

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. **We love having children in worship.**

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

It's Pledge Season! Our Annual campaign! Please remember to pledge! Please consider your financial gift to support the work of the church in 2025. Pledges in any amount help us build our operating budget for staff, upkeep, and ministry. We are just over halfway to our 100 pledge unit goal!

Young Adults group meets Sundays at 1pm here at church.

Community Dinner is Tuesday, December 3. Menu is in the emails!

Rector's Forum begins on Sunday, December 8 at 9am. These topical conversations will occur once per month. Meet in the Library.

Advent Retreat with Bishop Susan Goff, Saturday, December 14, 9am—noon at Holy Comforter. To register please email office@hoco.org

St. Mark's Reads Winter book is *Social Justice for the Sensitive Soul: How to Change the World in Quiet Ways* by Dorcas Cheng-Tozun. Grab a copy and start reading - we'll gather in late January/early February for a "souper."

Sacred Ground begins in January 2025 at St. Mark's and St. Paul's. Sacred Ground is an Episcopal Church curriculum which takes a deep dive into the history of race in America, with an added focus on the role the Church has played in this history. Read more about this important study group in our emails. Questions? Chat with Father Benjamin or Shannon Heady.

Richmond Choral Society Concert, Sunday Dec. 8, 4pm at St. Matthews on Forest Ave.

Parish Holiday Open House, Sunday December 15, 1-3pm at the Heady Downey home, 2408 Hanover Avenue.

VA Interfaith Day for All People at the General Assembly is Wednesday, January 15. Talk with Penny Adams or Karen Hardison about registering by Dec. 15.



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. December 14 team is Jones, Cline & Ricks.**

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **December 4 host is Don Kyser.**

CARITAS Meal ministry continues in 2025—check the website for dates! They are on our Outreach page. Contact Suzanne Long to help with the meal (we prep it here and deliver it to CARITAS).

Christmas Lists are live on –line and available after worship in the Parish Hall. Please return your wrapped and tagged gift box by December 15.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 1— December 7

SUNDAY(1) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
MON(2) 10:30 AM von Richter Service
TUES(3) 6:00 PM Community Dinner
WED(4) 10:00 AM Bible Study
 8:00 PM 12-Step
THUR(5) 3:00 PM Women Rowing North
SAT(7) 2:00 PM Advent Fun & Learning

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom
Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 8 — December 14

SUNDAY(8) 9:00 AM Rector's Forum
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 12:00 PM Choir
TUES(10) 5:00 PM Executive Team Meeting
WED(11) 12:00 PM Mid-Week Eucharist
 10:00 AM Bible Study
 8:00 PM 12-Step
SAT(14) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom
Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving This Sunday, December 1

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Mike Evranian

First Reading: Nick Roberts

Second Reading: Becky Adams

Intercessor: Karen Hardison **Chalicer:** Frosty Owen

Acolytes: Tess Downey, Hunter Boschen

Advent Candle: The Williams Family

Ushers: Howard Pugh, Errol Somay,
Steve and Mary Clark

Greeters: Dan Hartman

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones,
Kent Slonaker, Emma Churchman

Altar Flowers: Pam Piercy

Coffee Hour: Jones, Cline, Crowley, Wittel

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, December 8

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Becky Adams

Second Reading: Rym Kennedy

Intercessor: Annette Spanel **Chalicer:** Don Kyser

Acolyte: Eleanor Herman

Advent Candle: Ivy Burnes and Sandy Steele

Ushers: Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright,
Annette Spanel, Nick Roberts

Greeters: Cameron and Kevin Cutro

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel,
Jane Settle, Jackie Bitler

Altar Flowers: Sanford Eberly

Coffee Hour: Collier, Kyser, Sargent, Fite

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson