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Hurricane Harvey – Ways To Help Through St. Mark's

UMCOR

As we see the devastation brought by Hurricane Harvey, and the accompanying flooding, we want to help. Here are two ways you can help now through St. Mark's: Give to the United Methodist Committee on Relief – Communion Offering Oct. 1, 2017



On World Communion Sunday, Oct. 1st, we will receive a special Communion Offering which will be sent to UMCOR for disaster relief related to Hurricane Harvey. Make checks payable to St. Mark's, noted for **UMCOR**. All these funds go directly to provide disaster relief. Administrative costs for UMCOR are paid through other general church funds.

If you want to give to UMCOR before October 1st, make checks payable to St. Mark's, noted for UMCOR, and drop in the offering plate, or mail to church. We will send funds directly there. You can also give online at umcstmarks.org. (See article on page 3 regarding giving through UMCOR.)

Books & Beans Hygiene Kits for Children

We will be collecting supplies and assembling hygiene kits for children, to be sent to World Care, for immediate distribution to those in need. Supported by our Missions Committee, this project is being coordinated by Nicolette Peterson and Maryann Nuckolls (292-9676).



Supplies will be collected in the courtyard on Sundays, Sept. 10 & 17, and in a box in the church office. Deadline for receiving supplies is September 20th.

A supply list can be found at http://www.umcstmarks.org/pdf/hygieneKITlist_2017w.pdf and includes one-gallon strong ziplock bags, thick washcloths, small tissue packets, combs, bars of soap, waterless anti-bacterial hand sanitizers, single toothbrushes, toothpaste, 6 inch Beanie stuffed toys. Please follow directions carefully. No religious materials. You may bring assembled kits or the supplies. The deadline is Sept. 20, 2017.

First Responders Block Party!



Monday, Sept. 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Join us as we celebrate our local First Responders at this special 6th annual appreciation block party across the street from church at Mountain View Retirement Village, 7900 N. La Cañada Drive. Enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch and entertainment. Thank those

“first responders” for their service! Enjoy a musical presentation by our own St. Mark's Choir. Bring your camera for photo opportunities, with fire and law enforcement and enjoy the exhibits, K-9 Demos and more. Everyone is welcome, it will be fun for all ages!

St. Mark's work teams to provide Hurricane Harvey relief may be organized in the future. Watch for more information.

Food Truck Cafe!

Friday, Sept. 8th, join us from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a variety of food (including dessert) from our Food Truck vendors!



DESERT SOUL
Street Band

The evening entertainment will include music, by Todd Martin and his band **DESERT SOUL!** Plus, be sure to register for our “Gift Card” drawing. Everyone is welcome to attend this fun, family event. It is a great way to spend your Friday night!

Adult Spiritual Growth—Faith is a Journey



Many of the Adult Spiritual Growth opportunities begin soon, but it is not too late to join the journey! For more information about each opportunity visit our website "[Classes and Registration](#)" (top right-hand corner of the home page), or contact Margaret Synhorst (margaret@umcstmarks.org).

Things You Should Know Before You Go!

Are you concerned about getting the best care possible if you are chronically or terminally ill? Does the price of funerals give you the willies? Do you have some basic questions about wills and estates? Would information about organ and whole body donation be helpful to you? Or are you wondering whether our YODO (You Only Die Once) is a good program for you? Come to YODO Preview Nights. Two topics will be presented each night. Light refreshments will be served.

Monday, Sept. 18th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. "FREE"

- ✿ Palliative and hospice care (St. Mark's own Dr. Richard Hoffman)
- ✿ Funeral Consumers Alliance of Arizona (Ruth Bennett, director)

Monday, Sept. 25th, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. "FREE"

- ✿ Basics of wills and trusts;
- ✿ Organ and Body Donations (donatelifeaz.org and U of A Willed Body Program)

Tuesday, Oct. 3rd, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

- ✿ YODO - Making a plan for end-of-life. Six-week class (Singles \$79, Couples \$139)



For more information on Preview Nights and the YODO Program, please contact Lynn Nystrom (lnystrom@msn.com or 405-1203) or Martha Lundgren (see directory) or register online.

CHRONIC SUFFERERS - Support Group

For he has not ignored or belittled the suffering of the needy. He has not turned his back on them, but has listened to their cries for help. Psalm 22:24 New Living Translation (NLT)

We are looking to start a support group on the St. Mark's Campus for those who have chronic illness and/or chronic pain. This group is for all men and women who are challenged by continuing illness/pain, which would like the company of others faced with similar challenges. This could be anything from recurring headaches to autoimmune disease, or anything that YOU feel plagues you. This is a no-judgement zone.

One of the worst things we do to ourselves, as chronic sufferers, is to compare ourselves to others who suffer and minimize our illness/pain. But we needn't do that. We seek to create an environment that is safe, and unconditionally compassionate. We desire to have a place where we can be open about the emotions our illness/pain causes us, offer each other solutions, and learn to find the gifts Christ has given us through our conditions.

If you are interested in exploring this more, stop by the Fellowship Hall after any of the three services on Sept. 10th. If you would like to inquire more privately, please contact April DuBoce (see directory). All inquiries will be kept confidential.

Congregational Care Minister Training

Do you find that you like to connect with people who are homebound, in the hospital, or a care facility? Do you find yourself wanting to visit people during times of physical suffering and isolation? It may be that God is calling you to serve on the Lay Visitation Team. Over seven sessions, you will learn how to share hope through listening and prayer, while you gain insight about boundaries, care resources and ministering alongside our pastors to provide care for our church family. Training will be held in the Library on Tuesdays from 1:00—3:00 p.m. from Oct. 3rd - Nov. 14th. Cost is \$15 for the training manual. You may register online, or contact Pastor Tammy (tammy@umcstmarks.org), if you have questions.



Ways to Help Victims of Hurricane Harvey



If you would like to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey, please consider donating to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Every time you donate to an UMCOR designated program, 100% of your gifts support those in need. You can contribute by cash, check (payable to St. Mark's UMC) or online through the St. Mark's website or GivePlus Church Mobile App. Please indicate your donation is for the UMCOR U.S. Response. If you want to learn more about UMCOR and how they are helping in the region effected by the hurricane, as well as other areas around the world, go to our website (<http://www.umcstmarks.org/missions.php#umcor>). Thank you for your support!

Campus Improvements - from "A Birthday Gift of Thanks"

Using the funds that the congregation generously provided from the St. Mark's **A Birthday Gift of Thanks** last spring the Trustees have finished, or are in the process of completing, a number of projects. Just in time for the return of "Real Sharon" at worship and a busy St. Mark's campus as we approach the fall season! Here's a report of our progress to date:

Sanctuary Lighting – To remove the lighting glare on the monitors and obstructed view of the cross in the front of the Sanctuary, ten ceiling lights were raised to enhance the view of both areas. The second phase of the project was the installation of LED bulbs in all Sanctuary light fixtures. Replacing old bulbs with LED lamps reduces electrical consumption and enhances lighting of the Sanctuary. LED bulbs have a 20-year lifecycle, plus will reduce energy costs.

Sanctuary Entrance Bathroom Renovation – The men's and women's bathrooms, at the entrance to the Sanctuary, were renovated. Not just because they were over 30 years old, but more importantly, due to the fact that they did not provide wheel chair accessibility. We now have two more ADA compliant bathrooms on our church campus! The remodel included tearing out both existing bathroom interiors, and installing new stalls, toilets, sinks, and faucet fixtures. Both bathrooms also have new tile, paint, and counter tops. Keeping the reduction of our energy footprint in mind, we installed low-water-use toilets, urinals, faucets, and LED recessed lighting!

Sanctuary Ceiling Paint – When the Sanctuary carpet replacement was scheduled (which included removal of the pews), it presented the perfect time to paint the ceiling in the Sanctuary. Painting was completed within three days during July. Painters also removed four speakers and connecting wires from the ceiling beams that were part of the old sound system.

Hearing Assist Loop – Removal of the pews for carpet replacement presented the Trustees and Technology

Committee with yet another opportunity – replacement of the old hearing assist loop. The wires for a new hearing assist loop were installed under the new carpet. When the new hearing assist system is complete it will improve the sound transmission in the Sanctuary for the hearing impaired.

Sanctuary Carpet Replacement – Unfortunately, the new carpet that was installed in mid-July had deficiencies in both the carpet material and installation.

Fortunately, the Trustees, the carpet installer, and the carpet manufacturer have come to an agreement to replace the carpet. This decision is certainly in St. Mark's best interest and we will not incur any additional expense!



The Trustees want to thank the congregation for your patience as we move forward with the re-installation of carpet.

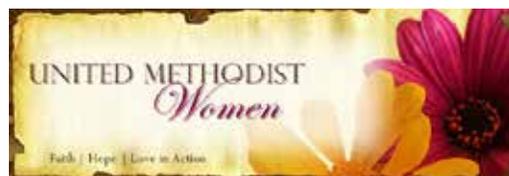
Sanctuary Pew Cover Replacement – In October, we will undertake our last major project for the year – replacement of the pew bench covers. This project includes replacement of the cloth coverings and foam seating material on all the pews in our Sanctuary. The project will be scheduled during the week so Sunday worship in our Sanctuary is not interrupted.

2017 has been another very productive year for the Board of Trustees. A church the size and age of St. Mark's needs continuous maintenance. Thanks to your generous donations to **A Birthday Gift of Thanks** and your continued financial support, we were able to renovate our bathrooms to improve campus accessibility, reduce our energy footprint, and make necessary improvements to our Sanctuary.

Blessings, Board of Trustees

United Methodist Women Meet

St. Mark's United Methodist Women (UMW) will meet Tuesday evening, Sept. 19th in Fellowship Hall. United Methodist Women is an organization of women who work together for the love of God and their fellow humankind. We focus on helping women, children, and youth.



At our September meeting, we will examine what this "Garden of United Methodist Women" is all about. Why do we raise funds? Where does the money go? Who benefits from all the hard work these women put into cooking spaghetti and making crafts? Is this just a social group? Anyone who wants to know about this world-wide organization is welcome.

Please come at 6:30 p.m. for light refreshments and fellowship. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. All women and men of the church are invited. You do not have to be a member of St. Mark's Methodist Church, St. Mark's United Methodist Women or any church to attend. All are welcome. Childcare may be available, please make arrangements with the church office (297-2062) prior to the meeting. If you have any questions or need a ride, please contact UMW President, Virginia Tupper (see directory) or leave a message with the church office and someone will get back to you. Join us and learn more about United Methodist Women.



Grace Circle of UMW will meet Tuesday, Sept. 19th in the Library at 9:15 a.m. We will be volunteering at GAP ministries. GAP is a social non-profit, faith-based organization serving Tucson since 1999. The mission is simple: Standing in the GAP for those in need. Bringing help to children, healing to families, and hope to the community. Donations of socks and underwear for elementary children would be appreciated. Contact Joyce Lawson (see directory) with any questions.

ODBALL Offering For Emerge!

Items needed for Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse. Please help victims of domestic abuse by donating items to Emerge! through an ODBALL offering on Sunday, Sept. 17th. Items needed include **underwear and socks in all sizes for women, boys and girls of all ages**. Families rely on Emerge! in times of crisis. While they focus on healing from abuse, Emerge! ensures their basic needs are met. Our gifts help build new, empowered lives. Thank you for your donations!



Many Hands Make Little Work

Help clean the kitchen!

There is a need for two different pairs of volunteers to clean the St. Mark's kitchen one Monday each month. It is an easy, worthwhile task that with two people, only takes about one hour each time.



You can choose a time on Mondays most convenient for you to clean, as well as which Monday of a given month you might want to volunteer. Should you volunteer, we will use a list to demonstrate to you the items which need to be cleaned. Interested? Want more information? Contact John Shattuck (see directory).

GIVE+Mobile



As part of our electronic giving program, we offer GivePlus Church, our new mobile giving app. You can make weekly offerings, respond to special appeals or set up a recurring donation all through your smartphone or tablet. Simply go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus Church" to quickly find the app and download it for free. Then you can give anytime, anywhere, any day of the week. Contact Ruth Kester in the church office if you have questions.

Thank you for helping us create a thriving ministry.

Finance Committee

Animal Ministry News



Sandi Heilman, Dr. Lisa Shriver

The Animal Ministry Team offers its sincere gratitude to all who donated to the recent pet supplies drive for the Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS) program on the San Carlos Apache Reservation. Your generous response included lots of dog and cat food, leashes and collars, blankets and towels, puppy pads, crates, and much more!

Last week, co-chair Sandi Heilman was able to personally meet Dr. Lisa Shriver, the vet who travels from Ohio each month to care for the animals in San Carlos. She offered St. Mark's her own thanks, assured us that each item would be put to good use, and said that her veterinary colleagues were "blown away" by the fact that a church would show this kind of support for the program!

Volunteers Needed

The Animal Ministry Team is **looking for four strong volunteers** for the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 21st. On that day, we will be hosting our 2nd Annual Rummage to the Rescue(s), an opportunity for local animal shelters and rescues to set up space in our parking lot to sell new and used items to benefit their programs. At the end of the event, each group has the option of keeping unsold items or leaving them for TMM Family Services' benefit. Many choose to leave unsold rummage. We'll have a TMM truck at St. Mark's, and we need four people willing to help load it. (Items will be in boxes or bags unless they're large, like furniture or bicycles.) Approximate time of commitment is 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Please contact Sandi Heilman (see directory) to volunteer for truck-loading duty!



Please note: The congregation is not being asked to donate rummage items for this sale. But if you have items you'd like to donate to your favorite animal shelter or rescue, we're sure they'd be happy to have them. Contact Sandi Heilman to see which ones are participating.

Update on Syria - From the Christian Persecution Task Force

The United States State Department has issued its International Religious Freedom Report for 2016 pursuant to the International Religious Freedom Act. It states that Islamic State (ISIS) is clearly responsible for genocide against Christians as well as other religious groups including Yezidis and Shia Muslims in areas it controlled. It targets them for rape, kidnapping, enslavement, and death. Christians reported they continued to feel threatened by religious intolerance among the opposition as the influence of violent extremist groups increased. ISIS continued to impose a special tax on Christian populations and continued to call for establishing a Sunni theocracy in press statements and media interviews.



The Report states that the protection of Christians and other threatened religious groups who are targets of violent extremism remains a priority of the Administration. The Secretary of State stated, "we believe that the protection of religious and ethnic minorities is a fundamental test not just of our leadership, but of civilization itself." The U.S. Special Envoy for Syria, and other high ranking officials, met with members of the Orthodox Christian and other religious communities to discuss assistance to vulnerable populations, countering sectarian violence, and encouraging positive dialogue between members of the opposition and minority communities that felt threatened.

Prayer: *Dear Lord, Please embrace the Christians of Syria. Also, touch the hearts and minds of US officials to sustain their concern and efforts to protect Christians and other minorities in Syria, and give them strength to do so.*

If you would like more information about persecuted Christians, or to join St. Marks Christian Persecution Task Force, email us at christianpersecutiontaskforce@gmail.com or drop us a note at the church office.

WASS UP?

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EAT DESSERT FIRST

UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

September 10, 2017—
3:00 to 4:00
Youth Council
4:00 to 6:00
“Eat Dessert First”



September 17, 2017—
4:00 to 6:00
“Fiesta Night”



September 24, 2017—
4:00 to 6:00
Middle School activities
planned by MS Youth Council

High School off campus
(location determined by
HS Youth Council)

We will meet at the Wesley House at **4:00** for opening prayer, before we take off for your favorite dessert place.

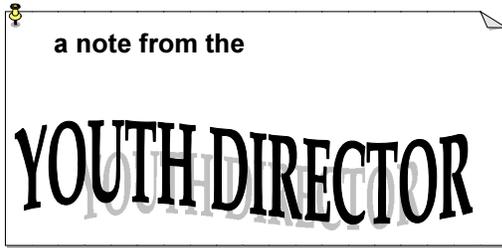
Middle School and High School groups will choose their favorite dessert places.

EVERYONE NEEDS A PERMISSION SLIP!

1st YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING OF THE '17-'18 SCHOOL YEAR

The Youth Council will have its first meeting on September 10 at 3:00 p.m. Middle School and High School Councils will meet separately to plan events. Daniel Titzel will lead our Middle School Council, while Mackenzie Kester and Ruben Morales lead the High School Council.

Everyone is invited to Youth Council meetings. Your ideas are needed and appreciated.



Confirmation classes officially begin on September 10 at 9:45.

Confirmation is open to anyone in grades 8-12, who hasn't been confirmed. The class will concentrate on the Bible, history of Christianity and Methodism, and exploring church membership.

Students will meet various leaders in the church, and have the opportunity to spend time with each of our pastors. In addition, there will be field trips to churches of other faiths and denominations.

If you missed the orientation, come anyway.

God has blessed us with a church community that takes Confirmation very seriously. People you don't even know will be praying for you as you take this journey.

He has also blessed Rachel and I with the opportunity to lead you through the next nine months.

Blessings,
Kim

Middle School Moments

What is Youth Council?

A few weeks ago, our Youth Council was elected. But, did you know that you can still totally participate in Youth Council, even if you weren't elected!? Youth Council plans awesome events all year round, and plans the whole summer! If you are interested in helping decide what we do at Youth Group, come meet with us the 2nd Sunday of the month at 3:00. Our next meeting will be September 10 at 3:00. We always have a ton of fun! This year, since we split the Middle and High School Youth Councils, it's even more important to come and make your voice heard! If you have any questions, let me know.

See you Sunday!
Rachel

Luke 2:51-52 The Message (MSG)

⁵¹⁻⁵² So he* went back to Nazareth with them, and lived obediently with them. His mother held these things dearly, deep within herself. And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people.

(*Jesus in the temple at age 12)

HOLD THESE PEOPLE IN PRAYER!

In the Hospital:

It is a blessing, at this time no members are hospitalized!

Rehab or Care Facilities:

Jane Berson, Than Brademas, Donald Chester, Barbara Fradenburgh, Patricia Keele, Shirley Johnson, Bob Ross, Yvonne Yare

Hospice Care:

Bill Duryee, Jerry Langemeier, Judy Mitzimberg, Marla Mutschler, Howard Russell

Undergoing Treatment at Home:

Jude Anderson, Gail Blevins, Audrey Dawson, Judy Drescher, April DuBoce, Tiffany Guerette,

Breanne Hallam, Megan Krzmarzick, Karen Linebarier, Dell Long, Cynthia Rayner, Mel Speck, Don Watt, Connie White

Recovering at Home:

Ann Martin, Betty Myers, Jim Ward, Dave Webster, Marilyn Vaughn



PRAYER CORNER

We are a praying community at St. Mark's. Besides Sunday worship, you may submit a prayer request by email prayerchain@umcstmarks.org or on our website at www.umcstmarks.org/contact-us-prayer-request.php.

Also, visit our Prayer Room on campus and leave a prayer on our prayer wall.



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Sunday Worship:

8:15, 9:45, 11:15 a.m.

Soul Station

Wednesday Nights:
Community Meal
5:45 p.m.
Music/Programs
6:15-7:15 p.m.

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 & Donna Severson

Jayce Cunha, son of Rich and Blanca Cunha

Zachary Dojaquez, grandson of Roger & Donna Severson

Brandonn Eto, friend of Zirnheld/Compernelle family

Rob Eubank, son of David & Johanna Eubank

Mike Freeman, son of Ken & Ann Freeman

Patrick Harris, grandson of Marilyn Vaughn

Greg Haynes, son of Bob & Melinda Haynes

Matthew Hughey, son of Juliee & Billy Morrison and grandson of Joyce Flick

Rachel Kester, daughter of Don & Ruth Kester

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 & 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 & Susan Putt

