

Re“Mark”able News

Together in Faith: “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” *Luke 3:4*



Although none of us may be as significant as John the Baptist, we too are called to prepare the way of the Lord. Advent reminds us that the Lord is continually coming into our world, and we are continually called to make his paths straight. Our actions of care, compassion, love and stewardship are the actions we can take to prepare the Lord's way.

Bishop's Committee Parishioner Liaison: Every week there is an assigned member of the Bishop's Committee to serve as a Parishioner Liaison. We encourage parishioners to seek out this assigned member whenever there is a suggestion, question or concern. The liaisons will bring all comments to the monthly meeting of the Bishop's Committee to be addressed as appropriate. This week's Parishioner Liaison is **Charlie Vaughn**

Christmas Flowers: Remember a loved one or offer thanks in our Christmas Eve service bulletins. Please fill out a Christmas Flowers form found in a pew pocket or the Narthex and enclose it with your payment in the envelope provided. Forms and money are due no later than ***Sunday, December 16, 2018.***

Sale at MarkDowns: The Thrift Store will have NEW UNUSED items for sale on Sundays during the coffee hour, between 8:45 and 9:45. So come and browse and make your selections. The Thrift Store continues to be opened on Sundays from 8:45-9:45 AM., between the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services.

Calling Bishop's Committee Candidates: Will you consider running? As a candidate, you will need to be a member in good standing, committed to growing spiritually, and supportive of both the mission and ministries of our church. If you meet these expectations and would

like to explore serving on the Bishop's Committee, please contact Fr. Gerardo at 480-964-5820 no later than **December, 14th**.

Upcoming Ministry Meetings:

Daughters of the King: December 12, 11 am

Altar Guild: December 15, 11 am

ECW & M: December 16, 12 pm, Mimi's Café on Alma School Rd.

Bishop's Committee: Tuesday, December 18, 7 pm, Conference Room

Mark Your Calendars:

- ◆ *La Posada, Sunday, December 23, following 10 am service in Knight Hall*
- ◆ *Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th, 6 pm, Children's Pageant and St. Mark's Singers and Musicians*
- ◆ *Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th, 10 am*
- ◆ *Epiphany, Sunday, January 6th, 10 am*
- ◆ *Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 20, 10 am, one bilingual service with potluck to follow in Knight Hall*

The Lion's Den Café: Our fellowship café is open every Sunday morning, between services from 8:45-9:45 am. Please stop by Knight Hall and enjoy coffee with a variety of treats. Today's hosts for The Lion's Den Café are the members of **the Food Pantry Ministry**.

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners in Need of Prayer: Dorothy Tibshraeny, Chris and Judy Hos-sack, Mary Twentyman, Kay Summers, Caryl Bayless, Fr. Steve Ford, Dick and Carol Bell, Glenda Richardson, Winnie Jackson, Shirley Boswell, Hazel Buehlman, Rev. Harold & Edithanne Knight, Kathy and Mike LaGoy, Margie Collins, Monty Fox, Helen and Arnold Cooper, Pete and Barbara Willan, Jerry and Dee Greiner, Elaine Austin, Marguerite Gray, Allyn Evans, Helen Frost, Lois Pettengill, Bob and Kathy Cheatham, Ray and Barbara Haug, Laura Haug, Kyleigh Haug, Jan Northcutt, June Roberts, John and Carol Banker, Anna, Rich and Dawn Cook, Randy and Lori Rogers, Mary, Donna Kelly, Alice Brunett, Genevieve Muth, Kay Fail, Russ, Flor Castillo, Zuleyzka Castillo, Sri-lanka Castillo, Jeff and Nadia Gazale, Raymond Marshall, Kirk Baden, Midura Family, Jeannie Buckingham, Barb Guenther, Teresa Gordon, Veronica Ubosi, Judy Ricketts, Tom.

Others in Need of Prayer: Susie, Jason, Avery, Dylan, Ryan, Jack, Keegan, Clementine, Scout, Ted Knowles, Terri Abernethy, Courtney, Justin, David, Braxton, Bilinga, Christie Roberts, Jordan Stallings, Bob and Pat Doyle, Cathy Hogan, Kylie, Ramon Brambila, Judith Brambila, Shae Pifer, Dave and Barb Turley, Tori Jean, Sharon, Sydney, Paris, Tyler, Christopher, Dave, Billy, Mel, Johanna and family, Russ, Roy, Evelyn, Tudy Breeden, Gemma Paige, Dominic, Esther, Tom, Evelyn, Jillian, Jenni, Baby Emily, Sophia, Leticia Cruz, Erika, Julia Coleman, Stephanie, Shyann and baby boy Skylor, Katherine, Liz, Al, Sy, Aurora, Mission of Good Shepherd in Belize (Jamie, Susie, Whitney, Carslyn, Stephanie), Cameron Washburn, Jill Kistner, Jeff, Don Pedro, Don Brock, Jeannie, Anne and Jim, Nisha and Michael,* Charles, Deb, Claire, Ed, Karen, Bill, Pauline, John, Colin, The Roberts family

Prayers for the Departed: Fr. Steve's mother, Jean Ford

Serving in the Armed Forces: Susie (McManus) Kistner, Duncan Hos-sack, Ana Maria, Matthew Gerosa, Mike, Chuck, Brian, Zachary, Gabriel, Jessie Swier, Alex, Daniel Pagan, Brandon Boulis, Ryan Ehrler, Matt Baicleme, Kaitlyn Haley, Blake, Dean, and Steve, Ryan Ekler.

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: Ugo Ubosi, Mary Irvine

Celebrating Anniversaries this Week: Glenn and Teresa Gordon

This Week at St. Mark's

December 10—December 16, 2018

Monday

Food Pantry Setup, 8 am-11 am, Knight Hall
East Valley Pops Rehearsal, 1-3 pm, Knight Hall

Tuesday

MarkDowns Thrift Store, 9am—Noon
Food Pantry, 10 am-11:30 am, Knight Hall

Wednesday

Healing Service and Christian Formation Class, 10 am
Daughters of the King Meeting, 11 am, Conference Room

Thursday

MarkDowns Thrift Store, **9 am-1 pm**
East Valley Harmonizers Practice, 7 pm, Knight Hall
Choir Practice, 7 pm

Friday

MarkDowns Thrift Store, **9 am-1 pm**
Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band, 7 pm

Saturday

Bilingual Children's' Christian Education Class, 10 am
Altar Guild Meeting, 10 am

Sunday

Spanish Eucharist , 8 am
Christian Formation-Youth, 8:45, Classrooms
Lion's Den, 9 am, Knight Hall
(Host: Altar Guild/Daughters of the Kings/Usher)
English Eucharist, 10 am