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2020 Stewardship Campaign

Last Sunday, we began the 2020 Stewardship Campaign in conjunction with the sermon series, **What the Bible Says About Love**. The Scripture for our campaign is "**May the Lord make you increase and overflow in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you**" from 1 Thessalonians 3:12.

Everything we have is from God. He generously blesses us with His love and provision, then engages our heartstrings to help others from the abundance. But with the enormous need in the world, you may wonder, "Where do I begin?" and "How can I participate in the growth of God's kingdom?" We have the answer. Our Stewardship Campaign announcement letter is in the mail, along with a 2020 commitment card. Hopefully, you have already received the letter. If not, additional commitment cards are in the pew racks and available from the church office.

Commitments are essential to churches. Each pledge received makes a difference in the budgeting process, ensuring that vital ministries continue and grow to meet our expanding needs. This year, your commitment will also reflect you are responding to God's call to "overflow in love for one another." Through St. Mark's ministries



and missions, your commitment will reach and change countless lives while spreading God's love.

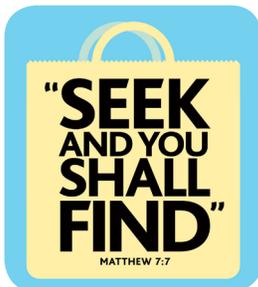
Our Stewardship Commitment Sunday is Nov. 17. You'll be able to bring your commitment card forward for dedication during worship services. You can also place the commitment card in the offering plate, mail it to the church, or bring it to the church office at any time. If you prefer, you may make your pledge and give online at umcstmarks.org (GIVING) or contact Ruth Kester in our church office (297-2062) for assistance.

Thank you for your support and generosity to St. Mark's.

The Finance Committee

Rummage to the Rescue

On Saturday, Nov. 9, the **St. Mark's Animal Ministry Team** will host its 4th Rummage to the Rescue(s), an event to support local animal shelters and animal rescues. With 17 community groups participating, this should be our biggest sale yet! Plan to shop for treasures and bargains in the south parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. that day, and tell your friends and neighbors!



St. Mark's is providing the location and publicity; the participating shelters and rescues provide 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 need a few able-bodied volunteers to help move boxes of leftover items after the sale is over at 1:00 p.m. (If you can bring a dolly, even better!) Please contact Sandi Heilman (*see directory*) if you could help in this way.

All Saints' Day

St. Mark's will celebrate All Saints' Day on **Sunday, Nov. 3**. During this special service, the name of each departed St. Mark's member is read, a candle is lit, and a bell tolled honoring their memory. In addition, St. Mark's celebrates the lives of all our lost loved ones with a Bell Banner procession.



On Sunday, Oct. 27, the Bell Banner will be in the courtyard to attach the commemorative cards. Stop by and fill out a card to celebrate the life of your departed loved ones.

Love Your Neighbor

Using the theme from our 2020 Stewardship Campaign, **What the Bible Says About Love**, Bible Bob and a number of our congregants will present a video each week on flowing God's love to one another.

Our first video focused on relationships, and how to treat one another with respect, kindness, and compassion regardless of differences.

The second video shifts to Jesus' command to **Love your neighbor**. Jesus was the ultimate role model on love. Thus, his command became the new measure on loving your neighbor—as Jesus loves us.

So, how does St. Mark's follow Jesus' example? Missions work is integral to who we are—it's part of our DNA. Ten percent of our income goes directly to Missions, supporting more than 25 separate projects and additional programs. Multiple committees also engage in mission-related activities.

Another example of how we follow Jesus' command to **Love your neighbor** can be found in St. Mark's long-standing, seventeen-year relationship with Nash Elementary School.



Through this relationship:

- ♥ Our Nash Neighbors subcommittee provides school supplies on the teachers' wish lists.
- ♥ Volunteers provide weekly classroom assistance and support.
- ♥ Gift cards provided to the principal are distributed to families experiencing hardship.
- ♥ A faculty/staff luncheon and Christmas brunch show appreciation for staff's effort.
- ♥ Snack Packs have been furnished for many years to help feed students on weekends.
- ♥ A Mobile Food Pantry, which expanded the Snack Pack program, began in September. The Pantry distributes products from the Southern Arizona Food Bank to school families. If successful, this program may expand to the local community in the future.
- ♥ At Christmas time, \$25 gift cards will be collected and given to Principal, Bob Hehli, for distribution to deserving Nash families.

The Nash Elementary School project is just one of the many ways St. Mark's demonstrates that we are *overflowing in God's love for our neighbors*.

The Finance Committee

The Manhattan Dolls Concert

Join us at **3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 10**, to celebrate Veterans Day with The Manhattan Dolls. St. Mark's Musical Musings is sponsoring a concert in the sanctuary featuring the singing trio. The program is free and open to the community.

Hop aboard the "Chattanooga Choo Choo" and join The Manhattan Dolls on a "Sentimental Journey" through the great music of the 30s and 40s. Sit back and enjoy these timeless classics, or if you're "In the Mood" get up and dance! Sentimental Journey blends beautiful ballads with your favorite toe-tapping tunes, and of course, in classic USO fashion, takes some time to honor our brave men and women in the military. From boogie-woogie to the blues, the Sentimental Journey program celebrates the best the Great American Songbook has to offer.

The Manhattan Dolls originated in New York City in 2009, and are swing-style female vocal trios with the sound of The Andrews Sisters. Started by former USO girl, The Dolls travel the world performing for military events, air shows, award ceremonies, parades, jazz clubs, concert series, you name it!



They have been featured on The Rachael Ray Show, BBC Radio London, Fox and Friends, LX 4 NY, The Tucson Morning Blend, Cincinnati Local 12 and more. They have had the pleasure of performing with famous bands including The Jive Aces in the UK, The Cotton Candies in France, and The George Gee Orchestra and The Stan Rubin Orchestra in NYC.

St. Mark's Handy Hands Ministry

The Handy Hands Ministry at St. Mark's consists of volunteers from our congregation who provide simple household repairs for all individuals who attend St. Mark's. You only pay for any parts used, not the labor. Anyone may request service from Handy Hands, especially people who may not have the necessary skills or physical ability for the repairs needed. The types of services provided are determined by the skill set of our volunteers and the complexity of the requests received. No project is too small for Handy Hands, but they do not perform "emergency service" repairs, wash windows or perform yard work.



For over four years, (since 2015) a group of 25 volunteers has helped 200+ households completing over 600 projects for the St. Mark's community—especially seniors, and people who cannot perform these repairs themselves. Requests include minor plumbing and electrical work, as well as many other projects you'd like to have done, but seem too small to call a repair person to fix. Each request for service is reviewed to make sure that it falls within the intent and skills of the Handy Hands Ministry and volunteers. The work is performed free of charge, but you would be responsible to pay the expenses for parts used.

If you wish to request service from the Handy Hands Ministry, there are three ways to submit a request. Please make sure that you provide a short description of the work that is required along with your full name

and phone number. A member of the Handy Hands Ministry will contact you to schedule a time to make the repairs. You will be required to sign a release of liability statement before the service is performed.

Submit the Electronic Form: Select the MINISTRIES tab, then CONGREGATIONAL CARE from the church website (umcstmarks.org). Next, scroll down to Handy Hands Ministry and follow the link for the online form. Complete the form, then click the submit button and the form will be mailed to the Handy Hands Ministry coordinator.

Submit a Handy Hands Card: Handy Hands "request for service" printed cards are located in the church narthex, the Welcome Center, and from the church office. Complete the card and place it in the Handy Hands mailbox at the church office.

Contact the Church Office: You may contact the church office (297-2062) week days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The office will forward the information to the Handy Hands coordinator, Ken Hall.

If you wish to join the Handy Hands Ministry as a volunteer, who provides repair services, please contact John Shattuck (*see directory*).

Thank you to everyone who has used Handy Hands and sent: cards of "thanks," kind words for a job well-done, and donations to support the Handy Hands Ministry.

Handy Hands Ministry

Membership Care Team Calling for Additional People

St. Mark's Membership Care Team provides hospitality in the form of receptions for families and friends to be together after a memorial service held at church. We provide food and drinks, decorate tables, serve and cleanup, as needed, and requested by our pastors and church family. Our expenses are sometimes donated by members of the Membership Care Team. However, funds are available for reimbursement of our expenses from a Memorial Fund accumulated from the money received from families who have requested a reception at the church.



We need two or three additional women or men who want to help the Membership Care Team provide this service and ministry. Please contact Pastor Stuart, our staff liaison, or Kay Hayworth, Membership Care Team leader, if you'd like to join St. Mark's Membership Care Team or if you have questions.

Azjfon Open House!

You are invited to celebrate the new location! Arizona Justice For Our Neighbors (Azjfon)
Nov. 14, 2019 - 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.
Iglesia Luterana San Juan Bautista, 1130 E. Bilby Rd., Tucson Az, 85706





Thanksgiving Day Feast! St. Mark's Fellowship Hall

If you don't have plans for Thanksgiving and especially don't want to cook, come join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day dinner (Thursday, Nov. 28), that begins at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

We will provide the turkeys and drinks. Everyone attending has the opportunity to bring a dish to contribute to our St. Mark's family Thanksgiving feast! If you are interested, please contact the church office (297-2062) and give your name, phone number, email, and number of people attending. Let us know if you need gluten and/ or dairy-free options.