Joshua Ruth, son-in-law of Marjie Walp

Adam Seia, son of David & Vonda Seia

Jason Smith, grandson of Jerry & Judy Smith

Alex Snow, brother of Shelley Shelton

Clint Staschke, son-in-law of Cliff & 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 Joan Fradenburgh



Third Thursday each month
6:30 - 8:30 p.m., St. Mark's Library
Coordinator:
Nancy Bautzmann (248-5814)

Calendar Notes

Fri., Sept. 8

5:00 p.m. - Food Truck Café

Sat., Sept. 9

11:00 a.m. New Member Luncheon, Fellowship Hall

Sun., Sept. 10

New Member Recognition
LOGO SHOP, between services

Mon., Sept. 11 (Carpet re-installation begins)

9:15 a.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. First Responders Block Party
6:30 p.m. Mark-a-ritas, Fellowship Hall

Tues., Sept. 12

5:30 p.m. Advisory Board, Library
6:30 p.m. Missions Committee, Fellowship Hall

Tues., Sept. 12 - continued...

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee, Rm 20
6:30 p.m. Church Growth/Hospitality, Rm 17/18
6:30 p.m. SPRC, Conference Rm

Wed., Sept. 13

5:45 p.m. Soul Station, Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Common Grounds, Library
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee, Conference Rm

Thur., Sept. 14

11:30 a.m. SOS Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
12:00 **MESSENGER DEADLINE**

Sat., Sept. 16

6:00 p.m. Common Grounds, Library

Sun., Sept. 17

LOGO SHOP, between services

Dear Church Family...



Thank you Handy Hands! I am so grateful for your expertise and ingenuity. The Christian fellowship was inspiring and enjoyable and definitely broadened my church family.

Bless you, Beth Thompson



Dinner for Eight

There is still time to register for Dinner for Eight at St. Mark's! The Deadline for registration is Wednesday, Sept. 13th. Just go to our website www.umcstmarks.org and follow the links under Upcoming Events to complete the registration. If you have questions, or would like more information feel free to contact Judy Wickham (572-0890 or wwickham@comcast.net).

Emmaus Gathering

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The next gathering of the S AZ Emmaus community will be held at St. Mark's, in Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2017, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with the usual potluck meal followed by discussion, announcements, and worship.



Soul Station Meals

Volunteers are need to provide a meal for 60 to 70 people on Wednesday nights at Soul Station. If your group is interested in participating, funds are available. Clara Campbell will assist with set up and can answer any of your questions regarding menus and budget. Sign up in the narthex on Sundays, or contact the church office (297-2062) if you or your group would like to volunteer.

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Reflections

On September 5, 2017, our grandson, Isaiah, turns twelve years old. He started middle school a few weeks ago, and although he's a quiet preteen, he's a great young man and a joy to be around.

September 5th, is also the start date for the **Disciple III** class that I'm co-leading with Charlotte Bowers. This year our class will study the Old Testament prophets; next year it will be the letters of Paul. As we begin studying the Prophets, the readings start with the **Book of Lamentations**, with the writer lamenting over what has happened to the Hebrew people. Their temple in Jerusalem was destroyed in 587 BC, and many of the people carried into exile in Babylon. It's a watershed time in Hebrew history, and a time full of sorrow, pain and uncertainty.



In the midst of the laments, the writer says, **"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness."** (Lamentations 3:22-23) Imagine that! In a dark time, the

writer's faith in God is strong, and carries him and the people through.

As we watch and read about the devastation from Hurricane Harvey, and live through illnesses in our families and church community, and grieve with some in our church, I am reminded again of God's great faithfulness in the midst of it all. Throughout history people have lamented, and then praised God for all God does to bring hope and healing.

Sometimes God's work is done through us. Be sure to read the front page of this **Messenger** for ways you can help bring relief to those affected by the hurricane and flooding.

My prayer: **Great is your faithfulness, O God. For each new day, we give you thanks. For every opportunity to grow in love of you, and each chance to serve you, we give you thanks. Strengthen us, by the power of your Spirit. Amen.**

Blessings, Sharon