

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.

The Office Closed Tuesday, September 5.

Pastoral Care meets at noon today.

Children's Worship is on summer vacation—we'll be back September 10!

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.

Rector Installation Service. Fr. Benjamin's installation service as our 19th rector is Tuesday September 12 at 6:30pm. Please plan to join together in this celebration of our shared ministry.

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.

Welcome Back Sunday is September 10! Getting ready for a new program year with lots to offer!

Save the Date: Church Picnic is Sunday September 24 *after church!* Bryan Park.



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. **Contact Karen Franklin to help. 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. We can still use help serving and cleaning up on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays. If you would like to join a team let Karen know.

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. Many thanks to all of those who have stepped up to host. **August 30 host is Suzanne Long.**

Habitat for Humanity Build—more info coming, Friday October 20, work date! Talk to Ed Street.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

September 3 — September 9

SUNDAY(3) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 12:00 PM Pastoral Care

TUES(5) OFFICE CLOSED

WED(6) 8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(9) 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:

September 10 — September 16

SUNDAY(10) 9:30 AM Installation Rehearsal
 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 Noon Choir

TUES(12) 5:00 PM Executive Meeting
 6:30 PM Celebration of
 New Ministry Service

WED(13) 8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(16) 9:00 AM Campaign Team

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, September 3

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles “Buck” Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Charles “Buck” Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Karen Hardison

Second Reading: Karen Franklin

Intercessor: Becky Adams **Chalicer:** Amy Strite

Acolytes: Reeves and Hunter Marie Boschen

Ushers: Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh,
 Jim Contner, Steve Clark

Greeters: Beth Wentworth & Fred Crowley

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

Altar Flowers: Pam Piercy

Coffee Hour: Shannon Heady, Suzanne Long, Nick Roberts

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson

Serving Next Sunday, September 10

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles “Buck” Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Verger: Elizabeth Kyser

First Reading: Virginia Damron

Second Reading: Trey Damron

Intercessor: Howard Pugh **Chalicer:** Frosty Owen

Acolytes: Tess and Margo Downey

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

Greeters: Penny Adams and Jim Contner

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

Altar Flowers: Elaine Wittel

Coffee Hour: Parish Life

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson