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MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAYS – 8 & 10:30 am – EUCHARIST

9:15 am-ADULT FORMATION (EXCEPT 1ST SUNDAY)

9:30 am-BELL RINGERS

TUESDAYS – 6 PM-CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST (SANC.) (EXCEPT 3-13)

WEDNESDAYS - 11:00 a.m. HEALING PRAYER/EUCHARIST (SANC.)

11:45 AM-BIBLE STUDY (EXCEPT 3-14)

6:00 PM-LENTEN SERIES (7TH-ST. MARKS, 14TH-EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL; 21ST-ST. CYPRIAN'S)

THURSDAYS-6:00 pm-CHOIR

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4th 9:30 AM-COVERED DISH BREAKFAST (W/C)

6th 7:00 PM-VESTRY NOMINATIONS MEETING

12th 3:30 AM-PRAYER SHAWLS (RR)

14th 5:30 AM-DINING OUT-GREENE TURTLE

18th 5:00 PM-HEVI (St. John's)

20th 7:00 PM-VESTRY (RR)

20th NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

23rd 6:30 PM-BETHANY (NOEL WILSON'S HOME)

27th 4:00 PM-COMMUNITY PREP (W/C)

28th 5:30 PM-COMMUNITY DINNER (W/C)

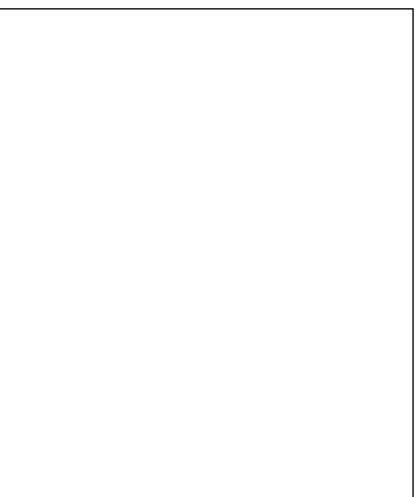
29th 7:00 PM-MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

30th 7:00 PM-GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE W/COMMUNION FROM RESERVED SACRAMENT

31st LABYRINTH-WC



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ST. MARK'S MARCH 2018 MESSENGER

Dear Community,

As the calendar turns to March here in Tidewater Virginia, I see the signs of spring well ahead of the schedule that I'm used to. Shoots of bulbs are poking up through the soil higher each day. The light has changed and though we are in the first full week of Lent as I write this, I cannot help but be reminded of Easter.

With the new growth, the changing of the sunlight and the bursting forth of warmer days and new birdsongs we are put in mind of the central truth of our faith. Central to who we are as Christians is the victory over death that Jesus won as he went willingly to an ignoble, painful and very public death.

Rather than getting too far ahead of the story and its parallels for us at St. Mark's, I'm going to do my best to stay in Lent and invite you to embrace the possibilities and, yes, even the joys that Lent can bring us.

Just as Jesus 'came into his own' and understood at his very core who he was and what journey he was being called to travel during his forty days in the wilderness, so are we invited to grapple with our identity as persons and as a community. Circumstances and the context of our life together are always dynamic and changing. What remains changeless is Jesus' call to his disciples to live out lives of servant ministry, modeling who we are and what we do after the example of Jesus' life of prayer and commitment to those on the margins of society.

Realizing full well that we are in the Lenten season, I cannot get the words of one of Bruce Cockburn's songs out of my head. Cockburn is a Canadian singer/songwriter who writes beautiful songs that are, at times unabashedly spiritual and theologically sound. Here are a few lines from his Christmas song ***Cry of a Tiny Babe***:

***"There are others who know about this miracle birth
The humblest of people catch a glimpse of their worth
For it isn't to the palace that the Christ child comes
But to shepherds and street people, hookers and bums"***

The works of justice and mercy that we do with those on the margins of society, like our guests at Nights Welcome Inn and the Community Meal, are not just opportunities to help and care for the marginalized, but to be transformed by their experiences of the world and see the holiness of the world through their eyes and with the lens of their experience of trust and dependence on God. It is a both/and experience, rather than either/or.

May we all journey through Lent with our eyes open to how Jesus shows us how we can change the world and be changed by those we encounter as we "seek to serve Christ in all persons and as we respect the dignity of every human being"

(from the Baptismal Covenant). If we give ourselves over to this as a part of our Lenten Journey and allow our preconceived notions about 'the other' in our midst to be challenged by genuine experience we may indeed have to let those notions die.

Remember that this is a season that claims that death is not the final word and that resurrection to a more expansive, inclusive and complicated world will ALWAYS require something to die first.

