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. This Sunday we offer communion in both kinds at the rail. If you would prefer to have communion brough to you in your pew let an usher know.

The Annual Meeting TODAY at noon. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Please plan to attend, we will elect our new Vestry members, hear a financial recap of the year, and other news of the parish.

St. Mark's Young Adults meets Sundays at 7pm, Gelati Celesti, 5808 Grove Avenue. Questions? Contact Ryn Kennedy.

The Vestry will meet Saturday, February 4th. .

Pledge update! The Stewardship Team is grateful to report that our pledge campaign goal is within reach. To date, we have received 95 pledges on our way to the 100 pledge goal. Each of your gifts, regardless of amount, is an affirmation of our shared life in community.

Community Reads continues on January 31 with our second book *Invisible Child, Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City* by Andrea Elliott. Led by Karen Franklin & Malinda Collier with members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. We meet via Zoom at 7pm. Link is in the church email. More info on the website.

Please excuse our peeling paint! The St. Mark's Property Team is beginning the process of testing the surfaces under the new roof for dryness. After years of water seepage, the damage was significant. Until we are surfaces are dry it makes no sense to replaster and paint. We appreciate your patience.



Outreach:

Outreach News! Food Pantry—We will once again offer a hot meal on the 2nd Saturday of the month. **12-Step Ministry**—We have continued in discussion with our 12-step friends and hope to have them return late March.

Food Pantry service continues on 2nd and 4th Saturdays! We distribute bags, lunches, and fresh fruit to those who come. If you have donations or questions about the pantry, contact our Food Pantry Coordinator, Karen Franklin, 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 March and May. If you would like to help with meals contact Ed Street or Suzanne Long.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

January 29 — February 4

SUNDAY(29)10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 PM Annual Meeting
7:00 PM Young AdultsSUNDAY(5)TUES(31)7:00 PM Community Reads-Zoom

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WED(1)10:00 AM Bible Study7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

THUR(2)3:00 PM Women Rowing North

SAT(4) Vestry Retreat

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, January 29

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Judy Davis

Preacher: Karen Hardison

Verger: Mike Evranian

First Reading: Cameron Cutro

Second Reading: Laura Hicks

Intercessor: Patrick McDuff Chalicer: Patrick McDuff

Acolytes: Grace & Thomas McDuff

Ushers: Steve Clark, Mary Clark, Annette Spanel, Howard Pugh

Greeters: Scott & Feild Pennington

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Ivy Burnes, Liz Smith, Mary Clark

> **Coffee Hour Sponsors:** St. Mark's Vestry

> > Altar Flowers: Sandy Steele

NEXT WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

February 5 — February 11

TUES(7)

WED(8)

<u>SAT(11)</u>

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II12:00 PM Pastoral Care Meeting2:00 PM Sacred Ground7:00 PM Young Adults

7:00 PM Community Reads-Zoom

10:00 AM Bible Study7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving Next Sunday, February 5

Celebrant: The Rev. Judy Davis

Deacon: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Preacher: The Rev. Judy Davis

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Don Kyser

Second Reading: Beth Wentworth

Intercessor: Carter Strite Chalicer: Don Kyser

Acolytes: Feild Pennington, Jackson Neal

Ushers: Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh, Jim Contner, Jan Niederschuh

Greeters: MK Craver & Will DeBord

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

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

Altar Flowers: Pam Piercy