



St. Mark's Messenger

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SUNDAY WORSHIP:

8:15, 9:45 and
11:15am

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:

Light supper - 5:45pm
Music/Programs -
6:15-7:15

SENIOR PASTOR:

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Sallyann Wassmuth

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Next Deadline
Wednesday,
June 22, noon

Calendar Notes

Nash Neighbors

Sunday June 4, Library (between services)
Volunteer info. Meeting

Marksmen

Wed., June 7, 7:30 a.m. Coco's

Soul Station

Wed, June 7, meal 5:45 p.m. program at
6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Board of Trustees

Thurs., June 8, 6:00 p.m., Conference Room

Advisory Board

Tuesday, June 13, 5:30 p.m. Library

Church Growth & Hospitality

Tuesday, June 13 6:30 p.m. Rooms 17/18

Socializing Our Seniors

Picnic style luncheon, June 15, 11:30 a.m. in
Fellowship Hall

Wesley Bells Concert

Saturday, June 17, 7 p.m., Sanctuary

Dear Church Family ...

To My St. Mark's Family,

When you're faced with a life-threatening illness, a supportive community is so important. The thoughtful cards you've all sent to me throughout my treatment and surgeries have meant the world to me, and are one of the main reasons I've been able to feel so strong throughout this process. I'm forever grateful for each and every one of you!

Love, Megan Krzmarzick (Pastor Tammy & Jack's Daughter)

Dear St. Mark's Family,

We want to thank you for the rich outpouring of love and care in this last year as our daughter, Megan, has been battling breast cancer. When I visited with Megan, she was always so excited to go to her mailbox and see what cards she would receive that day. There were some especially dark times for her in this season and continued treatment and surgery ahead, but we are hopeful in all the healing that God is providing within her. Words cannot express how much it means to us how you have loved on our Meg. We can't imagine going through this without all of your support and prayers. Megan will undergo her second surgery in September and infusions continue. Thank you for your continued prayers!

Love, Tammy & Jack

I would personally like to thank the two men working on the bathroom renovation for helping me on Tuesday, May 23rd. As I struggled to get the kitchen cart up the steps by the Sanctuary, one young man came to help lift the empty cart. A few minutes later, with the cart heavily laden with boxes and two apple pies, the cart was about to run me over and another young man came to my rescue. He insisted on taking the cart across all of the workmen's electric cords, plastic, etc. down the ramp and all the way to Room 17/18. Their help is sincerely appreciated and recognized.

Ellen Beene

Karen & I want to thank you for the phone calls, cards, emails, and especially the prayers when we were Neighbor of the Week recently. We also want to thank Pastor Sharon for praying with us at St. Mary's Hospital and spending some time with Karen while I was being prepared for the procedure to upgrade my pacemaker to a dual model and add a lead to the atrium side of the heart. Our good friend, Darlene Fry, helped out with our dogs and stayed the night with Karen. She was a blessing to us.

Unfortunately, my doctor and his team tried for two-and-a-half hours but was unable to find a vein on the left side that he could use to carry the new lead and position it to the proper location on the heart. After I have a rest, he will redo the procedure using a vein from the right side of my body. This has not yet been scheduled. We know we will be covered in prayer once again when I finally have the upcoming procedure. It's a blessing to have such a loving, caring church family.

In Christ, Jim & Karen Allison

WEAR RED—PENTACOST SUNDAY - Sunday, June 4th

On Sunday, June 4th, we will celebrate Pentecost - a time of renewal and remembrance of the power and guidance we receive from the Holy Spirit. As we gather, may our hearts be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the life of St. Mark's. The colors of church celebrations are red and white. We encourage you to wear red to worship on Sunday, June 4th as a visual reminder of our faith, our hope, our community, and our awareness that God has brought us together for a purpose much greater than ourselves.



WONDERING about Volunteering at Nash Elementary?



Here's your opportunity to find out more (and to have a mid-morning snack)! On **Sunday, June 4th**, in the Library at 9:15 or 10:45 a.m., meet with members of the Nash Neighbors Committee, current volunteers, Principal Bob Hehli and some faculty members. Discover what your volunteer experience might be, depending upon your preferences, and find out about the fingerprinting and placement processes. Support the teachers and children at our adopted school. There are many ways you can help.

We hope that by attending this event, you will consider becoming a Nash volunteer. The opportunity to serve in the Nash community brings great personal rewards. We hope to see you there! If you are interested but cannot attend on June 4th, contact Carol Cecilia (see directory) for information.

JOB OPENING

Children's Sunday School Music Leader



St. Mark's is currently accepting applications for a part-time Children's Sunday School Music Leader. This position serves the church as a team member by teaching the children Sunday School songs about Christian faith and works closely with the Music Ministries Coordinator. The position is 2-3 hours per week and reports to the Senior Pastor. You may view the job description at http://www.umcstmarks.org/pdf/jobdesc_cssml.pdf

To apply for the position, please send a cover letter and resume to susan@umcstmarks.org on or before June 10, 2017.

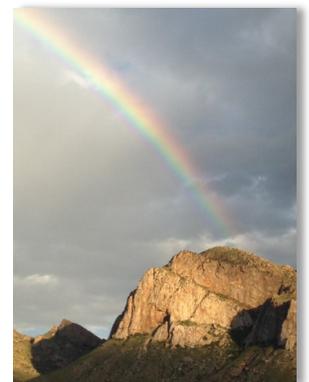
Join our group for lunch!

The Over 50s group will be enjoying lunch at Old Father Inn, 4080 West Ina Road (located on the north side of Ina Rd. just east of Old Father Rd.), on **Tuesday, June 6th**, at 11:30 a.m.

Please join us by making a reservation with Sandra Rush. You may text, call, or email (see directory).

New Photography Exhibit

Can't get enough of the images that **Pastor Sharon** shows during her sermon? Starting on June 3, a selection of photographs by Pastor Sharon will be displayed at the Welcome Center. This is another way to be in fellowship with her as she spends time away on her renewal leave. While you share your adventures with **Flat Sharon**, Sharon shares her past adventures through the Welcome Center display. The exhibit will run until the beginning of September. If you have questions about the exhibit, or are interested in exhibiting something in the Welcome Center, please contact Mark Hrabec or Jan Hooser (see directory).



Just Breathe

Jesus finished saying, "People were not made for the good of Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for the good of people."



A few years ago, I was talking with one of my pastoral colleagues who was retiring after serving the church for over 35 years. I wanted to know his secret for serving over three decades in a vocation where so few last. So, I asked him, "What helped you persevere and retire in such health?" He immediately said, "Each week I kept a Sabbath day and one day off." He explained that his day off was to take care of personal work, like fixing things around the house, errand running, paying bills, etc. but his Sabbath day was kept sacred. Meaning, it was a day where he focused on the Lord, reading the Bible or books that encouraged his relationship with God, he took walks to reflect on God and enjoy nature, and limited his time on the computer and social media. Anything that brought rest to his soul and body and made space for reflecting deeply on God, that is what he would do. And, on the evening of the Sabbath, he and his wife would gather around the table with their family for a feast and connect deeply with each other. He closed by saying, "Remember, we lead by example." Ever since that conversation, I have tried to implement this rhythm to my week, (if even at times imperfectly). When I do not, I feel it – spiritually, mentally and physically.

Thomas Merton writes, "To allow oneself to be carried away by a multitude of conflicting concerns, to surrender to too many demands to commit oneself to too many projects, to want to help everyone in everything, is to succumb to violence. The frenzy of our activism neutralizes our work for peace. It destroys our own inner capacity for peace. It destroys the fruitfulness of our own work, because it kills the root of inner wisdom which makes work fruitful."

Summer gives space to try new things. If Sabbath has not been a part of your weekly rhythms, why not try it. Even if you only have one day available in your week, be selective as to what you fill that day with and try aligning it with your priorities. When God rested, His rest means that he wanted to stand back, take a breath and savor the beauty and completeness of his creative work. We can follow in His footsteps. Over the summer, I will be reading Wayne Muller's book, *Sabbath – Finding Rest, Renewal and Delight in our Busy Lives*, to remind me that He has called me to work and He has called me to rest. Will you join me? So, just breathe and renew your soul. Feel the difference that Sabbath can make.

Peace, Pastor T

St. Mark's United Methodist Women Meet Tuesday, June 13.

St. Mark's United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday morning, June 13, in the church Library. Please come at 9:30 a.m. for light refreshments and fellowship. The program, Therapy Dog Ministry, presented by Susan Putt and Snickerdoodle will begin at 10:00 a.m. Susan and Snickerdoodle minister and serve as a therapy dog team. All women of the church are invited, you do not have to be a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Women or St. Mark's United Methodist Church to attend. Please contact the church office (297-2062) in advance, if you require childcare during the meeting. If you have questions or need a ride, please contact President, Virginia Tupper (see directory). You may also leave a message in the church office and someone will get back to you.



God Needs Heroes! VBS 2017 HERO CENTRAL!



The entire congregation is invited to be part of St. Mark's VBS 2017. There are several ways to be involved:

Prayer—Please pray for the children who will attend and the leaders who will be with them during the week.

Mission—We are giving new and gently used children's books to Literacy Connects (literacyconnects.org) and canned food to the Eloy UMC food bank. The entire church is encouraged to participate in this mission project by bringing these items to the church office anytime during VBS week.

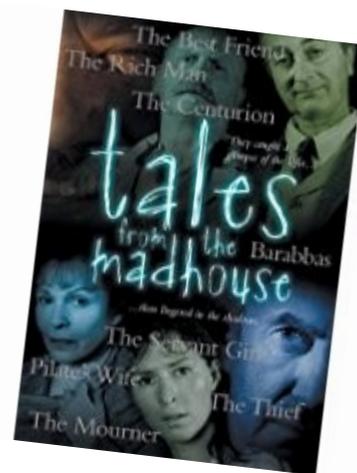
VBS closing program—We will have our closing program on Friday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join us for the fun and then go to the food trucks!

Thank you for supporting the faith life of our children.

Margaret Synhorst, Interim Christian Formation Coordinator

Tales from the Madhouse DVD Study to Begin on June 11

Join the Sharing and Family Life Adult Sunday School classes (Sundays 9:45–10:45 in Room 17) for the DVD-based study *Tales from the Madhouse* from June 11 through August 13 (no classes on July 2 or on 5th Sunday, July 30). Set inside the crumbling walls of a dilapidated Victorian sanatorium, eight mysterious characters reveal their secret stories to the visiting camera. All are linked by one unifying and crucial event in their lives – each of them had an encounter with Jesus of Nazareth in some way, experiences that left an indelible mark. Each character “brushed shoulders” with Jesus, but most missed the moment. Now they are haunted by the memory of what was and what might have been. This acclaimed series opens up the Scriptures and the story of Jesus in a fascinating way. Characters we'll meet include Pilate's wife, the rich man, the best friend, the centurion, and the thief. No book is required, and all are invited to drop in whenever they can throughout the summer to watch and discuss the DVD. If you have questions, please contact Rick Farnsworth (see directory).



Sharing and Family Life at 9:45 in Room 17 from June 11 through August 13.

- ⇒ June 11—*Tales from the Madhouse* (hosted by Sharing and Family Life Classes) DVD study
- ⇒ June 18—*Tales from the Madhouse* (hosted by Sharing and Family Life Classes) DVD study
- ⇒ June 25—*Tales from the Madhouse* (hosted by Sharing and Family Life Classes) DVD study
- ⇒ July 2—No class – 4th of July weekend
- ⇒ July 9—*Tales from the Madhouse* (hosted by Sharing and Family Life Classes) DVD study
- ⇒ July 16—*Tales from the Madhouse* (hosted by Sharing and Family Life Classes) DVD study
- ⇒ July 23—*Tales from the Madhouse* (hosted by Sharing and Family Life Classes) DVD study
- ⇒ July 30—Fifth Sunday – no Sunday School Classes
- ⇒ August 6—*Tales from the Madhouse* (hosted by Sharing and Family Life Classes) DVD study
- ⇒ August 13—*Tales from the Madhouse* (hosted by Sharing and Family Life Classes) DVD study

Save the Date—Thurs., June 15, 2017, 11:30 a.m.!

The next S.O.S. (Socializing Our Seniors) luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. due the Vacation Bible School schedule. We will be celebrate "picnic style." Our menu will be chicken, potato salad, baked beans, and a surprise for dessert. The cost of the meal is \$8.00 per person. The lunch will be catered and we'll need your payment in advance, if you plan to attend. There will be a table set up in the courtyard on Sunday, June 11, for those who have not had a chance to pay earlier. We are always looking for new people to socialize with. If you haven't attended a luncheon this month's "picnic" would be a great start!



SAVE THE DATE—Saturday, June 17th



The Wesley Bell Ringers, one of the premier youth handbell choirs in America, will be in concert in St. Mark's Sanctuary on **Saturday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.** The group is sponsored by Christ United Methodist Church of Salt Lake City, Utah. Each summer the high school and college students tour for two weeks, and St. Mark's is fortunate to be one of their stops. They haven't stopped at St. Mark's since 2010, so we're excited we're on their schedule once again. The group performs both secular and religious selections, making for an excellent experience for the entire family!

