

## 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 remain mindful of other's health concerns. **This Sunday we offer communion in both kinds at the rail.**

**Office is closed through January 2. We reopen Tuesday, January 3.**

**St. Mark's Young Adults** resumes Sunday, January 8 at 7pm, Gelati Celesti, 5808 Grove Avenue. Questions? Contact Ryn Kennedy.

**Children's Worship** resumes January 8 at 10:45am. **No Nursery December 25 or January 1**

**Pledge update!** The Stewardship Team is grateful to report that our pledge campaign goal is within reach. To date, you have pledged \$324,000, which is over 90% of our goal of \$355,000. Full participation by returning donors, and by a group of new donors, could put us over the top! Each of your gifts, regardless of amount, is an affirmation of our shared life in community.

**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:

**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.**

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:**

December 25 — December 31

**SUNDAY(25)**            10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

*The Office will be closed December 27th to the 29th*

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:**

January 1 — January 7

**SUNDAY(1)**            10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

**TUES (3)**                11:00 AM Office reopens

**THURS(5)**              3:00 PM Women Rowing North

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**Serving this Sunday, December 25**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Judy Davis

**Preacher:** The Rev. Sarah Kye Price

**Vergers:** Paul Shane

**First Reading:** Howard Pugh

**Second Reading:** Judson Frye

**Intercessor:** Mary Clark

**Chalicer:** Paul Shane

**Ushers:** Phoebe Davis, Steve Clark, Mary Clark, Howard Pugh

**Greeters:** Malinda Collier

**Altar Guild:** Mary Clark, Peter Walker,  
Ellen Landers, Dustin Landers

**Altar Flowers:**  
Floral Guild

**Serving Next Sunday, January 1**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Charles “Buck” Aiken

**Deacon:** The Rev. Judy Davis

**Preacher:** The Rev. Judy Davis

**Vergers:** Mike Evranian

**First Reading:** Mickie Jones

**Second Reading:** Dale Salyers

**Intercessor:** Karen Hardison

**Chalicer:** Amy Strite

**Ushers:** Jim Contner, Jan Niederschuh

**Greeters:** TBD

**Altar Guild:** Ivy Burnes, Sandy Steele

**Altar Flowers:**  
Floral Guild