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 91 pledges on our way to the 100 pledge unit goal!

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 early February for a "souper."

Community Dinner/Epiphany in February is Tuesday, February 4 at 6pm. All are welcome! Yummy menu is in the emails!

Women Rowing North meets Thursday, February 6 at 3pm. We are reading Autumn Gospel by Kathleen Fischer.

Rector's Forum Continues, Sunday, February 9 at 9am.

Worship Assistant's Trainings continue February 9, 12:15pm. This is required for our diocesan licensing.

Youth Confirmation Class continues on Sunday, February 16. Chat with Fr. Benajmin, Malinda or Ryn for more information.

Electronic Bulletins! Save a tree by scanning the QR code in the Parish Hall to view the bulletin on your phone or device. Ushers have the QR code and it is on the other side of this insert.

Donate Altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. \$50 for one week. Forms available on-line or email office@stmarksrva.org



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. February 8 team is Contner, Adams and Wentworth.

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **February 5 host is Suzanne Long.**

CARITAS Meal ministry continues in 2025—check the website for dates! They are on our Outreach page. Our next meal is Dinner on Wednesday, February 26. 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. Please shop for diapers sizes newborn to 7, pull-ups and wipes. Bring to the church and we'll get them to Epiphany.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

February 2—February 8

SUNDAY(2) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

12:15 PM Pastoral Care Team

MON(3) 6:00 PM Sacred Ground

<u>TUES(4)</u> 6:00 PM Community Dinner

WED(5) 10:00 AM Bible Study

8:00 PM 12-Step

THURS (6) 3:00 PM Women Rowing North

SAT (8) 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:

February 9—February 15

SUNDAY(9) 9:00 AM Rector's Forum

12:00 PM Choir

12:15 PM Worship Assistant Training

TUES(11) 5:00 PM Executive Team

WED(12) 10:00 AM Bible Study

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12:00 PM Mid-Week Eucharist

8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT (15) 10:30 AM Parish Retreat Planning Team

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

Serving This Sunday, February 2

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Mike Maruca

Second Reading: Annette Spanel

Intercessor: Rob McTier Chalicer: Frosty Owen

Acolytes: Fielding Boschen and Tess Downey

Ushers: Howard Pugh, Jim Contner, Anson Matthews, Errol Somay

Greeters: Richard Yuk, Kenn Shirley

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones, Emma Churchman, Mary Mock

Altar Flowers: Sanford Eberly

Coffee Hour: Cutro, Boschen, Matthews, McTier

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, February 9

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye-Price

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Jennifer McCauley

Second Reading: Tamara Orr

Intercessor: Anson Matthews **Chalicer:** Ryn Kennedy

Acolytes: Elizabeth Kyser, Paul Shane

Ushers: Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright, Annette Spanel, Nick Roberts

Greeters: Kevin and Cameron Cutro

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel,

Jane Settle, Jackie Bitler

Altar Flowers: Pam Piercy

Coffee Hour: Children's Worship

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson