

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.

COVID UPDATE As the number of COVID cases continues to decline in Richmond and the surrounding counties, St. Mark's vestry, clergy and staff are deeply grateful for your patience and grace in our shared response to this pandemic. As we have followed the CDC guidelines and our Bishop's guidance, Richmond is now in the "green" or LOW transmissions, and we are able to make decisions about masking, distancing and singing. **We have made the decision to re-incorporate congregational singing into our worship and to make masks optional.** We still ask that you socially distance and remain mindful of other's health.

This Sunday we offer communion at the rail and at the chancel steps.

Altar Flower Dedications! Sign up to honor a loved one, mark a birthday or anniversary, celebrate a graduation! Our very talented Floral Guild will take your \$50 contribution and turn it into a beautiful floral tribute. Claim you date on-line or on the schedule downstairs.

What's Up with the Peeling Paint? We're Drying Out! Yes, we replaced the roof during the summer of 2021. Why haven't we repainted? Because after years of water seepage under the slate of the old roof it is necessary to give the interior surfaces time to "dry out." This is estimated to take at least 12 if not 18 months for the northern facing roof and walls. Interior renovation work of plastering and painting as well as addressing needed sound and lighting issues will occur when we are sure the surfaces are dry.

Community Reads continues Tuesday, May 10 7pm via Zoom. We are discussing *Better Not Bitter* by Yusef Salaam, one of the wrongly convicted Central Park Jogger defendants. Led by Rev. Dorothy White and shared with St. Peter's congregants. High School age youth are invited to join in this discussion.

Long Range Plan Update 2022: The process for updating our LRP begins in May. This is done in small group meetings with Vestry and Ministry Team Chairs. Questions? Contact Malinda Collier.

Rector Search Survey—coming your way via email this week.! We want to hear from you!



Outreach:

Blessing of the ACTS Bags today. Many thanks for all of your generous donations to support ACTS clients!

Food Pantry service continues outside on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! Sign ups for 2022 are available through live links on our website and emails! We distribute bags, lunches, and fresh fruit in the south parking lot to those who come. If you have donations or questions about the pantry, contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Franklin, forpop247@gmail.com.

CARITAS meal ministry 2022 - check the Outreach page of the website for details. We prepare and deliver food to their residential sites. There are opportunities each month to provide a lunch or dinner. **We just delivered dinner for 70 to the Healing Place!** If you would like to help with future meals contact Ed Street or Suzanne Long.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

May 1 — May 7

SUNDAY(1) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 Noon LRP-Inreach Meeting
 Noon Finance Meeting

WED (4) 10:00 AM AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

THURS(5) 12:15 PM VMFA Lunch

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

May 8 — May 14

SUNDAY(8) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

TUES(10) 5:00 PM Executive Team
 7:00 PM Community Reads

WED (11) 10:00 AM AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

THURS(12) 12:15 PM VMFA Lunch

SAT(14) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, May 1

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Judy Davis

Master of Ceremony: Paul Shane

First Reading: Patrick McDuff

Second Reading: Carter Strite

Intercessor: Jennifer Kaufman

Ushers: Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh, Jim Contner

Greeters: Scott Pennington and Feild Pennington

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Mickie Jones, Amada Cline

Altar Flowers:
Pam Piercy

Serving Next Sunday, May 8

Celebrant: The Rev. Judy Davis

Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Judy Davis

Master of Ceremony: Penny Adams

First Reading: Phoebe Davis

Second Reading: Laura Hicks

Intercessor: Mike Maruca

Ushers: Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh, Jim Contner

Greeters: Mark Kristen Craver and Will DeBord

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Mary and Steve Clark, Bill Martin

Altar Flowers:
Sanford Eberly