

# Messenger

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St. Mark's  
United Methodist

## Holy Week Activities



### **Holy Thursday - March 29, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

A powerful drama will be performed, *The Seder That Changed Everything*. May your heart be touched by the reflections of Jesus and his disciples.

### **Stations of the Cross**

Walk with Jesus on his way to the cross and experience the multi-sensory Stations of the Cross on campus. Weekdays (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and evenings on Wednesday (until 7:30 p.m.), Thursday and Friday (5:00-6:45 p.m.). Booklets will be available in Fellowship Hall foyer to guide you to the locations of each station.



### **Good Friday - March 30, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary**

*Were You There?* A Tenebrae service of increasing darkness as we remember the last days of Jesus' life, as told by the Gospel of John.



### **Holy Saturday, March 31, 10:00 a.m., Courtyard**

Walk with Jesus on a guided tour of the multi-sensory Stations of the Cross as He makes his way to the cross to bring us new life out of the darkness! If you need a wheelchair to participate, call the church office 297-2062 in advance and let us know.

## Easter Sunday — April 1

### **6:00 a.m. — Sunrise Service**

**Message: Conquering Death!**

An outdoor service on the church labyrinth, led by the St. Mark's youth, with Holy Communion.

### **7:00 - 10:30 a.m. — Pancake Breakfast**

Breakfast served on the West Patio, sponsored by the St. Mark's youth. Donations benefit Sierra Service Project.

Bring a fresh flower to decorate the floral cross located at the Sanctuary entrance.

### **8:15 and 9:45 a.m. — Traditional Worship Service**

**Message: Conquering Death!**

A service of joyful celebration with traditional hymns accompanied by an orchestra, organ, and Chancel Choir, with Holy Communion.

### **11:15 a.m. — The Gathering Message: Conquering Death!**

A modern service with worship songs led by a Praise Team, accompanied by a band with Holy Communion.



## Food Packaging Event Needs Set Up Help

On April 8, beginning at 11:15 a.m., we will pack over 10,000 meals. When volunteer packers arrive in the Fellowship Hall at that time, the tables will be set up, the materials will be meticulously set up, and the event will take off with the precision of a NASA launch. However, that scenario doesn't happen without the behind the scenes people who arrive at 9:30 a.m. to unload materials and prepare the room. Please consider meeting at the Fellowship Hall early that morning to help. Contact Kim Ogle (297-2062 or [kim@umcstmarks.org](mailto:kim@umcstmarks.org)) to volunteer or inquire.



## Exploring Membership Classes Sundays, April 8 and 15

Have you been considering membership at St. Mark's? If so, you are warmly invited to our next Exploring Membership Class. We'll meet in the church Library on Sunday mornings, April 8 and 15, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. A light lunch is served mid-session each Sunday, and childcare will be available for those who request it.



If you plan to join the group, please make sure you sign up any Sunday at the Adult Education bulletin board in the courtyard, online at [www.umcstmarks.org](http://www.umcstmarks.org), or call Janie at the church office (297-2062). The study is called "Exploring Membership" intentionally – the decision of whether or not to join at the end of the class is entirely your own. If these April dates don't suit your schedule, watch the *Messenger* and Sunday bulletins for news of class dates in early fall.

## Pet Memorial Service

The annual Pet Memorial Service is scheduled for **Sunday, April 8, at 3:00 p.m.** to acknowledge and respect the importance animals have held in our hearts and lives, and to celebrate their place in God's creation. It doesn't matter how recent or long ago your loss occurred.



If you would like your pet's picture to appear in a video montage during the service, please email it to [animalministry@umcstmarks.org](mailto:animalministry@umcstmarks.org) no later than Friday, April 6. (You can also bring a photo to the church office to be scanned.) The video will provide a time to honor their memories.

After the service, refreshments will be offered in the Welcome Center, you may wish to bring a photo with you for this time of sharing. Several therapy dogs will also be available to offer comfort. Please feel free to share this invitation with others who would be interested.

## Food Truck Cafe Returns - Friday, April 13!

Mark your calendars for lucky Friday, April 13! Some of your favorite food trucks will be in the south parking lot. Our mobile taste treat sensations include Sarge's Cheescakes, BurgerRito, Wilson's Kettle Corn, Little Boler Beanery, and MJ's Hotdogs. Live bands will keep us entertained from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., while we enjoy great food and fellowship. This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends and neighbors.



### Can you help? We need just a few good people!

Setup help is needed from 4:00 to 5:00 pm.  
We just need two extra people to set up tables, chairs, and shade.

Cleanup work will start about 7:30pm.  
Three people are needed to put away tables and chairs and empty trash.

If you're available to help, contact Kim Ogle ([kim@umcstmarks.org](mailto:kim@umcstmarks.org) or 297-2062). She would love to hear from you on or before Wed., April 11.

## Calling All Crafters!

The next Craft Day will be Sat., April 14, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., in Rm 17/18. Bring your craft project to work on and enjoy the fellowship we will have being together as we work and share our projects. We had a fun time and made new friends when we first met on March 10. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Allison (see directory). Hope to see you April 14.

# Adult Spiritual Growth

Faith is a journey!

The Adult Spiritual Growth Committee has just what you need for the next steps of your spiritual growth journey. You will find new opportunities, and a wide range of possibilities, including small group experiences that support Pastor Sharon's sermon series **Making the Connection: Connecting to our Past—History of our Faith**, April 8 – May 13. Where have we come from? How do the roots of our Jewish-Christian faith affect our present understanding of faith and life? This will be a brief history of our faith, with major themes from Abraham and Sarah to today.

## Spiritual Autobiography

Thursdays, 3:00-4:30 p.m., April 5 – May 10  
6 sessions, Led by Judy Boroto

MY LIFE IS A LIBRARY filled with books that no one reads anymore – books of adventure and romance, advice and how-tos. The books gather dust because no one wants to learn from them. O Lord, once they were popular volumes, tattered from wear, but now no one cares about my life lessons.

As I've grown older, people have less interest in what I have to say or what I think. I have stumbled along my journey, but I can look back across the years with wise eyes.

If they were willing, younger folks could learn from my mistakes, my follies, my successes.

I have gained knowledge with every experience – knowledge of broken hearts and unfulfilled dreams, knowledge of surviving financial woes and raising rebellious teens, knowledge of eternal truths and the lies of the world. If only they would ask, I would tell them.

(Voices of Aging: Adult Children and Adult Parents Talk with God, page 25 - ©2015 by Missy Buchanan.)

Why wait to be asked? Ever given any thought to your life's journey? To your faith journey? Have any stories that you'd really like to share with family and/or friends? Ever pondered these questions: What are my family roots? When was I first aware of God; of Jesus; of the Holy Spirit? How did I get to where I am now — in my faith, in my life? What activities in my life help define me? What family traditions have helped form me into whom I am? What do I want my family to know and remember about me? Come explore these questions and others as we develop and write our spiritual autobiographies.

## Genesis: A Living Conversation

Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m., April 17– May 8,  
4 sessions, Led by Linda Walker & Marlyce Wright

The exciting conclusion to the discussions of the roots of our faith as told in the book of Genesis. These are stand-alone sessions, so if you missed the first part in January, don't let that stop you from participating in these last 4 sessions: "The Test" --Genesis 22-23--Binding of Isaac; "Blessed Deception"--Genesis 25-28--Jacob and Esau; "God Wrestling"--Genesis 28, 32-33--Jacob, God and Reconciliation with Esau; "Exile"--Genesis 39-47--Joseph saga.

## United Methodist History

Thursdays, 6:00 p.m., May 10 and May 17,  
2 sessions, Led by Kelly Deyoe and Brenda Hunter

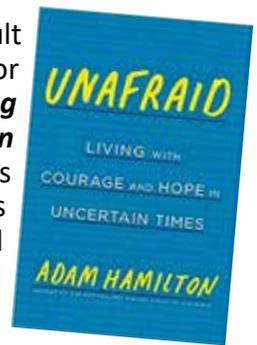
Please plan on joining Kelly Deyoe and Brenda Hunter for an overview of the history of the United Methodist Church. This overview of the early church will include influential people of interest; the disappointment of schisms and splits; the excitement of mergers with denominations of similar beliefs; and an overall timeline of important events in our church history. We will discuss some of our church's basic theological beliefs including the role of grace. See you there!

## Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times

Sundays, 9:45 - 10:45 a.m., April 15 – May 20  
Led by Terry Majewski and Rick Farnsworth

Join the Sharing and Family Life Adult Sunday School classes in Rm 17, for Adam Hamilton's **Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times** DVD and book study. In this five-week study, Hamilton addresses the extent to which fear, anxiety, and worry permeate our lives today and hold us back from the very pursuits that promise fulfillment and joy.

Drawing on recent research, inspiring real-life examples, and fresh biblical insight, Hamilton shows us how to untangle the knots we feel about disappointing others, failure, financial insecurity, loneliness, insignificance, and aging. He shows how we can develop sustaining spiritual practices and embrace Jesus' recurring counsel: "Do not be afraid." **Unafraid** offers an informed and inspiring message full of practical solutions. A book accompanies the DVD study. Some books will be available in class the week before the study begins or can be ordered through Cokesbury. An E-book is available (Cokesbury, Amazon, Barnes and Noble).



## Agua Prieta Task Force

With many thanks to Dave and Janice Shelton (St. Mark's members), the Agua Prieta Task Force now has access to some temporary, offsite storage space. The first need we'd like to tackle is providing household items for a home on the Agua Prieta (Mexico) Hospital grounds. The home will be used by medical residents and interns who come to work at the hospital.

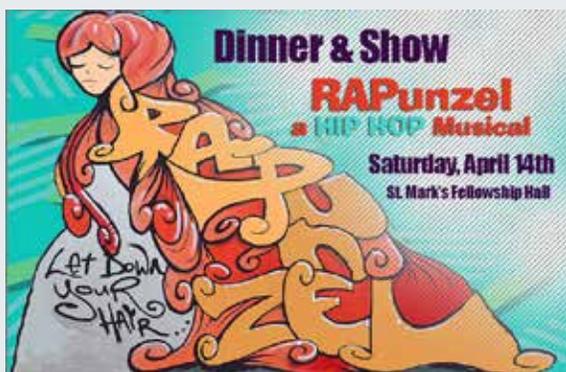


Remember, **PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF THESE ITEMS AT CHURCH**, there is no storage space!

Here is the list of the items needed:

- 2 to 4 twin-size beds and mattresses
- 4 twin-size sheet sets
- 4 twin-size pillows
- 4 lightweight blankets
- 4 twin-size quilts/bedspreads
- A complete set of dishes, serves 4 or 6
- A set of 4 to 6 glasses
- A set of 3 varying size pots/pans, with lids
- 2 skillets, one small & one medium size

Please let Robert Kittrell (see directory) know if you have any of the following gently used household items, you can donate. We will make arrangements for receiving and storing items.



## RAPunzel HIP HOP Musical

Join us on April 14, for a dinner and live show courtesy of Live Theatre Workshop. Pizza and salad will be served at 5:30 p.m., then at 6:00 p.m., the performance will begin. To reserve your seats go online to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094aaba623abf85-rapunzel> or at the office. Don't miss this fun family play for all ages.

## LOGO SHOP Sale...

Our Spring Logo Shop sale will be held on **Sundays, April 8 and 15**, look for the table in the courtyard. You'll have a chance to place orders for shirts and hats, and pick up some great new items as well:



- large utility tote
- clear plastic stadium tote
- insulated (9x13) carrier for hot/cold dishes
- new grocery bags
- lunch totes

**Payment will be DUE for all items, even ordered clothing, at the time of purchase – so come prepared** (with your cash, checks, or credit cards). This will be the last chance until fall to make logo item purchases, so we're counting on YOU to come and buy and help spread the word!

## VBS 2018—Peace Lab

Join us for VBS 2018, June 4-8. In a world filled with rancor, we will teach the children to be God's peacemakers. Stay tuned for more details and for ways you can get involved.

## Help Me Collect Pop Tabs!

Hi I'm Norah Mosher! I'm six years old and have taken on the responsibility (with help from my Grandma and Grandpa) of seeing that the pop tabs get delivered to the Ronald McDonald House, here in Tucson. On March 23, 2018, I delivered 5.8 pounds of pop tabs and back in December, I delivered over 8 pounds.



Did you know that it takes 1,267 pop tabs to make one pound? That's roughly one quart-size baggie of tabs. Every pound helps! 150 pounds helps one family stay one night at the House. 4,500 pounds pays for the electricity for one month at the House. Over \$25,000 has been raised through pop tab recycling since 2011!

If you already save tabs, thanks for your donations. If you don't - please consider supporting this important cause! It's easy, you can save pop tabs from your soup cans, cat food cans or any other can that has an aluminum pull tab. You don't have to just drink soda pop to help. Please help us help families. We love our church family.

Love Norah

# Safety Ministry Update

Since our first meeting in December, our church's Safety Ministry team has been actively working on ways to improve the safety and security of our congregation and church campus.

We have 25 volunteers and are still in the research and data gathering phase using the best practices from resources we have researched, other churches, and the recommendations from law enforcement officials who conducted a security assessment of our campus. Our objectives are to determine needs for St. Mark's, and to make additional recommendations to increase security and safety on our campus.

We have been working closely with the Ushers and several other groups to obtain their ideas and feedback as we move forward with current and future recommendations.

If you would like to participate, learn more about our ministry or have any ideas and suggestions to improve our safety and security, please contact John Shattuck (see directory). Below are some of the actions the Safety Ministry and leadership of the church have implemented since January:

## A. CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS (7 Volunteers)

1. Improved the children's Sunday school check in and checkout processes.
2. Include parents & others cell phone #'s for emergency contact.
3. Parents notify teachers if another person will be picking up child.

## B. MEDICAL RESPONSE (6 Volunteers)

4. Updated the first aid kits and made them more visible.
5. Medical response team volunteers now check in with the head usher before the start of the service to let them know they are available and where they'll be sitting.

## C. FIRE & SAFETY (5 volunteers) & DISRUPTIVE PERSONS (7 volunteers)

6. Drilled peek holes in the two sanctuary side exit doors.
7. Installed thumb twist locks on wooden doors into the sanctuary to improve fast easy way to implement a lock down on entrances.
8. After the services begin, you will only be able to enter the sanctuary through the main wooden doors. Entrances to the sanctuary from the two outside entrance/exit doors, toward the front of the sanctuary, and outside entrance into the Meditation Room will be locked during the services. You will still be able to exit through them.
9. Members of the disruptive persons team check in with the Head Usher. Inform them of their ability to support the proper handling of a disruptive person.
10. A member of the safety ministry is stationed in the south parking lot after Soul Station service is over. Walk to cars, help find car keys, lend assistance with car problems.



## News from the Wellness Support Group

The **Chronic Pain/Illness Wellness Support Group** is spreading its wings to offer a monthly Saturday get together for those who are already in the group and those who have not been able to attend our Wednesday meetings. We will still meet on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month, but we are adding a casual Saturday morning conversation/social time on the last Saturday of every month. Please come to enjoy pastries and beverages and the support of others who share and listen. As always, bring whatever you need to make you comfortable.

We meet in the church Library on Wednesdays, 10:30-noon (March 28, April 11, April 25). Also, on Saturday, April

28, 9:30-11:00 a.m. we are planning a "get-together!" On April 11, Pastor Tammy will lead the group through Lectio Divina meditations for our bodies. It promises to be a relaxing and fulfilling experience. Bring a friend!

Our group is open to all men and women in the community, as well as to their support people/caregivers. You do not have to be a member of St. Mark's, or any faith community to attend. If you know someone that could benefit from our group, we would be happy to talk with them about it. We are the only group of this kind in Tucson. If you have any questions, please call April DuBoce (see directory).

# WASS UP?

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## Youth Council plans Summer



### UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

#### April 1, 2018—

##### Easter!

Sunrise Service 6 a.m.

Other worship times:

8:15, 9:45, 11:15

No Confirmation, Youth Sunday School, or Youth Group

#### April 8, 2018—

3:00

Youth Council meets to plan the summer

4:00 to 6:00

High School: Spirit Walk

Middle School: Kahoot

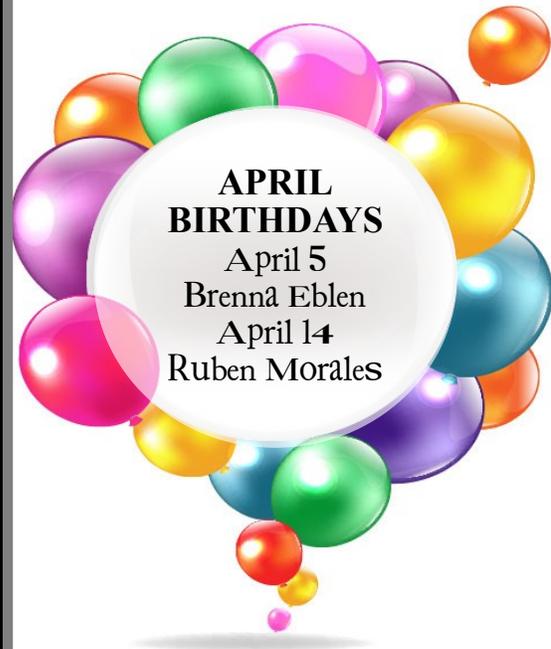
#### April 15, 2018—

4:00 to 6:00

Caption Scavenger Hunt



On April 8, the Youth Council will meet to plan the summer Sundays. The meeting is scheduled for 3:00. You are encouraged to come, even if you're not a Youth Council officer. Bring your ideas for great things to do this summer.



#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 5

Brenna Eblen

April 14

Ruben Morales

Find us on Social Media!



St. Mark's Youth Group



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a note from the

# YOUTH DIRECTOR

Did you know that part of the Easter offering was designated to youth missions? (The upcoming youth missions are Middle School Mission in May and the Sierra Service Project in July.) The recommendation that the offering should support our missions says a lot about our congregation.

First, it says that St. Mark's is a missional church. Additionally, you should know that your church backs its young people.

This is a great place to be. Tell a friend! Better yet, invite a friend.

Blessings,  
Kim

## Middle School Moments

Sometimes it feels like we have to always be perfect, doesn't it? The perfect hair, the perfect grades, the perfect clothes?

It's tempting to want to buy the latest and greatest of everything, so that we can fit the "perfect" look; especially when we see pictures on social media, or actors in movies and on TV.

It's hard for us to see it, but if we look through God's eyes, we are just exactly how we should be! I think you are all pretty awesome, too!

See you Sunday!  
Rachel



### Middle School Mission May 29-June 1

**4 days and 3 nights of service,  
worship, and friends!**

**Ends with a half day at Wet 'n Wild!  
All that for only \$65.** Scholarships available



## Sierra Service Project

On April 1, we'll have our **Easter Pancake Breakfast**. (We love 'em) Then, on May 12th, we'll have our **Golf Tournament**. SSP participants should be looking for donations for the silent auction, as well as individuals or businesses who are willing to sponsor a hole. Also, the **second payment of \$60** is due in April. (Hint: that makes the first payment of \$40 past due!)

## PRAYER CORNER

We are a praying community at St. Mark's. Besides Sunday worship, you may submit prayer requests by email to [prayerchain@umcstmarks.org](mailto:prayerchain@umcstmarks.org) or from our website [www.umcstmarks.org](http://www.umcstmarks.org). Also, visit our Prayer Room on campus and leave a prayer on our prayer wall.

Jack Armantrout	Jeanise Hagg	Ruth Machtley	Marian Shultis
Vicki Berglind	Breanne Hallam	Alice Maynard	Jim Snedden
Gail Blevins	Carolyn Hanna	Barb Osar	Jim Stauffacher
Jared Bowman & family	David & Floretta Harrington	Charlie Pepe	Carol Underwood
Michael Campbell	Mary Harrison	Donna Reed	Louise Voelker
Phyllis Carlson	Shirley James	Alan & LuAnn Roberts	Tom & Linda Walker
Donald Chester	Patricia Keele	Hazel Roberts	Jim Ward
Diane Damewood	Robert Kittrell	Howard & Gina Russell	Dave Webster
Judy Drescher	Pam Kytola	Jeff Salfen	Connie White
Lori Grimsey	Karen Linebarier	Earlene Schock	Lindsay Williams
Keith & Mary Ann Glazier	Ray Loughney	Roger Severson	Yvonne Yare

## LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY ...

Please keep these people in your prayers.

Email additions or updates to [messenger@umcstmarks.org](mailto:messenger@umcstmarks.org).

**Hank Bautzmann**, son of Nancy Bautzmann

**Jon Chytka**, nephew of Roger & Donna Severson

**Zachary Dojaquez**, grandson of Roger & Donna Severson

**Brandonn Eto**, friend of Zirnheld/Compennolle family

**Rob Eubank**, son of David & Johanna Eubank

**Mike Freeman**, son of Ken & Ann Freeman

**Garrett Geer**, grandson of Ellen Wise

**Patrick Harris**, grandson of Marilyn Vaughn

**Rachel Kester**, daughter of Don & Ruth Kester

**Chad Long**, grandson of Pat Long

**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

**Adam Seia**, son of David & Vonda Seia

**Jeffrey Shafe**, grandson of Mary Langemeier

**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

**Brianna Walker**, granddaughter of Barbara Fradenburgh; niece of Joan Fradenburgh



MOMS of Military is a prayer and support group for mothers, wives, sisters, aunts, daughters, and friends of loved ones currently serving in the military. The group meets on the **1st and 3rd Thursday** of the month in the church Library from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. For information, contact Nancy Bautzmann (see directory).

