

Messenger

Changing the world through Christ, by caring for all people.

St. Mark's
United Methodist

RUMMAGE SALE

The St. Mark's Animal Ministry Team is sponsoring its third Rummage to the Rescue(s), an event to support local animal shelters and animal rescues. Plan to shop for treasures and bargains on Saturday, Oct. 27, in the south parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and tell your friends and neighbors!

St. Mark's is providing the location and publicity; the ten participating groups are providing the items for sale. One group is offering baked goods instead of rummage! (We are not requesting donated items from the congregation for this event.) All of each organization's proceeds will benefit the animals in their care.

We still need a few more volunteers to help us move boxes of leftover items after the sale is over at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Sandi Heilman (see directory).



If you are on the church campus on Saturday evening (October 27), be prepared! You may see some ghosts and goblins. Maybe a few princesses, even! Our annual Trunk or Treat is coming up and it is ALWAYS a great time! Come at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy a potluck meal with your church family (bring a side dish to share!) and then decorate your trunk in the north parking lot and enjoy the parade of costumes at 7:00 p.m.! Trunk or Treat is a community event and it's a wonderful way to show off what fun people we have in our congregation. There is still time to sign up to decorate a trunk! You may contact Rachel (297-2062) in the church office or go to Signupgenius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094aaba623abf85-trunk> to sign up.

All Saints' Day Celebration Sunday, November 4, 2018

Our Bell Banner... singing of "For All the Saints"... lighting candles... tolling a bell and remembering. These are all part of our All Saints' Day worship celebration at 8:15, 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. services on Sunday, Nov. 4. On that day, we remember those from our church community who have gone from this life to new life in the last year. It's also a time to remember all those who have influenced our lives and helped us grow in Christian faith. Our theme for worship that day is **Passing on Faith... Generations of Influence**, as part of our current sermon series on **Connecting Our Lives to God... Our Work and Our Faith**.



On the church calendar, All Saints' Day is November 1. Our custom has been to celebrate this important day on one of the Sundays close to that day. Our church also has a custom of giving people the chance to write names of loved ones who have died on small papers that are attached to our Bell Banner, which is then brought into worship on that day. You can fill out those papers this Sunday, October 28, at the table in the courtyard. Join us in worship on this great day of celebration!

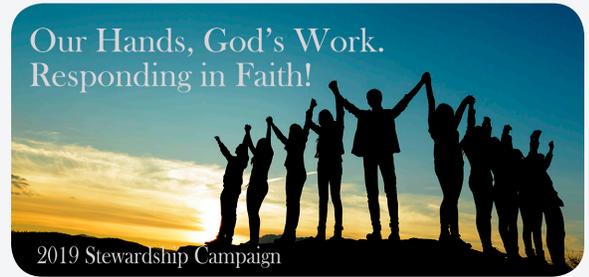
Masterpiece Festival Saturday, Nov. 3, 9-3 p.m.

Join us for the 10th Annual Arts and Crafts Show sponsored by St. Mark's Fine Arts and Crafts Guild. There will be over 60 vendors displaying unique gifts and one-of-a-kind crafts of handmade ceramics, jewelry, art, holiday items, and more! The Marksmen will serve hot dogs and hamburgers, and Jozarilli's Food Truck will provide authentic Italian dishes. Admission is free and there will be vendor door prizes throughout the day! It's the perfect time to find that unique gift for the holidays!



Stewardship Campaign

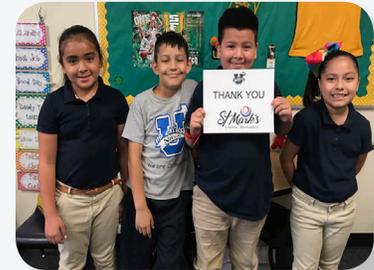
Our Hands, God's Work. Responding in Faith! is not just the theme of the 2019 Stewardship Campaign, but for the members at St. Mark's it is how we live our lives and approach our faith. As shown in the photos below, we have a multitude of ways *our hands and our financial support* have carried out God's work. From our ministries and missions like St. Mark's Youth Group, Vacation Bible School, Nash Neighbors, and our music ministries to the less exciting, but still vital, projects of reupholstering the pews, replacing old air conditioning units, training staff, and creating a new website, St. Mark's needs your support and participation through your work and your pledges. Please consider all the wonderful programs and projects St. Mark's takes on each year as you pledge for the 2019 Stewardship Campaign.



St. Mark's Youth Group



Vacation Bible School 2018



Nash Neighbors



St. Mark's Choirs



Pew Reupholstering Project



New A/C Units



St. Mark's Staff



Rm 8/9 Remodel Project



Worship

International Day of Prayer

Sunday, Nov. 4 — International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is when St. Mark's and thousands of churches across the United States and the world join in prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters who are attacked for practicing their faith in Jesus Christ. The International Day of Prayer is a source of solidarity and encouragement to persecuted Christians by reminding them that they are part of a larger global family of believers. St. Mark's congregants may also pray for persecuted Christians periodically throughout the year. Look for the St. Mark's Worldwide Christian Support Task Force table in the courtyard on **Sunday, Nov. 4**, stop by and sign up to receive periodic notifications for prayer alerts. Or fill out the bulletin insert that will be distributed in services on Nov. 4, and drop it off at the table. For information email christiansupport@umcstmarks.org.



Multi-site Memorandum

My heart beats with excitement and a smile spreads across my  face whenever I think of St. Mark's taking our ministry to a second site. I have been on board since nearly the beginning when a simple question was asked: Are we ready to have a second site? A small seed was planted and now it is growing having been watered and nurtured by part of the team attending an initial workshop in Phoenix and others going to the *Large Church Initiative* last spring, and this fall three people attending the *Churches Planting Churches* training and we will continue to work with a mentor from this last event.

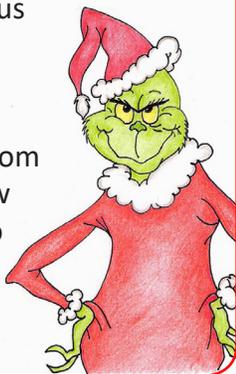
All of this is an outgrowth of the discernment process the Covenant Council entered into in early 2016. Where we asked the question: "What's next?" Part of the answer lay in our mission statement: ***Changing the world through Christ, by caring for all people.*** There are many people longing to know others for whom faith in Jesus is important and for whom it makes a difference in their lives. Just like our founder John Wesley, we are called to go where the people are. And that is what we will be doing north and west of us. This is an exciting time for our church. Yes, there are questions and concerns yet, I feel that we are joining God in this new adventure. There will be mistakes and successes, failures and triumphs as we listen and adjust to the call of God and to the needs of the people. Join us by praying for this team, for the place we are to be and the site leader. Talk with us, and perhaps, even ask, "How can I help?"

Pastor Evy, Multi-site Team

When Things Go Wrong, Don't Go with Them!

Come, learn and laugh with Kathleen Kirk, life and communication coach, at St. Mark's Nov. 10, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall and sponsored by St. Mark's Church and Society committee.

The holidays are coming and most of us know that stress abounds and disagreements in families seem to escalate. How can the pattern be different this year? Come and learn from Kathleen the power of the **pause**, how not to be trapped into arguing, and to communicate in healthy ways that will reduce your stress and make the holidays filled with more joy.



Upcoming Church Projects

As 2018 winds down, budgets for 2019 are being prepared and the Board of Trustees want to thank you, the entire congregation, for your generous support this past year which provides the means for the Board to maintain a safe, accessible, and inviting place to worship the Lord. The Trustees maintain our campus to strengthen the base of St. Mark's ministry, and enables us to reach out to people in all ages and stages of life. The Trustees has two projects, that will occur over the next several weeks, to bring to your attention.

Parking Lot Crack Seal Project: The first part of November (actual day has not been scheduled yet) Sunland Asphalt will be on campus completing a crack seal project on the parking lots. The project will include sweeping the entire parking lot, seal coating a small section near the La Canada Drive entrance, crack sealing both the north and south lots and finishing with re-stripping the parking lot spaces. This will be accomplished within a one-day period. The La Canada Drive entrance will need to be closed for a few hours that morning to accommodate the work. As soon as we have a firm date, information will be communicated to the church and ECC offices to be dispersed to all whom may be impacted by the project.

Fire Marshal Annual Campus Review: On 10/11/18, the Fire Marshal completed the annual campus review. The Fire Marshal noted 8-10 violations; most were minor and have been corrected by our maintenance staff person (Bart Dale). One change that needs immediate attention has to do with the fixed doorstops on the exterior building doors and fire-rated doors on campus. To comply with Fire Code 703.2, Opening Protectives, Bart Dale will remove the fixed doorstops from any exterior door that has EXIT signs over the door (the three interior doors to access the kitchen, and two doors that access the storage room off of the Library where the phone system and electronics reside). Doorstops will be removed in the next few weeks after this information has been communicated throughout the church.

Rather than viewing the removal of the doorstops negatively, let's challenge ourselves to look at this from a positive perspective. What better way to welcome someone into our place of worship or meeting spaces on campus, than to hold open the door and offer kind words like: Welcome! Good morning! Great to see you! So happy you will be joining us on this wonderful day! Remember Open hearts, open minds, open doors!

*Paul Wassmuth, Chairperson
Board of Trustees*

Adult Spiritual Growth

Faith is a journey!

United Methodist Social Principles

Mondays, 6:30 p.m., (3 weeks), begins Nov. 12

Fellowship Hall - Led by Jim Nibbelink

Our Social Principles have changed, evolved, ebbed and flowed over the years, always focused on the well-being of God's creation. We'll explore the current version of the Social Principles on three Monday evenings beginning on Nov. 12.

Come and find out how our principles have kept up with new and emerging issues like genetic engineering while always standing with the poor and disadvantaged in our society. The Social Principles are just that, principles, and not intended to be a list of rules. Some may resonate with you, while others may make you wonder. Still others may leave you cold, questioning why that topic even is mentioned.

The Social Principles are a product of our General Conference which convenes every four years, helping to ensure that each edition deals with current issues. Come learn about them and how they continue to be relevant in living out our faith. Sign up online or in the courtyard. For questions, contact Jim Nibbelink (see directory).

COMING SOON... Watch the next issue of **Messenger** to see what Adult Spiritual Growth has to offer for Advent!



Habitat for Humanity®

We need 20 volunteers! Habitat For Humanity **Brush With Kindness** is a cleanup, beautification, painting, minor repair project focused on the revitalization of distressed neighborhoods. St. Mark's has committed to a half-day work project, 7:30-1:00 p.m., Sat. Nov. 3.

We will carpool from the south parking lot! Most of the work is usually cleanup of the yard and landscape, painting, fence repair, etc. Sign up at the Adult Spiritual Growth bulletin board. Remember to wear close-toed shoes and bring hats, sunscreen. Habitat provides snacks and water! For information call Casey Compennolle (907-4718) or Lenna Burnham (305-923-5362).

Kairos Inside Weekends



The final Kairos Inside Weekends for 2018 will take place in November in Eloy, at the LaPalma Correctional Facility, and in Tucson at the Wilmot State Prison. Two entirely different teams of volunteers will enter these facilities to share God's agape love with some of "the least of these," those who are imprisoned.

As many in the congregation know, St. Mark's has provided financial support to the Kairos Ministry for many years through our Missions budget, for which we volunteers are extremely grateful. This means that a portion of each dollar we church members pledge yearly goes to the visitation of prisoners through **Kairos Prison Ministry Weekends**. Each weekend is self-supporting, in that all funds needed to present the weekend are raised locally in the churches and faith communities where volunteers regularly attend worship.

We encourage your prayerful support of these weekends and those who will minister, including the volunteers, the prison staff and administrators, and the Kairos home office people who work tirelessly to respond to God's call in Matthew 25.

Baked Cookies Deadlines

For those who would like to be more personally involved, and who can bake, you will find (very specific) baking instructions on our website. You'll need to drop off your baked cookies at the church kitchen, no later than 4:30 p.m. by either Wed., Oct. 31 or Wed., Nov. 14.

The LaPalma weekend begins Nov. 1, and the Wilmot session begins Nov. 15. As we've said often before, cookies are a tangible means to express agape love to these men who God loves. He calls us to do the same, as difficult as that may be for us sometimes. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

REMINDER: St. Mark's Prayer Shawl Ministry will not have our usual meeting this Saturday, Oct. 27. We will join a gathering of prayer shawl groups from various churches in northwest Tucson at Christ the King Episcopal Church, Ina Rd, 10:00-1:00 p.m. for a time of sharing and socializing.

Did You Know...

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 rights of persons living with Human Immune Virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). This particular area falls under the section dealing with the social community. These persons often face rejection from their families and friends and various communities in which they work and interact. The Church believes that all individuals living with HIV and AIDS should be treated with dignity and respect; therefore the Church is called to minister to and with these individuals and their families. The Church should, also, be actively involved in the prevention of the spread of AIDS by providing educational opportunities that are medically and scientifically sound to the congregation and the community.

The social principles are extended by resolutions which have been adopted by the General Conference, in particular, one entitled "A Covenant to Care." This resolution outlines the role of the Church in caring for and advocating for persons living with HIV/AIDS. In addition it outlines the role of the Church in the prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS. Specifically, churches should be a place of openness and caring for persons with AIDS and their loved ones. Each church and/or annual conference should mobilize persons for legislative advocacy to support HIV/AIDS initiatives in the United States. Each congregation should discern the appropriate response for its context. Congregations can organize to provide spiritual, emotional, physical and/or financial support for those in their community who are caring for a person who has AIDS. For more information please see: <http://www.umc.org/what-we-believe/a-covenant-to-care-recognizing-and-responding-to-the-many-faces-of-aids-in->

St. Mark's has an HIV/AIDS committee specifically to provide ministry to and with those who are living with HIV/AIDS. St. Mark's is a long-time member of the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN), an organization which provides compassionate and non-judgmental service to those afflicted with HIV/AIDS. Once a year, volunteers from St. Mark's help prepare and serve the meal at POZ Cafe (TIHAN's monthly program providing lunch and social opportunities for HIV+ persons.)

Church and Society Committee

Verbal De-escalation WORKSHOP

Friday, Nov. 9, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Rm 17/18

The Safety Ministry is sponsoring a training session open to anyone interested in learning the techniques of verbal de-escalation. Verbal de-escalation techniques are used when a person is becoming disruptive in an inappropriate location and time. This could be during a church service, in a classroom, an office or other non-church related location. You will learn how to:

- ▶ Identify warning signs that can lead to a crisis incident.
- ▶ Assess risk and use verbal techniques to defuse situations before they become violent.
- ▶ Use disengagement skills to avoid or minimize injury and keep yourself, your congregation and others safe.

Chris Taylor, Administrator of Family Life Academy, Director of Children's Ministry & Security at Christ Community Church will facilitate the workshop. Chris is part of the Arizona Church Security Networks. Their mission is to serve the churches of Arizona by providing training resources, threat information, security news, and opportunities to network among church security teams.

A freewill offering will help cover expenses for the training materials. Please R.S.V.P. by Nov. 5, to John Shattuck (see directory).

MOMS of Military New meeting time.

MOMS (Moms of Military) has a new meeting schedule! The group will meet once each month, on the third Sunday, St. Mark's Library, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The November meeting is scheduled on Sunday, Nov. 18.

MOMS is a Prayer and support group for mothers and wives (open to ALL women related to anyone serving in the military) of loved ones currently serving in the United States military. If you or someone you know could benefit from this support group, please join us. For more information, contact Nancy Bautzmann (see directory).



New Members Class of November 2018



Dolores Anderson

Dolores spent her career in Education and was a school Principal. She was born in Mt. Morris, MI. The youngest of four children, she was the first to graduate from college receiving her BA from the Univ. of Michigan and her Masters from Michigan State. She loves to garden, sew, and listen to music. Dolores attends 8:15 service and plans to offer her time as a greeter for that service. Her sponsor is Vicki Berglund.

Molly Butler

Molly Butler is retired from a career teaching home and career skills in middle school. Now she enjoys sewing, cooking, reading, and craft-work. Molly has a long history of being involved with mission work and has been on mission trips around the world. Her husband is a retired UMC pastor and they have two grown daughters, one in NY City and one here in Tucson. Molly plans to volunteer with ICS and be involved with Bible study classes here. Molly attends 11:15 service and her sponsor is her sister-in-law, Lori Grimsey.



Jake and Jeanne Carls

Jake and Jeanne's careers cover forty years in community-based services. Jake is a Program Administrator for the Division of Developmental Disabilities for all of southern AZ. They've worked with adjudicated girls and boys on the Northern Ute reservation in Utah. They've also worked with adults with disabilities and have worked in NM, OR, and AZ. These high school sweethearts will celebrate their 47th anniversary in December. Their son has grown children and he and his family live in Phoenix. Jake is a cyclist now and also enjoys woodworking and cooking. Jeanne likes to garden and cook. Jake is interested in becoming a greeter and working with our "Open Doors" team and Jeanne wants to volunteer at The INN project. They attend 8:15 service and their sponsors are Dan and Dottie Snyder.

Dave & Linda Dostie

Dave and Linda come to us from Alabama, but both are mid-westerners with roots still in Indiana and Wisconsin. Linda's family has a long history with the Methodist Church going back to great, great uncles who were circuit riders in the mid-1800's. Dave and Linda met through their jobs with the Social Security Administration. Dave likes to hike, and spend time with amateur radio and competition shooting. Linda enjoys hiking, camping, landscaping, knitting and crocheting, reading, travel, and taking part in various classes. Dave hopes to become involved with our Safety Team and Linda with our prayer shawl ministry, classes and mission ministries. They attend the 8:15 service and their sponsor is Dee Carter.



Carl Harrison

Carl comes to us from California and is enjoying life in the desert! He was a former Navy weatherman and has worked with Amway. Many hobbies keep Carl busy—photography, painting, attending concerts, traveling, and buying and listening to vinyl records. He has shelves of books he's looking forward to reading! He grew up in Los Angeles and is still a devoted fan of the teams there. His dog and cat are great companions to each other and to Carl. He is in a Disciple I class and has enjoyed meeting "great folks here at St. Mark's." He attends 9:45 service and his sponsor is Bill Zermuehlen.

Sadie Hyde

Sadie came to Tucson in 2004, from Nebraska. She was a special education teacher for six years before joining the insurance industry. She and her husband Joshua have two children, Isaac and Aliciana, whom Sharon has baptized here at St. Mark's. Sadie loves to read and likes staying home with family and their two dogs. She stays busy watching the kids activities – football for Isaac, and swimming and gymnastics for Aliciana. Sadie plans to participate in HeartWorks and Open Doors. She attends the 9:45 service and her sponsor is Casey Compernelle.



Kirk and Tara Jacobson

Kirk and Tara were teenagers in the youth group at Dove of the Desert UMC in Glendale, AZ when Sharon was Pastor there! Now, Kirk works in real estate and Tara is a homemaker and freelance theatrical dresser. Their two-year old daughter, Harley, keeps them laughing and busy! Kirk enjoys working with his hands and traveling, while Tara loves all things connected with performance-based arts. She crafts, paints, draws, reads, and likes hiking and attending community events outdoors. Kirk plans to be involved with mission work here and Tara would like to volunteer with Nash Neighbors. They attend the 9:45 service and their sponsors are Tim and Danielle Weiler.

Lee Lansing

Lee was a New Englander, but has a deep love of our Arizona desert! Now retired from work in sales, marketing, management, and customer service, she spends her time volunteering. Lee is a board member for Citizens for Picture Rocks, serves at Ironwood Forest National Monument, is a Master Gardener and a volunteer at Saguaro National Park. In addition, Lee likes hiking, biking, natural history, birding, traveling, camping, politics, cooking, reading, gardening, music, art, and astronomy. She attends 8:15 service and her sponsors are Chuck and Phyllis Ingalls.





Karin Militello

Karin is now retired from administrative office work and as Volunteer Coordinator for two non-profit organizations. She and husband Jim have a full life with many varied interests. Karin loves anything having to do with nature – animals, hiking, plants. She has worked and volunteered at animal shelters. Karin is looking forward to camping, reading, enjoying games with friends and family, and spending time with Jim and their two dogs. She plans to be involved with our Animal Ministries and perhaps with Nash Neighbors and Bible studies. She usually attends the 9:45 service and her sponsors are Barney and Pat Snyder.

Kathy and Steve Narney

Kathy and Steve are retired. Kathy is a spiritual director and worked at Fuller Seminary SW and has been active in community organizations – SOPHIA Harp Org. and Casa Maripose. She loves reading, quilting, biking, and MUSIC. Steve is a singer and hopes to become involved with our choirs. He is also a stained glass artist and handy. They attend the 9:45 service and their sponsor is Kathy’s mother, Ginny Johnson.



John Pascal

John, originally from Iowa, lived and worked in Farmington, NM before moving to Tucson. He and his wife Sally have three grown children. John is retired from work in soil conservation and is very involved now with the Oro Valley Amateur Radio Club and Tucson Orienteering Club. He likes hiking and camping and has volunteered at Catalina State Park and has done competitive Orienteering. He has also sung in a Barbershop chorus and is currently in our Celebration Singers choir. John attends services according to our choir schedule, his sponsors are Wayne & Phyllis Stevens.

Debbi Reecer

Debbi comes to us from Texas where her career was in corporate marketing. She was a communications manager in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Her husband, Rich, is also a retired communications professional. Their son Matt is pursuing a Master of Divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. Debbi is passionate about helping Hispanic students and parents acclimate to their work and education environments and she is working to become fluent in Spanish. Debbi is eager to explore our Nash Neighbors ministry. She attends the 9:45 service and her sponsor is Julie Corty.



Shirley Riley

Shirley has been in Tucson for eighteen years, but is new to this side of town having recently moved to the Sin Vacas area. She is now widowed, but she and husband John had three children and she is the proud grandmother of six grandchildren. Shirley enjoys reading, working puzzles, going to music and theater events and keeping in touch with friends and family as well as making new friends. She may become involved with UMW and other classes when she is settled. Shirley attends 9:45 service and her sponsor is Martha Mazzolini.

Eric and Ruth Robinson

Eric and Ruth come to us from Indiana where they still have lots of family including a new granddaughter! Eric spent his career as a manager for Rolls Royce. Ruth was a Pediatric Homecare Nurse. They retired to Tucson about a year ago and live in Saddlebrooke. They enjoy hiking and watching wildlife. Eric loves biking and going to their local pool. Ruth enjoys scrapbooking and card making, playing Canasta and dominoes. Eric plans to become part of the Marksmen, and Ruth plans to participate in UMW, Grace Circle, and our Fine Arts and Crafts Guild. Ruth and Sondra Franks are second cousins, so the Franks are their sponsors. They attend the 9:45 service.



Jim and Mary Sanders

Jim and Mary Sanders are transplanted mid-westerners who are enjoying retirement and their life in Tucson. Jim’s career was spent in Computer Business Systems Design. Mary was a teacher and musician. Now she loves travel, puzzles, and card games. They have two sons and a daughter, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They attend the 9:45 service and their sponsors are Don Lewis and JoAnn King.

Lisa Sinohui

Lisa and her husband Justin are the proud parents of Penny and Paul, who both attend Wilson K-8. Lisa volunteers in their classrooms several times each week. She loves spending time with her family. She also loves animals and reading and supporting Penny’s activities (gymnastics and playing the violin), and Paul’s (karate and swimming lessons.) Lisa is in our Disciple I class and attends the 9:45 service. Her sponsor is Helen Schindler.



Louise Stanton

Louise is an Easterner originally from Bound Brook, N J. She still has family in New Jersey. Louise spent her career as a medical assistant and administrative coordinator for Biotechs. Now, she loves to read mysteries, historical novels and science fiction. She also enjoys browsing through antique malls and craft shows. She is very involved at Tohono Chul Park as a member, volunteer, and works in the curator’s office. She is a life-long animal lover and shares her home with two gorgeous felines. She is already in a Bible class here and plans to become involved with our Animal Ministries. Louise attends the 11:15 service and Nancy Bautzmann is her sponsor.

WASS UP?

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UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

October 28, 2018—

3:00— SSP/Youth '19 Meeting

4:00 - 6:00

Middle School Field Day

High School Spirit Walk

November 3, 2018—

Saturday

Masterpiece Festival fundraiser

November 4, 2018—

4:00—6:00

Middle School

Movie Night

High School

Field Day

November 11 & 12, 2018—

Veteran's Day holiday

NO YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY

HIGH ROPES COURSE MONDAY



Fun Filled Fellowship

Hey PreTeen's,

Can you believe that Halloween is actually only a week away? That's crazy right? Don't forget our party is this week on 10/28. Then we'll head into November and we'll talk about all the ways we can show our gratitude. The bad news is that we'll only meet 2 times in November. I know, I will miss you too -

Blessings, Julie

October 28th - Halloween Party!!! Come in your costume, bring a treat to share with 15 people. Games! Mummy wrap!?!

November 4th - Movie Night. Suggestions appreciated. Ms. Julie will make the final decision.

November 11th - Veteran's Day. NO PRETEEN. Enjoy time with your family.

Monday, November 12th
High Ropes Course

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Meet at the Wesley House at 9:30

Friends welcome
Permission slips required

Find us on Social Media!



St. Mark's Youth Group



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a note from the
YOUTH DIRECTOR

I have to admit that I have a love-hate relationship with pumpkins. I hate it when some of them get bruised and start to rot. Few things are as gross as taking a rotten pumpkin to the dumpster. I also hate sending nagging emails, asking you to sign up to sell pumpkins.

But, here's what I love: I love that so many people of all ages showed up in the rain to unload the truck. I love that adults sell pumpkins for you, while you're at school. I really love visiting with you while you're at the patch. I guess, in the grand scheme of October, there's more to love than to hate about pumpkins. 😊

Blessings,
Kim

Middle School Moments

"Alexa....what is the weather like today?" I say this almost every morning. I usually already know what the weather will be, but I still check, to make sure I'm ready for what's coming.

Sometimes, though...I'm caught by surprise and feel unprepared. I don't like that feeling! But that's life, isn't it? We try to plan ahead but sometimes we get surprised! Sometimes that surprise is a small one (a surprise rain storm) and sometimes it's a big surprise!

My favorite saying is "God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called". No matter what our plan is, God has his own plan! We just have to listen...and roll with it.

See you Sunday,
Rachel



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11-01 Nathan Mayerle
- 11-11 Cameron Drescher
- 11-12 Sam Hala'ufia
- 11-13 MacKenzie Ybarra



10- 28 meeting: Summer '19 plans for Grades 8-12



Sierra Service Project

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.

Ron Barth	Judy Drescher	Brent Linebarier	Carol Underwood
Gail Blevins	Keith & Mary Ann Glazier	Wanda & Ray Loughney	Jackie Vickers
Jared Bowman & family	Breanne Hallam	Jean Ogle	Dave & Jan Webster
Michael Campbell	Carolyn Hanna	Hazel Roberts	Connie White
Donald Chester	David & Floretta Harrington	Howard & Gina Russell	Lindsay Williams
Tom DeShong	Patricia Keele	Marian Shultis	

CONDOLENCES:

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Brent Linebarier and family on the passing of Karen on Wednesday, Oct. 10. A memorial service for Karen will be held on Saturday, Nov. 24, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mark's. The family asks that donations in Karen's memory be made to a charity of your choice.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to Karen Hasselbach and family on the passing of her husband, Bill, on Monday, Oct. 22, 2018. A memorial service for Bill will be held in St. Mark's Sanctuary on Friday, Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m.

PCIC Accountability Session

As a Deaconess for the United Methodist Church, I am appointed by the Bishop to work with Pima County Interfaith Council (PCIC). I commit at least 24 hours a week to this non-paid position. Several United Methodist Churches support PCIC through the Church and Society committee, including St. Mark's UMC.



The organization just had an Accountability Session on Sept. 30, at St Pius X Catholic Church, to inform voters about local issues and get candidates feedback on those issues. Over 650 people turn out for the event! Many were teachers and students concerned about the funding of public schools. The League of Women Voters registered people to vote during the event.

Mark Hanna, Governing Board Member of the Pima Community College (District 1) wrote to PCIC the day after the event saying, "I cannot tell you how impressed I was yesterday with what I think was the best PCIC Accountability Session ever! Walking in with the other elected officials, and seeing that crowd, not only gave me such a thrill, but helped to restore my confidence that the electorate of our community is fired up..."

A JobPath student, who wishes to remain anonymous, was so moved by the Accountability Session that she put pen to paper and wrote:

I just want to let you know that I have re-registered to vote, after taking part in this accountability session. I'm being honest when I say I haven't voted in over 15 years, but after attending that session, I realized now the importance of my vote being accounted for. I have even convinced several of my family members to register to vote. Without JobPath, I would not have had the opportunity that I have now! Thank you for everything.

Thank You Church and Society for supporting PCIC. It allows the church to have an influence on the world! Thank you for supporting the work I do with PCIC in the name of the United Methodist Church.

Marjie Hrabe, Deaconess

Calendar Notes

Sat., October 27

8:00 - 1:00 p.m. Rummage to the Rescue(s)
9:30 a.m. Chronic Pain/Illness - Library
5:30 p.m. Halloween Potluck, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Trunk Or Treat

Sun., October 28

LOGO SHOP ITEMS for sale - courtyard
3:00 p.m. Piano/Flute Concert, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Preteens
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

Mon., October 29

9:15 a.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Grief Support

Tues., October 30

6:30 p.m. SPRC, Conf. Rm

Wed., October 31

Noon - **BULLETIN DEADLINE**
5:45 p.m. Soul Station Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Thurs., November 1

Noon - **MESSENGER DEADLINE**
6:30 p.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall

Fri., November 2

10:30 a.m. Hasselbach Memorial

Sat. November 3

9:00 a.m. Masterpiece Festival



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Sunday Worship:

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

Soul Station

Wednesday Night:

Dinner - 5:45 p.m.

Music/Programs

6:15-7:15 p.m.

Dear Church Family ...



SPRINGBOARD: Thank you so very much for investing in the future of our girls at Springboard and being obedient servants in helping with God's plan for their future. We are all being truly blessed by your generosity. Words alone are not enough, but being in God's will is! Thank you again for partnering with us.

Blessings, Staff and students of Springboard

THE INN: On behalf of Catalina UMC, thank you for your contributions of clothing and other various items to The INN project. Your support helps us continue in our mission to assist those in our community. The generous support of individuals like you make it possible for our church to exist and to make the community a great place to live.

Faith, hope and love Pastor Jamie Booth

THORNHILL LOPEZ CENTER ON 4TH: This means so much more than you will ever know to many, many young people, today and in the future. Thank you for all that you do!

Wendel Hicks, Exec. Director Southern AZ AIDS Foundation

TMM FAMILY SERVICES, INC.: On behalf and staff I wish to thank you for your generous donation of \$2,500. Your support will help make a difference for children, women, families, veterans, and seniors who are less fortunate within the community.

Brooke Nowak, V.P. of Development & Community Relations.

Alone For Thanksgiving?

The pastors are considering having a Thanksgiving meal on Thursday, Nov. 22, at noon, especially for those persons or families that are alone on Thanksgiving Day. Pastor Evy will coordinate it. We would provide the turkeys, and people attending would bring sides and desserts. This would be an opportunity to share a meal of thanks with others from our church family and enjoy a time of fellowship. If you would be interested in attending, email Pastor Evy (evy@umcstmarks.org) or call the church office (297-2062). Also indicate if you are interested in helping plan, set-up, or clean up. If there is enough interest, we will plan this Thanksgiving gathering.



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Reflections

“When There is Unease” Cast all your anxiety upon God, for he cares for you. —1 Peter 5:7

When I was a young girl I learned this passage as “cast all your cares upon God, for he cares for you.” As I became an adult and my cares grew, the word “anxiety” seemed more fitting, as I have sometimes felt the weight of my family, my ministry, and even the world around me. I imagine I’m not alone in that.

We live in anxious times. Sometimes I hear the word “unease” in my mind and feel it in the air around me. The recent big storms create unease as we worry about people and property. The upcoming elections are a great source of unease as we are bombarded in mail, phone and media. What will happen? We watch people around us battle diseases and hear of deaths in our church and community. Our own aches and pains get magnified as we wrap them in anxiety.

Some are even a little anxious as we talk at St. Mark’s about a second site for our church. What will this mean for us? Everything here is so good for us, why would we want to take a chance on changing that?

I have learned to turn to Scripture when I am uneasy. I don’t always do that quickly or fully enough and find myself more worried than I need to be. Then I do turn to God and cast my cares. I cast them like a fishing line, with confidence out into the unknown space, into the air or water, into God’s hands. Have at it, God, for now these cares are yours. Surprisingly, God takes them every time and my heart is more at peace.

God created us, and loves us as parent loves a son or daughter. God tends us like a gardener tends a precious orchid. God guides us, when we cast our worries into God’s hands, and let God move in and through our lives.

Prayer:

Calm and strengthen us, O God. We cast our cares upon you, and give them over to you. As we do that, we give our worries for our country, community, church, families and friends into your hands. We pray for those who hurt and mourn, and give them into your hands. With calm hearts, and by your hand free from anxiety, we ask for your guidance and commit to follow your way. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Blessings, Sharon