

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.

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

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 start up gathering, Sunday Dec. 15 at 9:30am. Outreach Team meets on 12/15 at 12:15pm.

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

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

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 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 1 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).

Christmas Lists are live on -line and available after worship in the Parish Hall. Only 5 lists remain! Please return your wrapped and tagged gift box by December 15.

THIS 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) 10:00 AM Bible Study
12:00 PM Mid-Week Eucharist
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

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 15 — December 21

SUNDAY(15) 9:30 AM Sacred Ground Start Up
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:15 PM Outreach Team
1:00 PM Parish Open House

TUES(17) 6:00 PM Vestry MMR

WED(18) 10:00 AM Bible Study
12:00 PM Curmudgeon Lunch
8:00 PM 12-Step

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

Serving This Sunday, December 8

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Vergers: 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: Annette Spanel, Nick Roberts,
Mary and Steve Clark

Greeters: Cameron and Kevin Cutro

Nursery: Cassandra Price

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

Advent Greenery: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Collier, Kyser, Sargent, Fite

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson

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Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Vergers: Douglas D'Urso

First Reading: Laura Hicks

Second Reading: Patrick McDuff

Intercessor: Isabel Tucker **Chalicer:** Amy Strite

Acolyte: Grace and Thomas McDuff

Advent Candle: The McDuff Family

Ushers: Dan Hartman, Fred Crowley

Greeters: Ryn Kennedy

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Liz Smith, Gayle Johnston,
Amy Strite, Carter Strite

Advent Greenery: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: Franklin, Wentworth, Burnes, Steele

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson