

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 and to make masks optional.** We still ask that you socially distance and remain mindful of other's health.

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

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.

Community Reads is back, Tuesday April 26 7pm via Zoom. We will be discussing *Better Not Bitter* by Yusef Salaam, one of the wrongly convicted Central Park Jogger defendants. Led by Rev. Dorothy White and shared with St. Peter's congregants. High School age youth are invited to join in this discussion.

Long Range Plan Update 2022: The process for updating our LRP begins in May. This is done in small group meetings with Vestry and Ministry Chairs. Questions? Contact Malinda Collier.

Rector Search Survey—the Vestry has approved the Rector Search Survey as submitted by the Search Team. It will come out via email this week.! We want to hear from you!



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.

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. We need 8 family size boxes of Stouffer's Mac & Cheese (unbaked). If you can bring one by the church by Thursday, April 28 let Malinda Collier know or sign up on-line (Thursday email link)

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

April 24 — April 30

SUNDAY(24) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

TUES (26) 6:00 PM Stewardship
7:00 PM Community Reads

WED (27) 10:00 AM AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

May 1 — May 7

SUNDAY(1) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
Noon LRP-Inreach Meeting
Noon Finance Meeting

WED (4) 10:00 AM AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

THURS(5) 12:15 PM VMFA Lunch

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, April 24

Celebrant: The Rev. Judy Davis

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Master of Ceremony: Paul Shane

First Reading: Annette Spanel

Second Reading: Karen Franklin

Intercessor: Rob McTier

Banner: Frosty Owen

Ushers: Mary Clark, Steve Clark, Phoebe Davis

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Mary Clark, Peter Walker,
Ellen Landers, Dustin Landers

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Ralph Stanley, Blair and Patrick McDuff
MK Craver & Will DeBord

Altar Flowers:
Floral Guild

Serving Next Sunday, May 1

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Judy Davis

Master of Ceremony: Douglas D'Urso

First Reading: Patrick McDuff

Second Reading: Carter Strite

Intercessor: Jennifer Kaufman

Ushers: Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh, Jim Contner

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Mickie Jones, Amada Cline

Altar Flowers:
Pam Piercy