

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE LION'S TALE

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St Mark's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A New Year Brings Joy and Opportunity

It is with a heart of gratitude that I thank St. Mark's for the warm embrace of welcome since coming aboard in September. I have felt the love week after week, and it is a joy to be a partner in ministry with all of you. I wanted to let you all know a few things which are emerging.

- I've been working with the fantastic Young Adults of St. Mark's on forming a bible study group which will meet "out and about" in Richmond beginning in mid-January.
- In Advent, several of us of all ages gathered for the making of prayer beads and contemplative prayer on Friday afternoons; along with the ministry retreats that Dorothy and I have worked together to facilitate at Roslyn (last October, and this coming March) I also hope that ways to engage contemplative prayer practices will be something I can continue to explore within our parish.
- Finally, my deep love for and commitment to working with those living with poverty and on the social margins of this world has meant that I've joyfully embraced work with our Food Pantry participants on Saturdays and I'm working with our Outreach team around their own faith formation in their ministries responding to the needs of the community.

I know many of you have also reached out to find out more about the Faith from the Margins to the Web project which was recently honored by the Episcopal Evangelism Society, and I wanted to offer up an opportunity on Sunday, January 12th at 9:15 (between our services) for those who might want to gather and learn more about this project so we can think together about new iterations that might be possible here at St. Mark's. Again, it's my humble honor to serve with you here at St. Mark's in these and other capacities. I'm looking forward to all the good work that God is calling us to do.

Grace and Peace,
Sarah



Have you ever met someone thrilled with the reality that she/he/they will be spending more time at work? Well, I am that person. Beginning in January I am thrilled that I will be spending even more time as a staff person in our parish. Below I will summarize what is unfolding:

- We have just completed a study of the book, *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson. The text provides an overview of the creation and development of the Equal Justice Initiative. Many of us are looking forward to the release of the motion picture of the same title as the book. The film is based upon the truth of a need for social justice as well as the need for social justice advocates.
- I have also been privileged to meet with teens once a month. We are reading and discussing the book, *Freedom's Children: Young Civil Rights Activists Tell Their Own Stories*, by Ellen Levine. With a visit from a civil rights activist, Mae Shields who as a teen was among those



FROM SARAH AND DOROTHY

beaten and arrested in Birmingham in 1963, our conversation continues to be challenging and insightful.

- Finally, as much as I was looking forward to continuing my participation in the Diocesan program, *The Triangle of Hope*, my anticipation has increased even more. Our own Carter Strite has applied and been selected as one of the pilgrims who will join in a three-year commitment to this incredible cause. We will travel to Liverpool, England this summer. We will host the ToH pilgrims from Liverpool and Kumasi, Ghana in the summer of 2021. And our final stop will be Kumasi in 2022.
- Malinda and I are reading and reviewing *Sacred Ground*, material intended for use in Episcopal churches as an intentional step toward racial reconciliation. We will be in touch via our email communiqué about this program.

I am deeply grateful for you and all that you continue to do to remind me that STM is indeed my new home.

May our amazing God continue to amaze you,
Dorothy+



SHARED MINISTRY: FINANCE



Operations Update as of November 2019

November Budgeted Income:
\$380,424 Actual (pledges \$271,839)
\$311,368 Budgeted (budgeted pledges \$238,791)

Our operations budget continues to be managed such that we have not had to go into the principal of our investment account.

Average Sunday Attendance 2019 = 124.98 (2018 = 117.19)

2020 Pledge Campaign update: 102 pledge units!

Well on our way to a goal of 105 pledges. We are happy to report that a significant number of parishioners have increased their pledges, and we have new pledges. The principal financial goal for St. Mark's, as identified in the Strategic Plan, is closing up budget gaps without drawing down the church's investment account. In recent years, realizing this objective would require an annual pledged income in excess of 360K. Raising annual giving is an ongoing, multi-year process. For the financial health of the church, it is imperative we make as much progress toward our strategic goal annually as possible.

