

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

This year's designated Easter funds will be given to [St Marc's School](#) in Cerca-La-Source, Haiti. St Marc's is a primary through secondary school in the hills of Central Haiti. Fr Benjamin served as the chair of the Virginia Haiti Collaborative in the diocese of Southwestern Virginia prior to his arrival at St Mark's Richmond, and his fiancé, Elsie has served as translator for this ministry. One of the challenges facing St Marc's School is that there is a great thirst for quality education, but the funds to support the salaries of the staff is very limited. The school continues to grow with enrollment, but the partnership between the Virginia Haiti Collaborative and the school has struggled to raise funds to meet the demands for increased staffing and teacher salaries. Your financial offering to St Marc's School will go a long way to offering education, community stability, and a source of income for teachers.

Our Bishop's visit is Sunday, April 16! We will welcome Assistant Bishop the Rt Rev'd Gayle Harris for confirmation, reception and baptism!

Coffee Hour Ministry: It's not lunch—it's agape! Each Sunday, a small team from the Coffee Hour Ministry provides food, which is meant to bring us together, to welcome the newcomer, and to provide a weekly home base for this congregation which comes from all over the Metro area. It helps make us family.

The Coffee Hour Ministry is currently comprised of ten teams that are scheduled throughout the year, generally being responsible for three Sundays. There are currently about forty folks who take part. The new Coffee Hour season is almost upon us, and we need help. Please prayerfully consider joining in this ministry that so bolsters St. Mark's as a loving community. Put together your own new team, or agree to join an existing one. It's fun, and it's all about the love. Contact Penny Adams (nbfinc@aol.com) for more information.

Please excuse our peeling paint! We continue evaluating the surfaces under the new roof for dryness and acquiring bids of needed repairs and renovations. Until we are sure surfaces are dry it makes no sense to replaster and paint. The renovation project will also be a financially significant investment on the part of the church. We appreciate your patience.

Outreach:

Food Pantry service on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! We distribute bags, lunches, and fresh fruit to those who come. On 2nd Saturdays we offer a hot meal. 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.**

ACTS Lenten Collection 2023: Reusable bags (totes), Hand and Body lotion, Shampoo, Laundry detergent, Facial tissue, Deodorant both men/women, Cleaning supplies: Lysol or other disinfectant sprays, and Sponges. **Bring to the church by April 12.**

CARITAS meal ministry - check the Outreach page of the website for details. We prepare and deliver food to their residential sites. We are signed up for twos dates 2023—a lunch in both April and May. Our first date is Lunch on April 21. **If you would like to help with meals contact Ed Street or Suzanne Long.**

12-Step Ministry—Our friends return April 12! Contact Suzanne Long to learn more.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

April 9 — April 15

EASTER SUNDAY(9) 10:15 AM Flowering of the Cross
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

TUES(11) OFFICE CLOSED
5:00 PM Executive Meeting

WED(12) 7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

THUR(13) 3:00 PM WRN

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

April 16 — April 22

SUNDAY(16) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
2:00 PM Sacred Ground
3:00 PM Young Adults

TUES(18) 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

WED(19) 10:00 AM AM Bible Study
12:00 PM Curmudgeon Luncheon
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

THUR(20) 6:00 PM Justice & Advocacy

FRI(21) CARITAS Lunch

SAT(22) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, April 9

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

Vergers: Paul Shane and Douglas D'Urso

First Reading: Micki Jones

Second Reading: Carter Strite

Intercessor: Becky Adams **Chalicer:** Mike Maruca

Acolytes: Tess & Margo Downey

Ushers: Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright,
Annette Spanel, Jan Neiderschuh

Greeters: All Greeters

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier and Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild:
Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

Altar Flowers: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Mike Kilbourne, Mike Evranian, Pam Dummit,
Victoria Stoneman

Serving Next Sunday, April 16

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris

Vergers: Mike Evranian

First Reading: Elizabeth Kyser

Second Reading: Anson Matthews

Intercessor: Carter Strite **Chalicer:** Amy Strite

Acolytes: Feild Pennington and Jackson Neal

Ushers: Dan Hartman, Miles Tucker,
Isabel Tucker, Steve Clark

Greeters: Scott and Feild Pennington

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier and Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

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

Altar Flowers: Floral Guild

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Parish Life