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St. Mark's
United Methodist

Join us in Saying Thank You and Farewell to Pastor Tammy

Sunday, June 24 will be Rev. Tammy Hallam's last Sunday at St. Mark's. To celebrate her ministry as St. Mark's Associate Pastor, a reception with yummy summer treats will be held on June 24 after all three worship services in Fellowship Hall.

Please plan to join us as we thank Tammy for all she has contributed to our lives and our church during these past three years. A basket will be available for cards and gifts. We pray with Jack and Tammy as they explore future ministry opportunities.



Staff Parish Relations Committee



Food Truck Cafè this Friday!

Make plans to stop by our Food Truck Cafè in the south parking lot, **Friday, June 8**, between 5:00 and 8:00 p.m., to enjoy some delicious entrées and desserts from local food trucks like Kiss of Smoke (barbecue), Wilson's Kettle Corn, Little Boler Beanery, and hotdogs!



Why not make an evening of it!

Join us for the VBS closing celebration at 6:00 p.m. (everyone is welcome), plus enjoy our Food Truck Cafè either before or after the celebration!

Looking Ahead...

We've received official word that Bishop Robert Hoshibata intends to appoint Pastor Stuart Salvatierra as St. Mark's Associate Pastor as of July 1, 2018. More info about Pastor Stuart will be available in the next Messenger. Be sure to be in worship on July 1 to help us welcome him.

Staff Parish Relations Committee



Summer
Fun

Making Connections!

We hope you had fun with the **Summer Fun** promotion that started last week in the courtyard. Lots of people told us they enjoyed answering the questions and making connections with others who played.

If you didn't get a chance to play, don't worry, there will be plenty more opportunities before the end of the summer to play! Here's a sneak peak at the topics for the next few weeks!

- June 10 — Restaurants
- June 17 — Pets

Adult Spiritual Growth

Faith is a journey!

Another Summer Study Opportunity

Tattoos on the Heart

by Gregory Boyle

Facilitated by Sandi Heilman

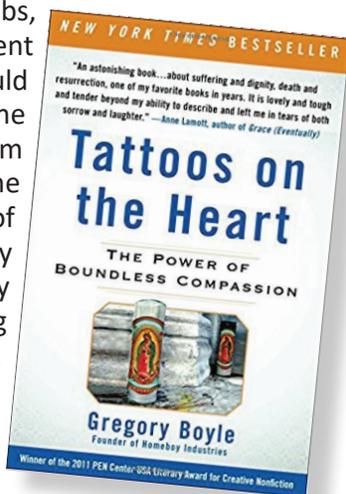
Monday evenings, July 9, 16 and 23;

7:00 p.m. in the church Library

This collection of true stories comes from Father Greg Boyle's work within the dangerous gang neighborhoods of Los Angeles. A parish priest, he created Homeboy Industries, an organization to provide jobs, job training, and encouragement so that young people could work together and learn the mutual respect that comes from collaboration. *Tattoos on the Heart* is a breathtaking series of parables distilled from his twenty years in the barrio. Arranged by theme and filled with sparkling humor and glowing generosity, these essays offer a stirring look at how full our lives could be if we could find the joy in loving others and in being loved unconditionally. (Please be advised that while this book contains strong faith and social justice themes, some readers could find the use of mature language or situations offensive.)

On July 9, we'll discuss the introduction, along with Chapters 1-4. On July 16, we'll talk about Chapters 5-9. And on July 23, we'll watch "G-Dog," a documentary which allows us to see and hear the people we've been reading about. July is a popular vacation month, so please know you're still welcome to attend if you have to miss one of the dates.

Participants should acquire their own materials prior to the class. *Tattoos on the Heart* is available in paperback from Amazon, Cokesbury or Barnes & Noble, and in e-book format from Amazon and Barnes & Noble. If you prefer listening over reading, it is also available through Audible.com. Please indicate your plans to participate in this book study by registering through the church website or signing up in the courtyard on Sunday mornings.



Summer Film Offering - Monday July 2



Oh God!

6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Starring George Burns, John Denver & Teri Garr



Jerry & Bobbie Lambert, with two pre-teen children Adam and Becky, live in Tarzana, California. Mild-mannered Jerry is a hard working Assistant Manager at a Food World supermarket outlet, he who is always trying to do his best at his job. What is his generally uneventful life takes a turn when he receives a hand delivered note in the mail to attend an interview with God. After several events play out, Jerry believes he has

no other option but to continue to do this job for God despite the negative reactions from others. Public opinion, public institutions and faith intertwine to send a message of underlying values.

Running time 100 minutes; rated PG

Popcorn will be offered; please bring your own beverage.



Please note: **Childcare will be available if requested** by calling the church office on or before June 28.



Sneak Preview, Aug. 6

O Brother, Where Art Thou?

Starring George Clooney, Holly Hunter, John Goodman

Meals For Tu Nidito

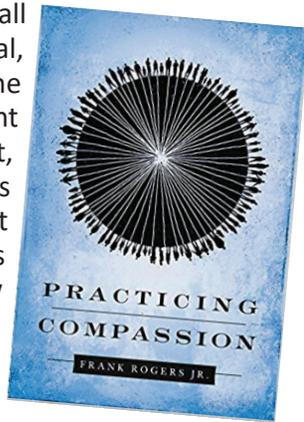
On Wednesday, June 13, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. St. Mark's needs ten volunteers to meet at Dream Dinners (SE corner of Orange Grove and Thornydale) to assemble seventy healthy, pre-prepared meals for parents and family members who are diagnosed with a serious

medical condition such as cancer. If you are able to volunteer for this fun, fast-paced, worthwhile evening, please call, text, or email Robert Kittrell (664-1500, or robertkittrell@comcast.net) or the church office (297-2062).



What Adult Spiritual Growth has to Offer You!

Adult Spiritual Growth considers all aspects of an individual: physical, mental and spiritual. It follows the premise of the Great Commandment to love your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. That is why we try to have offerings that cover a broad gamut of classes and activities that take us below the surface of the biblical text to deepen our understanding of God's word — into nature, to the wonder of creation. Book discussions and subjects that challenge us to what it means to be a good neighbor. Thoughtful studies that deepen our relationships with God. Even many, light-hearted movies can have an underlying message, or lesson for us, and provide a venue for deeper discussion.



The second greatest commandment is: Love your neighbor as yourself. Of course, this means you have to love yourself. Below is an **Upper Room Reflection** (sent out via email for January 31, 2016) from a book by Dr. Frank Rogers, Jr.

SELF-COMPASSION RESTORES US to the steady heartbeat of our humanity. As we turn inward, we extend to ourselves the same compassion we would extend to others. Following the essential components of compassion, this essentially entails taking our own **PULSE**:

P – Paying attention. Cultivate a nonjudgmental, nonreactive awareness of whatever agitation is present within you.

U – Understanding empathically. Listen for, and be moved by, the suffering hidden within the cry of this agitation — the fear, longing, or aching wound in need of tending.

L – Loving with connection. As you are moved by the suffering within you, extend tender care toward the need or wound that presents itself.

S – Sensing the sacredness. Recognize and savor the expanse of compassion that holds and heals every suffering within you.

E – Embodying new life. Notice the gifts and qualities of restored humanity that are being birthed within you.

In taking our PULSE, we not only relax the reactivities, repulsions, fears, and drives that distort our natural humanity, but also tend to the wounds and needs hidden within them. In so doing, we are restored to ourselves — selves that are naturally compassionate.

– Frank Rogers Jr., *Practicing Compassion*

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Update from St. Mark's Trustees

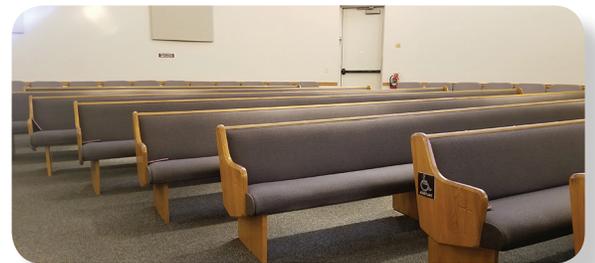
We wanted to express our grateful thanks for your continued generous giving to St. Mark's that allowed the Trustees to invest in capital projects. This giving enabled us to make the following significant enhancements at St. Mark's from mid 2017 to date:

Narthex/Sanctuary

- Completed extensive renovations to Narthex men's and women's restrooms
- Replaced the carpet
- Changed overhead lighting to LED bulbs
- Installed new hearing assist loop
- Painted the ceiling
- Reupholstered the pew seats and backs
- Enabled "live streaming" of worship services and special events (installation underway) Fellowship Hall
- Changed overhead lighting to LED bulbs

Classrooms

- Building # 1, Installed new roofing material and coating
- Building # 2, Refurbished Room 8/9, adding new cabinets, flooring, blinds, and paint



Other

- Replaced one of the A/C units for the church office
- Replaced the concrete sidewalk from the north parking lot to the Sanctuary
- Leveled brick pavers in both the east and west patios removing potential trip hazards

Naturally, with the above investments our Capital Fund reduced accordingly, leaving a balance of \$11,618.27.

Thank you again for being faithful stewards. With your support, we can ensure St. Mark's remains a safe, vital, and attractive worship facility that promotes the growth of God's kingdom.

*Paul Wassmuth, Chair
Board of Trustees*

Do you know the United Methodist Church Position on Education?

The United Methodist Social Principles are a section of United Methodist Book of Discipline. The Social Principles express The United Methodist Church's official positions on societal issues, casting a vision for a just and equitable world.

This month, we will examine what the Social Principles say about the right for all to receive a quality education. This particular area falls under two different parts of the principles. The first is the area that deals with the Political Community. The section dealing with education emphasizes that every person has the right to education. The responsibility rests with the family, faith communities and the government. The church believes that in society this function can be best fulfilled through public policies that ensure access for all persons to free public and secondary and post-secondary schools of their choice.

In the area of the Social Community, education is covered under the section dealing with the Rights of Children. The church supports the development of school systems designed to assist every child toward complete fulfillment as an individual person of worth. All children have the right to quality education.



The social principles are extended by resolutions which have been adopted by the General Conference. There is a resolution which deals with public education. This resolution affirms that the public school is the primary route for most children into full participation in our economic, political, and community life. It goes on to say that we have a moral responsibility to support, strengthen, and reform public schools. It also notes that historically, education has been held to contribute to the development of religious faith. It notes that Methodism's founder, John Wesley was dedicated to the education of poor and underprivileged children.

Here at St. Mark's the Church and Society Committee is dedicated to affirming and implementing the United Methodist Church stances on Education in our local community. To that end, we are planning an Education Academy on the afternoon of August 12, where you will hear speakers and discuss the issues surrounding public education in Arizona. More information will be shared in future *Messenger* articles.

The Church and Society Committee

UMW - June Meeting

St. Mark's United Methodist Women will meet **Tuesday, June 12**, in the Library. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. for light refreshments and fellowship. Our meeting and program will follow at 10:00 a.m. Susan Putt will be sharing her experiences with the Therapy Dog Program. Susan is the Music Ministries Coordinator at St. Mark's. Snickerdoodle is a therapy dog and frequently seen at events at St. Marks. Therapy dogs are a reflection of God's unconditional love.

All women and men are invited. 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, June 8. Should you have questions or need a ride, please contact Virginia Tupper (gjnr3636@gmail.com or 820-4119).



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 or from our website www.umcstmarks.org. Also, visit our Prayer Room on campus and leave a prayer on our prayer wall.

