

A Record-Breaking Year for St. Mark's

The Finance Committee is delighted to share two new records set by St. Mark's constituents, and an overall stellar year for 2018! **The first new record**—Annual Income that exceeded \$1.2 million. The \$1.2+ million Annual Income not only supported St. Mark's operations but also contributed additional funds for outreach through Missions. For 2018, Missions received \$121,323—the 10% it receives from St. Mark's Annual Income. A summary of St. Mark's 2018 financial results is below. These results reflect another great year due to the amazing generosity of our constituents as well as thoughtful stewardship and careful spending by St. Mark's committees.

From the Treasurer's Report (As of 12/31/2018)	Annual Income	Annual Expenses
Budget	\$1,173,503	\$1,173,503
Actual	\$1,213,232	\$1,153,364
Variance to Budget	+\$39,729	(\$20,139)
Variance (Income less Expenses)	+\$59,868	

The second new record—Stewardship Campaign Pledged Dollars of \$941,726 and still coming in! Below is a summary of the 2019 Stewardship Campaign Results, **Our Hands, God's Work. Responding in Faith!** Through record-breaking Pledged Dollars St. Mark's constituents *responded in faith* with many also increasing the amount of their commitment, as shown in the Average Dollars per Commitment Card column. This campaign demonstrated the HEART of St. Mark's—outstanding generosity and the desire to share resources to help others within God's kingdom!

Year-to-Year Campaign Comparison	Commitment Cards Returned	Pledged Dollars	Average Dollars per Commitment Card
2019	354	\$941,726	\$2,660
2018	352	\$921,378	\$2,618
Year-to-Year Variance	+2	\$20,348	+\$42

Thank you for another wonderful year. Your continued support of St. Mark's mission and ministries is appreciated by all those it touches!

Multi-site Showcase

Sunday, January 27—9:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Now is your chance! Many of you have expressed concern and questions about our St. Mark's plan to develop a second worship site. This Sunday you are invited to meet your Multi-site Team in the Fellowship Hall and join them in conversation about this exciting opportunity to invite new neighbors into our community. Bring your questions, comments and suggestions this Sunday to share with the team.



Multi-site Memorandum

Why a Second site? One of my favorite hymns in our United Methodist tradition is *The Summons* from *The Faith We Sing*. The tune is catchy and the words are wonderful. If you are not careful you will get this song stuck in your head nearly every time that you hear it. If you are not familiar with this song it is set up as a series of questions being asked to the singer by God. The first verse focuses on following God and sharing God's love with the world. The verse reads, "Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"

These questions are asking some big things out of each and every one of us. They are asking us to get out of our comfort zone and act on the call of the Spirit to go out into the world in the name of God. This is a daunting task. The mind starts to wonder about its own questions. What if God calls us somewhere scary? What if this becomes uncomfortable? What is the plan? What if things do not go as planned? What if we fail?

The truth is that things will not always go as we plan. Things will sometimes be uncomfortable. Things will sometimes be scary. But we have God on our side. The Creator of all that was, is, and is to come is on our side when we are working for Christ. This is why I am excited about us starting a second site for St. Mark's. We have Christ not just on our side but we have Christ as our guide and companion. Christ calls out to us through Scripture to follow him (Matthew 19:21) and to go out to the world to make disciples of all people's everywhere (Matthew 27:18-20). I do not think that anyone would argue that the community that we have here is something that is unique and special. We are a Christ centered community that shares great love within our own church community and the world. In the second site we have a wonderful opportunity to spread God's love to new people because of the large influx of people that are moving into the area we are feeling called towards. The area is full of new growth and development, but the presence of religious communities is lacking. We can work in this area to share the core of what makes St. Mark's special to us with the people that are coming into the area. Beyond this we will be adding to St. Mark's all of the love and energy that will come with the people who are drawn to the second site. This will leave us all changed for the better!

In short, as we develop the second site and move forward in this direction, we will be answering the call of Christ made known in *The Summons*. We will be living out the final verse of the song, "Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where you love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me."

Pastor Stuart, Multi-site Team



Save The Date! Hey Kids, February 15 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. it's all about you! St. Mark's Children's Education Committee and Family Ministries Committee is hosting a **KID'S NIGHT OUT** just for kids in grades K-5.

Come hang out with your friends, watch a movie and have some pizza! No parents allowed to this one, just kids. Bring a friend! Contact Rachel (297-2062) in the church office to sign up for this evening of fun!



Join the Mark-A-Ritas for Asian Lantern Festival at Reid Park Zoo on Monday, Feb. 18! The zoo is partnering with the Confucius Institute at the U of A, Tianya Arts and Culture and the Tucson Chinese Cultural Center to bring over 40 colorful, customized lantern displays to Southern Arizona.

We will car pool from the church at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$16 for children and if you are a member of the zoo you get a \$2 discount off the admission. The event includes over 40 larger than life lanterns, authentic Asian cuisine, and Chinese name writing, calligraphy, painting, music, crafts, and more. For more information see . For questions, contact Catheryn Simpson (see directory).



Souper Bowl of Caring

On February 3, you will see youth in the courtyard after worship, holding soup pots. They will be collecting spare change for the **Souper Bowl of Caring**. The concept of the Souper Bowl is this—that while many of us consume tons of junk food and enjoy a championship football game, millions of people go hungry. One hundred percent of everything collected in the youth's soup pots will go to the local Community Food Bank. Missions Committee supports this project.



Prayer Quilts



Have you observed congregation members stopping by a quilt in the courtyard some Sundays? You knew it was about prayers and tying knots, but did you wonder how you might get to know more or become involved?

Please join us on Monday, Feb. 4, in Rm 17/18 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. as we begin a renewed effort to include more congregation members in this ministry. Quilters are needed as well as those of you who do not quilt (yet!). There is pressing, cutting, folding fabric and a host of other ways to participate. We start our Feb. 4 meeting learning how to String Quilt and making a group project quilt.

Please call the office for contact information for Ann Dyer or Carol Parker if you are interested in attending or have questions. We will provide you with a list of items to bring with you to the meeting.

2020 Wesley Heritage Tour Information Meeting

Have you wanted to visit Great Britain and visit the sites connected to our Methodist tradition? In April, 2020, Sharon and Art Ragland and Mark and Marjie Hrabec will lead a Wesley Heritage Tour to Great Britain, visiting those sites and learning about John Wesley, the founder of Methodism.

An information meeting about the upcoming trip will be held in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 12:45 p.m.

Come and find out more!

Mark and Marjie Hrabec (*see directory*) or Sharon and Art Ragland (sharon@umcstmarks.org)



MacDougal Street West Experience

Thursday, January 31
7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

The MacDougal Street West Experience is a Peter, Paul and Mary tribute band performing the acoustic music and harmonies that changed the world and are still relevant today.

Band members Ron Skelton, Mary Alberts, Rick Shore and Bill Rice are high-energy performers. Come relive the sounds of Greenwich Village today!



This event is sponsored by St. Mark's Music Ministry. The performance is free and open to the community so bring your family and friends for an unforgettable music performance.

Family Dinner Theater

Saturday, Jan. 26, 5:30 p.m.

There are still seats left for this weekend's family dinner theater! Come enjoy a pizza dinner (Gluten free pizza available upon request.) and **The Brave Knight—Sir Lancelot**, performed by Live Theater Workshop on January 26. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., and the show begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are only \$3 per person for dinner and a show! Reservations can be made on the church website (see Calendar page), and payment can be made in the office or at the door.



Over 50s Lunch Group

February is rodeo month in Tucson and time to indulge in some delicious barbecue. Please join the Over 50s at Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, 4565 N Oracle Road, on Tuesday, February 5, at 11:30 a.m. for great food and even greater fellowship. Call or text Sandra Rush (see directory) to reserve a spot.

Adult Spiritual Growth

Faith is a journey!

You may register for any of the Adult Spiritual Growth opportunities on our website at www.umcstmarks.org classes, or on Sundays in the courtyard at the Adult Spiritual Growth bulletin board.

Men's Prayer Group

There is a men's prayer group starting (day and time to be determined by participants). If you would like to participate in intercessory prayer or improve your personal prayer life feel free to join us by signing up at the Adult Spiritual Growth bulletin board in the courtyard for the next couple of Sundays or contact Dave Belt (763-242-1613 or daveamyjo@msn.com) or Howard Putt (419-236-7392 or h-putt@onu.edu). Come pray with us. You will not have to get out of your comfort zone; we won't require you to pray out loud.

Lectio Divina Group

Led by Rev. Paul Caseman

I'm looking for five people who would like to join me in forming a Lectio Divina group. We can meet at church once a week with the group deciding the day and time. Lectio Divina is a meditative practice in holy listening and is best practiced in a small group of six or less, and centered in holy Scripture.

If you would like to participate, please sign-up at the Adult Spiritual Growth bulletin board in the courtyard or call Paul Caseman (520-468-9894).

During my tenure at St. Mark's (1997-2010) this weekly meeting was probably the one group that helped me sustain my spiritual foundation. —Rev. Paul Caseman

Wesleyan Living

Led by Margaret Synhorst

Sundays, 11:00 a.m., 4 wks, begins Feb. 17

Have you been wanting to do something to improve your spiritual life, but everything seems so overwhelming and such a big commitment? Here is an opportunity for you. **Wesleyan Living** will meet four times on Sunday morning. During the week you consider questions about God, others, and yourself. Then the group comes together to discuss. It's a wonderful way to consider something in your life and get to know some people better. Join us!

Shaping a Life of Significance For Retirement

Led by Bill Fritz

Mondays, Feb. 4—March 11, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Are you retired or considering retirement and still unsure about some of the personal opportunities and challenges along the way (activities, travel, health changes, etc.)? Did you receive the financial retirement advice, but not cover day to day life related advice? This book study will focus on some of the personal life considerations associated with the transition into a life of partial or full retirement. Comments from the last class:

▶ The book was thought-provoking, but more interesting was the sharing of comments.

▶ Totally not what I expected. Not finances or insurance but learning and sharing of others life changing moments.

▶ Opened doors to questions I haven't even asked yet. Thought provoking and enlightening. Casual, comfortable atmosphere encouraged extended discussion.

▶ Bill was a good listener and respectful of everyone's experiences. The class helped raise some good questions and the discussion time was helpful. People in the class had good insights to share.

▶ I appreciated and valued these aspects of the class:

The breadth of topics in the book; questions for discussion; six-week time frame allows time for reflection; small group (10-12 participants) for conversation; variety of perspectives among participants that prompted ideas I wouldn't have thought of alone; this kind of class isn't offered by my employer; supplemental materials provided by the facilitator.

Spring Retreat

Saturday, March 2, 2019, 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

White Stallion Ranch

Cost is \$40 each (scholarships available)

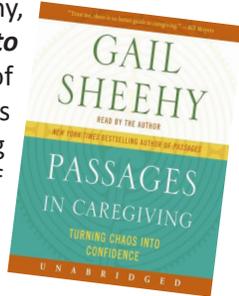
40 participants maximum (registration required)

We usually think of a spiritual practice in terms of prayer, meditation, scripture reading and other traditional exercises. But how about connecting our human relationships with the notion of a spiritual discipline or practice? That's what this retreat is all about. How we relate to each other, our communication habits and patterns, the way we understand relating in the manner of Jesus—all this has a spiritual dimension that we will explore during this one-day retreat at White Stallion Ranch, Tucson. The retreat cost includes lunch and snacks provided by the resort ranch.

Retreat Leader is Professor (retired) Kim Pearce who taught Communications for 25 years at De Anza College in the San Francisco Bay area. Author and founder of two non-profits dealing with communications, Kim is a member of Vista de la Montana UMC.

Caregiver Support Group

Presented by the Counselor-in Residence program and facilitated by Mary Lu Kiracofe, this six-week class starting March 7, from 12:30-1:30 p.m. will be held in the Library. This is for people (men and women) facing the challenges of care-giving for a family member, or friend. As a caregiver, you understand how difficult it is to make time for yourself, yet it is essential to your own stamina, mental health and quality of care giving. Using the book by Gail Sheehy, *Passages in Caregiving: Turning Chaos Into Confidence* and the support and insight of the class participants, we will explore issues ranging from receiving and understanding the diagnosis, the art of advocacy, ways of mobilizing family, friend and community resources, and last but not least, valued self-care strategies.



Care-giving is a powerful emotional journey and this class will examine, explore and offer ways to care for the difficult emotions and isolation associated with care-giving and the potential creativity, compassion and supportive connections that can emerge from this sacred role.

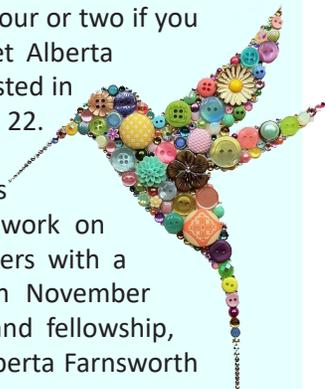
This sharing and supportive class will be facilitated by Mary Lu Kiracofe. Please contact Mary Lu (see directory) for questions or if you are interested in reserving a space for this class. You may also register online at www.umcstmarks.org. Class size is limited so advanced registration (on or before March 4) is suggested. If you would like, you may purchase or borrow the book, *Passages in Caregiving*. There are copies available from the St. Mark's Library or the public library. There is no charge for the class.



Craft Circle Forming

St. Mark's United Methodist Women invite you to join their newly formed Craft Circle. The group will meet the fourth Tuesday of every month in Rm 17/18, 9:00 a.m. until noon. Our first meeting is Tuesday, Jan. 22. You are welcome to come for an hour or two if you have time constraints. You can let Alberta Farnsworth know if you are interested in attending but cannot come on Jan. 22.

Bring your craft ideas or examples of your favorite craft. You may work on a craft of your own, or help others with a craft for the UMW craft fairs in November and December. Join us for fun and fellowship, everyone is welcome. Contact Alberta Farnsworth (see directory) for questions.



Tickets Still Available!

Sunday, Jan 27– Loft Cinema at 3 p.m.

Join us at the Loft Cinema (Speedway in Tucson) for a documentary film *Something Like Home*. Then meet Noor Alsabahi in person!

This short 36 minute film highlights not only Noor's journey as a refugee, but also three others who were forced to flee their native country to find a new home in another land. Noor's story of life—as an Iraqi born woman, a Syrian resident and then refugee into Turkey—is inspiring and guaranteed to pull at your heartstrings!



Tickets are available in advance, at the box office or online: <https://loftcinema.org/film/something-like-home/>

Sponsored by St. Mark's Adult Spiritual Growth and Church and Society committees. All proceeds go to support The INN in Tucson.



FACES OF FAITH

Soul Station Series
Wednesday January 30

Come with an open heart. Leave with tools for faith!
Sponsored by St. Mark's Worldwide Christian Support Task Force

FACES OF FAITH explores the extraordinary faith of people under persecution throughout the world. Join us for our last session on Jan. 30. Hear stories of real people and their lives. Plus interactive discussion provides tools you can immediately use during the week.

St. Mark's Worldwide Christian Support Task Force invites you to learn more about the persecution of Christians around the world and what you can do about it?

Market On The Move!

St. Mark's next *Market on the Move* is February 3, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in our church parking lot. For only \$10 you can purchase 60# of produce!

We're also looking for volunteers (starting at 7:00 a.m.) to help set-up tables, then assist with the sale of produce; then take down the tables and cleanup after 10:00 a.m. Please call Lenna (see directory) if you can help.

This project is sponsored by our Missions Committee.



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.

Jared Bowman & family
Clara and Michael Campbell
Donald Chester
Judy Drescher
Keith & Mary Ann Glazier

Carolyn Hanna
David & Floretta Harrington
Patricia Keele
Brent Linebarier
Wanda & Ray Loughney

Jean Ogle
Gina Russell
Marian Shultis
Carol Underwood
Jackie Vickers

Connie White
Lindsay Williams

CONDOLENCES

Our sympathy and prayers go out to:

- ▶ Alan and Greta Roberts and family on the death of their mother, Hazel Roberts, on Dec. 19, 2018
- ▶ Virginia Love on the death of Ben on Dec. 25, 2018
- ▶ Chuck Miller on the death of Nancy on Dec. 31, 2018
- ▶ Carol Neessen on the death of Jim on Jan. 5, 2019
- ▶ Chris Bahnson and family upon the passing of her father, John Prestage on Jan. 9, 2019
- ▶ The family of Pam Kytola upon her passing on Jan. 14, 2019

LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Please keep these people in your prayers.

Email additions or updates to messenger@umcstmarks.org.

Hank Bautzmann, son of Nancy Bautzmann
Jon Chytka, nephew of Donna Severson
Zachary Dojaquez, grandson of Donna Severson
Patrick Emmett, son of Julie Wiens
Mike Freeman, son of Ken & Ann Freeman
Garrett Geer, grandson of Ellen Wise
Matthew Hughey, son of Juliee & Billy Morrison and grandson of Joyce Flick
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
Geoffrey Shafe, grandson of Mary Langemeier
Jason Smith, grandson of Jerry & Judy Smith
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



WASS UP?

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UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

January 27, 2019—

High School—
Discussion Study off campus

Middle School—
Underground Church

February 3, 2019—

Souper Bowl collection after
each service
3:00 to 7:00

February 10, 2019—

High School—
Discussion Study off campus

Middle School—
Mission Sunday
"Tag, You're Loved"

February 10, 2019—

4:00 to 6:00
Campfire & S'mores

Hey Preteen's, Wow can you believe we are almost done with January and heading into February? 2019 seems to be off to a good start! We will finish off January with some fun surprises on the 27th and then we will jump into February with a field trip, a cooking activity and of course Rodeo. Hope to see you all on Sunday.

Blessings, Julie

January 27th - Super Activities You will have to come to find out what they are.

February 3rd - Lets go to the MOVIES !!! This will be our first field trip of 2019. Everyone needs a current permission slip and we will work out the rest of the details.

February 10th - Cooking / Valentine activity..... we might even talk about God's unconditional Love for us.

February 17th- Game Night

Find us on Social Media!



St. Mark's Youth Group



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a note from the

YOUTH DIRECTOR

So, I'm writing this from the top of a mountain: literally. MLK weekend has been our traditional Winter Retreat weekend. It has been such a great time of fellowship.

I feel like Jesus and his disciples might have had some fellowship/conversation time, just like we do. (They probably didn't play hours of "Contact" on the road, like Rachel's van did on the road through AZ and NM.) I always imagine Jesus smiling when we share healthy fellowship, worship, and prayers, like we did on this year's retreat.

If you missed the trip, put it on your calendars NOW. We already have a reservation for 2020!

Blessings,
Kim

Middle School Moments

A friend of mine makes signs. They usually have inspirational or funny sayings. She recently showed me

The planet just really needs you to be you. okay?

-annie F. Downs-

this one and I thought a lot of us need to see it! I know a lot of times I look around me and I see other people's strengths. I think "I wish I could be more like that person!" And I forget to notice my strengths. But we all have such different strengths. I'm sure sometimes those people admire my strengths, just like I admire theirs! We all just really need you to be you!

See you Sunday!
Rachel



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2-01—Dylan McInnis 2-06— Willow McInnis
02-7— Eli Mosher 2-15— Tyler Drescher
2-26 — Meghan Buckner

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On February 3, we need several youth, after each worship service, to collect spare change for the "Souper Bowl of Caring".

(Caring for those who aren't able to gorge on junk food during a well-televised football game.) We'll stand in the patio, holding soup pots, where members of our generous congregation will drop their donations. 100% of everything collected will go to the local Community Food Bank.

Calendar Notes

Sat., Jan 26

7:00 a.m. ECC Rummage Sale, Fellowship Hall
2:00 p.m. Hazel Roberts Memorial, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Family Dinner Theater, Fellowship Hall

Sun., Jan 27

9:15 a.m. Multi-site Showcase, Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. No Confirmation class
11:00 a.m. Exploring Membership, Library
3:00 p.m. SOMETHING LIKE HOME, Loft Cinema
4:00 p.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Preteens, Rm 8/9
4:00 p.m. No Youth Group, Wesley House

Mon, Jan 28

9:15 a.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Mark-A-Ritas

Wed., Jan 30

Noon BULLETIN DEADLINE
5:45 p.m. Soul Station Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Common Grounds, Library
6:20 p.m. Soul Station Worship, Fellowship Hall

Thurs., Jan 31

Noon MESSENGER DEADLINE
6:00 p.m. Technology Committee, Library
7:00 p.m. MacDougal Street West, Sanctuary

Sat., Feb 2

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



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Sunday Worship:

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

*Live-streamed at

www.umcstmarks.org

Soul Station

Wednesday Night:

Dinner - 5:45 p.m.

Music/Programs

6:15-7:15 p.m.

Dear Church Family ...



My heart was touched by the many cards, gifts, and Christmas wishes that I received. A thank you to each of you. You made my Christmas brighter and added joy to the season.

Blessings, Pastor Evy

My dear friends at St. Mark's, thank you for thinking of me and holding me in your prayers. Jim is looking down on our old pew with a great big smile. I am so thankful for your loving kindness.

With sincere gratitude, Carol Neessen

New Sanctuary Chairs

The Trustees purchased six new chairs for the back row of the Sanctuary. The chairs have armrests and are primarily for those people with mobility challenges who have difficulty getting up and down. Please be aware of the purpose for the chairs and leave these spaces open until closer to the beginning of the worship service to ensure those who may need this type of assistance are already seated. Thank you!

St. Mark's Board of Trustees

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Reflections

Everyone is talking about.....

What is everyone talking about? The last few days people have been talking about the super blood wolf moon. I caught a glimpse of it on Sunday night, Jan. 20, and have been in awe of pictures. People are talking about the government shutdown, winter weather in the East and our Arizona Wildcats men's basketball team. What are we talking about here at church?

Generous commitments: Our 2019 stewardship campaign, Our Hands, God's Work. Responding in Faith! exceeded the number of commitment cards submitted and funds pledged in 2018, making it possible for us to have a \$1.2 million budget for mission and ministry. Thanks!

Willing service: On January 6, a full group of people (about 115) packed 10,000 meals in Fellowship Hall for Rise Against Hunger to provide food for hungry people. People have joined in many other mission projects, too.

Live streaming: Since early December our 9:45 a.m. worship service has been livestreamed. People who are unable to attend worship have joyfully participated in this way. We've had some technical difficulties and are working hard to address the problems.

2019 Worship Guide: These guides have a page for each Sunday, with topics and Scriptures, to guide us in this year's focus, **What the Bible Really Says About...** If you haven't gotten one yet, more will be available on Sunday, Jan. 27 or call the church office (520-297-2062) for a copy.

St. Mark's Possible Second Site: To find out more about this conversation, stop by the Multi-site Showcase in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 27 between 9:15 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. bring your questions and get up-to-date information.

Future of the United Methodist Church: On February 23-26, 2019, 860 delegates from around the world will gather to consider proposals regarding the future of the UMC as that relates to issues of human sexuality. Several proposals will come before the delegates. To get more information about this, come to St. Mark's General Conference Information Session on Saturday, February 2, 2019, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Jim Nibbelink, one of the Desert Southwest Conference's two delegates to GC and a member of our church will help lead the session with our pastors, Brenda Hunter, Margaret Synhorst, and Rev. Judy Boroto.

Many other events and topics are being talked about at St. Mark's, as we seek to be faithful to our mission to change the world through Christ by caring for all people.

Our prayer: Give us calm hearts and wise words, O God, and a true desire to know you and make your love known in our world. Strengthen us and stay with us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessings, Sharon