

December 03, 2017

St Mark Lutheran Church, Yorktown  
Weekly News and Prayer Concerns



"Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry."  
—2 Timothy 4:11b

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**Magi Fund:** We are now in the process of preparing to distribute the gifts given to the Magi Fund, Thank you! Have questions, contact Dan or Pat Silvis at 757-867-8669.

**Warm Hands and Hearts Tree:** We need your help decorating our tree mittens, gloves, scarves, hats, and socks. The tree is now in the narthex. Items will be distributed to clients at York/Poquoson & Newport News Social Services, THRIVE Peninsula, and Family Focus.

**TONIGHT:** Join us for the Advent Service of Lessons and Carols at 7:00 PM.

**The Sine Nomine Concerts** welcome the Virginia Handbell Consort on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM. This holiday program offers both traditional works and some new compositions. Begin the holiday season by inviting your neighbors, friends, co-workers, and relatives to join you.

**Poinsettias:** Order forms are posted on the bulletin, please turned in filled out form and payment to the Office by Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. (There will be an envelope on Megan's desk for orders)

**Marilyn Walter-White's** Funeral Reception is on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM, please see sign-up sheet on kiosk to help.

**Tech Inventory: HELP WANTED!** People wanted to assist inventorying the Technical Team equipment, software, and tools on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Experience not required. Excellent Pay! (Free Lunch). Contact Megan Crummitt 898-4395 or Bill Valvo 874-9329.

**Giving Envelopes:** are ready in the Narthex for pick up. If you need envelopes and don't have a number, see Ann Dartt.

**Thomas Pandolfi in Concert:** If you are interested in seeing this Pianist and Virtuoso in concert he will be play on Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at Chestnut Memorial UMC (1024 Harpersville Road, Newport News). Free admission with a freewill offering and reception to follow.

**SMLC Christmas Ornaments:** Are Now In! There'll be a table in the Narthex after all services for those who pre-ordered & for those who still need to get one! Thank you all!

**Bless His Little Heart:** the congregation is invited to bring the Baby Jesus from your home nativity scenes to be blessed as part of our 5:00 PM service for families on Christmas Eve.

**Tiny Hats for Tiny Babies:** The St Mark Prayer Shawl Ladies have knitted 173 preemie hats, and this is why. Each year, 1 million preterm babies die within their first 28 days. The average preterm babies in Africa are about 3 - 4 pounds. Unable to regulate their temperature, they are vulnerable to hypothermia and ultimately death. Tiny hats are an easy solution; they give tiny babies a fighting chance.

**Photographs from Ecuador:** Stop at the Ecuador table and receive a picture of your adopted child. The children have taken Christmas photos to wish you a blessed Merry Christmas. Thank you for your continued support to the children at the Refugio.

**Please remember these recent St Mark prayer requests** (Prayer requests will generally be listed for 2 weeks at a time. Please re-add names after two weeks, if needed):

**Members in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Nancy Head, Sandy, Aaron Taminger, Mike Pierson, and Shirley

**Healing and Strength:** EJ Barcus

**Discernment:** Associate Pastor Call Committee

**Friends and Family in our Prayers**

**Healing:** Delbert, Joanne, Barbara, Roy, Lynn, Bill, Andrew, Cyndi, Kathy, Sarah, Terry, Diane, Carol, and Andre

**Strength and Comfort:** Karlin

**Peace:** Debra and John

**Sympathy and Comfort:** The Family of Craig Tieszen at his passing. The Family of Dianne Whitfield at her passing (cousin of Rob Goff). The Family of Ann R. Walsh at her passing.

**Congregations in our Prayers**

St Paul's, Hampton; Peninsula Vineyard Church; Reformed Church in America

**Calendar at a Glance:**

**Sunday 12/03**

8:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)  
9:00 AM Café Full Breakfast  
9:30 AM Holy Communion with Narrative Lect. (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)  
4:00 PM Youth Bells (Sanctuary)  
5:00 PM Confirmation Class (Room 216)  
7:00 PM Advent Service of Lessons and Carols (Sanctuary)

**Monday 12/04**

10:30 AM Knitting Group (Library)  
1:00 PM GPS Bible Study (Library)

**Tuesday 12/05**

7:30 AM Men's Breakfast (Narthex)  
12:00 PM Clergy Cluster (Offsite)  
1:00 PM Lady Lutherans (Library)  
5:30 PM Yorktown Chorale (Music Room)

**Wednesday 12/06**

3:00 PM St Mark Weekly Prayers (Sanctuary)  
4:00 PM Advent Midweek Service (Sanctuary)  
5:00 PM Cafe St Mark (Narthex)  
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study (Library)  
6:00 PM Adult Bell Rehearsal (Sanctuary)  
7:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

**Thursday 12/07**

10:00 AM Liturgical Arts Group (Room 216)  
7:00 PM Koinonia Group (Library)

**Friday 12/08**

No Scheduled Activities

**Saturday 12/09**

11:00 AM Marilyn Walter-White's Memorial Service  
7:00 PM VA Handbell Consort: Sine Nomine (Sanctuary)

**Sunday 12/10**

8:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)  
9:00 AM Café Full Breakfast  
9:30 AM Holy Communion with Narrative Lect. (Sanctuary)  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Holy Communion with Sung Liturgy (Sanctuary)  
12:30 PM Council Meeting (Library)  
12:30 PM Second Sunday Home Communion (Offsite)  
1:00 PM Fife and Drum Party (Narthex)  
4:00 PM Youth Bells (Sanctuary)  
5:00 PM Confirmation Class (Room 216)

**To sponsor** communion elements, altar flowers, or bulletins, please sign up on the Narthex kiosk.

*Today's **Communion Elements** are given by Pat and Dan Silvis for Pat's Father's Birthday (Richard Porter).*

**Readings for December 10, 2017**

**8:00 and 11:00:** Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a

**9:30:** Unless otherwise noted, same as 8 & 11 for Advent

**All:** Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, Mark 1:1-8

**Operation Christmas Child** - Thanks to all who packed shoe boxes for this worthwhile cause. We collected 77 boxes to be distributed worldwide to needy children. Your donation provides a gift to those less fortunate.