

St. Mark's Ministry



St. Mark's is a community who expresses our love for God by welcoming everyone, serving our community, and celebrating Episcopal worship. We care deeply about each other and about our community. We are known as a church that is socially progressive and liturgically traditional.

We like who we are, and who we are becoming, how we take care of each other, and being involved in our community. We would like to increase the participants in our congregation through natural growth so that we can have a greater impact on our community, grow our lay leadership, and ministry support

We organize and live into the mission of our church utilizing our Long Range Plan through four main ministry groups:

Community • Inreach • Running the Church • Visibility

To find out more about ministry at St. Mark's keep reading!

OUR COMMUNITY MINISTRIES ARE JUSTICE & ADVOCACY AND OUTREACH & MISSION



COMMUNITY Ministries Engage our members in diverse services to and with the RVA community that build the St. Mark's community and strengthen our spiritual formation

Outreach & Mission is to be faithful to the call of the Gospel upon our lives as we seek to serve the community and the world through service, financial support and advocacy. Meets bi-monthly after church on the third Sunday.

Our Outreach partners help us maximize our capacity in area of concern such as poverty, homelessness and housing affordability as well as support of Anna Julia Cooper School and the PACE Center.

Justice & Advocacy Team works for the just and equitable treatment of all God's children through activism and advocacy on the issues of racial, gender, ethnic, and economic fairness as well as gun violence. Meets bi-monthly after church on the 3rd Sunday.

OUR INREACH MINISTRIES ARE EDUCATION, FELLOWSHIP, PASTORAL CARE, AND WORSHIP



IN-REACH Ministries Strengthen our relationships with God and with each other.

Education Team views education as integral to the formation of the parish and fulfillment of its mission and strategic goals. Members serve to discern the needs and opportunities for formation plan the program year. Formation is cradle to grave, including children, youth ,YA and Adults. Meets bi-annually.

Pastoral Care Team works with the Clergy to provide care and support for parishioners and families of St. Mark's in times of need. Meets monthly after church on the first Sunday for study and care need updates.

Worship Ministry Team works with the Clergy in planning and actively assisting with the many aspects of our weekly celebrations of the Eucharist, as well as special services such as Christmas and Holy Week. Meets monthly after church on the 4th Sunday.

Parish Life promotes community through social activities, coffee hour and other after church receptions. Meets quarterly and as needed to plan and implement events.

OUR BUSINESS OF RUNNING THE CHURCH MINISTRIES ARE FINANCE, STEWARDSHIP, GOVERNANCE, AND PROPERTY



BUSINESS OF RUNNING THE CHURCH Ministries

Build St. Mark's human, financial and physical resources.

Finance Team assures appropriate financial management of parish funds. Develops, monitors, and reviews the parish budget. Meets twice in August for budget prep and quarterly or as called by Treasurer in consultation with the Rector.

Property Team works to maintain our building and grounds and to make best use of our facilities. Our beautiful but aging building is enjoyed because of the work of a dedicated and talented group of people. Meets as called by the Chair.

Stewardship Team meets to encourage and support parishioners to bring forth their gifts of time, talent and treasure for God's purpose. Meets quarterly or as called by Chair & Rector.

Governance Teams include the Vestry, Ministry Council, representatives to regional meetings, Annual Convention, and other Diocesan groups and committees. Vestry meets monthly on the third Tuesday at 6pm. Ministry Council meets twice per year or as called by the Rector or Director of Lay Ministry.

OUR VISIBILITY MINISTRIES ARE EVANGELISM, WORSHIP, OUTREACH AND PROPERTY



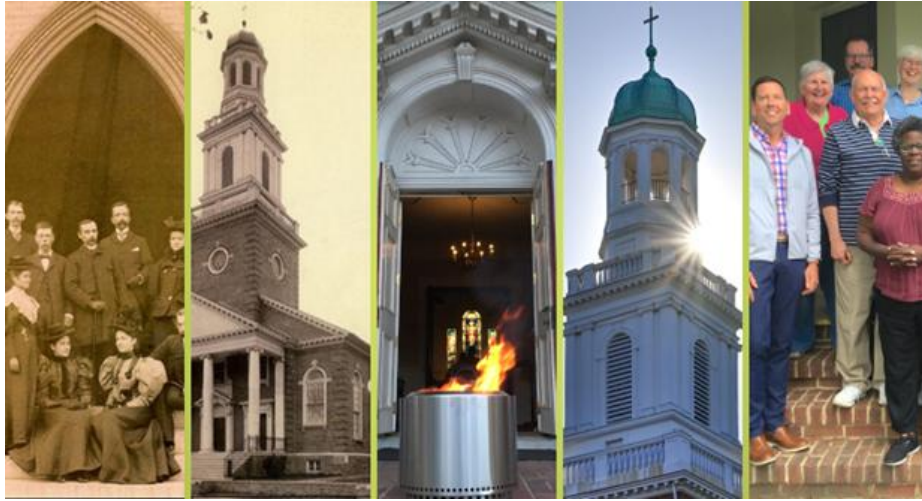
VISIBILITY AND MEMBERSHIP Ministries Increase the awareness and impact of St. Mark's in our community and help plan for and nurture church growth.

Evangelism Team proclaims the Gospel and serves those who seek a closer relationship with God by attracting, inviting, greeting, incorporating and retaining newcomers to St. Mark's. Meets bi-monthly in-person or via Zoom.

Zoom Worship Alter Guild provides real time live streaming of the worship services and meetings as needed. All you need is a bit of curiosity and patience to learn to drive Zoom.

Worship, Property and Outreach all contribute to our visibility and community awareness. We strive to be a welcoming place valued by our neighbors for our contributions to the city and its residents.

Our Past Informs Our Present



Our community sees itself as one "gathered to be sent." Our first church was first located in Jackson Ward, placed there to serve the working people of Richmond. By the early 20th century, the congregation was considering what was then a risky move out of "downtown" into what was then the far west end of Richmond. In 1921 the cornerstone of our current building was set and on March 22, 1922, the first service was held in the basement as the nave was not completed. We worship in and serve our community from this building today.

From our beginning we have been a community-focused parish, made up of working people. From our founding in a city still rebounding and adjusting to the physical and social changes brought about by the Civil War, St. Mark's has not removed itself from issues of change and conflict in its community. During the Civil Rights struggles of the 1960's then vicar Edward Meeks "Pope" Gregory saw to it that St. Mark's became the first integrated Episcopal church in the city. During the 1980's St. Mark's embraced the cause of AIDS ministry and opened its arms to those many others shunned.

Today the parish reflects its history in its continued emphasis on outreach and justice. We give an every-day face to the progressive stance of the Episcopal Church in our advocacy for full inclusion and equal access within the church and in our world.

Ministry Team Chairs



Karen Franklin—Pastoral Care

Fred Crowley—Parish Life

Penny Adams & Karen Hardison—Justice & Advocacy

Brent Graves—Property

Rob McTier—Worship

Ed Street—Outreach

Open—Education

Elizabeth Kyser & Isabel Tucker—Stewardship

Suzanne Long—Evangelism

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Vestry:

Ivy Burnes -Sr. Warden & Finance
Jennifer McCauley—Justice & Advocacy
Ralph Stanley—Property
Kate Williams—Jr. Warden & Worship
Frosty Owen—Parish Life
Paul Shane—Parish Life
Nora Thompson—Evangelism
Kevin Cutro—Education & Stewardship
Gaye Frugard—Outreach
Becky Adams—Pastoral Care

Staff:

The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price, Priest Affiliate
Malinda Collier, Director of Lay Ministry & Formation
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