

WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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CAPITOL HILL

ST. MARK'S MISSION STATEMENT

St. Mark's is an open community, welcoming people wherever they are on their faith journey. We celebrate the gifts of God that empower us to engage boldly in the struggles of life and to care for others with love, justice, and compassion.

EPIPHANY CELEBRATED

JANUARY 5, 2013

SEASON THEME: GOD MADE MANIFEST
SUNDAY THEME: THE LIGHT SHINES

10:00AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Presider and Preacher

The Reverend Justi Schunior, Associate Rector

Co-Presider

Paul Roberts Abernathy, Rector

Children's Chapel Leader

Ms. Marcella Gillis, Director of Youth & Family Services

Director of Music

Mr. Jeff Kempskie

Cell Phones – Please turn off your cell phone or other electronic devices at any time you are in the Nave.
Hearing – Infrared headsets providing amplified sound are in the tract racks by the doors, or ask an usher.

VISITING OR NEW TO ST. MARK'S?

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. MARK'S! Wherever you are on your faith journey, we invite you to celebrate life with us. Worship is in the round, and you are invited to sit anywhere in the Nave. Portable restrooms are located on the exterior of the building, on A Street, near the Courtyard that currently houses the temporary office trailers. Water coolers are located in the Nave near the Baptism Font. After Sermon Seminar, Coffee Hour is often held in the Adams Room (in the basement, accessed from the exterior staircases on Third St.) A light Pub Lunch is offered most Sundays after the 11:15 service. If you have questions, please introduce yourself to the Vestry Greeter at the end of the service.

THE ABSTRACT RESURRECTED CROSS, which hangs in front of the lectern, was made by artist Lynda Smith-Bugge from local burlled maple and black walnut. The closed vertical of the cross has opened. Rays and circles lift the outstretched arms of the cross, just as the St. Mark's community has opened its arms to Lynda's family and others.

THE EPIPHANY STAR above the altar is a gift from Joya Cox, its creator. It is an icosahedron, a figure with 20 plane surfaces, each of which also serves as the base of a pyramid.

WORSHIP SERVICES AND FELLOWSHIP AT ST. MARK'S

9:00 am Holy Eucharist, celebrated most Sundays, is without a sermon. Children process to Sunday school classes during the final hymn.

9:00 am Children's Chapel, in the Adams Room most Sundays, is a kid-friendly, 20 minute service of songs, prayers, and a confession ritual. At the Peace, the group rejoins the service in the nave. Children's Chapel is not held on the second Sunday of the month when the 9:00 a.m. service is a **Family Service**.

9:45 am Sunday School Classes, offered when there are two morning services, for age 3 through grade 12; adult Bible study, other Christian Ed adult classes

10:00 am Sermon Seminar is held after the regular 9 am Eucharist, on most Sundays. You are invited to comment on what or how the sermon "spoke" to you personally. Sermon Seminar concludes by 10:45 am.

11:15 am Eucharist and Sermon, celebrated most Sundays, is a more traditional format, with the sermon in the service.

5:00 pm Eucharist is a contemplative service with a homily and meditative music held every Sunday. An informal social hour follows the service where food and beverages are shared.

Hearing Assist: In the spirit of inclusion we offer both a "tele-loop" system and infrared headsets for those who are hard of hearing; both available by the doors from the beadles (ushers). To access the signal, switch your hearing aid to the "T" setting *and be sure to sit in the first three rows*.

CUSTOMS AND TRADITIONS

Open Communion is our invitation to *everyone* to gather around the altar for spiritual and communal nourishment. We believe this meal is a manifestation of God's love for each of us, regardless of our religion, beliefs or questions.

Announcements of church activities are often made by parishioners during the service. You can find more details in the service bulletin as well as on our website, www.stmarks.net. To become more informed on the many parish life activities and events and become more engaged in our church community you may wish to subscribe to *The Gospel According to St. Mark's* – our weekly electronic newsletter. To receive it, sign up at <http://www.stmarks.net/gospelnewsletter>. You can unsubscribe at anytime by clicking the "Unsubscribe" link at the bottom of every edition of *The Gospel*.

Childcare. St. Mark's provides care for children up to 3 1/2 yrs old during the Sunday morning services. Caregivers are available from 8:45 am -10:45 pm in the Nursery, on the lower level. The Nursery is closed today, December 29.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223
(How bright appears the Morning Star)

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Opening Hymn 128 We three kings of Orient are

Three Kings of Orient

Opening Sentences

Presider Let us lift up our eyes and look.

People We look for god made manifest.

Presider Let us look and we shall see.

All The light of god's presence is with us still

The Collect

from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Presider Let us pray.

All Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations, made known in the gifts of those who call to other names and walk on different ways: may unjust powers and the hatred within is be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love; through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace. Amen.

The Readings

Hebrew Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

Read by Doris Burton

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to us.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of Jesus according to John.

Nancy Karpeles



Praise to you, Lord Christ. _____

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of Jesus.

Nancy Karpeles



Glo-ry to you, Lord Christ. _____

The Sermon

The Associate Rector

Please stand as able

Prayers of the People

written by *The Rector and The Associate Rector*

Based on the gospel passages of the Epiphany season

Led by Randy Marks

Leader
People

Surrounded about by the light of God's revelation, let us pray, saying,
Thanks be to God!

Leader
People

At the birth of Jesus, three wise men came searching for hope
So, too, let us never give up hope.

Leader
People

At the baptism of Jesus, he heard the voice of God proclaiming him, "Beloved!"
So, too, may we call ourselves beloved.

Leader Jesus called his disciples and immediately they followed.
People So, too, may we discern our calling.

Leader At the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave blessings.
People So, too, may we be a blessing and experience blessedness in our lives.

Leader Jesus told his followers that they could be a light in this dark world.
People May we keep our lights shining and not fear any darkness.

Leader I invite you now to offer your prayers of petition, intercession, and thanksgiving, silently or aloud, and if aloud, ending by saying, "This is my prayer," to which our community will respond, "Thanks be to God."

A period of time is allotted for individual prayers.

Leader Together, let us pray,
All With spoken words and with the silent language of our hearts, we offer our prayers in gratitude to you, our God, trusting that by your love you hear us and that by your Spirit you strengthen us to do our faithful part to effect all that we ask and desire. Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

All, one with another, exchange a sign of peace.

Vestry/Officer Greeting

Jim Steed

Associate Rector's Greeting

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Anthem Arise, Shine, for your Light has come
Chancel Choir and Congregation

Music by Martin How

Refrain

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you.

*Choir: For behold, darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, and his glory will appear upon you.*

All Sing the Refrain

*Choir: Nations will stream to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; by day or night they will never be shut.*

All Sing the Refrain

Choir: They will call you, The City of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

All Sing the Refrain

*Choir: Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, and all your portals, Praise. The sun will no more be
your light by day; by night you will not need the brightness of the moon. The Lord will be
your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.*

All Sing the Refrain

*Choir: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

All Sing the Refrain

Please stand as able.

Presentation Hymn 119 v. 1, adapted

Dix

**As with gladness those of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led to thee.**

Eucharistic Prayer

from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider We praise you, God of many names, whose Spirit runs free through all the earth, whose image lies deep in every mortal soul.

Co-Presider In your grace your Word is made known to every people, calling forth the best they have to offer; your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation healing the chaos that floods our world; your Son is the guest who offers new wine changing hearts grown withered and cold.

Therefore we celebrate the rays of morning light that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:

Sanctus S 128

William Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Presider Life-giving God, we pray your Spirit to come upon us and upon these gifts that this bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus; who, on the night before he died, gathered with his friends. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said: "This, my body, I give to you. Eat and remember me."

Co-President After supper, Jesus took and blessed the cup, saying: "This, my blood, I give to you. Drink and remember me." As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond the power of our words to proclaim. Great is the mystery of faith!

All Jesus died and was raised from the dead and, through the Spirit, abides within us now.

President Therefore, Life-giving God, we stand in your presence in the Name of your son, our brother, Jesus, through his cross and resurrection, revived by your Word and renewed by your Spirit. We offer these our gifts and our very selves, praying that you empower us to live in the liberty of your love.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

President Now, in the words Jesus taught us, we pray,

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking the Bread

written by *The Rector*

President This bread of life is broken to be shared with us and, through us, with all.

Co-President In thanksgiving, we open our hands to receive it

All that we may open our hearts in service to others.

Invitation to Communion

written by *The Rector*

President In the love and justice of God, in Spirit-blessed bread and wine, Jesus offers himself to us and to all.

Co-President Therefore, whoever we are, from wherever we have come, whatever we believe, we, each and all, are welcome and invited to receive.

People All are welcome to our communion table. Amen!

The Communion

Everyone is invited to God's Table. Gather, one group at a time, a round the altar platform. Remain until everyone has received the bread and wine and is dismissed by the Presider, who will say, "Go in peace." You may consume the bread then receive the wine by taking a sip from the chalice or goblet OR you may hold the bread, which will signal that you wish to intinct (dip the bread) into the chalice or the goblet. A non-alcoholic alternative to wine is offered in the plain goblet, and gluten-free crackers are available upon request. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Music During Communion

Born Is a Baby

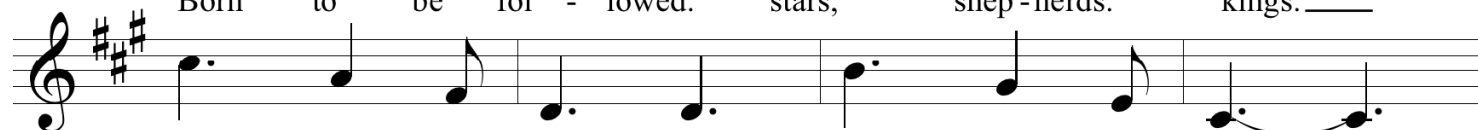
Words & Music by William Flanders



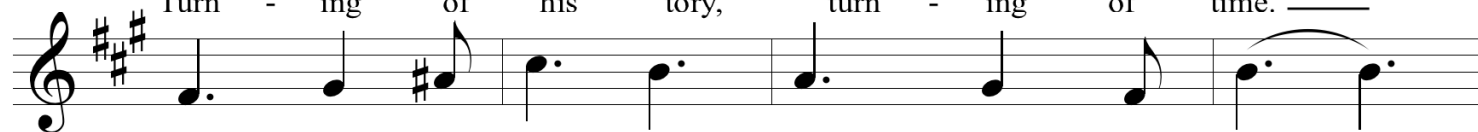
1. Born is a ba - by, look where we can. _____
 2. Born is a ba - by, look where he lies. _____
 3. Born is a ba - by, look what he brings. _____



Born is a ba - by: God, wo - man, man. _____
 Born in a sta - ble: straw, cat - tle, flies. _____
 Born to be fol - lowed: stars, shep - herds. kings. _____



Pas - sion of hea - ven, pas - sion of earth, _____
 Sor - ry con - di - tions, sor - ry and stark. _____
 Turn - ing of his tory, turn - ing of time. _____



giv - en to - ge - ther; giv - ing this birth _____
 Love's in - tu - i - tions nursed through the dark. _____
 Each birth a mys - tery: this birth the sign _____



des - tined for us be - fore time be - gan. _____
 Hope for the world with - out an - y plan. _____
 reach - ing to us in one faith - ful span. _____



Born is a ba - by: _____ God, _____ wo-man, _____ man. _____
 Born is a ba - by: _____ God, _____ wo-man, _____ man. _____
 Born is a ba - by: _____ God, _____ wo-man, _____ man. _____

Music During Communion

Hymn 124 What star is this, with beams so bright

Puer nobis

Hymn 497 How bright appears the Morning Star

Wie schon leuchtet

Post-Communion Prayer

adapted from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Presider

Together, let us pray,

All

God revealed in human form, we thank you for sharing with us the abundance of your life: in the beauty of humility as we receive with joy the stranger's gift, the water's grace, the living wine of love's desire. Amen.

Closing Hymn 117 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Morning Star

The Blessing

from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church*

Presider

May Christ, who draws the nations to himself, teach us to love our enemies; may Christ, who enters the water of baptism, lead us to die to all but love; may Christ, who gives new wine for the world, turn our bitterness into joy; and the blessing of God, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer be with us, now and forever. Amen

All

Amen!

Dismissal

written by *The Rector*

Co-Presider

Alleluia! Being born anew in God's Word, let us go forth with thankful hearts!

All

And with faithful hands for service! Alleluia!

Postlude Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenster
(How bright appears the Morning Star)

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

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Worship and Liturgical Participants

Verger	Margaret Wood
Acolyte	Michael Knipe
Altar Guild	Marcia Knutson , Jane Miller
Beadles	Erica Bugge, Chuck Divine, Ruth Ann Hess, Diane Hoover
Bread & Wine	Beryl Maloney-Lillaston, <i>in memory of her father, John Dennis Maloney's birthday and in memory of her father-in-law, Frank D. Lillaston, Jr.</i>





PARISH PRAYER LIST

Lolita Abernathy (*Paul's mother*) • Arthur Baisch (*Andrew Baisch's father*) • Frederica Barrow • Bill Baxter • Margret Berendes (*Chris Berendes' mother*) • Chip Block (*Susan Block's cousin*) • Sylvie Kalas Braddock (*Barbara Nelson's granddaughter*) • Joya Cox • Taylor Emerson (*Randy Marks' niece*) • Pamela Foggin • Margret Garner (*Gene Garner's mother*) • Celia Hahn • Patricia Harold (*Rosemary Harold's mother*) • Rick Hayes • Will Henely (*Elin Whitney-Smith's grandson*) • Dennis Lewis • Charles Marks • Nat Marks • Lila Marks • Winnie Mosher • Randell Prothro • Bruce Ritter • Al Rollins • Arnold Taylor • Geneva Watkins (*Pontheolla's mother*)

