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.

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Please remember to Pledge your support for St. Mark's ministry. Cards are on-line and in the church. We currently have 89 pledges on our way to our 100 pledge goal with \$339,132 toward our \$355,000 dollar goal. Your pledge in whatever amount is critical to funding the ministry of the church.

If you ordered pledge envelopes they are available in the Office. Ask Malinda.

Pastoral Care Team meets Today, January 7 at noon. Sacred Ground group at 1pm.

Both the AM and PM Bible Studies resume this Wednesday, AM at 10:00am and PM at 7:00pm

Choir meets next Sunday, January 14 at noon.

Prophetic Faith group begins next Sunday, January 14 at 1pm. Questions? Ask Karen Hardison or Penny Adams.

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.

Part-time Sexton search. St Mark's would like to hire a church sexton for 10 hours a week at \$20/hour (Saturday & Sunday mornings). This position requires skills in event set-up, light cleaning duties, moderate lifting (25 lbs. -/+), English language ability, and being a self-starter. Subject to a satisfactory background check. If you know of someone interested; please have them submit a resume to Fr Benjamin at rector@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.

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **January 10 host is Suzanne Long.**

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 7 — January 13

SUNDAY(7) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

12:00 PM Pastoral Care Team 1:00 PM Sacred Ground

<u>TUES(9)</u> 5:00 PM Executive Team

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

7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(13) 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:

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

<u>WED (17)</u> 10:00 AM Bible Study

12:00 PM Curmudgeon's Lunch 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, January 7

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Dale Salyers

Second Reading: Jenn McCauley

Intercessor: Cameron Cutro Chalicer: Ryn Kennedy

Acolytes: Reeves & Hunter Marie Boschen

Ushers: Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh, Jim Contner,

Anson Matthews

Greeters: Malinda Collier & Howard Pugh

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild:

Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

Altar Flowers: Pam Piercy

Coffee Hour: Ministry Council

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, January 14

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

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