ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 22 - Saturday, November 28, 2026

Christian Education Hour

Sundays

The ABC's: 9 a.m. – Library: Newcomers and basics of Anglican faith
Christianity Today: 11 a.m. – Grace House: Insightful fellowship & discussion
Infants & Toddlers: 9 a.m. – McCarty Early Learning Center: Worship & Bible stories
Little Lions: 9 a.m. – McCarty Early Learning Center: Bible lessons, music, crafts
Kindergarten-1st Grade: 9 a.m. – Faith House: Interactive Bible storytelling
2nd-5th Grade: 9 a.m. – Hope House: Hearts Alive Curriculum

Christmas Tree Lot

Parking lot on Ionic Ave.

Support the youth of St. Mark's by purchasing a Christmas tree at their Christmas tree lot on Oxford Avenue. Open on the weekends and at night until all the trees are gone.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25, 6:00 p.m. in the Church

Eucharist with music from the adult choir. Nursery care will be available. Email knott@smjax.org to RSVP. Children are encouraged to worship with their families, with coloring pages provided in the pews.

Messiah - UNF Chamber Singers

Tuesday, December 1, 7:30 p.m. in the Church

Dr. Tasher and the talented University of North Florida Chamber Singers, along with the Lawson Ensemble, will present a shortened Christmas-specific rendition of Handel's beloved Messiah. Reception to follow. **Contact:** *James Holyer, jholyer@smjax.org*

Children's Christmas Tableau Sign Up

Children in PreK–6 are invited to participate in our Christmas Eve Tableau, bringing the story of Jesus' birth to life. The Tableau service is on Thursday, December 24 at 2 p.m. in the Church.

Caregiver Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, December 3, at 10:30 a.m. in the Youth Center

Join us for coffee, conversation and encouragement for caregivers. We'll meet in the Youth Center on December 3 from 10:30–11:30 a.m. for refreshments, conversation and shared support in the caregiving journey. All are welcome—please share with anyone caring for loved ones in this season of life. **Contact:** *The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, skerner@smjax.org*

Safari Lions

Thursday, December 10, 10 a.m. at the home of Janie Lyons

Meet us for breakfast and addressing Christmas Cards. There will be no November meet up due to Thanksgiving. **Contact:** *The Rev. Ben Jones, bjones@smjax.org*

Advent Retreat: A Quiet Morning of Prayer & Reflection

Friday, December 11, 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Center

Prepare your heart for Christmas with a peaceful morning of Scripture, prayer, reflection, and faith sharing led by The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner. A light lunch will be provided, and all are welcome to embrace the hope, peace, and joy of Advent. Scan QR code to register. **Contact:** *The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, skerner@smjax.org*

A Festival of Nine Lesson & Carols

Wednesday, December 16, 6 p.m. in the Church

This much-loved candlelight service tells the Christmas story through nine lessons, from creation and the nativity to the second coming, interspersed with carols and seasonal music. Parish Christmas dinner follows. **Contact:** *James Holyer, jholyer@smjax.org*

Men's Retreat

January 22-24, at Camp Weed

Join the men of St. Mark's for a weekend of fellowship, teaching, and outdoor recreation. After Saturday's teaching, choose from fishing, clay pigeon shooting, canoeing or kayaking, hiking, a cornhole tournament, or time to rest. **Contact:** *The Rev. Billy Cerveny, bcerveny@smjax.org*

Women's Retreat: Come to the Well
January 29-31 • Epworth by the Sea
Step away for a weekend of renewal with Jesus. Inspired by the Samaritan woman's encounter at the well, this retreat offers teaching, worship, prayer, conversation, and rest with the Rev. Sandi Kerner, Brooke Holt, and Ashton Holt. Come as you are. Come thirsty. Come to the Well.

Birthday Blessings (Week of November 22-28)

John Adams, William Berg, Charlotte Brockmeier, Harper Bryan, Elizabeth Colledge, William D'Antignac, Anne Ellis, Sheldon Fordham, Scott Heller, Frances Hutto, Diana Kerner, Jane Kyle, Elizabeth Lassiter, Ed McCarthy III, William Pelser, Amy Perkins, Sandy Skinner, Beverly Sleeth, Bowen Smith, David Smith Jr., Sarah Terry, Katie Terry