

## ADULT EDUCATION

**9am on Sunday!** Join us in the Parish Hall (or on ZOOM) for a rich discussion about the Gospel.

**Pageantry is all over the place right now and you'll find lots of symbols and signs in Target and elsewhere, but what about the reflections of hymns?**

### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS**

**December 1** - Advent Hymns I

**December 8** - Advent Hymns II

**December 15** - Advent Hymns III

**December 22** - No Adult Ed., Eagle Rock Lessons & Carols

**December 29** - Christmas Carols I

**January 5** - Christmas Carols II

**ADULT EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE ON ZOOM!**

**See website—[stmarksfincastle.org](http://stmarksfincastle.org)**

## OTHER ADVENT / DECEMBER EVENTS

**Sunday, December 1** — Advent I and Daughters of the King Installation, followed by a reception and TINSEL TREE decorating after church. Breakfast served in the Parish Hall.

**Tuesday, December 3** — Piccoli and Cantabile Choirs, Tree Lighting at the Blue Ridge Library at 6:00pm.

**Wednesday, December 4** — Botetourt Music Academy concert at The Glebe in Daleville at 3:30pm.

**Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18** — Visio Divina Advent Series by Zoom and in the Ministry Center at 7:30pm led by Jake.

**Thursday, December 5** — Church Christmas Luncheon at 11:30am at the Fincastle United Methodist Church Family Life Center located 137 S. Church St., Fincastle. Music provided by *Aspen Black*.

**Friday, December 6** — Tinsel Tree opening night with hospitality area set up at the Ministry Center library starting at 6:00pm.

**Saturday, December 7** — Episcopal Men's Fellowship meets at 8:30am at the Greenwood Restaurant.

**Tuesday, December 10** — Holy Communion at The Glebe in Daleville at 11:00am.

**Thursday, December 12** — Midweek Communion/Healing Prayers at 11:30am in the sanctuary.

## ADVENT / DECEMBER EVENTS continued...

**Thursday, December 12** — Christmas Spectacular "Joyeux Noel". Join us as we watch this fabulous film, "Joyeux Noel" and celebrate with Chili, cookies and snacks at noon. Extended Brown Bag will last until 230pm.

**December 13, 14, 15** — BMA performing in Southwest Virginia's "The Nutcracker"

**Sunday, December 22** — Lessons & Carols at Emmanuel Chapel in Eagle Rock at 11:00am followed by lunch and the **Hanging of the Greens** back in Fincastle at St. Mark's.

**Tuesday, December 24** — CHRISTMAS EVE candlelight service at 4:00pm.

### **A very warm WELCOME to you!**

We would LOVE to get to know you better, so please fill out a newcomer card found in the pew and drop it in the offering plate or click on "CONNECTION CARD" on our website home page ([stmarksfincastle.org](http://stmarksfincastle.org) - only 2 pieces of info to fill in!). We hope you will join us each week!

#### *A few notes about Sundays at St. Mark's:*

**Communion** - Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine. You may receive only the bread or the wine if you wish. If you want to come forward and receive a blessing, then please cross your arms as you come to the Communion Rail. Follow the usher's direction about coming to the Altar. Communion is received standing or kneeling.

**Fellowship** - Following Church we have a laid back social time with cookies, lemonade, and coffee. We try to gather outside (weather permitting) or in the Church Parish Hall.

**Offertory** - The loose plate offering on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month is directed to the Rector's discretionary account.

**Membership** - Looking for a church home? We are looking for you! Willis would love to talk to you about Baptism, Confirmation and joining the church. Note that once you walk through our doors, we consider you a "member"!

**Zoom** - Currently all our worship services, bible studies and meetings are accessible VIA Zoom except for Wednesday Midweek communion/healing prayer service.

## Other offerings at St. Mark's...

### **DORCAS NEEDLEWORK GUILD**

Dorcas Guild meets weekly on Thursdays from 10-12am and then 1-3pm in the Youth Center. All kinds of needlework are welcome. Usually the group makes quilts for those in need, or you can bring your own project to work on. Come any time and stay as long as you wish. Contact Carole Geiger for more details at [Geiger.Caroleb@gmail.com](mailto:Geiger.Caroleb@gmail.com).

### **EPISCOPAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

All men of the church meet on the first Saturday of each month at 8:30am at the Greenwood Restaurant on Route 11 in Troutville (8176 Lee Highway). Contact Mike Parish for more EMF information ([Michael.L.Parish@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.L.Parish@gmail.com)).

### **BOTETOURT MUSIC ACADEMY**

Botetourt Music Academy, open since the Fall of 2021, offers choirs for ages 5 to adult. All are welcome to join together in song, from every faith, every school, every home. The mission behind this choir is to create ambassadors of music--children who learn fluency in music through a foundation of knowing the simplicity of solfege, children who become life-long learners of any subject, and children who will grow into adult concert-goers. Though this choir is not performance based, members of the choir will have the opportunity to share music at concerts throughout the year. During the academic year, the choirs rehearse on Wednesdays at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Fincastle. Any inquiries can be directed to [music@stmarksfincastle.org](mailto:music@stmarksfincastle.org).

### **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS**

AA meets every Tuesday and Saturday at 7:00pm in the church parish hall downstairs.

### **BOTETOURT FOOD PANTRY**

The Botetourt Food Pantry, led by co-chairs Martha Rodgers and Cathy McClung, is located in the basement of the St. Mark's Ministry Center. It assists families with food and personal care items. Food is distributed on Saturdays from 9:00 to noon. Volunteers are especially welcome to assist on Saturdays or on the first Monday of the month when a group off-loads their delivery truck from Feeding America.

**JESUS LOVES YOU!**

## Weekly Opportunities

### ADVENT MEDITATION (12/4, 12/11, 12/18)

For Advent, join us in the Ministry Center (or on ZOOM) **Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** for sessions of *Visio Divina*. Jake Webb will lead us in a guided meditation and discussion of artwork related to the upcoming Sunday's scripture readings during Advent.

### BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY (THURSDAYS)

The Brown Bag Bible Study is a casual, hour-long study of a particular book of the Bible beginning at 12:05pm on Thursdays. If you don't have a Bible, we have one for you! Right now, we are going through the Gospel of John. Brown Bag Bible Study on hold until Jan 9th, 2025.



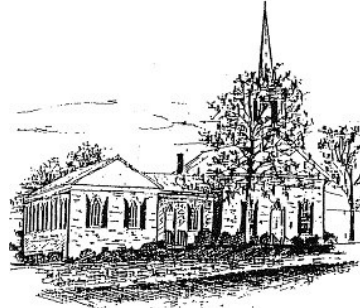
### BOTETOURT MUSIC ACADEMY DATES

**Tuesday, December 3, 6:00pm** — Piccoli and Cantabile Choirs, Tree Lighting at the Blue Ridge Library

**Tuesday, December 4, 3:30pm** — BMA at The Glebe

**December 9** — BMA at the Botetourt County Retired Teacher's Luncheon

**December 13, 14, 15** — BMA performing in Southwest Virginia's "The Nutcracker"!



### St. Mark's Episcopal Church

P.O. Box 277, (111 S. Roanoke St.), Fincastle, VA 24090  
Phone: 540-473-2370

The Rev. G. Willis Logan, Rector  
Jake Webb, Assistant to the Rector  
Gina Painter, Office Manager/Vestry Clerk  
Anna Preston, Music Minister    Tommy Hunter, Organist  
George Sydnor, Treasurer  
Allison Caldwell, Children's Minister

#### **Vestry (Lay Leadership)**

Karen Beasley (Senior Warden) \* Dan Collins (Junior Warden)  
John Alexander \* Phil Coffey \* Charlotte Hagan  
Meggan Laucher \* Walter Michael

#### **Website - [stmarksfincastle.org](http://stmarksfincastle.org)**

[willis@stmarksfincastle.org](mailto:willis@stmarksfincastle.org) (Willis Logan)  
[jake@stmarksfincastle.org](mailto:jake@stmarksfincastle.org) (Jake Webb)  
[office@stmarksfincastle.org](mailto:office@stmarksfincastle.org) (Gina Painter)  
[george.w.sydnor@gmail.com](mailto:george.w.sydnor@gmail.com) (George Sydnor, Treasurer)  
[treasurer@stmarksfincastle.org](mailto:treasurer@stmarksfincastle.org) (Sue Spickard, bookkeeper)  
[music@stmarksfincastle.org](mailto:music@stmarksfincastle.org) (Anna Preston)  
[annenamie97@gmail.com](mailto:annenamie97@gmail.com) (Allison Caldwell, Children's Minister)  
[buildings@stmarksfincastle.org](mailto:buildings@stmarksfincastle.org) (Dan Collins and Walter Michael)

#### **Sunday Morning**

Adult Education (Parish Hall) 9:00am - 9:45am  
Holy Communion Rite I or Morning Prayer at 10:00am

#### **Monthly**

*Second Tuesday* of each month, Holy Communion at The Glebe at 11:00am  
*Third Thursday* of the Month—Holy Communion with Healing Prayers at 11:30am in sanctuary



2024

**St. Mark's Episcopal Church**  
**P. O. Box 277**  
**Fincastle, VA 24090**

**[stmarksfincastle.org](http://stmarksfincastle.org)**  
**540-473-2370**