

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 UPDATE: Masks are optional. We ask that you socially distance and remain mindful of other's health. **This Sunday we offer communion in both kinds at the rail**

St. Mark's Young Adults meets Sundays at 7pm, Gelati Celesti, 5808 Grove Avenue. Questions? Contact Ryn Kennedy.

Christmas flower & decoration donations! Use the form in the church or on-line to contribute toward our Christmas decorations. Please donate by December 18.

Advent Retreat at the VMFA is today, December 11. Lunch on your own at Best Café, meet with Rev. Judy and Douglas D'Urso at 12:45pm for a time of reflection on selected works of art.

Advent Fun & Learning Day is Saturday, December 17, 2-4pm. Best for ages 4-10/11. Let Malinda know if your child will attend by Sunday, December 11.

Pledge update! We are more than three quarters of the way to reaching our pledge unit goal of 100 pledges. If you have pledged, thank you! If not, please help us make possible the ministries that define our common life and work.

Community Reads is on pause! We will resume on January 24 with our second book *Invisible Child, Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City* by Andrea Elliott. Led by Karen Franklin & Malinda Collier with members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. More info on the website.

Share Your Hymn Requests! Be sure to add your favorites to the Hymn Request Clipboard on the Piano!

Please excuse our peeling paint! The St. Mark's Property Team is beginning the process of testing the surfaces under the new roof for dryness. After years of water seepage, the damage was significant. Until we are sure surfaces are dry it makes no sense to replaster and paint. We appreciate your patience and your support.



Outreach:

Today we bless our gifts for our friends in City District 8. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry

Food Pantry service continues on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! We distribute bags, lunches, and fresh fruit to those who come. 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.**

CARITAS meal ministry - check the Outreach page of the website for details. We prepare and deliver food to their residential sites. When we get 2023 dates we'll post them. **If you would like to help with meals contact Ed Street or Suzanne Long.**

