Announcements - June 11, 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. Be sure to click "Submit" and confirm that you've received the email message; otherwise, you are not registered.

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.

Youth and Family Ministries

3. 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

4. Wednesday Drop-in Class Begins 6/16/21 [6/11]

Wednesday Bible Class invites you to drop in for an hour of Bible study, lunch, and fellowship. The summer of '21 we are going to read/listen/and discuss the scripture in Handel's "Messiah". We will start with Part 1 and the lovely Tenor recitative "Comfort Ye'. The words are from Isaiah 1:1-3. We'll share the King James scripture and provide the music.

Date & Time: Wednesdays from noon to 1 pm. June 16th through August 25th. Coordinator: email Raiford Gaffney or 202-460-5415. **Location:** Zoom http://stmarks.net/bibleclass/

Music & Arts

5. Virtual Choir Creation Demonstration Recording [6/11]

Did you miss the zoom session with Jeff Kempskie? If you'd like to watch it after the fact, you can access the recording **here**. You will need to enter the passcode: ^p9apxWk

Outreach

6. 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.

7. 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

8. 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.

Christian Education

9. Experience the Joy of Teaching

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).

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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

13. 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.

Youth and Family Ministries

14. 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.

15. Growing with God...

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