

# 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 83 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."

**Pastoral Care Team meets today at 12:15 in the Library**

**Epiphany Dinner is TODAY! Sunday, January 5 at 6pm.** Bring an appetizer to share and if you wish a bottle of wine or beer to share at your table. Non-alcoholic beverages provided.

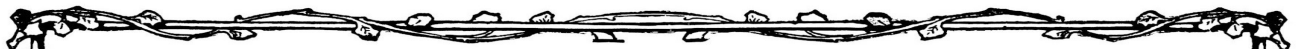
**Mid Week Eucharist is Wednesday, January 8 at noon.**

**Rector's Forum continues on Sunday, January 12 at 9am.** These topical conversations will occur once per month. Meet in the Library.

**Worship Assistant's Trainings January 12 and 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.



## **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 11 team is Ed Street, Robert Lett, Don & Elizabeth Kyser.

**12-Step Ministry** Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **January 8 host is TBA**

**CARITAS Meal ministry continues in 2025—check the website for dates! They are on our Outreach page.** 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 5 — January 11

SUNDAY(5)      10:30 AM    Holy Eucharist Rite II  
                         12:15 PM    Pastoral Care Team  
                         6:00 PM    Epiphany Dinner

WED(8)            10:00 AM    Bible Study  
                         12:00 PM    Mid-Week Eucharist  
                         8:00 PM    12-Step

SAT(11)            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 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  
                         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

**Serving This Sunday, January 5**

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

**Deacon:** The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

**Preacher:** The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

**Vergers:** Paul Shane

**First Reading:** Becky Adams

**Second Reading:** Cameron Cutro

**Intercessor:** Peter Walker    **Chalicer:** Carter Strite

**Acolytes:** Fielding Boschen, Hunter Marie Boschen

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

**Greeters:** Malinda Collier and Howard Pugh

**Nursery:** Cassandra Price

**Altar Guild:** Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones, Emma Churchman

**Altar Flowers:** Floral Guild

**Coffee Hour:** Adams, Ginoris, Kennedy, Kennedy

**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Malinda Collier, Nora Thompson

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

**Deacon:** The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

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

**Vergers:** 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