

# 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.

**Parish Pastoral Conversations are scheduled throughout February.** Sign-up on-line or contact **Malinda to get on a list.** This is a time to share concerns and fears, to support one another, and help determine our actions.

**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 94 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. **We'll gather February 16 at 5pm** for a "souper" discussion.

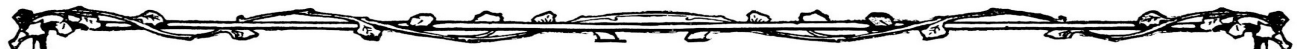
**Choir Practice today after the service. Worship Assistant Training at 12:15pm.**

**Youth Confirmation Class continues on Sunday, February 16. Outreach Team meets Sunday February 16 at 12:15pm.** We'll be talking about our new Lenten Project!

**Pancake Supper** is coming! Join us on Shrove Tuesday, **March 4th, 6:00 PM.** Absolutely everyone is welcome so bring your friends, family, and neighbors for this celebration before we enter the season of Lent. **If you'd like to lend a hand** with set up, food prep, cooking, serving, clean up, or break down, please let Karen H know. ([kehardison@aol.com](mailto:kehardison@aol.com), 804.833.5343, or talk to me in person at church) *Laissez les bons temps rouler!*

**Electronic Bulletins!** Save a tree by scanning the QR code in the Parish Hall or downloading it from the Friday email 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](mailto: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](mailto:forpop247@gmail.com). **Please shop for the Food Pantry— Lists are on-line and in the church entry. February 22 team is Heady, Kennedy, Roberts.**

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

**CARITAS Meal ministry continues in 202.** 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 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. **Epiphany which is a church of around 65 active members helps provide 85 families with needed diapers and wipes. This is a needed community ministry.**