--Padre Warren +

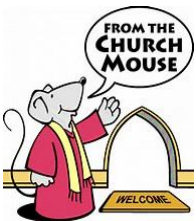
STEWARDSHIP NOTES - It is really an exciting time to be active in the Body of Christ here at St. Mark's. There are so many opportunities to delve deeper in our spiritual journey as we continue through Lent. And there are already signs of new life with Spring rapidly approaching. Not the least of these is the annual St. Mark's party scheduled for 28 April. Plans are for a dinner and dance. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. There are plenty of opportunities to participate in the planning of the event. A meeting will be held on 18 March after the 10:30 service or you can contact Lloyd Young or John Andrews. Equally exciting is the return of Bethany Groups on the fourth Friday evening of each month. BBQ fundraisers will resume on 14 April. There are so many new ways to get involved here at St. Mark's and we look forward to having you join in.

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

It will soon be **VESTRY ELECTION TIME**

If you feel a calling to serve on the governing body of your Church, then maybe you can become a member of the St. Mark's Vestry. There are a few requirements to serve, so please check with any Vestry member for details or make sure to read April's Newsletter for written qualifications. Elections will be held in May; so, please pray and ask is this your calling to help your church.

CHURCH MOUSE CORNER



REVENUES & EXPENSES FOR DECEMBER 2017:

Pledges & Donations MTD -	\$ 10,727.50
Pledges & Donations Budget -	\$ *
Pledges & Donations YTD -	\$ 10,727.50
Pledges & Donations Budget -	\$ *

*No Budget approved at this time

ADULT FORMATION CLASSES

- All are welcome to attend our Adult Formation Class every Sunday (except Breakfast Sundays) at 9:15 a.m. in the Rose Room and on each Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. after the Eucharist. St. Mark's is participating with other Episcopalians across the country in The Good Book Club. (pick up a reading schedule in the Narthex). We will read and discuss Luke's Gospel in both classes. You may also make comments about what you read in Luke's Gospel on St. Mark's Facebook page; www.facebook.com/StMarksHampton.



BETHANY GROUPS

– Groups will start at 6:30 p.m. We will gather and begin with conversation and set up of the Eucharist and the Dinner meal and begin Eucharist at 7 pm. A potluck dinner will follow with the hope that part of the conversation in the group will continue the reflection on the Scripture and themes of our worship.

In March we will meet on March 23rd at a site to be determined. Moving forward we are planning on offering Bethany Group on the fourth Friday of the month. The scheduled dates moving forward are

- **March 23rd at a site TBA**
- **April 27th**
- **May 25th**
- **June 22nd**
- **July 27th**
- **August 24th**
- **September 28th**
- **October 26th**
- **November 23rd**
- **December 28th**

Thanks to those who have offered to host, I'll be in touch in a separate communication. If you are interested in hosting the March Bethany group, please contact Padre Warren at padrewarren@stmarkshampton.org or 757-646-9068.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

- The HEY youth group is alive and well! You will receive information about our March event soon.

BOY'S HOME LABEL COLLECTION

is underway. Barbara and Larry Case are the contacts for this ministry. Box is in old Parish Hall.

SHARE ORDERS

– We will be taking SHARE orders March 4 thru February 11. Package contents may be seen online at <http://hrfoodbank.org/share/>. Please contact Elvira Cooper for additional information.

PRAYER SHAWLS

-The Prayer Shawl committee is made up of Noel Wilson, Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers, Joan Winters and myself. We are starting on knitted and crocheted items to donate to World Vision for their children's programs. We currently provide our own yarn for projects with a few donations here and there. Please help us by letting us know of a need for knitted/crocheted items, or if you find acrylic yarn laying around that needs to be used, we will be happy to make it into something useful. And again, Thank you to Noel, Ann Marie, and

Joan for all their hard work. Please join us **Monday, March 12th at 3:30 p.m. in the Rose Room.** Janet Dyer, Prayer Shawl Chair

BBQ! Our next BBQ fundraiser is Saturday, April 14th. We need volunteers who can help during the day (anytime between 6am to 6pm), and we ask that you consider asking hobby groups, work, family, or friends if they're interested in purchasing. BBQ is one of the many ways we fund important activities and ministries of the church – please help us to make this year's events a success!

ALL NEWSLETTER information is due in the office by the **20th of each month.** your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

PARISH FUND RAISERS

How we enable ministries to serve the communities around us!

ST. MARK'S DINING OUT FUNDRAISER – St. Mark's will meet Wednesday, March 14 at the Greene Turtle in Hampton for Dining Out for donations. Come and bring friends and neighbors. See coupon inside back cover. Gene Moser

MISSION AND OUTREACH

OUTREACH UPDATE

“Every member of St. Mark's is part of Outreach”

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Thanks for your continued support! Please know that the recipients are very grateful for our help. When in the grocery store, please keep in mind our Food Pantry is currently in need of these items: Peanut butter, jelly, juice, tuna, Tuna Helper, complete pancake mix. Edith Washington and Lloyd Young

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER IN BODY, MIND AND SPIRIT – For Danny Weaver, Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers, Allen Brown, Marsha Ware, Gene Moser, Bob Walsh and family, Ann Elder Allen, Melva Ogilvie, Sabra Barker, Shirley Esada. For all those affected by the weather. For all traveling in March.

FOR THOSE who have died and those who mourn from our congregation.

LAY MINISTERS

**SERVERS – IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO FIND YOUR REPLACEMENT
IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MEET YOUR SCHEDULED OBLIGATION**

MARCH 4TH	LENT 3
WORSHIP WARDEN 8:00 AM	AL BANWELL
Exodus 20:1-17	Marsha Ware
Psalms 19	Marsha Ware
1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Lloyde' Young
Prayer Leader	Marsha Ware
Chalicer	Lloyde' Young
WORSHIP WARDEN 10:30 AM	DONNA CLASS
Exodus 20:1-17	Kathy Dansey
Psalms 19	Kathy Dansey
1 Corinthians 1:18-25	Floria Smith
Prayer Leader	Floria Smith
Chalicer	John Andrews
Usher/Greeter	Pam Craft/Billy Allen
Altar Guild	Billy Allen/Gil Mottley
Alter Flowers	Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers
Altar Bread	John Andrews
Element Bearers	Billy and Ann Allen
Counters	Patty Green/Chuck Quinley
Fellowship	Covered Dish Breakfast

MARCH 11TH	LENT 4
WORSHIP WARDEN 8:00 AM	NOEL WILSON
Numbers 21:4-9	Don Martin
Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Don Martin
Ephesians 2:1-10	Tony Crudup
Prayer Leader	Don Martin
Chalicer	Tony Crudup
WORSHIP WARDEN 10:30 AM	PATTY GREEN
Numbers 21:4-9	Larry Case
Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Larry Case
Ephesians 2:1-10	Stacci Thomas
Prayer Leader	Stacci Thomas
Chalicer	John Andrews
Usher/Greeter	Pam Craft/Patty Green
Altar Guild	Billy Allen/Gil Mottley
Altar Flowers	Monica Mottley
Altar Bread	John Andrews
Minister of Healing	Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers
Element Bearer	Monica and Gil Mottley
Counters	Chuck Quinley/Bert Pearce-Marshall
Fellowship	Billy and Ann Allen

MARCH 18TH	LENT 5
WORSHIP WARDEN 8:00 AM	DON MARTIN
Jeremiah 31:31-34	Bert Pearce-Marshall
Psalms 51:1-13	Bert Pearce-Marshall
Hebrews 5:5-10	Andy Marshall
Prayer Leader	Bert Pearce-Marshall
Chalicer	Andy Marshall
WORSHIP WARDEN 10:30 AM	STACI THOMAS
Jeremiah 31:31-34	Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers
Psalms 51:1-13	Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers
Hebrews 5:5-10	Stacci Thomas
Prayer Leader	Stacci Thomas
Chalicer	John Andrews
Usher/Greeter	Billy Allen/Patty Green
Altar Guild	Diane and John Andrews
Altar Flowers	Barbara Fagley
Altar Bread	John Andrews
Minister of Healing	Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers
Element Bearers	Jim and Barbara Fagley
Counters	Patty Green/Danny Weaver
Fellowship	Volunteers needed

MARCH 25TH	SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY
WORSHIP WARDEN 8:00 AM	AL BANWELL
Isaiah 50:4-9a	Barbara Fisher
Psalms 31:9-16	Graeme Dey
Philippians 2:5-11	Graeme Dey
Prayer Leader	Barbara Fisher
Chalicer	Barbara Fisher
WORSHIP WARDEN 10:30 AM	ANN MARIE WYATT-ROGERS
Isaiah 50:4-9a	Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers
Psalms 31:9-16	Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers
Philippians 2:5-11	Charles Walker
Prayer Leader	Charles Walker
Chalicer	Irene Kratz
Usher/Greeter	Billy Allen/Gil Mottley
Altar Guild	Diane and John Andrews
Altar Flowers	Pam Craft
Altar Bread	John Andrews
Minister of Healing	Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers
Element Bearers	Monica and Gil Mottley
Counters	Bert Pearce Marshall/Chuck Quinley
Fellowship	Volunteers needed

MARCH 29TH	MAUNDY THURSDAY
WORSHIP WARDEN 7:00 PM	DON MARTIN
Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	
Psalms 116:1, 10-17	
1 Corinthians 11:23-26	
Prayer Leader	
Chalicer	
Usher/Greeter	Barbara and Larry Case
Altar Guild	Diane and John Andrews
Altar Flowers	Pam Craft
Altar Bread	John Andrews
Minister of Healing	Elvira Cooper
Element Bearers	Angela and Shawn Cooper
Counters	
Fellowship	

WARREN'S OFFICE DAYS

Padre Warren schedules Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as days to spend time in the office (among other meetings, appointments and obligations). If you would like to schedule a time to meet with him on those days, please contact him at 757-646-9068 or padrewarren@stmarkshampton.org.

DIOCESAN NEWS **EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA**

The 126th Annual Council of the Diocese of Southern Virginia convened in Williamsburg last week, Feb. 16 & 17. Much work was accomplished by Council, but the big news was Bishop Hollerith's announcement, during his Address to Council, that he will retire at the end of this year.

"Quite honestly, this has not been an easy decision. In fact, it's one with which I have really struggled over the past few months," the Bishop said. "But after 35 years of ordained ministry, I have given what I can give. I would never claim that my work is done in Southern Virginia. One's work in ministry is never 'done,' never completed because there is always more that one can do for the Lord in any place. But, there does come a time when you realize that you've used all of your skill set and that a different skill set with fresh eyes and fresh energy behind it might be more appropriate for leading the community forward."

BISHOP'S DAY WITH SENIOR WARDENS will be held March 24 at St. Matthias, Midlothian (concurrently with Vestry Training Day). Bishop's Day for Senior Wardens is designed for Senior Wardens from all parishes and is an excellent training opportunity for new Senior Wardens. Led by the Bishop, this workshop includes: discussion of issues and concerns particular to the office; best practices; and how to develop a relationship with the rector. Registration is now open.

WOMEN'S RETREAT AT CHANCO - Chanco on the James will offer a Women's Retreat Day on March 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's theme will be Spiritual Disciplines as a Path to Joy. Open to all women ages 18 and older who would seek to enhance their experience of Lent this year. The cost for the day is only \$35, which includes luncheon and an afternoon tea. You may also choose to arrive on Friday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m. to take part in additional programs at our optional Overnight Retreat for only \$95, which includes accommodation in our retreat lodges, breakfast on Saturday morning, as well as the Saturday program.

CAMP CHANCO – Give your children or grandchildren a life-changing experience this summer at our Diocesan Camp Chanco. They will make friends, experience God's Creation in Christian Community, and have a BLAST! Ages 8-18. Register now at www.chanco.org. Scholarships available.

FAMILY CAMP – Bring your family, extended family, or friends to Chanco on the James for Family Camp, August 23-26. Enjoy swimming in the pool or river, kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing, archery, zip lines, sailing, and more; as well as Eucharist on the bluff, Evening Programs, and an Adult Social while the children are in a supervised Kids Program. All activities, meals, and lodging are included: \$125 per person for camp chalets; \$225 per person for air-conditioned retreat lodging with private bath. Register at www.chanco.org or call (888)7CHANCO. Make great family memories this summer!

Pilgrimage Opportunities

Scotland & England in May 2018

A Pilgrimage to Scotland and England is being organized for May 2018. After a time for quiet and reflection on Iona, the group will travel to Melrose. At Melrose, they will walk the Way of St. Cuthbert, approximately 70 miles, to Lindisfarne. After completing the Way of St. Cuthbert, they will visit The Shrine of St. Cuthbert at Durham Cathedral. Pilgrims will conclude their time with a visit to Edinburgh. For more information, contact Doris Custer (CusterDD@gmail.com) or Dale Custer (rdalecuster@gmail.com).

Ireland in May 2018

If you're interested in a 12-day tour of Ireland, the Friends of Bruton invite you to join them May 1-12, 2018. Go to bit.ly/brutonireland for trip brochure.

Holy Land in April 2018

Westminster-Canterbury, Virginia Beach, is hosting a pilgrimage to Israel April 6-15, 2018. Cost is \$4690 per person, double occupancy, or \$5710 per person, single occupancy. Air travel, lodging, transportation in Israel and meals (except lunches) are included. For more information contact the Rev. Doug Gray, 757-496-1651 or doug.gray@wcbay.com.

The Episcopal Churches of Hampton Present:

**One Bread, One Body,
What the Church Has to Offer to the World
A Joint Lenten Study Wednesday Evenings
March 7 - March 21**

I'm pleased to invite the St. Mark's Community to gather with parishioners from St. John's, St. Cyprian's and Emmanuel Episcopal Church for a four week study during Lent 2019. We will explore themes of collaboration and how the uniformity of our worship makes room for the diversity of ministries to which we are called in Hampton.

Each of the four Episcopal parishes in Hampton will host one evening of the study. We will begin each evening with a simple soup, bread and salad supper at 6 pm followed by the program beginning at 6:30 and concluding with Compline at 7:15 p.m.

The schedule of sites and subjects follows:

- **The Rev. Warren Hicks on the Book of Common Prayer as an instrument of unity and diversity--March 7th at St. Mark's**
- **The Rev. Rhonda Wheeler on Fellowship as Spiritual Practice--March 14th at Emmanuel**
- **The Rev. Dr. Ron Ramsey on how all of this shapes the message of the church for the world--March 21st at St. Cyprian's**

I encourage you all to make time to participate in this offering to get to know folks from other parishes and explore the gifts and challenges that our congregations share in striving to do Mission and Ministry in Hampton.

In order to help plan food for each week please email me at padrewarren@stmarkshampton.org if you plan to attend and which weeks you will join us. --Padre Warren

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH invites you to go on a Mission Trip with them, either **APRIL 2-7, 2018** (Florida Hurricane Recovery Work) or **AUGUST 5-11** (West Virginia or North Carolina). **Interested? Call 723-8144.**

DINING TO DONATE

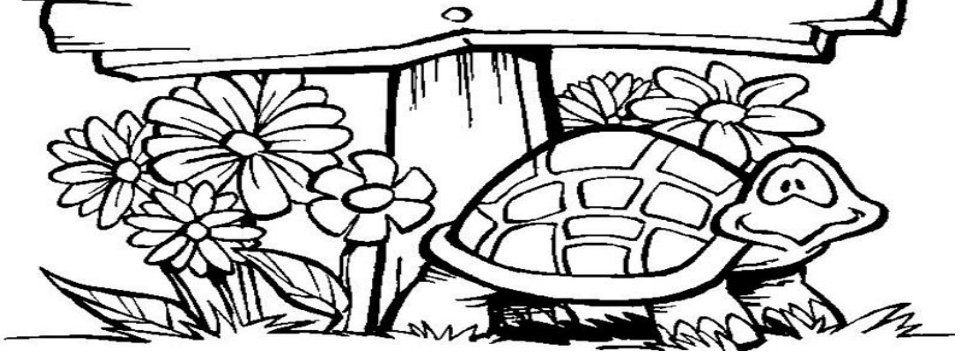
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**DON'T FORGET DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME BEGINS MARCH 11TH.** Remember
to set your clocks ahead at 2 a.m. Sunday
morning, March 11th.



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV, Bishop
The Rev. Warren E. Hicks, Priest-In-Charge



VESTRY

Mr. Don Martin (2018)	Senior Warden
Mr. Al Banwell (2020)	Junior Warden
Ms. Donna Class (2018)	Mrs. Stacci Thomas (2018)
Mrs. Ann Marie Wyatt-Rogers (2018)	Mrs. Kathy Dansey (2019)
Mrs. Patty Green (2019)	Ms. Noel Wilson (2020)
Ms. Donna Class	Register

OFFICERS

Mrs. Evelyn C. McLaughlin	Treasurer
Mr. John Andrews, Mr. Tony Crudup, Mr. Andy Marshall	Assistant Treasurers

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Mrs. Elvira Cooper	Altar Guild
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Mrs. Patty Green Mr. Chuck Quinley Mr. Danny Weaver Mr. Bert Pearce-Marshall	Counters
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Mrs. Edith Washington Mrs. Loyde' Young	Health & Outreach
Mrs. Joan Bonnett	Parish Administrator
Ms. Cathy Combs	Parish Musician Director of Music Ministry
Mrs. Elvira Cooper Mrs. Patty Green	Pastoral Care-Co-Chairs
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Mr. John Andrews, Mrs. Janet Dyer, Mrs. Loyde' Young	Stewardship Committee
Mr. Andy Marshall	Web Master



“Fed by God’s word, we take Christ’s love out to the world”