

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 86 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 late January/early February for a "souper."

Choir meets today in the Choir Room at 12:15. Worship Assistants Training in the Parish Hall & Library at 12:15pm

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

Youth Confirmation Classes begin on Sunday, January 19. Chat with Fr. Benajmin, Malinda or Ryn for more information.

VA Interfaith Day for All People at the General Assembly is Wednesday, January 15. Late registration is on-line on the VA Interfaith website.

Curmudgeon's Lunch is Wednesday, January 15 noon at Arianna's

Justice & Advocacy Team meets Thursday, January 16 at 6pm.

Electronic Bulletins! Save a tree by scanning the QR code in the Parish Hall to view the bulletin on your phone or device. More info to come!



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.** January 25 team is Jenn & Julia McCauley and Kristin & Eleanor Herman.

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **January 15 host is Don Kyser.**

CARITAS Meal ministry continues in 2025—check the website for dates! They are on our Outreach page. Our next meal in Lunch on Friday, January 31 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:

January 12 — January 18

SUNDAY(12) 9:00 AM Rector's Forum
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 PM Choir
12:15 PM Worship Assistant Training

TUES(14) 5:00 PM Executive Team

WED(15) 8:00 AM Day for All People
10:00 AM Bible Study
12:00 PM Curmudgeon Luncheon
8:00 PM 12-Step

THURS(16) 6:00 PM Justice & Advocacy

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

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January 19 — January 25

SUNDAY(19) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:15 PM Evangelism Team
12:15 PM Confirmation Class
5:00 PM MLK Evensong at
St. James'

MON(20) 6:00 PM Sacred Ground

TUES(21) OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

WED(22) 10:00 AM Bible Study
8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(25) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

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

Serving This Sunday, January 12

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Elizabeth Kyser

First Reading: Jane Elbert

Second Reading: Karen Franklin

Intercessor: Karen Hardison **Chalicer:** Mike Maruca

Acolytes: Reeves Boschen, Tess Downey

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

Greeters: TBD

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel,
Jane Settle, Jackie Bitler

Altar Flowers: Sandy Steele

Coffee Hour: Heady, Long, Roberts, Sheffield

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, January 19

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Penny Adams

First Reading: Jim Contner

Second Reading: Laura Hicks

Intercessor: Elam Jarrells **Chalicer:** Patrick McDuff

Acolytes: Grace McDuff, Thomas McDuff

Ushers: Dan Hartman, Fred Crowley

Greeters: TBD

Nursery: Cassandra Price

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

Altar Flowers: Elaine Wittel

Coffee Hour: Hartman, Clark, Stanley,
McDuff, Delva, Badgett

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson