

# Re“Mark”able News

**Together in Faith:** Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed.” *Luke 2:34-35a.*



As part of his blessing over the Holy Family, the holy man Simeon makes these prophetic comments about Jesus. Obviously this little infant's life is to become one of struggle and conflict, and we know it ends on the cross. But not really... the real ending is not on the cross but in Jesus' resurrection and exultation. Christmas invites us into the deeper mystery of Jesus, the one truly a baby but also the saving presence of God.

**Bishop's Committee Parishioner Liaison:** Every week there will be 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 **Bob Cheatham**

**Convention Delegates:** If you would like to be a candidate for delegate to the 2018 Annual Diocesan Convention in Phoenix, please contact Gloria or Fr. Gerardo in the office. All members in good standing in the Episcopal Church are eligible to run. Delegates will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 21, 2018.

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting of St. Mark's Episcopal Church will be **Sunday, January 21st**. There will be one bilingual service at 10 am, and the meeting will be conducted *during the service*. There will be a review of 2017 ministry highlights, presentation of the 2018 budget, election of 2018 Bishop's Committee members, and election of delegates to the 2018 Diocesan Convention. Following the service, there will be a pot-luck lunch in Knight Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

**Thrift Store:** MarkDowns Thrift Store needs more volunteers! Shifts include every Thursday and Friday from 9 am– 1 pm and the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9 am-12pm. Please contact Barb Haug or Kathy Cheatham for more information.

**Upcoming Ministry Meetings:**

**Daughters of the King:** January 10, 2017, 11 am

**ECW & M:** January 14, 2017, 11:15 am, Knight Hall

**Altar Guild:** February 17, 10 am

**Ministry Council (all ministry leaders):** Tuesday, January 16, 7 pm

**Bishop's Committee:** Tuesday, January 23, 2017, 7 pm, Conference Room

**Mark Your Calendars:**

- ◆ *Bilingual Epiphany Service, Sunday, January 7th, 10 am*
- ◆ *Annual Meeting (bilingual), Sunday, January 21st, 10 am with annual potluck to follow in Knight Hall*
- ◆ *Dressed to a Tea Party, Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 1:30-4:30 pm (fashion show, tea party, silent auction, raffle and Uptown Angels performance)*

**Junior Warden Schedule:** Our Junior Warden, Bob Cheatham, will be keeping regularly scheduled hours at the office: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 8-10 am performing various maintenance duties; also every Friday from 7 am-11 am performing beautification, and property maintenance. If you have questions, comments or just want to help out, please call Bob Cheatham at 602-568-2701.

**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 *Christian Education-Youth ministry*.

**November 2017 Year-to-Date Financials**  
**General Fund**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Favorable</u> <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
Income	172,464	174,281	(1,817)
Expenses	<u>203,075</u>	<u>198,167</u>	<u>(4,908)</u>
Net	(30,611)	(23,886)	(6,725)

# Parish Prayer List

**Parishioners in Need of Prayer:** Dorothy Tibshraeny, Chris and Judy Hossack, Rev. Don and 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, John and Karen Ddamba, Debbie Smith, Allyn Evans, Helen Frost, Lois Pettengill, Bob and Kathy Cheatham, Ray and Barbara Haug, Laura Haug, Jan Northcutt, June Roberts, John and Carol Banker, Anna, Rich and Dawn Cook, Janette Leone, Randy and Lori Rogers, Mary, Brett Ellis, Donna Kelly, Julia Coleman, Pam Vespie, Alice Brunett, Genevieve Muth, Sally, Dreana, Daniel Welch, Kay Fail, Matthew, Russ, Flor Castillo, Zuleyzka Castillo, Sri-lanka Castillo, Jeff and Nadia Gazale, George Morgan, Raymond Marshall, Paul Breuninger, Barbara Guenther, Kirk Baden, Medura Family, Rick, Tom, Debbie, Sue, Don Henney, Jeannie Buckingham.

**Others in Need of Prayer:** Susie, Jason, Avery, Dylan, Ryan, Jack, Keegan, Jessa, Clementine, Scout, Don Ginsel, Nichole, Ted Knowles, Terri Abernethy, Courtney, Justin, David, Braxton, Dave McManus, Bilinga, Christie Roberts, Jordan Stallings, Marie Meighan, Bob and Pat Doyle, Cathy Hogan, Kylie, John Bloom, Paul Bloom, Mark Bloom, Ramon Brambila, Judith Brambila, Shae Pifer, Dave and Barb Turley, Tori Jean, Sharon, Sydney, Paris, Tyler, Christopher, Dave, Johanna and family, Russ, Roy, Evelyn, Tudy Breeden, Joseph Alvarado, Mayra Alvarado, Gerosa family, Gemma Paige, Dominic, Esther, Tom, Evelyn, Jillian, Fred Burgess, Frank Burgess, Jenni,\* Liz, Katherine, Al, Sy, Jeannie, Charla Santos and family, Carolyn and Keith Smith, Annette, Raymond, Artie, Mike, Robert, John, Pauline.

**Serving in the Armed Forces:** Duncan Hossack, 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:** Bill McCarthy, Julia Coleman, Fr. Gerardo Brambila

**Celebrating Anniversaries this Week:**

# This Week at St. Mark's

January 1—January 7, 2018

## *Wednesday*

Healing Service and Christian Formation Class, 10 am

## *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

## *Sunday*

### **EPIPHANY**

Bilingual Rite II Service, 10 am

Lion's Den, 11 am, Knight Hall

*(Host: Bishop's Committee)*