Your Stewardship Team

SHARED MINISTRY: ANNUAL MEETING AND VESTRY

Vestry Nominations 2019

Mickie Jones, Paul Williams, and Amy Strite are our “graduating” Vestry class. As such they serve as the nominating committee. **We will elect three new Vestry members during the Annual Meeting, January 26.**

By canon, Vestry members must be at least 16 years old, active members of the community, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, and a communicant 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 2020 Vestry Retreat is February 7 & 8 at the Roslyn Retreat Center



SHARED MINISTRY: VESTRY

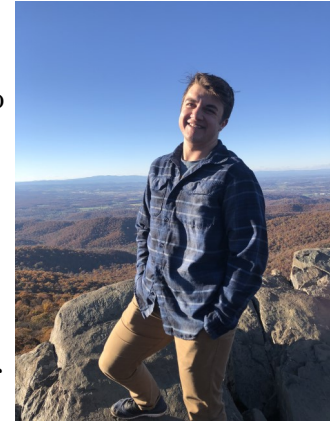
Vestry Candidates

Ryn Kennedy

I grew up just west of Richmond, over in Henrico County where I attended Christ Church Episcopal. The church was brand new at the time, and service was held in the elementary school up the street from our home. To simply say I was raised in the church would be an understatement - my church felt closer to family.

As I grew older, I became disconnected from both the church and myself. During this time, I felt very lost. Thankfully I was able to find strength, love, friendship and community in other forms, finding particular solace and safety on my college rugby team, in the Richmond punk music scene, and in the local LGBTQ+ community. Once I reached a place where I was able to practice self-care and focus on my wellbeing, I found that a part of me was still missing. Once I realized and understood having faith in myself, I began to find my faith in God again. Out of the habit of attending church regularly, I didn't quite know where to begin. One day my partner, Margaret, who was also on a journey of rediscovering her faith, invited me to attend a service with her at St. Marks. I was hooked after my first service, and we have attended ever since.

I resonate with the mission, diversity, sense of strong community, and emphasis on service that St. Mark's provides. The values of faith that St. Mark's preaches are the very same ones I have learned to practice in my own life - to love God, love others, and love myself. After a long and difficult journey, it feels nice to be home.



Jeff Dussault

I am originally from upstate New York and was baptized at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Little Falls, NY. My wife Kathy is from Queens. We met in college and have been married for 36 years. We have two daughters (31 and 28 years old) and a 23-year-old son. I am a management consultant/account executive with Marsh and McLennan.

Kathy and I moved to Richmond a year ago from northern Virginia. When our son graduated from college in 2018 we became empty nesters. A new job brought us to Richmond and we decided to settle in the Fan district to try our hand at some urban living after 30 years in the suburbs. In addition to getting to know our new city and neighborhood, we were also looking for opportunities to put some of the newly found free time we had to good use by volunteering with organizations that support the local community. And we hoped to find a parish that might become a spiritual home and help us reconnect with the church.

On that last point, our first Sunday in Richmond happened to coincide with the largest snowstorm to hit the city in the past 100 years (as we later learned). So we decided to head out on foot to try out the nearest Episcopal church. I am a lifelong Episcopalian and Kathy and I have attended a number of churches during our years together. However, we have never been as warmly welcomed by any congregation anywhere as we were by the people at St. Marks on that cold day and in the weeks and months since. As we have come to know more of the St. Marks family over the past year, and learned about its history and mission, it has become clear that this is a congregation that cares deeply about each other and the people it serves in the wider Richmond community. I will confess to struggling at times with



SHARED MINISTRY: VESTRY CANDIDATES

my own faith (that is still a work in progress) but I was struck immediately with St. Mark's mission - "to serve the working people of Richmond." I see that as a wonderful example of a compassionate and people-centered mission that I'd like to promote and be a part of.

I look forward to serving on the Vestry and committing time and energy to support the programs that St. Marks sponsors today and help build a strong foundation to ensure it can continue to fulfill its mission for years to come.

