

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.

Children's Worship is BACK! We will leave after the Gospel and return at the Peace. Best for ages 4– 11.

Young Adults Gathering, 6pm The Beet Café at Ellwood Thompson.

This Sunday, October 1 is the Blessing of the Animals! 9am on Zoom and 4pm on the Porch. Bring your fur baby for a blessing.

Altar Guild and Pastoral Care meet at noon today.

Sacred Ground begins at 1pm TODAY in the Library.

Community Dinner returns Tuesday, October 3 at 6pm. \$10 for dinner.

Please excuse our peeling paint! We continue evaluating the surfaces under the new roof for dryness and determining repair and renovation priorities. Preliminary 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 re-opened. 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-motivated worker. This position is subject to a satisfactory background check. If you know of someone who may be interested in this position; 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. We now have meal teams to provide the breakfast on both 2nd and 4th Saturdays.** If you would like to join a team or help out on Saturdays let Karen know.

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **October 4 host is Steve Clark.**

Habitat for Humanity Build—Friday October 20, Saturday October 28 work dates! More information on the website and in the emails. Sign-ups on-line (you will be asked to create an account) or talk to Ed Street.

CARITAS Meal Ministry. We will be providing a WORKS dinner on October 25.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

October 1 — October 7

SUNDAY(1)

9:00 AM Zoom Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
Noon Altar Guild, Pastoral Care
1:00 PM Sacred Ground
4:00 PM Blessing of the Animals
6:00 PM Young Adults

TUES(3)

6:00 PM Community Dinner

WED(4)

10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study
8:00 PM 12-Step

THUR(5)

3:00 PM Women Rowing

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

October 8 — October 14

SUNDAY(8)

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
Noon Choir
6pm Young Adults

TUES (10)

5:00 PM Executive Team

WED(11)

10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study
8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(14)

9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, October 1

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Jennifer McCauley

Second Reading: Rob McTier

Intercessor: TBD **Chalicer:** Phoebe Davis

Acolytes: Reeves & Hunter Boschen

Ushers: Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh,
Steve Clark, Anson Matthews

Greeters: Cameron & Kevin Cutro

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes & Mickie Jones

Altar Flowers: Pam Piercy

Coffee Hour: Dan Hartman, Mary and Steve Clark,
Ralph Stanley, Blair and Patrick McDuff.

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, October 8

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Preacher: Howard Pugh

Verger: Penny Adams

First Reading: Kate Williams

Second Reading: Harold Wright

Intercessor: Annette Spanel **Chalicer:** TBD

Acolytes: Tess Downey & Frosty Owen

Ushers: Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright,
Annette Spanel, Jan Niederschuh

Greeters: Margie Costas

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

Altar Flowers: Sanford Eberly

Coffee Hour: Karen Hardison and Amy Strite, Jeanine and
Michael Maruca, Annette Spanel

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson