

# 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.

**Raise to Renew Campaign! The time has come!** With your support we will soon undertake the repair and renewal of the church interior. The obvious need is to plaster and paint, but erecting the scaffolding to do so presents exceptional opportunities to upgrade wiring, lighting, and sound. In addition to we hope to renovate and repair the entry way.

- We **will not** begin any phase of the renovation until we have the funding for that phase in hand. We will not borrow, nor will we take money from the investment account, as the return helps fund church operations.
- We ask that you read closely the campaign booklet, pray for the church, and commit to the "Raise to Renew."

**The Campaign Team is thrilled to announce that the Weinstein \$125,000.00 challenge grant has been met!!!! This means we have the matching \$125,000.00 in cash in hand!!!**

Thank you to all who have pledged!

Thank you to all who plan to pledge!

And thank you to all who are praying about a pledge!

We are hoping for 100% participation and just as we do in our annual giving campaign hoping to have a total of 100 pledges (we currently have 32). Every pledge counts no matter the amount!

**May 19 in our ingathering of pledges!**

**Pentecost Planning—Sunday May 19.** We are hoping to have the Pentecost Gospel read in different languages so if anyone out there is proficient in a foreign language (or can just confidently order off a menu) please let Father Benjamin or Karen Hardison know. If you have a Bible translation you like great - if not we'll find one for you.

**Gay Spirits for Gay Men Retreat, May 17 & 18 here at St. Mark's.** Friday 7-9pm and Saturday 9am—5pm. Register with David Hoover, leader at 301-580-2953 or davidwhoover@aol.com. Cost is \$125.00. Come and explore your own spiritual path.

**Bike Ride—May 19 at 3pm. Meet at the church.**

## 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. May 25 Breakfast team is the Contner, Adams & Wentworth**

**12-Step Ministry** Contact Suzanne Long to learn more about supporting this important ministry. Wednesday evenings, 7:30—9:30pm. **May 15 host is Don Kyser.**

**CARITAS Meal ministry continues Wednesday May 29, 2024 with a CARITAS After WORKS dinner** Contact Suzanne Long to help with the meal (we prep it here and deliver it to CARITAS).

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

May 12 —May 18

SUNDAY(12) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
12:00 PM Choir  
1:00 PM Prophetic Faith

TUES(14) 5:30 PM Executive Team Meeting

WED(15) 10:00 AM Bible Study  
12:00 PM Curmudgeon Lunch  
8:00 PM 12-Step

FRI 17/SAT 18 Gay Men Gay Spirits Retreat

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom  
Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

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

May 19 —May 25

SUNDAY(19) 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II  
1:00 PM Sacred Ground  
3:00 PM Bike Ride

TUES(21) 6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

WED(22) 9am—2pm Church Closed due to  
Dominion Power work  
8:00 PM 12-Step

SAT(25) 9:00 AM Food Pantry

Morning Prayer Monday—Friday at 8am via Zoom  
Compline Sunday—Thursday 8pm via Zoom

**Serving This Sunday, May 12**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. R. Dale Smith

**Deacon:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Preacher:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Vergers:** Mike Evranian

**First Reading:** Karen Franklin

**Second Reading:** Harold Wright

**Intercessor:** Howard Pugh **Chalicer:** Mike Maruca

**Acolytes:** Fielding Boschen and Tess Downey

**Ushers:** Elam Jarrells, Harold Wright,  
Annette Spanel, Nick Roberts

**Greeters:** Cameron and Kevin Cutro

**Children's Worship:** Malinda Collier & Kent Slonaker

**Nursery:** Cassandra Price

**Altar Guild:** Sanford Eberly, Annette Spanel

**Altar Flowers:** Sanford Eberly

**Coffee Hour:** Adams, Contner, Cutro, Kennedy

**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Nora Thompson

**Serving Next Sunday, May 19**

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Deacon:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Preacher:** The Rev. Benjamin R. Badgett

**Vergers:** Paul Shane

**First Reading:** Cameron Cutro

**Second Reading:** Anson Matthews

**Intercessor:** Penny Adams **Chalicer:** Patrick McDuff

**Acolytes:** Grace and Thomas McDuff

**Ushers:** Dan Hartman, Fred Crowley,  
Virginia Damron, Trey Damron

**Greeters:** Ryn Kennedy

**Children's Worship:** Malinda Collier & Kent Slonaker

**Nursery:** Cassandra Price

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

**Altar Flowers:** Elaine Wittel

**Coffee Hour:** Heady, Long, Roberts, Sheffield

**Alter Guild Zoom Host:** Nora Thompson