

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. **Children's Worship** is offered during our service. Best for children ages 4-11ish. We leave after the Gospel and return at the Peace. **"Soft-spots" for families with young children** offer toddler friendly seating in the church. We love having children in church.

COVID SAFETY: Masks are optional. We ask that you remain mindful of other's health.

Young Adults meet at 3pm at The Beet Café, Ellwood Thompson.

Coffee Hour Ministry: It's not lunch—it's agape! Each Sunday, a small team from the Coffee Hour Ministry provides food, which is meant to bring us together, to welcome the newcomer, and to provide a weekly home base for this congregation which comes from all over the Metro area. It helps make us family.

The Coffee Hour Ministry is currently comprised of ten teams that are scheduled throughout the year, generally being responsible for three Sundays. There are currently about forty folks who take part. The new Coffee Hour season is almost upon us, and we need help. Please prayerfully consider joining in this ministry that so bolsters St. Mark's as a loving community. Put together your own new team, or agree to join an existing one. It's fun, and it's all about the love. Contact Penny Adams (nbfinc@aol.com) for more information.

Please excuse our peeling paint! We continue evaluating the surfaces under the new roof for dryness and acquiring bids of needed repairs and renovations. Until we are sure surfaces are dry it makes no sense to replaster and paint. The renovation project will also be a financially significant investment on the part of the church. We appreciate your patience.

While we pray for the world, we cannot pray for everyone by name. Beginning in May, the prayer list will be refreshed by removing names in friends and family listed more than three months. Please let us know of any names that need to stay on the list. If you have already done so in the past, those names will stay on the list. Please email the office with any updates by April 27.

A note from Amos: Please help; our Hymn Request Clipboard is now bare! I have really enjoyed learning about and singing your St. Mark's favorites over the past several months, so if y'all have a chance to add some more tunes to the list, I would appreciate it! The Hymn Request Clipboard is located at the front of the church, on the music stand beside the piano, and thank you!

Lost and Found A Day of Reflection, Hope and Healing Saturday, May 20, 2023, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Centenary United Methodist Church 411 E Grace St. Richmond Va. 23219. Sponsored by Downtown Cooperative Ministries. Led by David Hoover, a nationally known retreat and workshop facilitator. David's expertise is in creating safe spaces to talk about important topics. \$35. Register: <http://tiny.cc/tgh5vz>.

Outreach:

Food Pantry service on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! We distribute bags, lunches, and fresh fruit to those who come. On 2nd Saturdays we offer a hot meal. If you have donations or questions about the pantry, contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Franklin, forpop247@gmail.com. **The Food Pantry needs baggers—people to prepare bags for distribution on 2nd & 4th Saturdays. A great family activity! Contact Karen Franklin to help. Please shop for the Food Pantry—lists are on-line and in the church entry.**

We are shifting our 4th Saturday meal offering away from bag lunches to breakfast items. Starting in June you can sign up to provide things like yogurt, muffins, breakfast sandwiches, donuts, and juice.

12-Step Ministry—Our friends came home on April 12! Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

April 30 — May 6

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

WED(3) 10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

SAT(6) 9:00 AM Vestry/MC Retreat

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

May 7 — May 13

SUNDAY(7) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 PM Pastoral Care Meeting
2:00 PM Sacred Ground

TUES(9) 5:00 PM Executive Meeting

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

SAT(13) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, April 30

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Patrick McDuff

Second Reading: Annette Spanel

Intercessor: Nick Roberts **Chalicer:** Patrick McDuff

Acolytes: Grace and Thomas McDuff

Ushers: Phoebe Davis, Annette Spanel,
Anson Matthews, Kristin Herman

Greeters: Beth Wentworth & Fred Crowley

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier and Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Sanford Eberly,
Liz Smith, Mary Clark

Altar Flowers: Pam Piercy

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Dan Hartman, Mary and Steve Clark,
Ralph Stanley, Blair and Patrick McDuff

Serving Next Sunday, May 7

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

Verger: Douglas D'Urso

First Reading: Howard Pugh

Second Reading: Rob McTier

Intercessor: Don Kyser **Chalicer:** Frosty Owen

Acolytes: Reeves and Hunter Marie Boschen

Ushers: Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh,
Jim Contner, Anson Matthews

Greeters: Penny Adams and Jim Contner

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier and Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

Altar Flowers: Sandy Steele

Coffee Hour Sponsors:

Penny Adams and Jim Conter,
Cameron and Kevin Cutro