

St. Mark's ESOL Needs You!

There are more and more opportunities for the St. Mark's families to be involved in Outreach Ministries in Springfield and, for this, we are all very grateful.

Hopefully, for those of you who are able to commit time to help your international neighbors, St. Mark's ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) will be your choice this fall. Only with the generous help of volunteers outside of our St. Mark's family, our year-round ESOL has been able to continue for the summer in our 20th year. To date, we have welcomed 59 learners to two classrooms. Four new classes begin on September 12 (Tuesday/Wednesday, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM) Please help! Call Joan Smith at [703-354-2350](tel:703-354-2350).

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ENGLISH CLASSES

During this past summer of 2017, your prayerful support of our ESOL Ministry enabled volunteers to welcome 57 students to English classes and 15 other neighbors to a very active Citizenship class. Our Fall ESOL session has just begun. This would not have been possible but for the continued help of non-members in three classrooms and member Brendan Richardson at the helm greeting and registering 39 eager learners in the first week. After having welcomed strangers with respect and dignity, over the past 20 years, we ESOL volunteers believe that what we do here reveals who we are! And, for this, we are grateful that we represent our blessed St. Mark's in service to God's people!