# ***News from St. Mark's United Methodist Women***



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## ***United Methodist Women Meeting***

St. Mark's United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, April 10, 2018 in the church Library. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. for light refreshments and fellowship. The meeting and program will begin at 10:00 a.m.

April DuBoce will be our guest speaker. Her topic is: The Power of a Spiritual Community: The Power of Words, Actions, and Acceptance and the difference it has made in her life's journey. April founded the Chronic Illness/Pain Support Group here at St. Marks. April is an active member here at St. Marks. She sings with the Celebration Singers choir, is a member of the Safety Committee, and director of the Sunday School Singers

All women of the church are invited to attend. You do not have to be a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Women or St. Mark's United Methodist Church or any church to attend. Childcare can be requested by contacting the church office on or before Friday, March 9, 2018. Should you have questions or need a ride, please contact Virginia Tupper ([gjr3636@gmail.com](mailto:gjr3636@gmail.com) or 820-4119).

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## ***Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women's Social Justice Event - April 7***

Desert Southwest Conference United Methodist Women's Social Justice Event will be held at St. Matthew United Methodist Church, Mesa, AZ, on Saturday, April 7, from 8:45 a.m. until noon. There will be a Webinar presentation on the subject of Mass Incarceration, plus discussions of The School to Prison Pipeline and Women in Prison. These topics are a national United Methodist Women Priority Issue. **Registration forms are in St. Mark's United Methodist Women's mailbox in the church office. Registrations must be postmarked by March 31.**

We will drive the church van, and leave from the church parking lot on Saturday, April 7, at 6:30 a.m. We recommend you park in the lot nearest to the Wesley House to avoid the "Market On The Move" event that will begin set up about the same time that morning. Please contact Alberta Farnsworth ([afarnsworth@gmail.com](mailto:afarnsworth@gmail.com)) if you plan to car pool and attend this meeting.

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## ***Drive-through Spaghetti Dinner***

Be sure to support the St. Mark's United Methodist Women's spaghetti dinner scheduled on Friday, April 6, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.! You will find a Preorder Form on the back side of this page to place your order(s) for delicious spaghetti meals. Remember, there is also a vegetarian option available!

Place your completed form in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or in the United Methodist Women's mailbox at the church office. **MONEY WILL BE COLLECTED WHEN YOU PICK UP YOUR MEAL!**

*St. Mark's United Methodist Women*

# Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner

**\$7.00 per meal**

***Fri., April 6, 2018  
4:00—7:00 p.m.***

Proceeds and donations support missions in Tucson, around Arizona, the USA and the world. You may preorder your food using the form below, for us to have a preliminary count of meals to prepare.

Place your completed form in the offering plate on Sunday morning, or in the UMW mailbox in the church office. You may “drive through” for a spaghetti meal, even if you don’t preorder.

As you enter the church campus, follow the arrows to the order table. Money will be collected when you pick up your meal(s).

Enjoy a complete meal of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, roll and dessert. A vegetarian option is also available when requested in advance. All meals are prepared and packaged in spill-proof containers by St. Mark's United Methodist Women.

Everything will be ready for you to take home and enjoy, or to take to another family or friend(s).

## **Questions?**

Contact *Virginia Tupper*  
820-4119 or [ginr3636@gmail.com](mailto:ginr3636@gmail.com)

## **Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner Preorder Form**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ (home) OR \_\_\_\_\_ (cell)

**Money will be collected when you pick up your meal(s).**

Number of meat meals for pick up: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of vegetarian meals for pick up: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate time for pick up the order: \_\_\_\_\_



*Place your completed form in the offering plate on Sunday morning or in the UMW mailbox in the church office during the week. No money/check is needed with this preorder form.*

# Calendar Notes

## Sun., April 1

EASTER SERVICES 6:00, 8:15, 9:45, 11:15 a.m.  
7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, West Patio  
NO Youth Sunday School  
NO preteen, or Youth Group meeting

## Mon., April 2

**Office Closed**  
NO Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall

## Wed., April 4

**Noon - BULLETIN DEADLINE**  
5:45 p.m. Community Meal, Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Soul Station  
6:15 p.m. Common Grounds

## Thurs., April 5

Noon - **MESSENGER DEADLINE**  
6:30 p.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Moms of Military, Library

## Fri., April 6

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Drive-thru Spaghetti Dinner

## Sat., April 7

8:00 a.m. Market On The Move, parking lot

## Sun., April 8

**Logo Shop Sale, courtyard, between services**  
4:00 p.m. Preteen and Youth Group

## Mon., April 9

9:00 a.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall

## Tues., April 10

9:00 a.m. Coffee Chat, Old Times Kafe  
4:30 p.m. Meditation Gardens Board  
5:30 p.m. Advisory Board, Library  
6:30 p.m. SPRC, Conf. Rm  
6:30 p.m. Missions, Rm 8/9  
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee, Rm 20



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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.

## Dear Church Family Continued ...



Thanks to the many St. Mark's members and friends who generously donated items to fill 300 bags to be taken to Agua Prieta, Sonora, for the Annual Children's Day Celebration. This event is sponsored by the Fuente De Vida Methodist Church. We only have to spend a small portion of our Missions Committee money to purchase the remaining items that are needed. Thank you for all your donations!

*Missions Committee*

Thank you so much for your love and care for my dearest Ed when he was very ill, and went to meet his Lord on January 30. What a beautiful service Pastor Sharon led for all our family, and what a blessing it was to have so many of you there with us. A big thank you for the good reception afterward, too. We've received so many comforting visits, prayers, calls, cards, and books, which we treasure.

Thanks also for your love and care for me after I fell on Christmas Day. A special thank you to Pastor Tammy for all her caring visits. I've really enjoyed and used my beautiful green prayer shawl. I'm most happy and thankful to be part of your wonderful, caring family.

*Thank you, thank you, and love, Louise Voelker and family*

## Over 50s Luncheon

G'day mate, ready for some tucker off the barbie? In other words, Over 50s friends, are you ready for lunch at Outback Steakhouse, located near Foothills Mall, on Tuesday, April 3rd? Please join us at 11:30 a.m. for delicious Australian food and enjoyable St. Mark's fellowship. Call or text your reservation to Sandra Rush (520-780-4876).





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## Reflections

Here's several important things I'd like you to know.

☉ When I started full-time at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in fall, 1988, a scholarship fully paid for my tuition. Since I maintained a certain grade point average, that scholarship went a long way to fund my graduate education. When the seminary began to talk with me about inaugurating a scholarship in my name, I remembered what a blessing the scholarship had been to me. You may remember that on February 18, 2018, David Heetland came from the seminary to inaugurate the scholarship. I want to thank you for your contributions to the scholarship, which have now reached almost \$20,000! When the fund reaches \$25,000, it will be endowed. I'm confident that amount will be reached and will then benefit someone who is beginning in ministry. My gratitude is overflowing!

☉ Holy Week is already working its way deep into my heart. I hope that's true for you, too, as I give thanks for the rich and moving **Love Divine** Palm & Passion Sunday cantata offered by our Chancel Choir, Celebration Singers, and the Bells of St. Mark's, on March 25. Also, a group led by Pastor Tammy has set up interactive **Stations of the Cross** throughout out courtyard area, adding to the Holy Week experience, and will be the focus of the 10:00 a.m. Holy Saturday service. Also still to come – **The Seder that Changes Everything** on Holy Thursday, and **Were You There?** Good Friday service, both at 7:00 p.m. Again, my gratitude is overflowing!

☉ Easter Sunrise service at 6:00 a.m. on April 1st – led by our youth, I will be preaching on **Conquering Death!** then, and at all our Easter services. Nothing is more awe-some that the privilege of sharing the good news of new life in Jesus Christ.

A concluding thought – The excavated village of Magdala was one of the places we visited for the first time on our February trip to Israel. Located on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee, this was once home to Mary of Magdalene, and almost certainly a place visited by Jesus. When the Catholic church started to build a retreat center in Magdala in 2009, an entire underground treasure was discovered – a complete first-century synagogue, with a unique “Magdala stone,” and a town alongside it. As we walked through the ruins of the synagogue, I couldn't help but picture Jesus there, as Matthew 4:23 says, “*Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease...*”



The good news of the new life of Jesus Christ is resting upon my heart this day. I pray for that for you, too, in this season of Easter.

Blessings, Sharon