

ADULT EDUCATION

9am on Sunday! Join us in the Education Room—formerly the vesting room— (or on ZOOM) for rich discussions. There will be three series for adult education this season:

PHILOSOPHY AND THEOLOGY (Sundays)

September 14, 21, 28, and October 5.

At the end of the second century, the Christian author Tertullian asked (dismissively), “What hath Athens to do with Jerusalem?” We will take up this question and look at the relationship between Greek philosophy and Christian theology.

CHRISTIANITY AND MENTAL HEALTH (Sundays)

October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, and 23.

What is the relationship between evidence-based approaches to clinical mental health on the one hand and the cure of souls in Christianity on the other? Where are they distinct? Where is there overlap? Join us as we explore these and other questions related to counseling in the life of the church.

ADVENT BEGINS IN THE DARK (Sundays)

November 30, December 7, 14, 21

Join us this Advent as we look at sermons from Fleming Rutledge’s book, *Advent: The Once and Future Coming of Jesus Christ*.

ADULT EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE ON ZOOM!

See website—stmarksfincastle.org

Please join us for **ST. MARK’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH’S CHILI COOKOFF AND TASTING**

on **Saturday, October 18** at the VFW Lord Botetourt Post 1841, 4902 Roanoke Road, Daleville, VA from 5:00-7:00pm!!



This fun event will be a fundraiser for the BOTETOIRT FOOD PANTRY. Tickets can be purchased at St. Mark’s or at the door for \$15.00. Children ages 10 and under are FREE. Anyone who attends St. Mark’s is eligible to make chili for judging and will win a special prize!

Purchase tickets in advance at St. Mark’s or at the door. Ticket price includes Chili Samples; Bowl of chili or hot dog, coleslaw, chips and a drink.

There will also be a bake sale and donation boxes. Monetary and non-perishable goods will be accepted.

Save the Date: Annual Meeting and Potluck—January 25th, 2026

MONTHLY SERVICES

SERVICES AT THE GLEBE

A service of Holy Communion is held at The Glebe Retirement community in Daleville **every second Tuesday** of the month at 11:00am.

Glebe Dates: September 9, October 14, November 11, December 9

HOLY COMMUNION WITH HEALING PRAYERS

Join us every **third Thursday from 11:30am to 12 noon** in the sanctuary (no Zoom) for a short service of communion with healing prayers.

Mid-Week Communion/Healing Prayer Dates: September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18

A very warm WELCOME to you!

We would LOVE to get to know you better, so please fill out a newcomer card found in the pew and drop it in the offering plate or click on “CONNECTION CARD” on our website home page (stmarksfincastle.org - only 2 pieces of info to fill in!). We hope you will join us each week!

A few notes about Sundays at St. Mark’s:

Communion - Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine. You may receive only the bread or the wine if you wish. If you want to come forward and receive a blessing, then please cross your arms as you come to the Communion Rail. Follow the usher’s direction about coming to the Altar. Communion is received standing or kneeling.

Fellowship - Following Church we have a laid back social time with cookies, lemonade, and coffee. We try to gather outside (weather permitting) or in the Church Parish Hall.

Offertory - The loose plate offering on the 4th Sunday of each month is directed to the Rector’s discretionary account.

Membership - Looking for a church home? We are looking for you! Willis would love to talk to you about Baptism, Confirmation and joining the church. Note that once you walk through our doors, we consider you a "member"!

Zoom – Currently all our worship services, bible studies and meetings are accessible VIA Zoom.

Other offerings at St. Mark's...

DORCAS NEEDLEWORK GUILD

Dorcas Guild meets weekly on Thursdays from 10-12am and then 1-3pm in the Youth Center. All kinds of needlework are welcome. Usually the group makes quilts for those in need, or you can bring your own project to work on. Come any time and stay as long as you wish. Contact Carole Geiger for more details at Geiger.Caroleb@gmail.com.

EPISCOPAL MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

All men of the church meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30am at the Greenwood Restaurant on Route 11 in Troutville (8176 Lee Highway). Contact Mike Parish for more EMF information (Michael.L.Parish@gmail.com).

BOTETOIRT MUSIC ACADEMY

Botetourt Music Academy, open since the Fall of 2021, offers choirs for ages 5 to adult. All are welcome to join together in song, from every faith, every school, every home. The mission behind this choir is to create ambassadors of music—children who learn fluency in music through a foundation of knowing the simplicity of solfege, children who become life-long learners of any subject, and children who will grow into adult concert-goers. Though this choir is not performance based, members of the choir will have the opportunity to share music at concerts throughout the year. During the academic year, the choirs rehearse on Wednesdays at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Fincastle. Any inquiries can be directed to music@stmarksfincastle.org.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

AA meets every Tuesday and Saturday at 7:00pm in the church parish hall downstairs.

BOTETOIRT FOOD PANTRY

The Botetourt Food Pantry, led by co-chairs Martha Rodgers and Cathly McClung, is located in the basement of the St. Mark’s Ministry Center. It assists families with food and personal care items. Food is distributed on Saturdays from 9:00 to noon. Volunteers are especially welcome to assist on Saturdays or on the first Monday of the month when a group off-loads their delivery truck from Feeding America.

Weekly Opportunities

EVENING PRAYER (WEDNESDAYS)

Lay readers from the congregation lead an online spoken service of daily prayer following the form of the *Book of Common Prayer 1979*, **every Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. by Zoom only**. There is no music, and a brief meditation is offered. **Links to all Zoom services are on the homepage of our website.**

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY (THURSDAYS)

The Brown Bag Bible Study is a casual, hour-long study of a particular book of the Bible beginning at 12:05pm on Thursdays. If you don't have a Bible, we have one for you! Right now, we are going through the Gospel of John. There's no need to have attended previous weeks' studies. Bring your lunch and join in person in the Ministry Center or on Zoom (link on our website).

ADVENT MEDITATION (WEDNESDAYS)

For Advent, join us on ZOOM Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm for sessions of visio divina. Jenine and Jake will lead guided meditation and discussion of artwork related to Advent. It will run December 3, 10, and 17.

BOTETOURT MUSIC ACADEMY DATES



Friday, October 17 at 12:30pm - National Anthem at Ashley Golf Course

Sunday, November 16 at 6:00pm - St. Mark's United Methodist Church (across from Daleville

Kroger)

Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00pm - Blue Ridge Library Tree Lighting Celebration

Wednesday, December 3 at 3:30pm - The Glebe

BMA Singers will also be performing in the Nutcracker on December 12, 13, and 14!

OTHER UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP AND LEARN

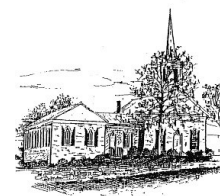
November 2 - All Saints' Sunday

November 20 - David Zahl presents his latest book, *The Big Relief: The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World*, at this year's Dodson Lecture, followed by time for Q&A at St. John's Episcopal Church in Roanoke, 6:00-9:00pm.

November 23 - Thanksgiving Celebration! The church will be decorated with fresh fruits and vegetables brought prior to the church. Afterwards they will be donated to the Botetourt Food Pantry.

December 21 - Lessons & Carols service at Emmanuel Chapel, Eagle Rock at 11:00am and decorating of St. Mark's church afterwards.

December 24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 4:00pm



St. Mark's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector

Jake Webb, Assistant to the Rector

Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk

Anna Preston, Music Minister

Jim Johnston, Treasurer

Allison Caldwell, Ana Uotinen, Children's Ministers

Sunday Morning

Adult Education (Parish Hall) 9:00am - 9:00am

Holy Communion Rite I or Morning Prayer at 10:00am

Monthly

Second Tuesday of each month, Holy Communion at The Glebe at 11:00am

Third Thursday of the Month—Holy Communion with Healing Prayers at 11:30am in sanctuary



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