Isabel Wescoat

I was brought up attending Christ Episcopal Church in Calumet, MI. I've attended St Marks for almost 6 years, co-chairing the Young-ish Adults group for one year, serving on the Evangelism Team and the Long-Range Planning Team, as well as volunteering for the St Mark's Pride Booth and a few Shrove Tuesday Pancake Suppers. I am honored by the invitation to serve St Mark's through the vestry, and the opportunity to be a part of the positive changes and growth I have seen in the past few years.

I recently finished my MBA at VCU with a concentration in Global Business, and work in product marketing for a software company. My fiancé Miles are excited to be married at St Mark's this spring.



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 in early February. The 2020 Vestry Retreat is February 7 & 8.

SENT MINISTRY: OUTREACH

Care Bags for ACTS Lent 2020

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, dish detergent, or 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 March 1, both in the church and on-line.

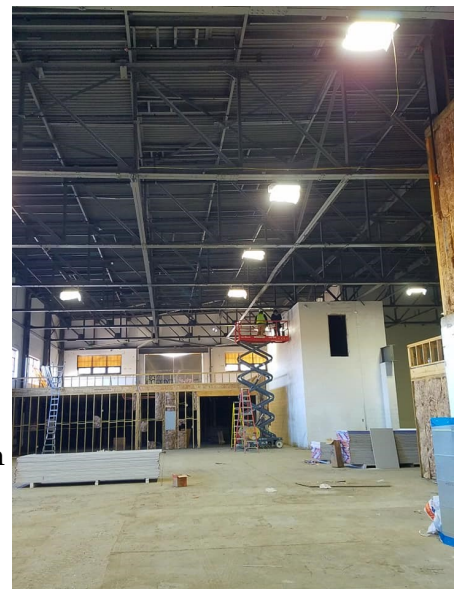


CARITAS: A New Home Brings New Opportunities!

CARITAS is currently undergoing major changes, which will present us with new mission opportunities. They are renovating a 150,000 square foot complex in Southside to be their new home. The facility will house an emergency shelter and 160 beds for women enrolled in the Healing Place for Women, a substance abuse recovery program.

It will also have 47 sober-living apartments for people transitioning from the substance abuse recovery program. It will also house their furniture bank which accepts furniture for donation or sale to low-income households. And those are just the highlights.

Four Outreach teammates toured the facility in December to learn more about 2020 changes, and how we can assist. We plan to stay very engaged with CARITAS and look forward to new missions in the coming year.



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
Sign up on-line or on the bulletin board in the hallway.

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 Franklin, forpop247@gmail.com

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!**

SENT MINISTRY: OUTREACH

Again in 2019 we had an exciting and busy year in the ministries of Outreach.

With the help of many congregation members, we continued our ongoing programs. Each Wednesday night we opened the church for the 12-Step Recovery Program and provided a chaperone for the event. This program often has more than 100 attendees. Twice a month on Saturday mornings, with the help of volunteers from St. Andrew's, we provided a hot meal for 50 to 80 guests and a bag of groceries to go. This mission includes dozens of volunteers, and the opportunity to greet and share a few kind words with our neighbors.

In the spring we collected and delivered an overflowing truckload of 70 care bags to ACTS (Area Congregations Together in Service). As you know, we partner with ACTS, a local non-profit organization that assists our neighbors in financial crisis. Their goal is to prevent a crisis from leading to homelessness. Among our bags was a stack of bus passes, a helpful bonus that ACTS will share with our neighbors in need of assistance.

In May we held our 22nd Yard Sale. We raised \$3,260 including \$240 from the bake sale. Funds are being distributed to ACTS, Midwives of Haiti, RealLife, Virginia Supportive Housing, YWCA, ART180, and Emma Wright's YASC ministry in Oman. The Yard Sale is a huge event, building camaraderie within our congregation in the planning, set up, execute of the sale, and cleanup after. More than 35 volunteers spent over 500 hours carrying out this ministry. Many other members of the congregation donated goods or shopped during the sale. The sale also brings hundreds of neighbors and area citizens to our church to enjoy shopping and interacting with our volunteers.

