# 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.

Please remember to Pledge your support for St. Mark's ministry. Cards are on-line and in the church. We currently have 104 pledges surpassing our 100 pledge goal with \$367,292 exceeding our \$355,000 dollar goal. Your pledge in whatever amount closes our budgeted deficit of \$116,000.

2023 Giving Statements! Please pick up your 2023 Giving Statement in the Office or during Coffee Hour. This saves the church postage!

February 20 is Housing Advocacy Day at the General Assembly. Sign up on St. Paul's website.

The Office is closed Tuesday, February 20.

Worship and Outreach teams meet today, Feb. 18 at noon. Sacred Ground at 1pm.

Buck's Bible Study resumes Wednesday, February 21 at 7pm.

Ministry Council meets Sunday, February 25 at noon

Lenten Series is planned for February 27. March 5 & 12 at 6pm. Supper, study and worship.

Curbing Gun Violence in Richmond, Sunday March 5, 5:30-7pm, St. Thomas Episcopal Church. A panel discussion group led by Rev. Dale Smith. Information in our e-bulletins.

**Please excuse our peeling paint!** We continue to plan for interior repairs and renovations. Plans are shaping up for some work to begin in stages over the next few years. The renovation project will be a financially significant investment on the part of the church.



## 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 24 Breakfast Team is Young Adults Group.

**12-Step Ministry** Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **February 21 host is Don Kyser.** 

**CARITAS Meal ministry continues Friday, March 15, 2024 with a CARITAS WORKS lunch.** Contact Suzanne Long to help with the meal (we prep it here and deliver it to CARITAS).

Lenten Collection for ACTS and our Food Pantry—lists are in our e-bulletins!

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

February 18 — February 24

SUNDAY(18) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

12:00 PM Outreach Team12:00 PM Worship Team1:00 PM Sacred Ground

TUES(20) OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 PM Vestry

<u>WED (21)</u> 10:00 AM Bible Study

12:00 PM Curmudgeon Luncheon 7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(24) 9:00 PM Food Pantry

2:00 PM Funeral Service

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

#### **NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:**

February 25 — March 2

SUNDAY(25) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

12:00 PM Ministry Council1:00 PM Prophetic Faith

TUES(27) 6:00 PM Lenten Series

<u>WED (28)</u> 10:00 AM Bible Study

7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

8:00 PM 12-Step

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

### Serving This Sunday, February 18

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Douglas D'Urso

First Reading: Anson Matthews

Second Reading: Karen Franklin

Intercessor: N/A Chalicer: Carter Strite

**Acolytes:** Carter Strite and Ryn Kennedy

**Ushers:** Dan Hartman, Anson Matthews, Trey Damron & Virginia Damron

Greeters: Cameron and Kevin Cutro

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Kent Slonaker

Nursery: Cassandra Price

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

**Altar Flowers:** Lenten Arrangements

Coffee Hour: Franklin, Wentworth, Byrnes & Steele

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson

#### Serving Next Sunday, February 25

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

**Deacon:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Preacher:** The Rev. Canon Dr. J. Lee Hill Jr.

Verger: Mike Evranian

First Reading: Nick Roberts

Second Reading: Karen Hardison

Intercessor: Elam Jarrells Chalicer: Elizabeth Kyser

**Acolytes:** Tess Downey and Eleanor Herman

Ushers: Steve Clark, Mary Clark, Kristin Herman, David Herman

Greeters: Ryn Kennedy

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Kent Slonaker

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Mary Clark, Peter Walker, Andrea Lofton, Jean Winne

**Altar Flowers:** Lenten Arrangements

Coffee Hour: Frugard & Damron

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson