

News and Service Opportunities - Please Take Note:

Please join us in the responsibility to safeguard God's children by making sure no child is unaccompanied while in the building. **Our Nursery** is staffed from 10:15am—noon.

COVID UPDATE As the number of COVID cases continues to decline in Richmond and the surrounding counties, St. Mark's vestry, clergy and staff are deeply grateful for your patience and grace in our shared response to this pandemic. As we have followed the CDC guidelines and our Bishop's guidance, Richmond is now in the "green" or LOW transmissions, and we are able to make decisions about masking, distancing and singing. **We have made the decision to re-incorporate congregational singing into our worship.** St. Mark's will continue to require masks in the church—for service, for gatherings, and in offices. We feel this is the best way to make a compassionate transition and allow the congregation to warm to these changes over time. **Unless there is any change in direction from the Bishop's office, or increase in COVID risks as evaluated by our Vestry, we intend to make masking optional on Sunday, April 24.**

This Sunday we offer communion at the rail and at the chancel steps.

Easter Floral Decorating: Calling all novice and experienced floral decorators. Whether you have any background or not, we would love to have you join us for Easter decorating. Please reach out to Pam Piercy at ppiercy@comcast.net if interested in joining in this fun opportunity.

Join Us for Holy Week Services in-person or via Zoom. Schedule is on the reverse and on the website.

What's Up with the Peeling Paint? We're Drying Out! Yes, we replaced the roof during the summer of 2021. Why haven't we repainted? Because after years of water seepage under the slate of the old roof it is necessary to give the interior surfaces time to "dry out." This is estimated to take at least 12 if not 18 months for the northern facing roof and walls. Interior renovation work of plastering and painting as well as addressing needed sound and lighting issues will occur when we are sure the surfaces are dry.



Outreach:

Food Pantry service continues outside on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! Sign ups for 2022 are available through live links on our website and emails! We distribute bags, lunches, and fresh fruit in the south parking lot to those who come. If you have donations or questions about the pantry, contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Franklin, forpop247@gmail.com.

ACTS Lenten Collection! ACTS needs Men & Women's basic hygiene products: soap, razors, deodorant, shaving cream, toothpaste, tooth brushes AND Household products: Dish rags and Sponges, Kleenex, Clorox Wipes. **Bring to church by Easter Sunday, April 17.**

CARITAS meal ministry 2022 - check the Outreach page of the website for details. We prepare and deliver food to their residential sites. There are opportunities each month to provide a lunch or dinner. **We'll be doing a Healing Place Dinner on April 29.** If you would like to help contact Ed Street or Suzanne Long.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

April 10 — April 16

PALM SUNDAY(10) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

TUES(12) 5:00 PM Executive Meeting

WED (13) 10:00 AM AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

MAUNDY THUR (14) 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service *(with Washing of Feet)*

GOOD FRIDAY(15) 12:00 PM Good Friday Service
(Stations of the Cross following the noon service)
6:30 PM Good Friday Service
(Both services with Holy Communion)

HOLY SATURDAY(16) 7:30 PM Great Vigil Service

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom
Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

April 17 — April 23

EASTER SUNDAY(17) 10:00 AM Flowering of the Cross
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

TUES (19) Office Closed
6:00 PM Vestry via Zoom

WED (20) 10:00 AM AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

SAT(23) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom
Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, April 10

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Judy Davis

Master of Ceremony: Paul Shane

First Reading: Elizabeth Kysler

Second Reading: Peter Walker

Intercessor: Dale Salyers

Acolytes: Frosty Owens, Carter Strite

Ushers: Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright,
Bill Martin, Steve Clark

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder
Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Parish Life

Altar Flowers:
Floral Guild

Serving Next Sunday, April 17

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Judy Davis

Master of Ceremony: Douglas D'Urso, Mike Evranian

First Reading: Mickie Jones

Second Reading: Karen Franklin

Intercessor: Jim Contner

Acolytes: Frosty Owens, Carter Strite

Ushers: Dan Hartman, Ivy Burnes,
Sandy Steele, Annette Spanel

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder
Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Liz Smith, Gayle Johnston,
Amy Strite, Carter Strite

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Children's Worship

Altar Flowers:
Floral Guild