

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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Worship Team 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 82 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, TODAY.**

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.



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.**

12-Step Ministry Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **December 20 host is Steve Clark**

Christmas Boxes! We can use help moving the boxes onto the truck for deliver on Tuesday, December 19 at 10am. Questions? Ask Don or Elizabeth Kyser.

CARITAS Meal ministry returns in January 2024.

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

December 24 — December 30

SUNDAY(24) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
 And Pageant
 10:30 AM Christmas Eve Service

Office Closed until January 3, 2024

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this 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: Trey Damron

Serving Next Sunday, December 24 (Morning)

Celebrant: The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Verger: Elizabeth Kyser

Chalicer: Patrick McDuff

Acolytes: Reeves and Hunter Marie Boschen

Ushers: Steve and Mark Clark,
David and Kristin Herman

Greeters: All Greeters

Nursery: Cassandra Price

Altar Guild: Mary Clark, Peter Walker,
Andrea Lofton, Jean Winne

Advent Greenery - Floral Guild

Coffee Hour: TBD

Alter Guild Zoom Host: Nora Thompson