

## **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.

### **We welcome Assistant Bishop the Rt Rev'd Gayle Harris for confirmation, reception, and baptism!**

**The Worship committee will not be meeting this Sunday. Next meeting TBA. Sacred Ground meets at 2pm, Young Adults a 3pm at The Beet Café, Ellwood Thompson.**

**Vestry meets via zoom on Tuesday at 6pm. Justice & Advocacy Thursday at 6pm.**

**Coffee Hour Ministry:** It's not lunch—it's agape! Each Sunday, a small team from the Coffee Hour Ministry provides food, which is meant to bring us together, to welcome the newcomer, and to provide a weekly home base for this congregation which comes from all over the Metro area. It helps make us family.

The Coffee Hour Ministry is currently comprised of ten teams that are scheduled throughout the year, generally being responsible for three Sundays. There are currently about forty folks who take part. The new Coffee Hour season is almost upon us, and we need help. Please prayerfully consider joining in this ministry that so bolsters St. Mark's as a loving community. Put together your own new team, or agree to join an existing one. It's fun, and it's all about the love. Contact Penny Adams ([nbfinc@aol.com](mailto:nbfinc@aol.com)) for more information.

**Please excuse our peeling paint!** We continue evaluating the surfaces under the new roof for dryness and acquiring bids of needed repairs and renovations. Until we are sure surfaces are dry it makes no sense to replaster and paint. The renovation project will also be a financially significant investment on the part of the church. We appreciate your patience.

**While we pray for the world, we cannot pray for everyone by name.** Beginning in May, the prayer list will be refreshed by removing names in friends and family listed more than three months. Please let us know of any names that need to stay on the list. If you have already done so in the past, those names will stay on the list. Please email the office with any updates by April 27.

### **Outreach:**

**Food Pantry service on 2nd and 4th Saturdays!** We distribute bags, lunches, and fresh fruit to those who come. On 2nd Saturdays we offer a hot meal. If you have donations or questions about the pantry, contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Franklin, [forpop247@gmail.com](mailto:forpop247@gmail.com). **The Food Pantry needs baggers—people to prepare bags for distribution on 2nd & 4th Saturdays. A great family activity! Contact Karen Franklin to help. Please shop for the Food Pantry—lists are on-line and in the church entry.**

**CARITAS meal ministry** - check the Outreach page of the website for details. We prepare and deliver food to their residential sites. We are signed up for twos dates 2023—a lunch in both April and May. Our first date is Lunch on April 21. **If you would like to help with meals contact Ed Street or Suzanne Long.**

**12-Step Ministry—Our friends came home on April 12!** Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:**

April 16 — April 22

SUNDAY(16)      10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
                          2:00 PM Sacred Ground  
                          3:00 PM Young Adults

TUES(18)                      6:00 PM Vestry Meeting (Zoom)

WED(19)                      10:00 AM Bible Study  
                          12:00 PM Curmudgeon Lunch  
                          7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

THUR(20)                      6:00 PM Justice & Advocacy

FRI(21)                              CARITAS Lunch

SAT(22)                              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:**

April 23 — April 29

SUNDAY(23)                      10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
                          12:00 PM Education Meeting  
                          3:00 PM Young Adults

MON(24)                              6:00 PM Finance Meeting (via Zoom)

WED(26)                              10:00 AM Bible Study  
                          7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**Serving this Sunday, April 16**

**Celebrant:** The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris

**Deacon:** The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

**Preacher:** The Rt. Rev. Gayle Elizabeth Harris

**Vergers:** Mike Evranian

**First Reading:** Elizabeth Kyser

**Second Reading:** Anson Matthews

**Intercessor:** Carter Strite    **Chalicer:** Amy Strite

**Acolytes:** Feild Pennington and Jackson Neal

**Ushers:** Dan Hartman, Miles Tucker,  
Isabel Tucker, Steve Clark

**Greeters:** Scott and Feild Pennington

**Children's Worship:** Malinda Collier and Bill Crowder

**Nursery:** Meredith Franklin

**Altar Guild:**

Liz Smith, Gayle Johnston, Amy Strite, Carter Strite

**Altar Flowers:** Elaine Wittel

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:**  
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**Serving Next Sunday, April 23**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Sarah Kye Price

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

**Preacher:** The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

**Vergers:** Penny Adams

**First Reading:** Karen Franklin

**Second Reading:** Mike Maruca

**Intercessor:** Laura Hicks    **Chalicer:** Don Kyser

**Acolytes:** Tess & Margo Downey

**Ushers:** Phoebe Davis, Mary Clark, Steve Clark

**Greeters:** Mary Craver & Will DeBord

**Children's Worship:** Malinda Collier and Bill Crowder

**Nursery:** Meredith Franklin

**Altar Guild:**

Mary Clark, Peter Walker

**Altar Flowers:** Douglas D'Urso

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:**  
Karen Hardison & Amy Strite, Jeanine & Mike Maruca,  
Annette Spanel