Gail Blevins
Jared Bowman & family
Michael Campbell
Donald Chester
Ellyne Dillavou
Judy Drescher
Erik Frost
Lori Grimsey
Keith & Mary Ann Glazier
Breanne Hallam

Carolyn Hanna
David & Floretta Harrington
Patricia Keele
Pam Kytola
Karen Linebarier
Damian Parkinson
Joan Pepe
Jim Preston
Daylene Peters
Hazel Roberts

Howard & Gina Russell
Marian Shultis
Jim Snedden
Josh Steinman
Carol Underwood
Jackie Vickers
Louise Voelker
Dave Wait
Lance Wald
Tom Walker

Jim Ward
Dave Webster
Connie White
Lindsay Williams

Condolences:

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Sharon and Morgan Hunter, and daughter, Gena McGill, on the passing of Sharon's brother, Robert Hawk, on May 31, 2018.

WASS UP?

June 5, 2018

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Super Price
Invite your
friends



UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

June 10, 2018—
4:00 to 6:00
AZ Air Time!
Meet at the Wesley House

June 17, 2018—
Father's Day
NO YOUTH GROUP



Spend Time With Dad DAY

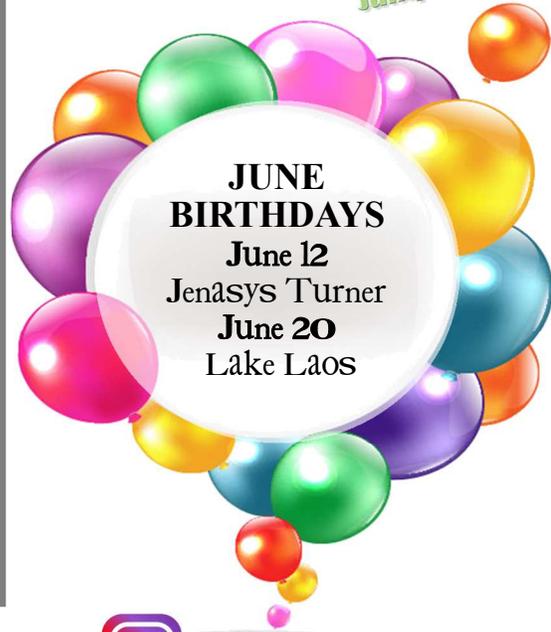
June 24, 2018—
4:00 to 6:00
Laser Tag
(location tbd)

July 1, 2018—
Fourth of July holiday
NO YOUTH GROUP



AZ AIR TIME—
SUNDAY, JUNE 10
REGULAR PRICE \$15
YOU PAY \$5
(scholarships available)

Regular time— 4-6
Meet at the Wesley House
Get picked up at WH
Bring jump socks if you have them
Bring friends!



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 12
JenAsys Turner
June 20
Lake Laos

Find us on Social Media!



St. Mark's Youth Group



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a note from the

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Whew! We just finished Middle School Mission. If you missed it this year, and you will be completing grades 6-8 next May, you won't want to miss it in 2019, because it was **AMAZING**.

SSP, our high school mission will be in July. We still have one spot left, so if you're interested, let me know. SSP is open to people who have just completed grades 8-12

You know I love youth missions. Actually, I've even been on a couple of adult SSP trips. Jesus showed us how to love one another by our service. You all do a great job of serving.

Blessings,
Kim

Middle School Moments

Summer is officially in full swing! It's hot, some of our friends are on vacation and others are sleeping in until noon!

I love summer. I love the long days and the freedom of no homework! But don't forget we still have a ton of fun events at Youth Group each week! Your awesome Youth Council set up a really fun summer plan, and I can't wait to see what each week brings.

Remember, each week we post on Instagram and Facebook what we will be doing. If you don't already follow us, you totally should! That way you always know what's coming up.

See you Sunday!
Rachel



Sierra Service Project

Leaving for San Diego in less than 30 days!

Have you completed your prep packet?
Have you made your last payment of \$75 ?

Are you totally psyched?

Calendar Notes

Sun., June 10

12:30 p.m. Safety Ministry
PreTeens Group
Youth Group

Mon., June 11

9:15 a.m. Holy Yoga

Tues., June 12

8:30 a.m. UMW Exec. Board 17/18
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 Committee, 8/9

Wed., June 13

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

Thurs., June 14

Annual Conference (Phoenix)
Noon - **MESSENGER DEADLINE**
6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, Conf. Rm.
6:30 p.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Fri., June 15

Annual Conference (Phoenix)

Sat., June 16

Annual Conference (Phoenix)

Sun., June 17 - Father's Day

Annual Conference (Phoenix)
NO Youth Group
NO PreTeens Group



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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...



Time after time we have received prayers, comfort, cards and visits from our St. Mark's family. We are so grateful. We are blessed to be a part of this loving congregation.

Jan and Dave Webster

I'll try to keep it short... In the 25 years of living in Tucson, I have developed a non-biological family. But this family, my family of faith, has been my rock over the years. It has been a blessing to worship and serve amongst you all. Thank you, Staff Parish Relations Committee, for giving me the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful staff, and also for my farewell gathering. Thanks to the staff, especially the Administrative Team, for putting up with me. Thank you all for the many words of encouragement, Scripture, prayers, and love gifts! I have the many cards with me so that I can read them when I need a lift. St. Mark's will always remain in my heart and my church family.

Kandy Delk

ECC Camps start in June!

Our Early Childhood Center still have a few openings for summer camps. Camps run one week each, Monday through Friday from 9:00 to noon and cost is \$90 per student. The camp is open to all children ages three to eight years old. Three year olds must be three by Aug. 31, 2017, have attended preschool previously, and must be potty trained.

If interested, stop by the preschool office for a registration form. Camp themes are:

Creative Art - June 11

Little Chefs - June 11

Ready, Set, Get Wet June 18 or July 23

Science Explorers - June 18 or July 16

Jump Start Kindergarten - July 16





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Reflections

Upcoming...

Desert Southwest Annual Conference meets in Glendale on June 13-17, 2018. This is the gathering of lay and clergy delegates from all the churches in our Conference for worship, learning, doing business, electing delegates to General Conference 2020, ordaining and commissioning clergy, and much more. Our lay delegates are **Mark Hrabe**, **Don Booth** and **Kelly Deyoe**. Other people attending who are part of St. Mark's include Deaconesses **Marjie Hrabe** and **Martha Lundgren**, **Kim Ogle** (Conference Youth Coordinator), **Alberta Farnsworth** (Conference United Methodist Women President), **Kayla Flannery** (Conference Mission Rep. and seminary student), **Jim Nibbelink** (lay delegate to General Conference 2016/2019), **Margaret Synhorst** and **David Farnsworth** (observers) and **Pastor Sharon**. Please keep all of us in prayer as we serve on your behalf.

More Summer Fun for all of us in the courtyard. On Sunday, June 3, you had the chance to gather around tables and put answers to **Geography** questions like, "Where did you go to grade school?" on sticky notes and talk with each other. The boards were completely filled with notes! Sunday, June 10 the questions will be around favorite **restaurants**. On June 17 the theme is **Pets**. Join us for **Summer Fun**, as we connect with each other around interesting topics.

A word from me... You know how much I care about children, and how deeply committed I am to their welfare and safety, and in their knowledge that they are loved by God and us. That is why I'm deeply grieved to read about children separated from parents at the borders of our country. No matter what your political view, I believe we can all have compassion for those children, and pray for their freedom from fear, and their well-being.

So I pray: *Gracious God, show us your way to care for children who are separated from parents, and may be lonely and afraid. Give your guidance to officials and leaders so children are not in risky or fearful situations. Put your children in the care of those who love them, and surround them with your protective love. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

Blessings, Sharon