

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.

No Children's Worship Today. We'll be back Sunday, January 7

Please remember to Pledge your support for St. Mark's ministry. Cards are on-line and in the church. **We currently have 89 pledges on our way to our 100 pledge goal with \$339,132 toward our \$355,000 dollar goal.** Your pledge in whatever amount is critical to funding the ministry of the church.

If you ordered pledge envelopes they are available in the Office. Ask Malinda.

Community Dinner is Tuesday, January 2 at 6pm. \$10 for a full meal with dessert and beverage.

Ordination to the Sacred Order of Priests, Saturday January 6 at 10:30am, All Saints Episcopal Church (River Road & Parham). Come support Dale Smith and Emma Brice Wright as they are ordained.

Epiphany Dinner is Saturday, January 6 at 6pm. All are welcome!

Pastoral Care Team meets Sunday, January 7 at noon. Sacred Ground at 1pm.

Please excuse our peeling paint! We continue to plan for interior improvements determining repair and renovation priorities. Plans are shaping up for some work to begin in 2024. The renovation project will be a financially significant investment on the part of the church. We appreciate your patience.

Part-time Sexton search. St Mark's would like to hire a church sexton for 10 hours a week at \$20/hour (Saturday & Sunday mornings). This position requires skills in event set-up, light cleaning duties, moderate lifting (25 lbs. -/+), English language ability, and being a self-starter. Subject to a satisfactory background check. If you know of someone interested; please have them submit a resume to Fr Benjamin at rector@stmarksrva.org.



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—lists are on-line and in the church entry.**

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **January 3 host is Suzanne Long.**

CARITAS Meal ministry returns in January 31, 2024 with a CARITAS WORKS dinner. Contact Suzanne Long to help with the meal (we prep it here and deliver it to CARITAS)

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 31 — January 6

SUNDAY(31) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
Lessons and Carols Service

TUES(2) OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 PM Community Dinner

WED (3) 8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT (6) 10:30 AM Ordinations at All Saints
6:00 PM Epiphany Dinner

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 31 — January 6

SUNDAY(7) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 PM Pastoral Care Team
1:00 PM Sacred Ground

TUES(9) 5:00 PM Executive Team

WED (10) 10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study
8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(13) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving This Sunday, December 31

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Sarah Kye Price

Preacher: N/A

Verger: Mike Evranian

Readers:

Anson Matthews, Karen Hardison, Sanford Eberly, Yumi Strite,
Harold Wright, Beth Wentworth, Elam Jarrells, Karen Franklin,
Mike Maruca

Intercessor: N/A **Chalicer:** Ryn Kennedy

Acolytes: Tess Downey and Eleanor Herman

Ushers:

Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright, Fred Crowley, Trey Damron

Greeter: Malinda Collier

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild:

Sanford Eberly, Ivy Burnes, Liz Smith, Mary Clark

Greenery - Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Parish Life

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, January 7

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Rob McTier

Second Reading: Tamara Orr

Intercessor: Cameron Cutro **Chalicer:** Ryn Kennedy

Acolytes: Reeves & Hunter Marie Boschen

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

Greeter: Malinda Collier & Howard Pugh

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild:

Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

Altar Flowers: Pam Piercy

Coffee Hour: TBD

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson