Announcements - June 4, 2021

Submit announcements, not to exceed 150 words, to the Bulletin Coordinator by 5 pm Tuesday to be included the following Friday. Announcements run for three weeks unless we hear from you.
All announcements must include a contact person's name and email address.
To have your event included on the parish calendar, send it to the Parish Administrator.
To have your event posted on the parish website, send it to the Website Team.

New Announcements

From Parish Leadership & Staff

1. Welcome to Sunday in-person worship [5/28]

Whether you are a newcomer or a long-term parishioner, we are delighted that you are considering joining an **in-person 10am Sunday worship service. The 10am livestream on Facebook and the 5pm service on Zoom will continue.**

- We do not differentiate between vaccinated and unvaccinated people when we gather to worship. This includes wearing masks and maintaining physical distance from people outside your household.
- We expect everyone to uphold our community's Regathering Covenant--the promises we make to each other about how to regather in a spirit of love and mutual care.

Pre-register: The link to register is here.

- Registration assures you of a seat and will make the check-in process faster and easier.
- You will receive a Registration Confirmation email immediately after successfully completing registration.

What to Expect: Details can be found here.

Volunteer: Please consider serving as a greeter, checker or Nave volunteer--email regatheringvolunteers@stmarks.net

2. Be a Regathering Volunteer! [6/4]

Thanks to the many parishioners who have stepped up to the plate in the last two weeks, we now have volunteers scheduled for each Sunday in June to greet and check-in attendees and help the Verger. But there are **still slots to fill in July — and August** is wide open! We can't regather safely without your help, so please consider volunteering for at least one Sunday. One benefit of serving as a volunteer is that you don't have to pre-register online for the service at

which you are helping; you are guaranteed a seat. If you are interested in seeing the job descriptions and calendar, please email regatheringvolunteers@stmarks.net.

Music & Arts

3. Virtual Choir Creation Demonstration - a 3rd Agers' Sponsored Zoom Event [5/21]

Do you ever wonder **how virtual choir video and audio gets made**? Director of Music Jeff Kempskie will share his screen and provide a detailed look into many of the steps involved in audio and video editing. Members of the choir will share some stories of the recording process. You will have the opportunity to ask questions. **Here is the Zoom link**. Email Jeff Kempskie if you have questions. **Wednesday, June 9th at 7 pm.**

Youth and Family Ministries

4. Art in the Garden: June 27--Save the Date [5/28]

Children, youth and families are invited to join us **in person for art projects this summer!** Each month we will meet in the church courtyard for a variety of themed projects. All participants must wear a protective face mask, adhere to social distance guidelines and agree to our regathering covenant. Our **next session will be Sunday, June 27 with spaces open at 12:00pm and 1:30pm**. Please contact our Youth and Family Ministries Director, Caleb Nelson Amaker, if you have any questions.

Christian Education

5. Experience the Joy of Teaching [5/14]

St. Mark's Christian Education program is seeking members of the parish who would be **interested in teaching the Middle School or Senior High Sunday School classes** starting in the fall semester. Teachers have traditionally come from all parts of our community -- singles; couples; adults with or without children or who have children no longer at home. This is a great opportunity to be connected to the youth of our church. We have a great curriculum and you would likely teach in a teaching team of three. Please contact one of the following individuals if you have questions or would like more information, by clicking on the email link or calling. Greg Niblett (202-297-8859); Sandy Padgett (314-323-8760); Karen Falk (202-460-2673); Keith Krueger (202-489-4176).

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

6. SUNDAY: Goodbye Gathering for Sara and Aruna Kerai [5/21]

Beloved members of our community, Sara and Aruna Kerai are moving to Grand Rapids, Michigan. You are invited to say Godspeed to Sara and Aruna **Sunday afternoon, June 6th between the hours of 1-2:30 pm in the St. Mark's Courtyard**. Please stop by. If you have any questions contact Cecelia Monahan or Linell Grundman.

Outreach

7. SUNDAY! Palestine and Israel: Voices from St. Mark's friends on the ground [6/4]

Join us this Sunday to learn more about the recent escalation of violence between Israel and the Palestinians and how it has affected the groups that St. Mark's is partnering with there. Join the St. Mark's Mid East Working Group for a Zoom call today at 6 p.m. We'll be hearing from Aziz Abu Sarah, co-founder of MEJDI Tours, Heidi Scott of the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, with a video of Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb.
Register here by 5 p.m. Sunday.

8. Brass Benefit Concert for Good Neighbors of Capitol Hill [6/4]

Good Neighbors of Capitol Hill presents a benefit concert by the **Barclay Brass, Sunday, June 13, 2021, at 3 pm on the plaza in front of Lutheran Church of the Reformation**, 212 E. Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20003. The Barclay Brass ensemble features top musicians from the nation's premier military bands, and has performed a variety of classical and celebratory genres before presidents, popes, and the public. The concert will **celebrate Good Neighbors' upcoming 60th refugee apartment furnishing** and provide support for refugee programs including educational initiatives. Recommended donations on site at the concert: $20 adults, $10 students, under 6 free. Bring your own folding chair or blanket. Light refreshments available for purchase. Current DC masking and social distancing guidelines apply. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the sanctuary. For more information or to donate, visit www.goodneighborscapitolhill.org. Contact Karen Getman with any questions.

9. Last Ask for Gaza [6/4]

The Archbishop of Jerusalem writes: "The Diocese has launched an urgent appeal for $1.6 million so that essential medical supplies, treatments, and services can reach those impoverished people. In addition to the **medical shortages**, Ahli Hospital is faced with supply shortages of fuel. **Urgent intervention is of utmost importance** when treating severe wounds, providing psychosocial support to traumatized women and children, and catering to the referrals with severe to moderate burns. This Emergency Appeal lays out the responses required to mitigate the impact of the crisis... The doors of Ahli Hospital will remain open,

and with your benevolent help it will stand as a powerful witness in this place of desperation and unimaginable horror." Deep thanks to all who have already donated. You can still do so by sending a check to St. Mark's with "Ahli Hospital" in the subject line. Contact Maureen Shea for the Mid East Working Group.

10. Mite Box Project Thank You [5/28]

During Lent this year, St. Mark's had a special focus on caring for our sisters and brothers who are incarcerated. In each daily reflection, we educated ourselves about incarceration issues in our country. Our Incarceration Ministry collected $2786 from parishioners' mite boxes, which was donated to Free Minds Book Club and Writing Workshop. It took a village to make this special Lent project happen, and there are many people to thank. Click here to read the thank-you letter from Jan Lipscomb to the parish.

Ongoing Announcements

From Parish Leadership & Staff

11. Sunday Morning Tech Support

Tech support is available on Sundays between 10am and 1pm by email or by calling 202-543-0053 and choosing option 7. Parish volunteers will be watching that email inbox and standing by for your calls.

Youth and Family Ministries

12. Bible Storytime Podcast

Join Caleb and the St. Mark's Sunday School team for a 5-minute daily podcast! We'll have some music, read a bible story, and say a prayer. Email Caleb to sign up.

13. Growing with God...

...is on summer break. You can find past episodes here.

Christian Education

14. Visual/Virtual Level 1 Sunday School Library

Parents, you have access to a video library of our lessons and songs to be watched together as a family or independently by your child. (This is not another Zoom class.) Registering is easy, at forms.gle/4g8VvrmUPibnvVcH6. Questions, please feel free to contact Christy Rumpf.

15. Centering Prayer. Every day on Zoom at 8:00 am.

Centering Prayer is an early Christian contemplative practice that places a strong emphasis on interior silence. For more information or to join the group, contact The Rev. Patricia Catalano.

16. St. Mark's Meditation Center: Meditation, Mondays 7:30-9:00 pm

Contact Michele Rivard for more information. Sign up for the weekly program email to receive info on weekly online meetings.

Parish Life & Diocesan Events

17. St. Mark's Dance Studio Classes

Ballet, Pilates, Chair Exercise and Children's Dance classes continue through Zoom. For additional information and our schedule, contact Rosetta "Rosie" Brooks.