

# 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.

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**Choir meets today at noon.**

**Please remember to Pledge your support for St. Mark's ministry.** Cards are on-line and in the church. We currently have 78 pledges on our way to our 100 pledge goal. Your pledge in whatever amount is critical to funding the ministry of the church.

**Christmas Floral Decoration Donations!** Please remember to sponsor and dedicate Christmas floral decorations. Forms are on-line and in the church. \$25-50 donation recommended. **Please donate by Dec. 17.**

**Advent Fun & Learning Day,** Saturday Dec. 16, 2pm. Best for ages 4-11ish. Today is the last day to sign up so please let Malinda know if your child plans to attend.

**Christmas Services 2023:** December 24 10:30am Pageant and Holy Eucharist, December 24 10:30pm Holy Eucharist (choral prelude begins at 10pm). December 25 Christmas Day Service. *No 4pm service on December 24.*

**Please excuse our peeling paint!** We continue to plan for interior improvements determining repair and renovation priorities. 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.** 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-starter. Subject to a satisfactory background check. If you know of someone interested; please have them submit a resume to Fr Benjamin at [rector@stmarksrva.org](mailto:rector@stmarksrva.org).

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## 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](mailto:forpop247@gmail.com). **Please shop for the Food Pantry—lists are on-line and in the church entry.**

**12-Step Ministry** Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **December 13 host is Suzane Long.**

**Christmas Boxes!** If you have not already returned your wrapped Christmas box please do so this week! Questions? Ask Don or Elizabeth Kyser.

**CARITAS Meal ministry** returns in January 2024.

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

December 10 — December 16

SUNDAY(10)      10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
                         Noon Choir  
                         6:00 PM Young Adults

TUES(12)            6:00 PM Newcomer's Gathering

WED(13)            10:00 AM Bible Study  
                         7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study  
                         8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(16)            2:00 PM Advent Fun & Learning Day

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

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

December 17 — December 23

SUNDAY(17)      10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
                         Noon Worship  
                         1:00 PM Sacred Ground  
                         6:00 PM Young Adults

TUES(19)            6:00 PM Newcomer's Gathering

WED(20)            10:00 AM Bible Study  
                         12:00 PM Curmudgeons  
                         7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study  
                         8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(23)            9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**Serving this Sunday, December 10**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

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

**Preacher:** The Rev. Dr. Sarah Kye Price

**Verger:** Paul Shane

**First Reading:** Annette Spanel

**Second Reading:** Mike Maruca

**Intercessor:** Ryn Kennedy    **Chalicer:** Frosty Owen

**Acolytes:** Field Pennington & Jackson Neal

**Ushers:** Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright,  
Annette Spanel, Nick Roberts

**Greeters:** Ryn Kennedy and Margie Costas

**Nursery:** Cassandra Price

**Altar Guild:** Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

**Advent Greenery -** Floral Guild

**Coffee Hour:** Shannon Heady, Suzanne Long, Nick Roberts

**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Nora Thompson

**Serving Next Sunday, December 17**

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

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

**Preacher:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Verger:** Penny Adams

**First Reading:** Howard Pugh

**Second Reading:** Jennifer McCauley

**Intercessor:** Kent Slonaker    **Chalicer:** Patrick McDuff

**Acolytes:** Grace and Thomas McDuff

**Ushers:** Dan Hartman, Fred Crowley,  
Miles Tucker, Isabel Tucker

**Greeters:** Don and Elizabeth Kyser

**Nursery:** Cassandra Price

**Altar Guild:** Liz Smith, Gayle Johnston, Amy Strite

**Advent Greenery -** Floral Guild

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

**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Nora Thompson