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:

Alfred W. Rollins

MILITARY DEATHS :

David I. Lyon (28), Sandpoint, ID

THOSE OF OUR PARISH SERVING IN THE MILITARY:

Vincent Alcazar (*Parishioner*)
Clint Billings (*son of Kevin Billings and Mary Louise Wagner*)
P. J. Boehm (*brother of Rachel Boehm*)
Andrew Dannenmaier (*brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier*)
Stephen Dannenmaier (*brother and brother-in-law of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier*)
Jason Earnest (*son of Erika Bugge, grandson of Paul Bugge and Lynda Smith-Bugge*)
Joshua Russo (*nephew of Stephanie and David Deutsch*)
Christian Schmidle (*son of Robert and Pamela Schmidle, husband of Jen Salerno*)
Dani Stearman (*niece of Bill and Molly Dannenmaier*)
Thomas Winkler (*nephew of Stephanie and David Deutsch*)

CYCLE OF PRAYER

IN THE DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON:

The Church of the Epiphany, Washington - *Randolph C. Charles, Rector, Melanie Slane, Assistant Rector*
The Welcome Table and Street Church, sponsored by The Church of the Epiphany
Epiphany Church, Forestville - *Prince Decker, Priest-in-Charge*
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

IN THE ANGLICAN COMMUNITY:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia, *The Most Reverend William Brown Turei Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate and Archbishop of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements, not to exceed 120 words, are to be submitted to angela.nedd@stmarks.net by 5:00 pm on the Tuesday preceding the Sunday you wish the announcement to run.

From the Canvass 2014 Co-Chairs

1. CANVASS 2014 — THE STEWARDSHIP OF FAITH. As of December 27th, more than 80% of our parish has submitted pledges! Please submit your pledge either by completing a pledge form and placing it in the offering plate or by contacting Susan Block at the parish office (susan.block@stmarks.net) as soon as possible. In early January we will begin our personal outreach to complete our 2014 campaign.

Finance & Membership

2. THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE DONORS WHO PUT THE PURPOSE OF THEIR GIFTS ON THEIR DONATION CHECKS! (Examples: “Canvass 2013” or “Canvass 2014” or “Vision 2020 Capital Campaign” or “Building Fund.”) It is crucial information if we are to credit your gift without error. And, it is especially important at this time of year, when some donors are finishing paying their canvass (membership) pledges for 2013, while others are starting to pay against their pledges for 2014. Pledging members, please note that, as of January 1, 2014 and continuing for the rest of 2014, your checks will be credited to your canvass (membership) pledges for 2014 unless you indicate otherwise on your checks! If you have questions about this – or anything else relating to pledges or donations – please contact Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership (susan.block@stmarks.net or 202-543-0053, ext 305).

3. PARISH TREASURERS: All funds received on behalf of St. Mark’s in 2013 **MUST** be deposited in 2013 and run through the 2013 books of account. If you are holding any funds – event or activity fees or donations – please turn them in to the church office for deposit ASAP. You can download a St. Mark’s Deposit Form (with a deposit how-to on the back) at <http://www.stmarks.net/resources/financial/financial-procedures/>. If you have any questions about this, or need to know how to submit items to the office for deposit, please contact Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, (202-543-0053 x 305 or susan.block@stmarks.net).

4. UNIDENTIFIED DONORS OF STOCK: If you recently donated stock to St. Mark’s and have not yet received a confirmation from me, it may be because I don’t know who you are! St. Mark’s received 2 donations of stock in December for which no donor has come forward. If you think you may be the unidentified donor, please contact me, so that I can credit your donation to you. Thank you! Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, 202-543-0053 ext.305, susan.block@stmarks.net).

5. TO DONORS MAKING DONATIONS AT THE END OF THE YEAR: If it is important to you to have your donations credited by St. Mark’s as donations made in 2013, please note: 1) All donations received **in-hand by December 31** – i.e., delivered to the church offices by close of business on Tuesday, December 31 – will be credited as donations made in 2013..... and..... 2) All donations postmarked December 31 or earlier will be credited as donations made in 2013, even if not actually received until January. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Block, Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership, (202-543-0053, ext.305, susan.block@stmarks.net).

6. THINKING OF DONATING STOCK TO ST. MARK’S? Please note that St. Mark’s is now using the National Capital Bank as its broker. For information on how to make a gift of stock to St. Mark’s, go to http://www.stmarks.net/assets/pdf/fonttest_doc_1.pdf or contact Susan Block, the Parish Administrator for Finance and Membership (202-543-0053 x305, susan.block@stmarks.net).

Vision 2020 & Transition Team Updates

7. UPDATES FROM MONARC. Monarc has formed and poured the new window wells along the east sidewalk, graded that area, and poured a new walkway to create an ADA-compliant ramp to the foyer. Underpinning and demolition work continues into 2014. Monarc will take a New Year’s break but be back, hard at work, January 2.

8. LOST AND FOUND IN THE NAVE. Lost or left something in the Nave? Please look in the small, plastic bin labeled "Lost and Found in the Nave", located in the area near the High Altar. The contents will be kept for 4 weeks and then discarded. **Questions?** Contact Ed Green or Transition Team Member Jack Richards.

Worship

9. WEEK-DAY SERVICE AND MEDITATION OPPORTUNITIES

Insight Meditation, *Nave*: Mondays, 7:30pm to 9:00pm; Thursdays, 7:00am to 8:00am

Holy Eucharist, *Chapel*: Thursdays, Noon to 12:45pm

10. IMPORTANT FOOD REMINDER! There is no space for storage of food (or ice) in the nave or interim sacristy. During construction, please abide by this rule: If you brought it in, you take it away. An ice bag recently left in the tiny refrigerator in the sacristy melted, requiring altar guild members to mop the floor before preparing the altar. Note that the refrigerator is only for grape juice stored between services. If you choose to discard food at St. Mark's rather than taking it home, please use the large trash cans in the Nave (not the small ones in the sacristy.) Thank you! *from* Josie Jordan & Mary Jo Detweiler, Altar Guild co-chairs.

Christian Ed

Check this part of the bulletin each week for a preview of upcoming classes. Check the website for additional information: <http://www.stmarks.net/ministry-and-programs/course-catalog>.

CE Program Updates

11. SIGN-UP FOR CHRISTIAN ED WEEKEND. Christian Education Weekend is January 10-12! Please join us for fellowship, fun, beach walking, and thought-provoking discussions. ALL St. Mark's parishioners as well as Christian Ed teachers and supervisors are invited. The sign-up sheet is on the new Christian Ed Bulletin Board. **When:** January 10-12, 2014. **Where:** DuPont House, Rehoboth, DE. **Fee:** \$260 (free for current Sunday School teachers). Give your check to Kitty Donnelly, Susan Thompson, or Nat White.

12. CHRISTIAN ED CATALOG. The new 2013-2014 Christian Education Catalog containing program year information is now available in hard copy in the tract racks or as a PDF file on St. Mark's website (<http://www.stmarks.net>) where it will be found under the Ministry & Programs tab. Consult the Catalogue for more detailed information on the classes mentioned in the Bulletin and on classes you may wish to take later this year.

13. ACCESS TO UNDERCROFT. Many Christian Ed classes meet in the Undercroft, the space beneath the Nave. Due to construction on the Parish Hall, there is no access to the Undercroft from the Foyer entrance (which will still provide handicapped access to the Nave until the exterior ramp is constructed on A Street). This means that access to the Undercroft will be limited to the two exterior doors on the 3rd Street side of the church. The exterior door closer to A Street leads to the Adams Room and has a sign listing classes and meetings in that space. Please use the exterior entrance closer to Independence Ave to access the Library and Undercroft corridor when the Adams Room is in use.

Sunday School Updates & Reminders

14. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CATECHESIS. Sunday School has started and will continue until next May, but new students are welcome at any time. Parents of new students should see Marcella Gillis to fill out registration forms and plan to take your children to the Undercroft to introduce them to their teachers.

15. SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR MIDDLE AND SENIOR HIGH. Both classes are under way and will continue until next May, but new students are welcome at any time!

·Middle School class meets in the Library in the Undercroft.

·High School class meets at David & Stephanie Deutsch's home (500 E. Capitol St, NE)

·Parents of new students are reminded to submit your registration forms to Marcella Gillis.

Catechesis Teacher Training

16. CATECHESIS FORMATION FOR ADULTS. We're offering Level I formation for adults interested in teaching Sunday School for our young children. The class will cover the Montessori foundations of Catechesis, the 3-6 year old child, and the essential lessons: Bible stories, parables, gestures of the Eucharist, geography—and lots more! **When:** The class meets one Saturday a month, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. The next class meets on January 25; the last one on May 17, 2014. **Where:** Classroom 6, the Library (Undercroft). **Leader:** Nora Rumpf. **Fee:** Free. **Questions?** Contact Nora Rumpf (nrumpflb@aol.com, 703-328-1376).

Gateway Classes

17. NEW!! INTRODUCTION TO LIFE AT ST. MARK'S. This one-day "Intro" class offers an overview of the St. Mark's community – our vision (who we are), our vocation (what we do), and our values (how we do what we do). Near the end of the class, parish leaders will join the class to share a bit about opportunities for deeper engagement in our community life. We invite you to join us at the 5:00 p.m. service following the Intro class. **When:** Sunday, September 26, 1:00-4:00pm. **Where:** Adams Room. **Leaders:** Paul Abernathy and Bobbi Smith. **Fee:** Free.

18. NEW! HOLD THE DATES: LCF: Life Community and Faith – what does that mean? *Life:* life in general, my very specific life? *Community:* People of like minds, people I share something with, or the wider community, my block, my city, my country, the world, the ecosystem? *Faith:* perhaps the hardest of all, an adherence to a creed, a set of beliefs, a sense of hope, a way of living? And, what about the interaction between them. How does my life as an individual work when I want to be in community – what do I gain, what do I lose? How does faith, by any definition work with the other two? To explore these questions (not answer them) join Justi Schunior, Bill Jordan, and Elin Whitney-Smith **When:** January 29—April 2, 2014. Weekends: February 7-0 & March 21-23. **Where:** Adams Room.

Adult Experiential Classes

19. NEW!! LOVE AND FORGIVENESS: A PRE-LENTEN EXPLORATION. Many religious and philosophical traditions hold that to love others we must first love ourselves. Life teaches us that our expectations and highest hopes, when unmet, can lead to disappointment, hurt, and anger. Disappointments, when coming at the hands of others, lead us to face our need (if not always our desire) to forgive. Forgiveness, involving our acknowledgement of hurt and our willful suspension of anger, is an act of liberation and, at its depth, self-love. March 5 is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Come, take part in this pre-Lenten exploration as we look afresh at forgiveness in the light of our life's stories and in league with teachings at the heart of our Christian lore. **When:** Tuesdays, February 11, 18, 25, March 4, 7.30–9.30 pm; weekend: February 21-23. **Where:** Adams Room. **Leaders:** Paul Abernathy and Loretta Veney. **Fee:** \$260.

Bible Studies

20. MARCHING THROUGH THE BIBLE: THE APOCRYPHA—PART III AND BEYOND. This class explores 4 Maccabees, one of the books of the Apocrypha, a collection of Second Century B.C.E. to Second Century C.E. writings. The course consists of assigned readings and class discussions of the texts. Regular attendance is encouraged. Additional outside readings are not expected. We are trying to become familiar with reading and discussing the text itself. **When:** Sundays, Now through May, 2014; 10:00 -11:00 am. **Where:** Classroom 5 (Undercroft). **Convener:** Bob Ewald. **Fee:** \$25.

21. WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. This ongoing Bible study and discussion group is open to everyone and drop-ins are welcome. We will study the Gospel of Mark in The Scholars Version translation (Polebridge Press). **When:** Wednesdays, 11:00 am -12:15 pm continuing through May; brown bag lunch follows until 1:00pm. **Where:** Fireside Room, Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St., NE. **Leaders:** Paul Abernathy and lay leaders. **Coordinator:** Raiford Gaffney. **Fee:** \$25.

Meditation

22. MONDAY EVENING BUDDHIST MEDITATION. Come meditate with others in a quiet place. **When:** Mondays, 7:30-9:00 pm. **Where:** Nave. **Leaders:** Collie Agle, John McIlwain, Jonathan Foust, Mary Aubry, Amy Smith. **Fee:** \$10 donation per class, shared by leaders, Insight Meditation Community of Washington, St. Mark's.

23. THURSDAY MORNING BUDDHIST MEDITATION. Come meditate with others in a quiet place. **When:** Thursdays, 7:00- 8:00am. **Where:** Nave. **Leaders:** Collie Agle, John McIlwain, Jonathan Foust, Mary Aubry, Amy Smith. **Fee:** \$10 donation to be shared by leaders, Insight Meditation Community of Washington, St. Mark's.

Beyond the Frame

24. THE JANUARY 4 CLASS has been cancelled. Watch for future announcements.

Youth and Family Ministries

Director of Youth Ministries can be reached at Marcella.Gillis@stmarks.net.

25. ST MARK'S SKI TRIP: January 18-20! The annual Family Ski Trip is scheduled for MLK Jr. Weekend of 2014 in Canaan Valley, WV. We will be staying at Windwood Fly-In Resort, with both the communal bunk room and private hotel rooms available. Please RSVP with Marcella by December 30th. More information can be found on the St. Mark's website.

Parish Life

26. COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE AVAILABLE IN THE NAVE: Tea, chocolate and instant coffee are available in the Baptistry area in the Nave – use the hot water spigot and find fixings in the wooden cabinet. Remember – to operate the red spigot for hot water, you need to ***squeeze red spigot in first, and then press down***. Use the provided scissors to open the Starbucks instant regular and decaf coffee packets. For those who like a **milder brew, try the Folger's option**. **Questions?** Contact Pam Lacey, (placey@aga.org) .

