

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.

It is Welcome Back Sunday! Join us for a festive Coffee Hour after the service!

Children's Worship is BACK! We will leave after the Gospel and return at the Peace. Best for ages 4– 11.

Please excuse our peeling paint! We continue evaluating the surfaces under the new roof for dryness and determining repair and renovation priorities. Preliminary 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.

Fr. Benjamin's installation service as our 19th rector is Tuesday September 12 at 6:30pm. Please plan to join together in this celebration of our shared ministry.

Part-time Sexton search re-opened. 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-motivated worker. This position is subject to a satisfactory background check. If you know of someone who may be interested in this position; please have them submit a resume to Fr Benjamin at rector@stmarksrva.org.

Next Sunday is a Service of Lament, part of our Sacred Ground study. You'll hear more about this today!

Save the Date: Church Picnic is Sunday September 24 *after church!* Bryan Park.



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. We now have meal teams to provide the breakfast on both 2nd and 4th Saturdays.** If you would like to join a team or help out on Saturdays let Karen know.

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

Habitat for Humanity Build—more info coming, Friday October 20, Saturday October 28 work dates! Sign-ups on-line or talk to Ed Street.

PRIDE is Saturday September 23 on Brown's Island! Come on by and say hello! PRIDE Eucharist, 6:30pm at St. Paul's on Thursday, September 21.

CARITAS Meal Ministry. We will be providing a WORKS dinner on October 25.

