

**Alexandria Regional Report**  
**February 21, 2019**  
**St. James Episcopal Church, Mt. Vernon, VA**

**Christ Church**

- The Lazarus Ministry and Food Pantry have been heavily visited by furloughed federal employees and contractors. CC's outreach manager has been working with the City of Alexandria to extend benefits and other assistance. (Other Alexandria regional Lazarus Ministries at St. Paul's and the Resurrection congregation have experienced the same influx of new clientele.)
- On February 18<sup>th</sup>, CC held a Day of Readings in honor of Martin Luther King which was extremely well attended.
- A CC youth ski trip will take place in February to Bryce Mountain with accommodations secured at Shrine Mont.
- The CC Mission Trip to Mengo Hospital in Uganda was concluded.

**Emmanuel on High**

- A myriad of pre-school, youth, and young adult programs will be held during the Lenten and Easter seasons.
- Adult forums during the period will focus on situational ethics and contemplating how the parish will implement and use "The Way of Love" in the coming year.
- Plans are being finalized for the renovation of the church school playground.
- All of us in the Alexandria Region are saddened by the passing of the Rev. Chuck McCourt's mother.

**Grace Episcopal Church**

- The Rev. David Crosby, former Executive Board delegate for the Alexandria Region, has been appointed as the interim Assistant Rector at Grace.
- J2A Gala was held on February 2 to raise funds in support of the Grace pilgrimage to Iceland and Ireland during the Summer of 2019.

**Immanuel-on-the-Hill**

- Fitness classes for nearly all age groups, yoga, Bible study, and Education for Ministry classes are being on a regular weekly or monthly schedule.
- IOTH will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with several events and festivities on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Mead Memorial Episcopal Church**

- During March, Mead will be hosting “Life Line Screening” for the parish and the surrounding community. This program is a non-invasive, vascular testing and osteoporosis screening that are not part of a routine physical examination.
- Mead continues to offer its weekday lunch program for Alexandria’s indigent population.
- In participation with the “DC Central Kitchen,” Mead has begun offering a hot noon meal in its community every Saturday. The program began in October and will run through the end of March. In addition, lunch guests are provided with personal hygiene supplies (e.g., soap, tooth brush, tooth paste, hand cleaner, etc.).

### **Church of the Resurrection**

- Resurrection has been demolished, and in its place a new, albeit smaller, church will be constructed, along with a 113-unit affordable housing complex. Parishioners currently worship at Immanuel Chapel on the campus of Virginia Theological Seminary. During the Lenten and Easter seasons, several services and events will be combined with the parish of Immanuel-on-the-Hill.
- Not to be daunted, the vibrant Resurrection outreach programs continue. The West End Lazarus Ministry currently operates out of the Fairlington Presbyterian Church, the Resurrection pre-school has merged with the Fairlington United Methodist Church, and the Resurrection Food Bank and Clothing Distribution Center continues at the St. James United Methodist Church. All of these churches are located in the West End of Alexandria.

### **St. Clement**

- On Tuesday, November 20, The Rev. Robin Razzino, Rector of St. Clement, joined with The Rev. Grace Han, Trinity United Methodist Church; The Rev. Larry Hayward, Westminster Presbyterian Church; and Rabbi Steven Rein, Agudas Achim Congregation at an interfaith Thanksgiving service. This is the largest interfaith celebration in the Region.
- The hypothermia shelter at St. Clement was opened this year on January 6. (In continuous annual operation since 1991.) It will be in operation through March 16. Volunteers from Christ Church, Grace, Emmanuel, Resurrection, and St. Paul’s assist in staffing the shelter.
- The Rev. Robin Razzino was formally installed as Rector on January 12 by Bishop Susan Goff. Former rectors, Rosemary Sullivan and John Hortum were in attendance.
- During Lent, St. Clement will co-host a mid-day, mid-week Lenten Series with The Church of the Resurrection.
- On March 30, St. Clement will hold its annual silent auction in support of its preschool. This is the largest fund raising event for the school. The preschool has had a recent major influx of attendees due to the federal government shutdown. The church has worked aggressively to assist families caught in this stressful period.
- Diana McDonald is the newly appointed delegate to the Alexandria Regional Council.

### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

- **Martha J. Horne Lecture, Jan. 20** – Former Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori spoke on the topic of “Transformation in the Episcopal Church: Leadership Development and the Beloved Community in the 21th Century.”
- **Benjamin H. Latrobe Lecture, Jan. 23** – Calder Loth, Emeritus Senior Architectural Historian for the Virginia Department of Historical Resources delivered a presentation entitled “Latrobe’s Venture into the Gothic Revival.”
- **Foundation Sunday Forum, Jan. 27** – After working as a private sector historic preservation consultant, John Sprinkle, Jr., Ph.D. has served as a historian for the National Park Service since 1989, as well as on the City of Alexandria’s Historical Restoration and Preservation Commission. He discussed “St. Paul’s and the National Register of Historic Places: Recognizing the Historic Significance of Religious Structures.”
- **People of the Word Series, Feb. 10-24** – A three-part series on Christianity, Judaism, and Islam features Rabbi Brett Isserow, retired rabbi of Alexandria’s Beth El Hebrew Congregation; The Very Rev. Ian Markham, Dean of the Virginia Theological Seminary; Rector of St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, DC. Topics discussed will include Introduction to Christian Midrash; Biblical Families: Relatives of Moses, Jesus, Peter, and Paul; and First Believer: Judas Iscariot.
- **Saints and Singers, Feb. 16** – The seventh fundraiser/cocktail party to benefit St. Paul’s choirs and music programs.
- **Spring2ACTion, Apr, 10** – Parish participation in the third citywide giving day, raising funds in support of the St. Paul’s Lazarus Ministry.
- **Celebration of Youth & Children, May 3** – This annual celebration, including a silent auction, will raise funds for St. Paul’s youth and children’s programs.
- **Cloister Night** – On Tuesday evenings during Lent, St. Paul’s will host evenings that include Evening Prayer with Eucharist, silent dinner, meditation period, and Compline.