27. PLEASE SIGN UP TO BRING PICNIC PUB LUNCH: Yes! If you help, we will continue to have pub lunch on Sundays during the year of construction. It is easy! No cooking. **Just bring a picnic style spread to set up on a table in the Nave (e.g. cheese, crusty bread, grapes, hummus, crudités)** and clear it away afterward. There is a table stored behind the book case along the Third Street wall. Tablecloth, cups, utensils and paper goods are supplied. The 5 punches on each person's pub ticket for lunch provides the funding to reimburse the provider of the picnic style lunch. **Contact:** Pam Lacey (placey@aga.org).

28. SEEKING VOLUNTEER TO BE PUB PICNIC COORDINATOR: If you want to be sure we have this important opportunity for fellowship after the 11:15 service, please exercise leadership and say, "Yes! I will recruit and coordinate volunteers to bring pub lunch! **Contact:** Pam Lacey (placey@aga.org), Vestry Liaison for Parish Life; also Parish Life Manager; also for the time being, *de facto* Pub Picnic Lunch Coordinator, and assistant to Greg Smith on Coffee Hour logistics.

29. SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR: We should not expect Greg Smith to shoulder the coffee hour and breakfast alone. Those who enjoy this opportunity for family fellowship after Sermon Seminar and Sunday School, please offer to help out! **Contact:** Pam Lacey (placey@aga.org).

30. THE 20S/30s RETREAT AT REHOBOTH BEACH. Come beat away the late January-blues with a restorative weekend of relaxing, reassessing, and s'mores by the fire! 20s/30s, do join us for the first-ever 20s/30s Retreat in beautiful Rehoboth Beach. We'll talk about where we are individually, where we are as a group, and where we want to be in 2014. Great company, great conversations, and great cocktails are guaranteed! **When:** January 31-February 2. **Where:** Dupont House, Rehoboth Beach, DE. **Deadline to register:** Friday, January 17. **Online registration:** <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/smec/event/43980/>. **For more info:** contact Fay (faymjohnson@gmail.com)

31. THE 3RD AGERS (those of us who are 60 or 60+) will host speakers Simeon and Carol Booker, authors of *Shocking the Conscience: A Reporter's Account of the Civil Rights Movement*. To the ever-loved music of the Jammers, we will have our usual pot-luck picnic and birthday cake. **When:** Saturday, January 25, 10:30am to 2:00pm. **When:** Lutheran Church of the Reformation 212 East Capitol Street (where we met in September; across street from the Folger). **Questions?** For more details, contact Nancy Van Scoyac, Jane Miller, or Barbara Harvey. Contact information in the Directory.

32. CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP: A support group for those caring for seriously ill or otherwise incapacitated loved ones usually meets the second and fourth Mondays each month. The second meeting in December, however, will be the fifth Monday because of Christmas. For more information, contact group leaders Suella Henn, (swhenn@mac.com, 202-544-0113) or Mary Welker (marymwelker@aol.com, 202-387-4083). **When:** January 13, 2014, 7:30pm. **Where:** Library.

33. ST. MARK'S READING GROUP. For January 6, we're reading *Trapeze* by Simon Mawer, a story about a female British spy who is dropped into France during WWII with a special mission. For February 3, we are reading *Deaf Sentence* by David Lodge. If you've read the book, you're welcome to join us! **When:** Monday, January 6, 7:30 pm. **Where:** Library.

34. CHEWING ON FAITH 20S/30S POTLUCK with Samantha Davis, of *So Others Might Eat*. Come have a delicious potluck and dynamite conversation as we hear from Samantha about SOME's interfaith work feeding, clothing, and supporting homeless and extremely poor folks in DC. In 2012, SOME provided 421,799 meals; 22,225 sets of clothing and showers; and 6,764 dental procedures to those in need. And that's just the tip of the iceberg! **To sign up** for a potluck item, contact Caitie Whelan (Caitie.Whelan@gmail.com). **When:** January 26, 2014, 6:00 pm. **Where:** Nave.

Outreach

35. SOUP KITCHEN: TODAY pick up a casserole pan with recipe, date label, and detailed delivery information on the table near the High Altar. The pans are provided to the congregation on the first Sunday of every month. Parishioners are encouraged to prepare one or more casseroles and deliver them in person, anytime during November, to the Capitol Hill United Methodist Church (CHUMC). CHUMC, in turn, feeds our needy, hungry neighbors throughout the week. Thank You for Your Efforts! —*The Soup Kitchen Team*

Music

36. DO YOU LIKE TO SING OR PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? If so, we want to hear from you! Singers of all voice parts are needed in the Chancel Choir, which rehearses Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 in the Nave. Children are invited to sing with the Boys & Girls Choir, which rehearses on Sundays from 11-11:45am. We also use instruments from time to time and are establishing a Handbell Choir! Interested? **Contact:** Jeff Kempskie (jeff.kempskie@stmarks.net).

37. MUSIC LESSONS. The St. Mark's Music Studio offers voice lessons with Kellie McHugh (kellie.mchugh.81@gmail.com) and piano lessons with Jeff Kempskie. All ages and levels of experience are welcome.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:
JANUARY 5 – 12**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

10:00 am — 11:00 am	Holy Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
11:00 am — 11:45 am	Boys & Girls Choir Rehearsal <i>Classroom 3</i>
1:00 pm — 4:00 pm	De-Greening <i>Nave</i>
5:00 pm — 6:30 pm	Contemplative Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
6:30 pm — 10:00 pm	Players WATCH Training <i>Adams Room</i>

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

CLERGY & MUSIC DIRECTOR'S DAY OFF

9:45 am — 1:30 pm	Dance Classes <i>Classrooms 1,3</i>
6:00 pm — 7:05 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
7:30 pm — 9:00 pm	St. Mark's Reading Group <i>Library</i>
7:30 pm — 9:00 pm	Insight Meditation <i>Nave</i>

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

12:15 pm — 1:15 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
1:30 pm — 3:30 pm	Organ Practice <i>Nave</i>
3:30 pm — 4:30 pm	St. Mark's Staff Meeting <i>Library</i>
3:30 pm — 8:30 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
5:00 pm — 7:00 pm	Vision 2020 Steering Committee <i>Library</i>
6:00 pm — 7:05 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
7:00 pm — 9:00 pm	Liturgy Planning Team <i>Library</i>

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

10:00 am — 11:30 pm	Organ Practice <i>Nave</i>
11:00 am — 1:00 pm	Wednesday Bible Study <i>Lutheran Reformation Church</i>
11:00 am — 1:00 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
1:30 pm — 3:30 pm	Organ Practice <i>Nave</i>
3:30 pm — 7:30 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
6:00 pm — 7:05 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
7:00 pm — 10:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting <i>Library</i>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30 am — 8:30 am	Insight Meditation <i>Nave</i>
10:00 am — 11:00 am	Construction Progress Meeting <i>Library</i>
10:30 am — 12:00 pm	Organ Practice <i>Nave</i>
12:00 pm — 12:30 pm	Holy Eucharist <i>Chapel (in Nave)</i>
1:00 pm — 3:30 pm	Organ Practice <i>Nave</i>
3:30 pm — 7:15 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
6:30 pm — 8:00 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
7:30 pm — 8:30 pm	Dance Class <i>Classrooms 1,3</i>
7:30 pm — 10:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal <i>Nave</i>

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

6:45 am — 7:45 am	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
8:30 am — 9:45 am	Coordinating Committee <i>Library</i>
10:00 am — 11:30 am	Organ Practice <i>Nave</i>
11:15 pm — 12:30 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
1:00 pm — 3:30 pm	Organ Practice <i>Nave</i>
3:45 pm — 7:30 pm	Dance Classes <i>Nave</i>
6:00 pm — 8:00 pm	Women's AA Meeting <i>Adams Room</i>

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

8:15 am — 1:15 pm	Dance Classes <i>Classrooms 1,3</i>
10:00 am — 12:00 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>
10:00 am — 11:00 pm	Baptism Rehearsal <i>Nave</i>
12:00 pm — 3:00 pm	Alfred W. Rollins Memorial Service <i>Nave</i>
2:00 pm — 4:00 pm	Girl Scouts <i>Classrooms 1,3</i>
5:00 pm — 6:45 pm	Music Studio Recital Rehearsal <i>Nave</i>
7:00 pm — 8:00 pm	AA Meeting <i>Adams Room</i>
7:30 pm — 9:00 pm	Music Studio Recital <i>Nave</i>

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12
CHRISTIAN ED WEEKEND

9:00 am — 10:00 am	Holy Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
10:00 am — 11:00 am	Sermon Seminar <i>Nave</i>
11:00 am — 11:45 am	Boys & Girls Choir Rehearsal <i>Classroom 3</i>
11:15 am — 12:30 pm	Holy Eucharist + Holy Baptism <i>Nave</i>
1:00 pm — 2:30 pm	Green Lions <i>Library</i>
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Contemplative Eucharist <i>Nave</i>
5:00 pm — 6:00 pm	Yoga Class <i>Adams Room</i>

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