

# 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.

**Holy Week! Palm Sunday, April 2** the service will be followed by a festive reception. **Maundy Thursday, April 6**, at 6:30pm, **Good Friday, April 7** at noon and 6:30pm, **Great Vigil of Easter Saturday, April 8** at 7:30pm, **Easter Sunday Service, April 9** at 10:30 am followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for children under 11.

**This year's designated Easter offering will be given to St Marc's School in Cerca-La-Source, Haiti.** St Marc's is a primary through secondary school in the hills of Central Haiti. Fr Benjamin served as the chair of the Virginia Haiti Collaborative in the diocese of Southwestern Virginia prior to his arrival at St Mark's Richmond. One of the challenges facing St Marc's School is that there is a great thirst for quality education, but the funds to support the salaries of the staff is very limited. The school continues to grow with enrollment, but the partnership between the Virginia Haiti Collaborative and the school has struggled to raise funds to meet the demands for increased staffing and teacher salaries. Your financial offering to St Marc's School will go a long way to offering education, community stability, and a source of income for teachers.

**And wait—there is more! Our Bishop's visit is Sunday, April 16!** We will welcome Assistant Bishop the Rt Rev'd Gayle Harris for confirmation, reception and baptism!

**St. Mark's Young Adults** meets Sundays at 3pm, The Beet Café at Ellwood Thompson. Questions? Contact Ryn Kennedy.

**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.

**Choir meets today after church.**

## 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. **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.**

**WE NEED FOOD—Grab a list and shop for our staples!**

**ACTS Lenten Collection 2023:** Reusable bags (totes), Hand and Body lotion, Shampoo, Laundry detergent, Facial tissue, Deodorant both men/women, Cleaning supplies: Lysol or other disinfectant sprays, and Sponges. **Bring to the church by April 12.**

**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**—We hope to have our friends return mid-April. Contact Suzanne Long to learn more.

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

March 26 — April 1

SUNDAY(26) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
12:30 PM Choir Meeting  
3:00 PM Young Adults

TUES(28) 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

WED(29) 10:00 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

THUR(30) 6:00 PM Justice and Advocacy

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

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

April 2 — April 8

PALM SUNDAY(2) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
2:00 PM Sacred Ground

WED(5) 10:00 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Buck's Bible Study

THUR(6) 3:00 PM WRN  
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service

FRI(7) 12:00 PM Good Friday Service  
6:30 PM Good Friday Service

SAT(8) 9:00 AM Food Pantry  
7:30 PM Great Vigil Service

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom

Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**Serving this Sunday, March 26**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

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

**Preacher:** The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

**Vergers:** Mike Evranian

**First Reading:** Elam Jarrells

**Second Reading:** Howard Pugh

**Intercessor:** Virginia Damron **Chalicer:** Frosty Owen

**Acolytes:** Tess & Margo Downey

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

**Greeters:** Don and Elizabeth Kyser

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

**Nursery:** Meredith Franklin

**Altar Guild:**

Mary Clark, Peter Walker

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

Penny Adams & Jim Contner, Cameron & Kevin Cutro

**Serving Next Sunday, April 2**

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

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

**Preacher:** The Rev. Benjamin Badgett

**Vergers:** Paul Shane

**First Reading:** Annette Spanel

**Second Reading:** Dale Salyers

**Intercessor:** Cameron Cutro **Chalicer:** Elizabeth Kyser

**Acolytes:** Reeves & Hunter Marie Boschen

**Ushers:** Tommy Clifton, Howard Pugh,  
Anson Matthews, Jim Contner

**Greeters:** Malinda Collier and Howard Pugh

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

**Nursery:** Meredith Franklin

**Altar Guild:**

Ivy Burnes, Mickie Jones

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

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