

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 have 70 pledges on our way to the 100 pledge unit goal!

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

Christmas Flowers! Donations are welcomed in honor or memory of a loved one. Forms are in the church and on-line. Please donate by December 22.—TODAY!

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."

Christmas at St. Mark's. Services at 4pm (Pageant) and 10:30pm (music begins at 10pm) on Tuesday, December 24. Christmas Day 11am at Holy Comforter Church, and Lessons & Carols here on Sunday, December 29, 10:30am

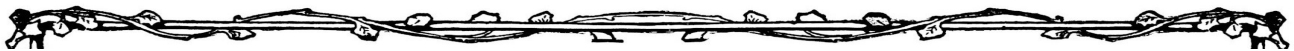
Epiphany Dinner is Sunday, January 5 at 6pm.

Rector's Forum continues on Sunday, January 12 at 9am. These topical conversations will occur once per month. Meet in the Library.

Worship Assistant's Trainings January 12 and February 9. 12:15pm. This is for our diocesan licensing.

Youth Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, January 19. Chat with Fr. Benajmin, Malinda or Ryn for more information.

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 28 team is Team Pennington.**

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **December 25 host is Suzanne Long**

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).

Diaper Drive in January and February. We're collecting to support Church of the Epiphany's distribution. More information to come!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 22 — December 28

SUNDAY(22) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

TUES(24) 4:00 PM Pageant Service
 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Service
 Music begins at 10pm

WED(25) 11:00 AM Christmas Day service at
 Holy Comforter
 8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(28) 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:

December 29 — January 4

SUNDAY(29) 10:30 AM Lessons and Carols

WED(1) 8:00 PM 12-Step

THUR(2) 3:00 PM Women Rowing North

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

Serving This Sunday, December 22

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Vergar: Paul Shane

First Reading: Cameron Cutro

Second Reading: Karen Hardison

Intercessor: Carter Strite **Chalicer:** Mike Maruca

Acolytes: Feild Pennington, Jackson Neal

Advent Candle: Steve and Mary Clark

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

Greeters: Scott Pennington, Howard Pugh

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Mary Clark, Peter Walker,
Andrea Lofton, Jean Winne

Advent Greenery: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Frugard, O'Reilly, Thompson, Moyer

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, December 29

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Vergar: Paul Shane

Readers:

Nick Roberts, Becky Adams, Douglas D'Urso, Carter Strite,
Rob McTier, Jennifer McCauley, Sanford Eberly,
Karen Franklin, Scott Pennington

Chalicer: Carter Strite

Ushers: Steve Clark, Howard Pugh

Greeters: TBD

Nursery: Cassandra Price

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

Christmas Flower:s Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Pennington, Solberg, Neal,
Thompson, Mock, Williams

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson