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.

Children's Worship is on Vacation in July & August. We begin again on Sunday September 8.

Young Adults gathering today, 1pm here at church.

Worship and Outreach Teams meet today, August 18 at noon. Ministry Council meets August 25 at 12:30pm

The 2024-2025 Program Year begins on Sunday, September 8 with our Welcome Back Ministry Fair! More info to come on 2024-2025 program offerings!

Women Rowing North—a book group resumes Thursday, September 5 at 3pm. We are reading Autumn Gospel: Women in the Second Half of Life by Kathleen Fischer..

St. Mark's Reads summer book is *James* by Percival Everett. We will gather Sunday, Sept. 15 for a souper and discussion at 5pm.

Interested in learning more about Confirmation? Father Benjamin is holding an informational gathering for adults on Sunday, September 22 at 9:30am. If your teen is interested please contact him directly.

Raise to Renew Campaign! We are very close to scheduling Phase 1 & portions of Phase 2 work! Thank you to all who have pledged! Thank you to all who plan to pledge! And thank you to all who are praying about a pledge! We currently have 76 pledges! Every pledge counts no matter the amount!

Outreach:

Food Pantry service on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! We distribute bags, offer a meal and time to relax and use the bathroom. If you have donations or questions about the pantry, contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Franklin, forpop247@gmail.com. Please shop for the Food Pantry— WE NEED FOOD INCLUD-ING CANNED DOG & CAT FOOD! lists are on-line and in the church entry. August 24 Breakfast team is the Young Adults group.

Anna Julia Cooper School Supplies 2024! Thermal laminating paper, notebook paper, multi-color card-stock and Ticonderoga #2 pencils! Bring to church by August 31! More info on-line and in the emails.

Sign up to help with PRIDE, Saturday, September 14 at the Bon Secours Training Center on Leigh Street. Look for a link in the emails or talk with Malinda Collier or Paul Shane. Two hour shifts, noon—6pm. If all the slots are signed up for, please just come by and say hey! Booth info will be provided when we receive it from the event organizers.

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **August 21 host is Suzanne Long.**

CARITAS Meal ministry continues Friday October 4th, 2024 with a CARITAS After WORKS lunch. Contact Suzanne Long to help with the meal (we prep it here and deliver it to CARITAS).

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

August 18 — August 24

SUNDAY(18) 10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

12:00 PM Outreach Team 12:00 PM Worship Team 1:00 PM Young Adults

TUES(20) 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

WED(21) 12:00 PM Curmudgeon Lunch

8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(24) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

August 25 — August 31

SUNDAY(25) 9:00 AM Zoom Coffee Hour

10:30AM Holy Eucharist Rite II12:30 PM Ministry Council1:00 PM Young Adults

MON(26) 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

(Zoom)

WED(28) 12:00 PM Mid-Week Eucharist

8:00 PM 12-Step

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving This Sunday, August 18

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Verger: Penny Adams

First Reading: Karen Hardison

Second Reading: Dale Salyers

Intercessor: Mickie Jones Chalicer: Amy Strite

Acolytes: Tess Downey & Eleanor Herman

Ushers: Dan Hartman, Fred Crowley, Trey Damron, Virginia Damron

Greeters: Malinda Collier and Howard Pugh

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Liz Smith, Gayle Johnston,

Amy Strite, Carter Strite

Altar Flowers: Elaine Wittel

Coffee Hour: Jones, Cline, Crowley, Wittel

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, August 25

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Peter Walker

Second Reading: Jennifer McCauley

Intercessor: Karen Hardison Chalicer: Frosty Owen

Acolytes: Tess Downey & Eleanor Herman

Ushers: Steve Clark, Mary Clark, Kristin Herman, David Herman

Greeters: Scott and Feild Pennington

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Mary Clark, Peter Walker,

Andrea Lofton, Jean Winne

Altar Flowers: Sandy Steele

Coffee Hour: Evranian, Dummitt, Herman

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson