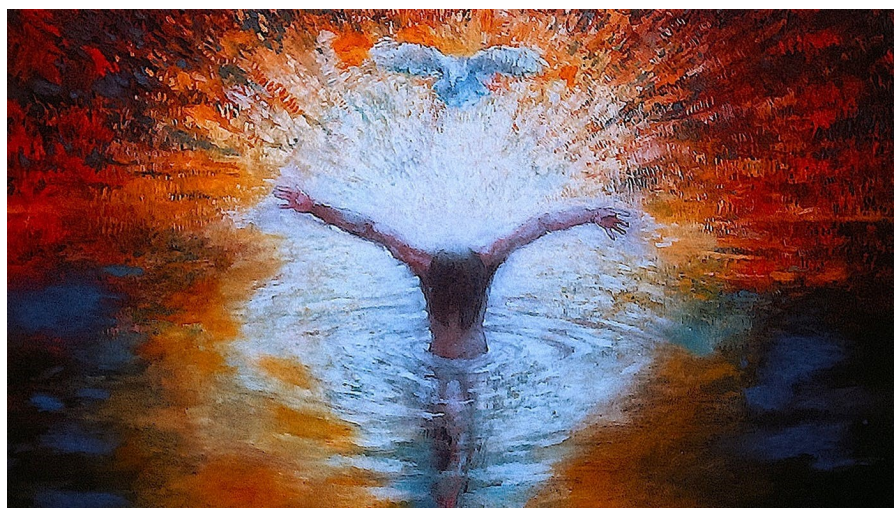


ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE LION'S TALE

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## The End of Christmas



The shopping is done. The gatherings have ended. The decorations are put away. The routine has resumed. The Christmas season wraps up with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. While the Christmas season may end, the effect of Christmas can transform our lives, not just seasonally but throughout the year. In the West we read the story of the magi, the gift of salvation to the Gentiles, on Epiphany (January 6) and then the following Sunday the gospel of the Baptism. In the Eastern Church, Epiphany celebrates the Baptism. From his baptism Jesus sets out on a new way of life: preaching, teaching, healing, forgiving and loving, that will lead to his death and resurrection. In a similar way, our baptisms send us out on our mission that we share with Christ: we bring his truth and his love into the world through our words and actions. We become the light in a world filled with darkness.

The prophet Isaiah knew about darkness in the story of Israel. Israel had been conquered by a variety of nations, Assyrians, Babylonians, Persians, Medes, Greeks, Romans. Our world at times seems filled with the darkness of war and terrorism, hatred and racism, poverty and ignorance, political and economic uncertainty. As one friend has said, "Our own lives experience the darkness of broken relationships, economic crises, health scares, and the terror of death coming to ourselves or to loved ones. Darkness also takes other shapes and forms: communities and places of worship endure the darkness of limited resources to help the needy. Hungry people live in the darkness of not knowing how to provide for their families. Homeless people live in the darkness of helplessness. Dependent children live in the darkness of insecurity. *cont. next page*



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Immigrants face darkness in the uncertainty about their future. The elderly live in the darkness of losing control of so many elements of their lives. Darkness appears as loneliness, fear, anxiety, desperation, hopelessness.” But the scriptures tell us that this darkness is no match for the light of Christ. Jesus, the light of the world, would enlist others to share his mission of bringing light: “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14).

As we celebrate the Lord’s Baptism, we recommit ourselves to our baptismal mission of living as the Body of Christ in the world, being the light in the darkness. This last feast day of the Christmas season sends us out to live gospel values as we bear witness to the presence of Jesus in our lives. The Christmas season may end, but the effect of Jesus’s birth still lives on in our lives which are transformed and empowered by the same Spirit that came upon Jesus at his Baptism. One poem by Howard Thurman, an African-American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader, said it this way:

*When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.*

May we at St. Mark’s continue to grow as the light of Christ to others in this New Year of 2018.

Blessings, *David*

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## SHARED MINISTRY: FINANCE



### Operations Update as of November 2017

November Budgeted Pledge Income:
\$220,323 Actual
\$231,000 Pledge

Our operations budget continues to be managed such that we have not had to go into the principal of our investment account. As of November 30, 2017 we have an operational surplus of about \$8,000—a remarkable feat as our approved budget had a \$70,000 deficit.

We have a chance to finish in the black! Funds received through December 2017 will make this possible and reduce our reliance on our investment account.

**Average Sunday Attendance: YTD - 117.5**

**2018 Pledge Campaign update:** 91 pledge units, total \$247,685! 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 2018**

Suzanne Long, Charlie Boisky, and Jim Contner 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 three 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 2018 Vestry Retreat is February 2 & 3 at the Roslyn Retreat Center**

## SHARED MINISTRY: VESTRY

### Vestry Candidates

#### Patrick McDuff

I grew up in Chesapeake, VA where attending St. Thomas Episcopal Church was a huge part of my childhood. Blair and I met while attending college at William & Mary in Williamsburg. I'd like to say I was a regular with the College Canterbury group which attended Bruton Parish in Williamsburg throughout those years...However, that would be miles from the truth! Blair and I moved to Richmond after school and through the good fortune of meeting the Kaufman's and living at Main and Boulevard, we started attending St. Mark's in the latter half of 2006. St. Mark's has been a special place for us. Blair was baptized on Easter at St. Mark's in 2008, we've met so many warm and loving people, and I had a very, very short stint on the Vestry. Soon after starting that position my job relocated us to Virginia Beach in 2010. We spent the next 6 years attending St. Paul's in Norfolk, VA (the church in Downtown w/ a Revolutionary War cannonball stuck on the side of it!). Grace (5) and Thomas (3...almost 4!) were born during this time. Both were baptized at St. Paul's. We made our way back to Richmond in 2016 and returned to St. Mark's. It's been fun rekindling old friendships and making new ones. Another great joy has been introducing Grace and Thomas. While extremely loud and very much less than well behaved during services, we hope their enthusiasm brings you more joy than it does annoyance! I am honored to be considered for the Vestry of St. Mark's and excited to serve.

Patrick McDuff



#### Nancy Munson

The first time I walked into St. Mark's, my heart was pounding and my breath shallow. I was in the midst of a severe crisis of faith and this was the first time in my life that I voluntarily entered a church that wasn't my "own". The welcome I received that morning, and since, has been overwhelming. I have not looked back! My service of choice is 8:00am. It's quiet (not many people) and for me, meditative. I've learned the names of those present, although, I stumble occasionally, and I now count each of them as friends. It's been 1-1/2 years now and



## SHARED MINISTRY: VESTRY CANDIDATES

while I'm still learning my way around, I'm pleased and delighted to be part of this loving, accepting congregation.

An invitation to serve on the Vestry was extended to me. With your prayers, support and patience, I will do my best to serve this community.

Nancy Munson

### **Denis Riva**

I am married to Charlie Boisky, and am "Papa" to Mamie and Jim (our 2-year-old twins). I've been a member of St. Marks' since about 2010 (albeit with a bit of a break in there). In my work life I am an in-house attorney for McKesson Medical-Surgical based here in Richmond focusing on commercial transactions and was previously been employed by MWV/WestRock and Capital One. I am a past president of the Board of Directors for Cadence Theatre Company, chair of the Washington and Lee University Richmond Chapter Alumni Admission Program and serve on St. Mark's strategic planning committee. Outside of work, parenting and volunteer activities, I am a devoted practitioner of yoga and ardent lover of bad TV. I am passionate about the work St. Mark's does daily and committed to St. Mark's long-term health so that such work can continue. (pictured here with Jim and Mamie and his mom, Patricia)



Denis Riva



Vestry members serve a three-year team. Each member also serves on at least one ministry team of the congregation and reports on activities and needs of the teams to the full Vestry. Vestry meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm, and during its annual retreat the first weekend of February.

## SENT MINISTRY: OUTREACH

### Care Bags for ACTS Lent 2018

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.

During Lent let's 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 February 18, both in the church and on-line.**

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### Yard Sale April 21, 8:00am—1:00pm

Bring your stuff to the church starting on Tuesday, April 17. If you need pick-up contact Ed Street; pick-ups for the sale begin on Wednesday, April 18 (NO PICK-UP ON FRIDAY).

**This year we are not accepting clothing or accessories—NO CLOTHES!**

**Drop-off ends at noon on Friday.**

A portion of this year's proceeds will go to ACTS, and to other area non-profits. Last year we raised funds for ACTS, Virginia Supportive Housing, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, Haiti Mid-wives, and the Youth In-town Mission work.

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.streetva@gmail.com](mailto:ed.streetva@gmail.com)**



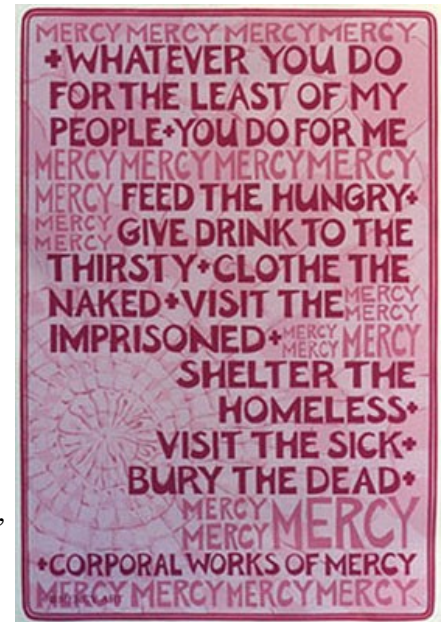
## SENT MINISTRY: OUTREACH

### **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.

Pastries, donuts, and muffins are also welcome



**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.

### **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.

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### **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. Sign-up on-line or on paper in the basement hallway.

**To share in this ministry of presence and giving please contact Ed Street,  
ed.streetva@gmail.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 9, February 6,**  
**March 6, and April 3.**



**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 13**  
**6-7pm**



## GATHERED MINISTRY: PLANNING PROCESS

### **Discerning Our Call in Community: Planning Process 2017-2018 Update**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church is on the cusp of something big. Having successfully marked our 150<sup>th</sup> birthday we are actively looking toward what years 151 + calls. We have come a long way in five years and have all the signs of many good years ahead.

St. Mark's is a strong and healthy community.

**We have completed the first part of the planning process.** Our Planning Team met in September and defined the questions and work flow for the focus groups. Eight focus group sessions took place in October and November, engaging 119 participants (several members of the Planning Team and congregation attended more than one session). Notes were taken during each group—often by more than one participant—and forwarded to our planning consultant, Kathryn Whitney of Warren Whitney.

Coming together again in late January the St. Mark's Planning Team will review the focus group notes and begin to organize the observations and opinions offered into themes and shared visions. This work will take place over several months and will likely result in smaller working groups pulling together needed information and ideas from those involved in our current ministries. The work this spring will take into consideration these two main functions:

- **Environmental Scan** to analyze the current position of St. Mark's and review mission and core values.
- A two-part **Planning Session Process**:
  - First step - to review collected data and evaluate it asking ourselves, "Is what we have found at this step consistent with the previous processes?" If so we proceed, if not we pause and reevaluate to determine any needed updates and restatement of mission and values. After this first step is successfully completed we move to
  - Second step – an outgrowth of the healthy completion of all steps - to create the plan and goals.

The plan we develop is not going to end up like so many other planning projects, as "just another binder on the shelf." The plan we create is a living document designed to help keep us on course through regular review and evaluation to both center ministry in mission and values, and to measure progress. St. Mark's leadership will continue to engage with this plan on a regular basis to both measure our progress and help us discern new goals.

Our hope is to present a working draft of the final plan to the Vestry after Easter.

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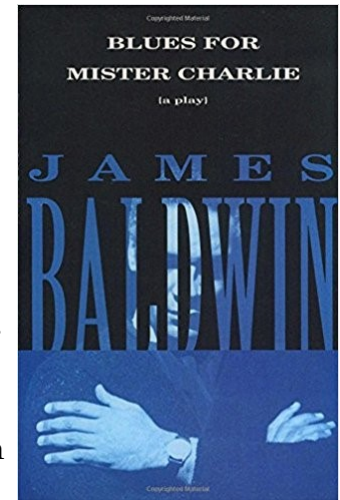
**Planning Team members:** Co-chairs Suzanne Long & Shannon Heady  
Jo Tyler, Joe Kelly, Phoebe Davis, Wes Kaufman, Dan Hartman, Andrea Lofton,  
Linda Strickland, Mickie Jones, Karen Franklin, Isabel Wescoat, Tamara Orr, Denis Riva, and  
Dustin Landers.

## GATHERED MINISTRY:RVA TALKS

### RVA TALKS

#### *Blues for Mister Charlie* by James Baldwin

The Play - April 18 –22  
University of Richmond



James Baldwin's *BLUES FOR MISTER CHARLIE* is an epic drama that confronts us all with the truth of just *how widely we are still divided by race* in America, and the distinctly dichotomous realities in which we live. Baldwin writes a story that actively engages the audience examining the question "What is Truth" when we are all subject to our own perspective; framed by our history, cultural norms and personal experience. The stories we *know*, the ones we have been told, and our *LIVED* experiences inform our beliefs and opinions about race in America no matter what the circumstance.

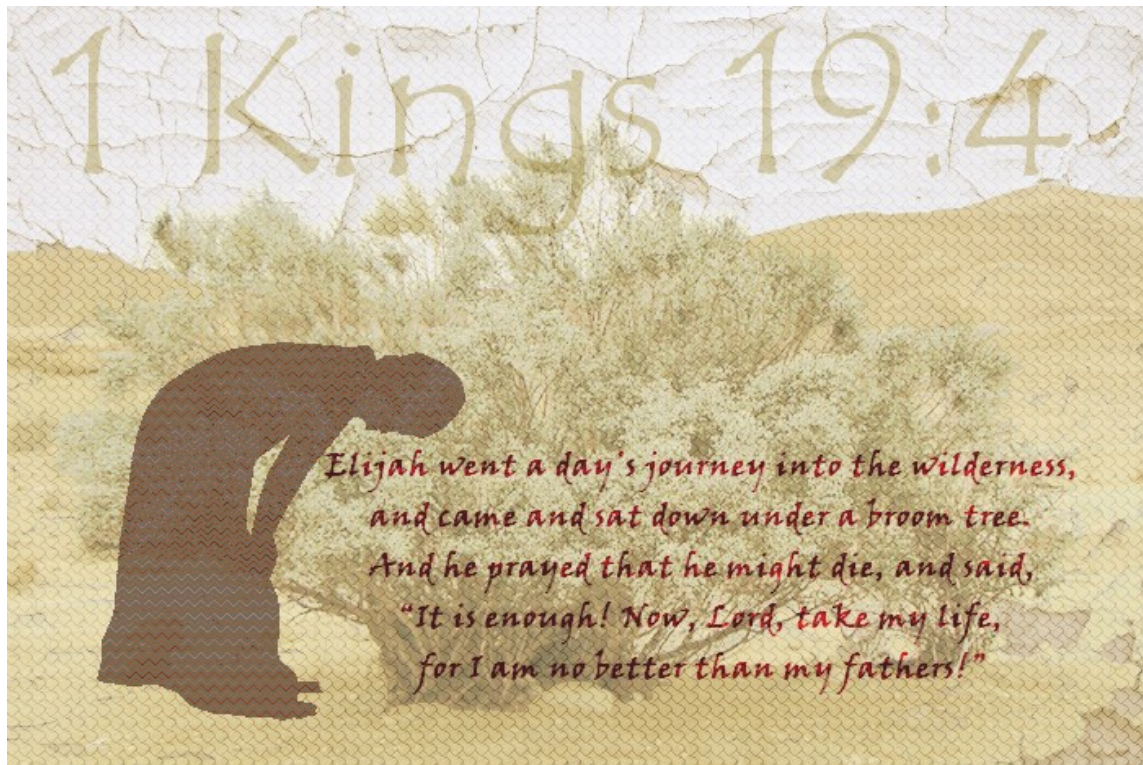
*"In a small Southern town, a white man murders a black man, then throws his body in the weeds. With this act of violence--which is loosely based on the notorious 1955 killing of Emmett Till--James Baldwin launches an unsparing and at times agonizing probe of the wounds of race. For where once a white storekeeper could have shot a (black) "boy" like Richard Henry with impunity, times have changed. And centuries of brutality and fear, patronage and contempt, are about to erupt in a moment of truth as devastating as a shotgun blast."*

In his award-winning play, Baldwin turns a murder and its aftermath into an inquest in which even the most well-intentioned whites are implicated, complacent blacks are challenged --and in which even a killer receives his share of compassion. All of which shines a bright light on the community in which we live, and impels us to take on the responsibility, **to bear witness, to acknowledge and to recognize the work that MUST be done**, if we are going to have a future together.

**"Call to the Table of Dialogue."** In the spirit of community organizing and engagement the organizers intend to activate the Greater Richmond community around partnering with various and diverse communities, groups and individuals to launch what will be a larger week long event in the coming academic year shared between the campuses of VCU and the University of Richmond as collaborators and producers of *BLUES FOR MISTER CHARLIE*. The play is an *Artistic Intervention*, creating a space for open and honest dialogue around Race, Racial Healing, and Historic Trauma & Our Community in RVA. Can we create *healing space* and employ restorative practices as we endeavor to work together and move forward towards change and conciliation?

*This a collaborative program of The Conciliation Project, VCU, UR, and the African American Repertory Theatre Company.*

## GATHERED MINISTRY: LENTEN SERIES



### **Lenten Series 2018: The So-Called Silence of God**

In I Kings 19, we find the prophet Elijah alone and in despair. He believes that his entire culture has not only forgotten God, but that they are consciously embracing lies instead of truth. In Orwellian language, the people are stating that  $2 + 2 = 5$ . Even worse in Elijah's opinion is God's apparent silence on this state of affairs—a silence that leaves the Hebrew people, Elijah included, to dark fates. While God is indeed silent in this passage, God also speaks through and provides direction in that silence, granting Elijah a renewed sense of mission. In fact, by the end of the passage, Elijah is off on a new divine journey.

In this 3-week series, we will sit with Elijah, deconstruct his despair, and deconstruct the direction that God provides, ironically, through silence. Our guiding questions will include: How is God speaking through apparent silence today, in a culture rife with violence and injustice? How is God directing us on our contemporary journey, and where is that journey taking us? No pre-reading or knowledge of 1 Kings is necessary for this study. Just arrive prepared to think, engage, talk, and question.

**Dates are:** February 28, March 7 & 14

6pm Evening Prayer

6:30 Supper

7:00 Program led by Dale Smith (yay)

## GATHERED MINISTRY: WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### VARIOUS ASPECTS OF CHRISTMAS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF JOY

Here we are in this festive season of Christmas, after having thoughtfully prepared ourselves through reading and hearing about the prophecies, the work of John the Baptist, and the Annunciation. Our music in Christmas illustrates varied expressions of joy: the rollicking joviality of “God Rest ye Merry, Gentlemen”, and “Joy to the World”, and “Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing”. And there is the more pensive joy of “It Came upon a Midnight Clear” and “In the Bleak Midwinter”.



On a markedly thought-provoking note, there is the tender and very romantic song by Hugo Wolf, sung so beautifully by Steve on Christmas Eve, “*Schlafendes Jesuskind* – Sleep Holy Jesus Child”, which is the poet’s reflection on a famous painting in which Jesus, in a manger, is lying on a beam of wood. The music parallels the work of Wolf’s contemporaries, Gustav Mahler and Richard Strauss. The imagery in the poetry in part foreshadows the Crucifixion, gently reminding us of the Ultimate Purpose for the Incarnation. The shadow of the Cross hangs over the crib.

With all good wishes for a blessed and thoughtful New Year.

*David Wheeler*



## **Easter Sunday is April 1 - no foolin**

Holy Week services begin with Palm Sunday on March 25 at 8 and 10:30am  
and continue

Wednesday (Tenebrae) and Maundy Thursday at 6:30pm, Good Friday at Noon and  
6:30pm, 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](mailto: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 Exodus

Come find out what it feels like to  
wander 40 years in the wilderness

### **WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY**

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00AM

Meetings held in the Library.  
Currently reading  
How Jesus Became God

## GATHERED MINISTRY: EDUCATION AND FORMATION

### **Small Group Opportunities** ***On Being, and We Make the Road by Walking***

***On Being*** is a Peabody Award-winning public radio conversation and podcast. *On Being* opens up the animating questions at the center of human life: What does it mean to be human, and how do we want to live? *On Being* explore these questions in their richness and complexity in 21st-century lives and endeavors.

*On Being* takes up the big questions of meaning with scientists and theologians, artists and teachers — some you know and others you'll love to meet. Each week a new discovery about the immensity of our lives — updated every Thursday. Hosted by Krista Tippett. Discover more at [onbeing.org](http://onbeing.org).

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*On Being* airs on more than 400 public radio stations across the U.S., and is distributed by Public Radio Exchange (PRX). The podcast is free and reaches a global audience via SoundCloud.

***We Make the Road by Walking*** is a 2014 book by noted author Brian McLaren.

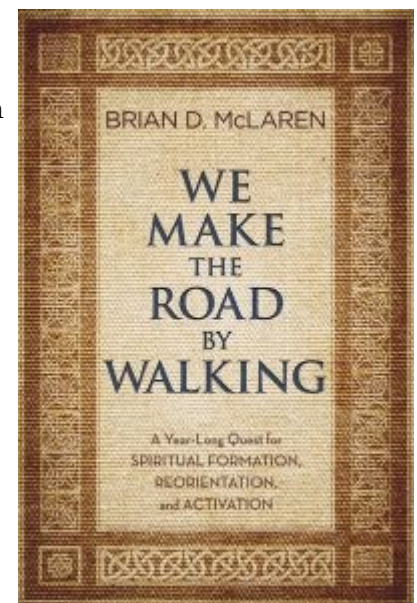
*Wanderer, your footsteps are the road, and nothing more; wanderer, there is no road, the road is made by walking. By walking one makes the road, and upon glancing behind one sees the path that never will be trod again.*

*Wanderer, there is no road— Only wakes upon the sea.* Antonio Machado:

The title suggests that Christian faith is still “in the making. It continues to grow, evolve, learn, change, emerge, and mature ... in and through us. What we will be as Christians in the 21st century, for better or worse, will surely change what Christian faith will be in the 22nd century and beyond.

The book offers 52+ chapters that give an overview of the biblical story and a fresh introduction or re-orientation to Christian faith. Each chapter is written to be read aloud in ten to twelve minutes, and is accompanied by a set of Scripture readings, reflection/discussion questions, and liturgical resources — so the book can be useful in a variety of ways for classes, small groups, new faith communities, and churches. And of course, it's an inspiring and formative read for individuals too.

**For more information on these two small group offerings contact Malinda, [dre@stmarksrv.org](mailto:dre@stmarksrv.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](mailto:dre@stmarksrva.org)

### **Youth Groups Junior (grades 3-5) and Senior (grade 6 and up) meet quarterly for fellowship and service**

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, or Father David.





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### Dates to Remember:

**Annual Meeting:** January 28

**Ash Wednesday:** February 14

**Lenten Series:** February 28, March 7 & 14

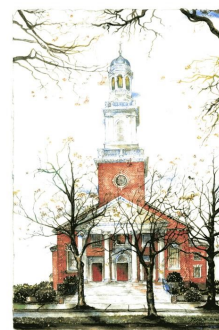
**Palm Sunday:** March 25

**Holy Week Services:** March 28-31

**Easter Sunday:** April 11

**Yard Sale:** April 21

**2nd & 4th Saturdays:** Food Pantry



**Sunday Worship Times:** 8:00 & 10:30 am

**[www.stmarksrva.org](http://www.stmarksrva.org)—check it out, check it often!**

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*Noah Cozart, Sexton*

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*Suzanne Long*

*Junior Warden:*

*Mike Gephart*

*Suzanne Long, Treasurer*

*Karen Franklin, Register*

*Charlie Boisky*

*Jim Contner*

*Mickie Jones*

*Dolores Ramiza*

*Sam Shute*

*Amy Strite*

*Paul Williams*

THE DEADLINE FOR THE MAY-AUGUST  
ISSUE OF *THE LION'S TALE* IS FRIDAY,  
APRIL 13