We remain very actively involved with CARITAS. Once again, in July through early August, we hosted the CARITAS Intake program, providing a convenient daily rendezvous point for the ladies, including hospitality, companionship and other goodies. This involved 101 ministry positions being filled through 265 hours of ministry time. We also continued participation in the CARITAS Eats program. In 2019 we delivered lunch 6 times, and dinner 5 times to CARITAS facilities or other sites hosting CARITAS events. We have received many accolades from CARITAS administrators and guests. Our goal is to deliver at least one lunch or dinner a month in 2020.

Over the summer we collected school supplies for Anna Julia Cooper school. And every other month a small mission team visited McGuire Hospital to hand out ice cream treats and a few kind words to patients and staff.

We just finished the annual Christmas Gifts program. Our congregation purchased and gift wrapped items for 70 people in need of assistance in the Richmond area (a record count for us). Many of these residents live alone and have no families. Our gifts are often all they receive for Christmas. Each person provides us with a list of desired items most useful to them. Typically they ask for simple things: winter clothes, jackets, shoes, blankets, quilts and other everyday necessities of life.

We encourage everyone to join us! We look for the spiritual component in all our ministries, and strive to make that the foundation of everything we do. There are many ways to get involved with Outreach. You will have fun, meet new members, and help your neighbors in Richmond!



SHARED MINISTRY: /FROM THE RECTOR

Dear St. Mark's,

Instead of my usual article on the first page I asked that Rev. Sarah Kye Price and Rev. Dorothy White introduce themselves and their ministry with us. But I also want to use this means to bring you up to date on a few things.

New Staff

Since 2012 we have sustained new growth in membership at St. Mark's. To meet the needs of a growing healthy church 2019 has been a significant year in terms of new staff for St. Mark's. We have welcomed two new priests who joined us in September as Priest Associates, the Rev. Dorothy White and the Rev. Sarah Kye Price. Both are valuable additions whose gifts and skills enhance the ministry of St. Mark's and offer greatly needed support to the rector and leadership. They have already immersed themselves into the life of this church and received a wonderful St. Mark's welcome!

Stewardship

Our stewardship is about supporting the ministries of St. Mark's as we continuously ask "what is God calling us to do?" We use our time, talents and money to build up those ministries as we go about doing the work of healing and reconciling a hurting and broken world and making God's love for all of creation known. As you are aware, we began our pledge requests in October. To date, we are in a good place as we move toward the goal of 105 pledges. We have responded in our discipleship and to God's call faithfully and thoughtfully. We are reminded that a healthy community receives many gifts of all shapes and sizes given by all kinds of people out of love. We are a healthy community and as such we ask for money when we feel confident that we can use it in the service of God. We are a church where we hold fast to the faith in a loving God shown to us in the life and ministry of Jesus. In that faith, we are a people who cares enough to serve. If you have not pledged yet please consider making your gift and joining us in the service of God through our ministries at St. Mark's.

Building and Renovation

We are still completing the plans for renovation of this beautiful and sacred place from which we are enabled to carry out most effectively our ministries of worshipping, pastoring, teaching, evangelizing, and outreach in and to the community and beyond. With the best laid plans there will always be things that require some revisions of time and plan. The sound system consultants have met with us and we are waiting for their proposal. We are working on an agreement for management of the parking lot that would assure us of income to offset some of the repayment of the loan we will secure from the Diocesan Missionary Society to finance the renovation project. As we prepare for this project I remind myself of the experience of other rectors who said to me that these things demand patience. Indeed they were correct! But all good things take time and patience.

I look forward to a blessed 2020 as we continue to explore together what God is calling us to do in our ministries at St. Mark's.

Blessings,
David



GATHERED MINISTRY: FELLOWSHIP

Come On Now—Everyone Wants to have Fun!

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

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 25



6-7pm



BRING AN APPETIZER TO
SHARE

PARISH EPIPHANY DINNER

Saturday, January 11,
6pm

GATHERED MINISTRY: LENTEN SERIES, HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Lenten Series 2020: A Lenten Journey through the Psalms

The psalms, the original prayers of the people, are as familiar to us as they are strange. In this three-week study, we will look closely at a series of psalms that depict a variety of human experiences: The experience of order, of confusion, of despair, and of joy in a God who saves. We will discuss what the psalms imply that we can include in our prayer life, including pointing an angry finger at God on occasion, as well as what they teach us about how to understand scripture. Most importantly, the psalms will reveal that the human journey into God's future, which we consciously explore during Lent, was present in the Jewish tradition long before Jesus. No advance reading is needed, though you are invited to review and meditate on the psalms linked below before we meet. And in honor of the psalms, know that all of your questions about faith and God are not only allowed at this study, but celebrated!

- Order: [Psalm 1](#)
- Confusion: [Psalm 73](#)
- Despair: [Psalm 22](#) and [Psalm 88](#)
- Joy: [Psalm 150](#)

Dates are: March 24, 31 & April 7

6pm Evening Prayer

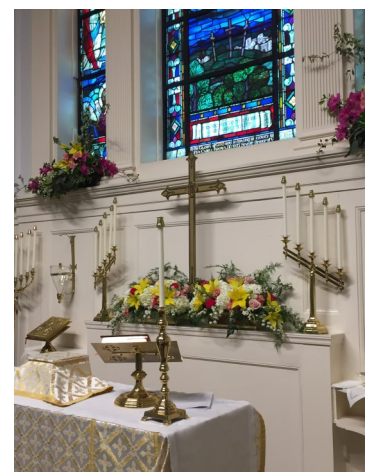
6:30 Supper

7:00 Program led by Dale Smith and Rev. Sarah Kye Price

Easter Sunday is April 12

Holy Week services begin with
Palm Sunday on April 5 at 8 and 10:30am
and continue

Wednesday, April 8 Tenebrae
Maundy Thursday April 9 at 6:30pm
Good Friday April 10 at Noon and 6:30pm
The Great Vigil, Saturday April 11 at 7:30pm.



GATHERED MINISTRY: MUSIC

MUSIC AND POETRY

Hymns are not easy to sing! The tune goes over and over; now it's up; now it's down; when do I breathe; and don't talk about all those words.....on and on it goes.

We know that poetry is different from prose. A poet might get annoyed if you ask him what his poem "means": it doesn't "mean" anything, it just is what it is. What does it "mean" to you?

Most often, thankfully, the musical phrases of a hymn coincide neatly with the phrases of the poetry. That is, they begin and end together. Think about "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord". The musical phrase ends, the phrase of poetry ends, we take a breath, and go on. Neat.

But sometimes the phrase of poetry does not end, or coincide, with the end of the musical phrase. We all know poetry in which a line does not end with a punctuation mark, but goes on in its sense into the next line. Consider the last part of the second verse of "Immortal, invisible":

"thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love".

The musical phrase ends with the word "above".....and we expect to breathe. But the sense of the poetry goes on with "thy clouds,". So we need to carry the music through "...high soaring above thy clouds"....then break at the comma and breathe. Otherwise, if we break "high soaring above" from "thy clouds", "thy clouds" has no meaning, and is left hanging out there alone. The object is broken from its preposition. Better to grab a quick breath after "mountains".

At St. Mark's we are getting better at singing with good attention to the meaning of the poetry. Often the organ can help alert us to breathe (especially where there is a comma in the text) so that we have enough air to carry through a long phrase of poetry coming up. Where possible, the poetic sense or scan takes precedent over a musical phrase. The poetry is the primary focus.

David Wheeler

Bishop's Visit is Sunday, April 26

The Right Reverend Susan Goff, Bishop Suffragan of Virginia will be with us on Sunday, April 26. This is the Sunday closest to our "name day," the feast of St. Mark's. Bishop Goff will offer the rites of baptism, confirmation and reception. If you are interested in participating in any of these please chat with Father David.



**An "Episcopal 101" will be held on Saturday, March 7 from 10am—2pm,
for adult preparation. Includes lunch.**

GATHERED MINISTRY: EDUCATION AND FORMATION

The Faith from the Margins to the Web project

Sunday, January 12th at 9:15
(between our services)

Join Rev. Sarah to learn more about her award-winning evangelism project. This is an opportunity to gather and learn more about this project so we can think together about new iterations that might be possible here at St. Mark's.



Coffee & Conversation

Sunday Mornings
9:30am, Library

Join us for a discussion of the Sunday readings & current events – how they apply to life when written—and today.

It will enrich your worship experience and deepen your understanding of the Bible.

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

SECOND FRIDAYS, 8:30AM
KROGER CARYTOWN CAFE

A study of the books of the Bible using a variety of resources.

Open to everyone.

Currently reading

The Prophets by A. Heschel

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

We will begin by exploring themes of new beginnings, starting in a New Year.

We will meet in venues around town on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

Contact Rev. Sarah Kye Price to join,
priestsp@stmarksrva.org

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:

Letters of Peter

WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAYS AT 10:00AM

Meetings held in the Library.

Currently reading:

The Triumph of Christianity
by Bart Ehrman

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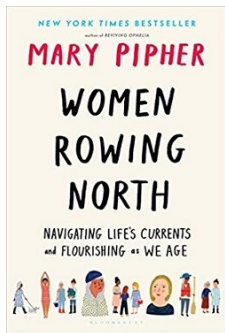
Small Group & Retreat Opportunities *On Being*, Women Rowing North, and Spring Ministry Retreat

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. On Being airs on 92.5 at 7am on Sunday mornings and is available through their website or podcasts.

O
B E I N G

***On Being* group meets the third Friday of the month, 12:15pm - 1:00pm. We discuss two On Being conversations each month.**



Women Rowing North Book Group First Thursdays at 3pm

Women Rowing North is a book by Mary Pipher that examines the changes, joys and challenges that come with aging. Mary Pipher is well known for her books on adolescent girls (*Reviving Ophelia*) and intergenerational relationships (*Another Country*).



March 21 Ministry Retreat at Roslyn Center

9:30am—2:00pm (includes lunch)

We begin with worship in the chapel. We'll do a couple of guided meditations and reflections, and have time to sit by the fire or walk the grounds.

Led by Rev. Sarah Kye Price & Dorothy White

We close after lunch provided by the Roslyn Center.

**For more information on these three group offerings
contact Malinda, dre@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.



Families with Young Children Group

Our Family Foyer Group gathers for seasonal fun and outings.

Contact Charlie Boisky or Blair McDuff for more information: charlie.boisky@capitalone.com and blairmcduff04@gmail.com

Teen Learning Class continues first Sundays

Best for ages 12 and up this class meets for about an hour after church on the first Sunday of the month. We learn about our faith story, why the church does things the way it does, and what it means to be Episcopalian. Contact Malinda, dre@stmarksrva.org for more information.

Freedom's Children Book Group with Rev. Dorothy White

Post-confirmation youth—meets monthly

Reading in preparation for a summer 2020 Civil Rights Trail pilgrimage.

Youth Service

Our youth are involved in all aspects of ministry. Developing a habit of service and compassion is an important part of youth formation. Regular youth group meetings include learning and fun, special activities include CARITAS service, local mission, and other outreach projects. Summer mission work is generally in July and “away” trips are by site requirements limited to those 14 and older.

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



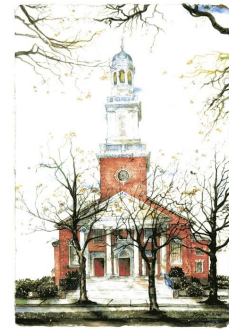


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Dates to Remember:

Epiphany Dinner: January 11

Annual Meeting: January 26

Ash Wednesday: February 26

Ministry Retreat: March 21

Lenten Series: March 24, 31 & April 7

Palm Sunday: April 5

Holy Week Services: April 8-11

Easter Sunday: April 12

Bishop's Visit: April 26

2nd & 4th Saturdays: Food Pantry

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

www.stmarksrva.org—check it out, check it often!

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