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."

Today is our Annual Meeting! Please remain in the Parish Hall to hear the news of the church and elect our new Vestry members.

Community Dinner/Epiphany in February is Tuesday, February 4 at 6pm. All are welcome! Yummy menu is in the emails!

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

Youth Confirmation Classes continues on Sunday, February 16. Chat with Fr. Benajmin, Malinda or Ryn for more information.

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!

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



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 8 team is Contner, Adams and Wentworth.

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. January 29 host is Steve Clark.

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 26 — February 1

SUNDAY(26) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

WED(29)

12:00 PM Annual Meeting 10:00 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM 12-Step

FRI(31)

11:30 AM CARITAS Lunch

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S: February 2—February 8 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II SUNDAY(2) 12:15 PM Pastoral Care Team 6:00 PM Sacred Ground MON(3)TUES(4)6:00 PM **Community Dinner** WED(5)10:00 AM Bible Study 8:00 PM 12-Step <u>THURS (6)</u> 3:00 PM Women Rowing North SAT (8) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

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

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Serving This Sunday, January 26 Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: Karen Hardison

Verger: Mike Evranian

First Reading: Mickie Jones

Second Reading: Jennifer Kaufman

Intercessor: Karen Franklin Chalicer: Amy Strite

Acolytes: Reeves & Hunter Boschen

Ushers: Kristin Herman, David Herman, Dan Hartman, Steve Clark

Greeters: Don & Elizabeth Kyser

Nursery: Cassandra Price

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

Altar Flowers: Sanford Eberly

Coffee Hour: Vestry

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, February 2

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Mike Maruca

Second Reading: Annette Spanel

Intercessor: Rob McTier Chalicer: Frosty Owen

Acolytes: Fielding Boschen and Tess Downey

Ushers: Howard Pugh, Jim Contner, Anson Matthews, Errol Somay

Greeters: Richard Yuk, Kenn Shirley

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones, Emma Churchman, May Mock

Altar Flowers: Sanford Eberly

Coffee Hour: Cutro, Boschen, Matthews, McTier

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson