

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.

Advent Series continues December 6. We begin with Evening Prayer at 6pm, dinner at 6:30pm and our study at 7pm. We'll be talking about Mary in Christian history and popular culture.

Advent Retreat at the VMFA is Sunday, 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. Sigh up in the Office!

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.

Many thanks to all who helped with our Advent decorations! As they say—many hands make for light 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:

Christmas is coming! Please return your wrapped gifts for our friends in City District 8 by Sunday, December 11.

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 4 — December 10

SUNDAY(4) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 NOON Pastoral Care

TUES(6) 6:00 PM Advent Series

WED(7) 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

SAT(10) 9:00 PM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

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December 11 — December 10

SUNDAY(11) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 12:45 AM VMFA Advent Retreat

TUES(13) 5:00 PM Executive Meeting
 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting
 via ZOOM

WED(14) 10:00 AM Morning Bible Study
 NOON Curmudgeons @ Arianna's
 7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

FRI(16) 12:15 PM Interbeing

SAT(17) 2:00 PM Advent Fun
 & Learning Day

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, December 4

Celebrant: The Rev. Judy Davis

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Vergers: Douglas D'Urso

First Reading: Howard Pugh

Second Reading: Laura Hicks

Intercessor: Annette Spanel **Chalicer:** Amy Strite

Acolytes: Carter Strite, Amy Strite

Ushers: Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh,
Jim Contner, Jan Niederschuh

Greeters: Beth Wentworth & Mike Kilbourne

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Penny Adams & Jim Contner,
Cameron & Kevin Cutro

Altar Flowers:
Advent Greenery

Serving Next Sunday, December 11

Celebrant: The Rev. Judy Davis

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Judy Davis

Vergers: Paul Shane

First Reading: Dale Salyers

Second Reading: Beth Wentworth

Intercessor: Isabel Tucker **Chalicer:** Mike Maruca

Acolytes: Tess & Margo Downey

Ushers: Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright, Annette Spanel

Greeters: Penny Adams & Jim Contner

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Liz Smith, Gaye Frugard,
Virginia & Trey Damron

Altar Flowers:
Advent Greenery