

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 UPDATE: Masks are optional. We ask that you remain mindful of other's health. **This Sunday we offer communion in both kinds at the rail**

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

Estate/Planned Giving Forum TODAY at noon. Come and find out what to do with all your money! We welcome Kathryn Erhardt, Planned Giving Specialist to share with us tax advantaged strategies.

Interested in knowing more about the Episcopal Church? Join our Inquirer's Class in January—three Sundays, Jan. 8, 15 & 22 at 9:15am. Questions? Ask Rev. Judy.

Executive Team meets via Zoom on Tuesday at 5pm. **Worship Team** meets next Sunday at noon.

Am and Evening Bible Studies resume this Wednesday! Morning group is at 10am, the evening at 7pm. Both meet in the Library.

Pledge update! The Stewardship Team is grateful to report that our pledge campaign goal is within reach. To date, you have pledged \$340,000, which is over 90% of our goal of \$355,000. Full participation by returning donors, and by a group of new donors, could put us over the top! Each of your gifts, regardless of amount, is an affirmation of our shared life in community.

Community Reads is on pause! We will resume on January 24 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. 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 sure surfaces are dry it makes no sense to replaster and paint. We appreciate your patience.



Outreach:

Outreach Team meets next Sunday at noon in the Lounge.

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 signing up for 2023 dates and currently have 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 8 — January 14

SUNDAY(8) 9:15 AM Inquirer's Class
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 PM Planned Giving
2:00 PM Sacred Ground

TUES(10) 5:00 PM Executive Team

WED(11) 10:00 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

SAT(14) 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:

January 15 — January 21

SUNDAY(15) 9:15 AM Inquirer's Class
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 PM Outreach Meeting
12:00 PM Worship Meeting

TUES(17) OFFICE CLOSED
6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

WED(18) 10:00 AM Bible Study
12:00 PM Curmudgeons
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

FRI(20) 12:15 PM Interbeing

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

Serving this Sunday, January 8

Celebrant: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Deacon: The Rev. Judy Davis

Preacher: Karen Hardison

Verger: Douglas D'Urso

First Reading: Mike Maruca **Second Reading:** Isabel Tucker

Intercessor: Harold Wright **Chalicer:** Mike Maruca

Acolytes: Tess & Margo Downey

Ushers: Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright, Annette Spanel,
Jan Niederschuh

Greeters: Cameron & Kevin Cutro

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

Altar Guild: Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Malinda Collier, Elizabeth & Don Kyser, Brenda Sargent

Altar Flowers:
Floral Guild

Serving Next Sunday, January 15

Celebrant: The Rev. Sarah Kye Price

Deacon: The Rev. Judy Davis

Preacher: The Rev. Charles "Buck" Aiken

Verger: Paul Shane

First Reading: Anson Matthews

Second Reading: Elizabeth Kyser

Intercessor: Peter Walker **Chalicer:** Elizabeth Kyser

Acolytes: Elizabeth Kyser, Carter Strite

Ushers: Dan Hartman, Ivy Burnes, Sandy Steele, Miles Tucker

Greeters: TBD

Children's Worship: Malinda Collier & Bill Crowder

Nursery: Meredith Franklin

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

Coffee Hour Sponsors:
Micki Jones, Mandy Cline

Altar Flowers:
Floral Guild