Also, members of our congregation have the opportunity to host the ringers overnight that Saturday. There are eight boys, seven girls, and seven adult chaperones who will need housing. This involves providing a place to sleep, a simple breakfast, and transportation back to the church Sunday morning. The youth, chaperones, and hosts will share a meal at the church Saturday prior to the concert.

So, be sure to reserve that evening for an enjoyable concert of handbell music, and please consider hosting some of our guests. If you have questions, or are interested in hosting, please contact the Coordinator of Music Ministries, Susan Putt, (susan@umcstmarks.org).

For a sneak preview of this special music, go to www.wesleybells.org.



Openings Available for Altar Flowers!

(Look for "Volunteer Opportunities.") If you would like to honor a loved one or special occasion with flowers on the altar, please sign up on Sunday mornings or call the church office. There are dates still available!

Welcome New Members—May 2017

Joe Gibson claims Parker, CO as his hometown and he is really enjoying getting to know the St. Mark's community. Joe has a rich background of work experiences: Fly Fishing Guide, U. S. Naval Reserve member, Medical technologist, U.S. Pharmaceuticals technician, and teaching business courses at two community colleges in Denver. Joe is currently working on publishing a "coffee table" book about fly fishing destinations. He is President of Gibson Group Consulting. Joe has two grown children: son, Andy, and daughter Carey Anne, who has three children.



Rosemary Goodwin retired some time ago from the Pima County Sheriff's Dept. and has taken on a whole new career! She currently does academic testing for Special Ed. students, K-12, for the Marana Unified School District and enjoys it immensely. She also enjoys planning family gatherings and having family time together. Rosemary also likes to try new recipes and do scrapbooking when she has time. She is so happy to be back at St. Mark's! Rosemary has two daughters and sons-in law and five grandchildren.

Roger & Sue Pierce Roger is a retired Clergyman who served as a Navy Chaplain for twenty years and as a Hospice Chaplain most recently. He enjoys fitness training and cycling – and has ridden in our El Tour twelve times. His interests include writing, reading, hiking in the Catalinas and volunteering at Carondelet Hospice. Sue is a homemaker and also worked as a church secretary. She loves "staying active – physically, spiritually and mentally." Sue also enjoys traveling, walking, hiking, reading and having lunch with friends. Roger and Sue have been married 56 years and have three grown children: son Stephen and family in VA, daughter Janet and family here in Oro Valley, and son Andy and family in OR.



Jason & Kim Richards Jason claims Jackson, MS as his hometown, but has lived in 33 states and five countries. Much of that moving around has occurred as he has traveled for his work as a Golf Course Architect. He loves to draw and owns his own landscape design company. Jason played golf in college and refers to it as "my passion." Kimberly also has an athletic background having been a swimmer, cheerleader, and softball player in her youth. Kim has taught 2nd and 5th grades and also loves working in cosmetics and with clothes designers. She now cares for her mother, and she and Jason are both devoted to their two children, Isabel and Carston.

Bill Purkey & Don Robinson Bill was born in WV, but comes to us after many years in Sacramento, CA. He is from a large family of twelve siblings. His career was in accounting. Bill likes to travel so that he can experience new things, foods, and different cultures. Don comes from Sacramento, also. His career was spent in the medical field and in interior design. His family included eight siblings. Don also enjoys traveling and was previously active in church music and various worship service roles. He plans to be involved with the Lay Visitation team here, and he and Bill both plan to be part of the choirs here at St. Mark's.



Tom Williams spent most of his life in the Midwest and comes to us from Indianapolis, IN., where he still has many friends and associates. Tom spent his career in sales management and readily admits to having been a workaholic." Tom did, however, find time to travel and loves doing so. He has traveled in Canada and throughout Europe and Asia. He names his favorite destination as Buenos Aires.

Doug Wright claims Tucson as his hometown and was an Air Force flight officer here. He is currently President of Commercial Investors Realty, Inc. and active in many organizations: Catalina Council B.S.A., Arizona 4-H Youth Foundation, and the Tucson Assoc. of Realtors. He was chosen to receive the Veteran of Distinction Award for Community Service. He was given the Outstanding Eagle Scout Award by the Catalina Council, B.S.A., and a Lifetime Endowment Achievement Award. He is currently Co-Vice Chairman of *Strength for Service*, a non-denominational daily devotional for Military Fire and Police First Responders.



Welcome 2017 Confirmands



Hannah Atwater

1. Hannah Nicole Atwater

Hannah is the daughter of Martha and Jeff Atwater. Hannah will attend Flowing Wells High School in the fall. Her hobbies include softball, basketball, volleyball, and drawing.

2. Meghan Leigh Buckner

Meghan is the daughter of Mike and Gina Buckner. She has two younger siblings Kayleigh and MJ. Meghan will attend Iron Ridge High School in the fall. Meghan has played on a club volleyball team, Club Cactus, for the past two years and looks forward to playing for many more seasons!



Meghan Buckner

3. Alexander Scott Carsten

Alex is the son of Keith and Liza Carsten. He has a brother James and a sister Grace. Alex will attend high school at BASIS this fall. His hobbies include board games, hiking, biking, and video games.

4. Addison Suzanne DaDeppo

Addison is the daughter of Adam and Lisa DaDeppo and has two younger brothers Liam and Carter. Addison will attend Canyon del Oro High School this fall. Allison belongs to Heart & Soul Ballet Company and loves to dance! She has been accepted to Performance Dance at CDO. She also participates in Odyssey of the Mind at school and will be going to the world finals with Hannah!

5. Hannah Faith Eblen

Hannah is the daughter of Andrew and Julie Eblen. Hannah has two older brothers Johnny and Eric and an older sister Brenna. She will attend Canyon del Oro High School this fall. Hannah loves to dance and sing. She dances at Heart and Soul and has been accepted to Women's Ensemble and Performance Dance at CDO. She also participates in Odyssey of the Mind and will participate in the world finals.



Alex Carsten

6. Chase Connor Laos

Chase is the daughter of Tracy and Fredric Laos. Chase has three brothers West, Vaughn, and Lake. She will attend Canyon del Oro this fall. Chase especially likes playing in her band.

7. Dylan Michael McInnis

Dylan is the son of Heather and Mike McInnis. He has two siblings Willow and Rowan. He will attend Canyon del Oro this fall. Dylan likes playing sports, his favorite is football.



Addison DaDeppo



Hannah Eblen



Chase Laos



Dylan McInnis

WASS UP?

May 30, 2017

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DESERT MUSEUM SATURDAY

UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

**June 4, 2017 —
3:15 to 6:30**

(notice time change)
Escape Room
"Captain Steelhook's
Treasure" \$5.00



JUNE 10, 2017- SATURDAY—



5:00 to 8:00
Desert Museum
at night

June 11, 2017 —
No Youth Group
See Saturday

June 18, 2017 —
Father's Day
No Youth Group



Spend Time With
Dad DAY

The Youth Council voted to go to the Desert Museum on Saturday June 10. Saturdays are the only nights that the museum is open late. Your admission is only \$5. Scholarships are available.

Some of the summer events have fees to try to offset the cost of admission. You do not have to miss any events this summer, just because the fee doesn't fit into the family budget that week. Scholarships are always available. Contact Kim or Rachel.



June Birthdays

- 06-12 Jenasys Turner
- 06-16 Jack Drescher
- 06-21 Carli Ogle *

*Faith Coach



Sierra Service Project News

FINAL PAYMENT OF \$75 IS DUE BY JUNE 4. The total registration for SSP is \$175. Contact Kim, if you need a scholarship.

a note from the

YOUTH DIRECTOR

The last week of school was full of middle school promotions and high school graduations. Now we're in the week of Middle School Mission.

This year, Middle School Mission kicks off an exciting summer. Two of our students will go to Annual Conference in Phoenix in June. In July, our high schoolers will travel to northern AZ to serve on the Navajo reservation as part of the Sierra Service Project.

That's what I love about St. Mark's; there's always something happening. It's like a family reunion every Sunday, only better, because weird Uncle Herbert doesn't show up.

Blessings,



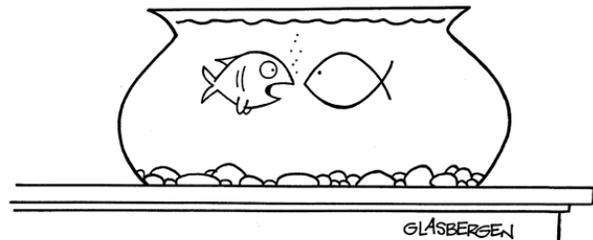
Kim

Middle School Moments

I want to take a moment to tell this year's Youth Council thank you for all of your hard work planning events throughout the school year, and this summer. We have such a fun summer planned, thanks to your Youth Council. We have some awesome leaders in our group, both in Middle and High School. Thanks, guys! This summer looks like so much fun. I can already tell that I'll be spending my summer looking forward to each Sunday, and the activity we have planned. See you Sunday!

See you Sunday!

Rachel



"Can't we talk about something besides religion for a change?"

Thank You from GRACE CIRCLE!

Grace Circle delivered 307 bags to Nash Elementary School on May 19th. Thank you EVERYONE who sewed bags, helped pack bags, and donated fabric for this project. Have a great Summer!

Gail Blevins

—Missions Committee News—

The Annual Conference has decided that this year's Missions outreach project will be collecting \$5 gift cards to be distributed to Glendale Police Officers and the Firemen and women in appreciation for all that they do to keep the public safe. The Missions Committee of St. Mark's UMC, would like to extend their sincerest appreciation to Target stores for donating \$50 to this effort. I went to six different stores to buy cards with the Missions Committee donation and only Target was willing to contribute. We want to acknowledge their gift and again, say **Thank You!**

Ellen Beene

PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS...

In the Hospital:

Audrey Dawson

Rehab or Care Facilities:

Dorothy Bonar, Than Brademas, Donald Chester, Patricia Keele, Marla Mutschler, Bob Ross, Howard Russell.

Undergoing Treatment at Home:

Jude Anderson, Judy Drescher, April DuBoce, Bill Duryee, Tiffany Guerette, Chuck Hoffman, Megan Krzmarzick, Karen Linebarier,

Dell Long, Judy Mitzimberg, Jim Neessen, Don Watt, Connie White.

Recovering at Home:

John Aucott, Diane Judge, Harold Mull, Cynthia Raynor, Judith Smith, Dave Webster, Jim Wood, Yvonne Yare.

Upcoming Surgeries:

Lois Britton, Ardyce Johnson, Susan Zimmerman.



LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY...

Please keep these people in your prayers. Email additions or updates to messenger@umcstmarks.org.

Hank Bautzmann, son of Nancy Bautzmann
Jon Chytka, nephew of Roger and Donna Severson
Zachary Dojaquez, grandson of Roger and Donna Severson
Brandonn Eto, close friend of Zirnheld/Compernelle family
Rob Eubank, son of David and Johanna Eubank
Mike Freeman, son of Ken and Ann Freeman
Patrick Harris, grandson of Marilyn Vaughn
Greg Haynes, son of Bob and Melinda Haynes
Matthew Hughey, son of Juliee and Billy Morrison and grandson of Joyce Flick
Rachel Kester, daughter of Don and Ruth Kester
Travis Kroll, son-in-law of Becky Strain
Adam Laurie, son of Ingrid Christensen
Chad Long, grandson of Pat Long
Mark Joseph Maver, son of Seymour & Marcia Maver
Joshua Miller, grandson of Ginny Johnson

Jake Newton, son of Robert and Cheri Newton
John O'Regan, husband of Ashley O'Regan and grandson-in-law of Janet Krug
Brian Osborn, pastor in the DSW Conference
William Putt, son of Harold and Susan Putt
Joshua Ruth, son-in-law of Marjie Walp
Adam Seia, son of David and Vonda Seia
Jason Smith, grandson of Jerry and Judy Smith
Alex Snow, brother of Shelley Shelton
Clint Staschke, son-in-law of Cliff and June Young
Michael and Karisa Szczygiel, daughter and son-in-law of Joyce Flick
Timothy Trexler, great-nephew of Gail Blevins
Brianna Walker, granddaughter of Barbara Fradenburgh; niece of John Fradenburgh
Jeff Welsh, grandson of Roger & Donna Severson



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Reflections

Hello!

As Art and I left on May 24, for a long drive as part of my renewal leave, we looked at each other and simultaneously expressed our gratitude for this opportunity for me to rest and renew my body, mind, and spirit. Truly, we're both grateful to you, the people and staff of St. Mark's.

Thank you for your words of support, cards, and other gifts like sunglasses, night lights, journals, and more. The first month, we will be on a long road trip to Ann Arbor, MI, then to Chicago and Racine, WI. Then we'll head north to near Duluth, MN, over to Grand Forks, ND, and on to Colorado Springs and Keystone, CO. In July, I'll be spending time on retreat before we head to Lake Tahoe on July 22. We'll also be celebrating our 45th anniversary on July 1st. I'll be back in the office on August 7.

My love, prayers and gratitude are with you, dear ones at St. Mark's. Art has Flat Sharon with us, too!

Blessings, Sharon



Art and Flat Sharon at the Rio Grande River in Las Cruces, NM