

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 93 pledges on our way to our 100 pledge goal with \$346,992 toward our \$355,000 dollar goal. Your pledge in whatever amount is critical to funding the ministry of the church.

Choir meets Today, January 14 at noon. Prophetic Faith group at 1pm.

Buck's Bible Study will resume in February.

Worship and Evangelism Teams meets next Sunday, January 21 at noon.

Parish Retreat Planning Team: We will be having a parish retreat October 18-20, in collaboration with Church of the Holy Comforter. Benjamin is looking for a few volunteers to join him on a planning team. If you would like to help plan the spiritual and recreational aspects of this retreat, in cooperation with a team from Holy Comforter, please email Benjamin at rector@stmarksrva.org.

Serving on Vestry: Later this month (Sunday Jan 28th), at the Annual Parish Meeting, we will elect a slate of 3 new vestry members. Currently, we have one individual willing to serve, but we are still looking for two more members to fill the slate.

Who qualifies to serve on vestry? According to the Church Canons (laws): "Only Lay persons, who are confirmed adult communicants in good standing, as defined in General Convention Canon 1.17, shall be eligible for election as Vestry members if such church." (Meaning: Age 16 or older, Confirmed or Received by a Bishop in The Episcopal Church, A member via "official letter" of St Mark's, and Faithful in worship, prayer, and giving, for the mission of the Church).

What is required of a vestry member?

Assist the rector in providing spiritual leadership in the parish, attend monthly vestry meetings (currently, 3rd Tuesday evening of the month), liaise with assigned ministry chair and team, advocate on behalf of parishioners at meetings, assist staff and ministry teams in carrying out work of the church, and help set budget and ministry priorities on behalf of parish.

Are you curious about or interested in serving on the vestry? If so, please contact [Fr Benjamin](#) or one of the outgoing vestry members (Shannon Heady, Jamie Francis, or Don Kyser).

Please excuse our peeling paint! We continue to plan for interior improvements determining repair and renovation priorities. Plans are shaping up for some work to begin in 2024. The renovation project will 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, 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.**

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **January 17 host is Don Kyser.**

CARITAS Meal ministry returns in January 31, 2024 with a CARITAS WORKS dinner. Contact Suzanne Long to help with the meal (we prep it here and deliver it to CARITAS)

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

January 14 — January 20

SUNDAY(14) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 PM Choir
1:00 PM Prophetic Faith

TUES(16) OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 PM Vestry

WED (17) 10:00 AM Bible Study
12:00 PM Curmudgeon's Lunch
8:00 PM 12-Step

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

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

January 21 — January 27

SUNDAY(21) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 PM Evangelism Team
12:00 PM Worship Team
1:00 PM Sacred Ground

WED (24) 10:00 AM Bible Study
8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(27) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

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

Serving This Sunday, January 14

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Preacher: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Verger: Douglas D'Urso

First Reading: Becky Adams

Second Reading: Patrick McDuff

Intercessor: Harold Wright **Chalicer:** Don Kyser

Acolytes: Grace & Thomas McDuff

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

Greeters: Scott & Feild Pennington

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild:
Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

Altar Flowers: Sanford Eberly

Coffee Hour: Mike & Allison Evranian, Pam Dummit

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, January 21

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Verger: Mike Evranian

First Reading: Laura Hicks

Second Reading: Elizabeth Kyser

Intercessor: Jim Contner **Chalicer:** Amy Strite

Acolytes: Feild Pennington and Neal Jackson

Ushers: Dan Hartman, Fred Crowley,
Trey and Virginia Damron

Greeters: Beth Wentworth and Fred Crowley

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Cassandra Price

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

Altar Flowers: Elaine Wittel

Coffee Hour:
Mickie Jones, Amanda Cline, Fred Crowley, Elaine Wittel

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson