contact Phoebe Davis,
pdavis@ahmdirect.com or
Karen Franklin, forpop247@gmail.com to
join the Bunch

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
Tuesday, February 28
6-7pm**



GATHERED MINISTRY: FELLOWSHIP

St. Mark's Young(ish) Adults

The St. Mark's Young Adults is a group of young people who are walking together to learn, laugh, grow in faith, reach out in service to our community, and spend time together for fun. We are a diverse group of individuals in our 20's and 30's (maybe a bit beyond!). We gather for fellowship, learning, prayer, and outreach.



Wherever you are in your faith journey, we invite you to gather with us on the second Sunday of March, June, September and December either just after the 10:30 service or later that evening at church or at a place to be announced prior to each meeting.

Please contact Kate Williams at kate.graham@richmond.edu or Paul Williams at paul.williams@richmond.edu for additional information and watch for announcements in the bulletins and on the website, www.stmarksrva.org.

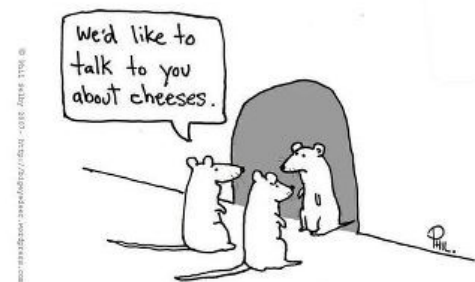
Evangelism = Invitation = Connection

The Evangelism Team has worked diligently the last several years and been very successful in out task-oriented team work: restarting the greeter ministry, the branding study, new logo design, new print materials and advertising, new banners and signage, 150th products and press, etc. We've accomplished a lot. And we know now it is time to re-focus our work.

Beginning late in 2016 and continuing into 2017, St. Mark's Evangelism Team is discerning its mission in the church and in the community. For many of us the word "Evangelism" no longer represents what we do, and for some of us it conjures up negative stereotypes of proselytizing at best and religious bigotry at worst—not what we are about.

What we are about is "intentional invitation," meeting those in our community and listening to what speaks to them, what their hopes are, what their story is and isn't when it comes to church. Invitation is the words Father David speaks every Sunday, welcoming all to the table.

St. Mark's is a remarkable community in that it sees itself as more than a set of four walls and our 151st year will likely involve the interpretation of what that means for the call of the church in the community, what it means for us as individuals called to follow and serve in community. Evangelism for us is invitation, intentional and spirit-led invitation into ministry that connects us as individuals and as community to Jesus and leads us to God.



Church Mice.

GATHERED MINISTRY: RVA TALKS

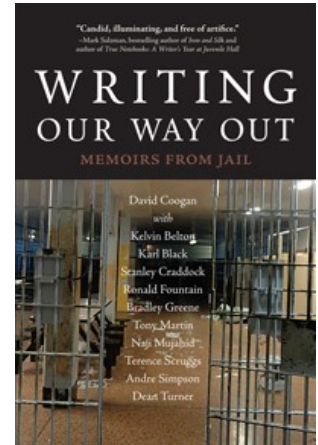
RVA Talks @ St. Mark's

What One Community of Faith Can Do To Produce Racial Healing and Reconciliation

February 19, 2017, 4pm:

RVA Talks @ St. Mark's: The Prison Industrial Complex

For the spring 17 installment of RVA Talks @ St. Mark's, we will host a discussion about the experience of people within the prison industrial complex. Dr. David Coogan, a faculty member of the VCU Department of English and co-author of the memoir *Writing Our Way Out* (as well as member of St. Paul's), will lead a panel discussion about the American prison experience with former inmates of the Richmond City Jail. Dr. Coogan teaches a class at the jail in which inmates write about their lives before incarceration, their experience of incarceration, and their plans for their post-incarceration lives. Each panelist, including Dr. Coogan, will read excerpts from *Writing Our Way Out* before opening up for questions. Information on how to get involved with Dr. Coogan's work at the city jail will also be shared. Join us for this thought-provoking event that will shed light on an often-forgotten population of our city.



"This is a work of creative non-fiction. It's my memoir of teaching a writing class to prisoners. And it's ten prisoners' memoirs, written with this hope in mind: that each man might understand the story of his life, and in so doing, change its course." – David Coogan, excerpt from the introduction

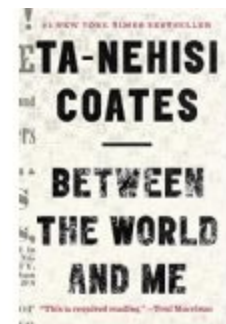
The discussion will conclude with an opportunity for the authors to address questions submitted by the audience.

RVA Talks Book Group @ St. Mark's

Meets first Sundays at 4pm in the Library—Currently reading:

Between the World and Me by Te-Nehisi Coates

In a profound work that pivots from the biggest questions about American history and ideals to the most intimate concerns of a father for his son, Ta-Nehisi Coates offers a powerful new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. Americans have built an empire on the idea of "race," a falsehood that damages us all but falls most heavily on the bodies of black women and men—bodies exploited through slavery and segregation, and, today, threatened, locked up, and murdered out of all proportion. What is it like to inhabit a black body and find a way to live within it? And how can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?



GATHERED MINISTRY:RVA TALKS

RVA Rapid Transit **January 15 @ noon**

Come and hear about progress in bringing transportation equity to the Richmond metropolitan region. We have a group of parish members and friends who are involved in lobbying Chesterfield County and other localities to open their roads to rapid transit bus lines. It is a critical need for the growth and health of our metropolitan area.

Currently Metropolitan Richmond is the only city of 1 million or more people in the world that does not have full-service public transportation along its major arteries.

Today, 90% of our jobs are inaccessible by public transportation. All of our major community colleges—which were promoted in the General Assembly as places to enable people to train for their first job—are inaccessible by public transportation. Our three major universities can only be reached on the bus by people in the central city. Neither our airport nor our train service is accessible by public transportation. As everyone knows, the new “town centers” and retail malls are not accessible except by private automobile.

Nowhere else in the world...Come and learn what it takes to be part of the change in this “segregation by transportation.” *(Ben Campbell)*



GraceInside **March 5 @ noon**



GraceInside is a privately funded organization that provides chaplains for Virginia's state prison system. Currently over 30,000 men and women are incarcerated in our state prisons—the equivalent of Virginia Tech's student body—chaplains provide emotional and spiritual support for these men and women during what is one of the most difficult passages of their lives. GraceInside changes lives. Through relationships GraceInside's chaplains share light in a dark place, safe passage through the storm and guidance for the journey home.

Rev. Lynn Litchfield of GraceInside will be with us to share her unique perspective on prison life. Light buffet lunch provided.

Deacon's Forum on Prison Ministry **March 19 @ noon**

As a follow-up to Rev. Litchfield's presentation, our deacon Sally Gunn will share with us about her many years of ministry at the Virginia Correctional Center for Women in Goochland County.



GATHERED MINISTRY: WORSHIP AND MUSIC

WHAT....ME.... SING????

There's a new opportunity afoot at St. Mark's, about exploring and investigating singing, aimed especially at men. This will be a chance for anyone interested to discover:

If he can "carry a tune"
 If he can "match a pitch"
 What his vocal "range" is
 (am I a Baritone, a Tenor, a Bass, a counter-tenor?).

Come for a group experience or an individual session to answer some of your questions and see what it's all about. Find out, too, what "reading" music really entails.

We'll establish a date and time according to people's individual schedules. And if you have specific questions in the meantime, we'll get them answered. Just use the email below to report your interest, and we'll take it from there.

Wheeler.david10@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.
David Wheeler



Easter Sunday is April 16

Holy Week services begin with Palm Sunday on April 9 at 8 and 10:30am
 and continue

Wednesday (Tenebrae) and Maundy Thursday at 7pm, Good Friday at Noon and 7pm, and
 Saturday with the Great Vigil, at 7:30pm.

GATHERED MINISTRY: EDUCATION AND FORMATION



Coffee & Conversation

Sunday Mornings
9:30am in the Library

Join us for a discussion of the Sunday readings – how they apply to life when written—and today. It will enrich your worship experience and deepen your understanding of the Bible.

LECTIO: GUIDED BIBLE READING

Lectio Study Group—On-line Bible Study

As Christians, we are called to read and learn about our faith so that our life together as a community, our ministries, and our spirituality can grow stronger. Here we integrate how God is present in the daily experiences of our lives and the dynamic relationship we have with God. The study of Scripture offers us such an opportunity. If you have an interest, a small group has begun using an online Bible Study called *Lectio*. They gather on first Fridays at 8am, Carytown Panera with Fr. David for coffee or breakfast to discuss the material. If you have an interest in this method of study please contact Fr. David at rector@stmarksrva.org to join the group.

The study materials are available on-line through Seattle Pacific University
<http://blog.spu.edu/lectio/>.

BUCK'S BIBLE BONANZA

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS 7:00 - 8:00 PM
THE LIBRARY

A study of the books of the bible.
Open to everyone.
Currently reading Paul's letters

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

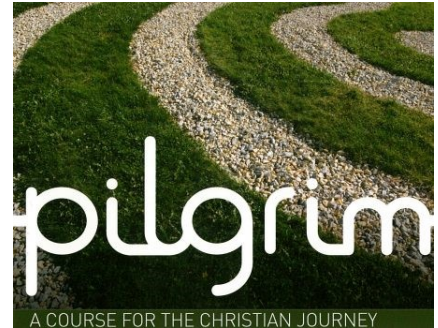
WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00AM

Meetings held in the Library.
Currently reading
Women of the Hebrew Scriptures

GATHERED MINISTRY: EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey

Pilgrim retains an unapologetic focus on Christian fundamentals and fellowship, while acknowledging a need for individualization and cultural sensitivity among contemporary inquirers.



Building a Solid Foundation for Christian Life

There seems to be a fresh movement in the Episcopal Church and other mainline churches, one the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry calls “The Jesus Movement.” In congregations across the country we are talking more about joining God’s mission and following the Way of Jesus. What do we really believe? Why does it matter? How do we follow Jesus when we are not in church? The need and desire for basic instruction in the Christian faith is palpable.

Pilgrim, from Church Publishing, is an attractive, accessible, and affordable resource for adults to build a solid foundation for contemporary Christian life. The aim of Pilgrim is clear: to help people become disciples of Jesus Christ. The small group format blends Christian practices of hospitality, prayer, study, and reflection to provide a rich learning environment that welcomes questions and introduces foundational texts and themes of Christianity.

Pilgrim draws from strengths of earlier discipleship programs such as Alpha, Disciples of Christ in Community, and even Cursillo, by retaining an unapologetic focus on Christian fundamentals and fellowship, while acknowledging a need for individualization and cultural sensitivity among contemporary inquirers.

Stages of Discipleship

Pilgrim has two stages, Follow and Grow. Each responds to the same four core questions: What do Christians believe? How do Christians know and worship God? How do Christians live? What is the Christian vision for the world?

Follow, for inquirers and those who are new to the faith, is structured around four central texts: The Baptismal Covenant, the Lord’s Prayer, the Commandments, and the Beatitudes.

Grow provides a deeper response by inviting participants to engage major themes of Christian life: the Creeds, the Eucharist, the Bible, and the Church in the World.

As Presiding Bishop Michael Curry describes in the forward, “Jesus did not establish an institution, found a religion, or create an organization. Jesus began a movement!” Pilgrim offers training – one 6-week course at a time – to prepare individuals for a lifelong commitment to the Jesus Movement.

*If you are interested in learning more about the Pilgrim Program
contact Father David, rector@stmarksrva.org*

GATHERED MINISTRY: EDUCATION AND FORMATION

Children's Worship Continues on Sundays at 10:30am

Please invite friends to join us in our Godly Play story, songs and prayers. The children are honored in the processional and then join together downstairs to hear and tell the lessons of the season and the day.

During the winter and spring we will hear the words of Jesus as he begins to teach and preach, and walk with him to Jerusalem.

Children's Worship is best suited for children ages 4-11, but we welcome younger children with a parent to be with them and older youth to serve as readers and helpers. Children return at the Peace to share the Eucharist with their family.



Family Foyer Group

Our Family Foyer Group gathers for seasonal fun and outings. These include a fall visit to a pumpkin patch or State Fair, Christmas Party, Spring fun at the ball park or bowling alley and a summer pool party. All ages of children are welcome! To find out more, contact Malinda, dre@stmarksrva.org

Youth Groups

Junior (grades 3-5)

and Senior (grade 6 and up)

meet the Second Sunday of the month

Our youth are involved in all aspects of ministry. Regular youth group meetings include learning and fun, special activities include CARITAS service, local mission, and other outreach projects.



St. Mark's needs additional youth leaders, if you are interested in knowing more about this ministry speak with Malinda Collier, Bill Crowder, or Father David.



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Dates to Remember:

First Tuesdays: Neighborhood
Dinner (except January)

Annual Meeting: January 29

Ash Wednesday: March 1

Palm Sunday: April 9

Holy Week Services: April 12-15

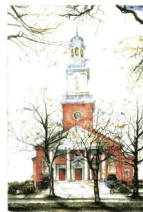
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2nd & 4th Saturdays: Food Pantry

Worship Times:

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 am



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