Also, let us know if you are interested in helping with cleanup. Starting in November, watch for a Thanksgiving Potluck registration form in the bulletin. Registration deadline is Nov. 21. Families are welcome, come join the fun!

Book Club

ourfamilyservices

Our Family Services, a Mission partner of St. Mark's, serves homeless youth and families in our community. They also host a book club that focuses on understanding the complex issues facing people experiencing homelessness.

The Our Family Book Club discussion is open to all. The selection for the upcoming meeting is ***It Gets Better: Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, and Creating a Life Worth Living*** edited by Dan Savage and Terry Miller.

This discussion is Thursday, Nov. 14, 4:00 p.m. at their Client Services Office, 3830 East Bellevue Street. Please RSVP Sarah McNamara (520-323-1708 x416 or smcnamara@ourfamilyservices.org) if you plan to attend. If you have questions, you may contact Mary Kozlov (*see directory*).

Masterpiece Festival

On **Saturday, Nov. 2**, St. Mark's Fine Arts and Crafts Guild will present its **11th Annual Masterpiece Festival** featuring 67 vendors several of which are new to our show. There will be a wide variety of items that make great gifts for the holiday.



The festival runs from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., stop by and shop all the exhibitor tables. You'll receive a ticket for each purchase made—be sure to use them to register for the vendor donated door prizes.

Fine Arts & Craft Guild

Craft and Bake Sale!



United Methodist Women

Be sure to stop by the Library and Rm.17/18 during the Masterpiece Festival, Sat. Nov. 2, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and support St. Mark's UMW annual Craft and Bake Sale!

You will find a variety of unique crafts made by the United Methodist Women Craft Circle and members. Plus, there will be plenty of homemade goodies to take home and enjoy. Proceeds from this UMW fundraiser will go to Missions projects.

Heroes of Faith Movie Series October 29, 6:00 p.m. - Fellowship Hall

Join us for a "free" movie night at St. Mark's. This month's feature is ***The Scarlet And The Black***. Gregory Peck plays Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty, a real-life cleric who, during World War II, rescued thousands of escaped prisoners of war from the Gestapo. Christopher Plummer costars as the Rome-based SS official who tries to catch O'Flaherty in the act.



Gift Cards Make a Joyful Nash Families Christmas

**Two Sundays to contribute—
November 3 and 10!**

It's your opportunity to donate gift cards for our annual Nash Elementary School Christmas outreach. In past years, many of you have generously "adopted" a Nash family and provided gifts and goodies for struggling families at the school.



In an effort to help more families and to enable parents to make their own Christmas purchases, the Nash Neighbors committee has decided to collect Target and Walmart gift cards which will be distributed to parents by the principal, Bob Hehli.

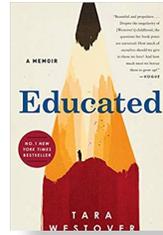
Whether you have made purchases for a family in the past or are new to this wonderful outreach, we invite you to participate this November by donating \$25 gift cards for Walmart or Target.

There will be a Nash Neighbors table on the courtyard Sundays, Nov. 3, and 10 where your cards (donating one or more is great) will be collected.

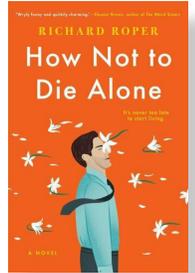
Your generosity is at the heart of this Christmas outreach as we are able to help more families at the school have a brighter Christmas.

Open Minds Book Study

This week, Friday Oct. 25, at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library, you are invited to join in a discussion of the book, **Educated** a Memoir by Tara Westover. Even if you have not read it, please come. Some topics that will arise from the reading of this book include: education, bipolar disorder, family dynamics, radical life views, religious beliefs.



Next month, our book selection for our Nov. 22, discussion (We meet a week earlier due to Thanksgiving.) is a novel called **How Not to Die Alone** by Richard Roper. **Never too late to start living** is the subtitle on the book jacket.



It is a story about love, loneliness, and the importance of taking a chance when we feel we have the most to lose. We think you will enjoy it!

Hope to see you on Oct. 25 and Nov. 22, for the discussions and, of course, coffee and snacks! Todd and Tyger Penson, are your facilitators.

TIHAN Is Recruiting for Some Awesome Volunteer Roles

It's not too late to sign up for the last TIHAN Volunteer Orientation of the year on Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. There are volunteer opportunities for both administrative and care and support roles:

- ▶ **Operations Assistants**
front desk administrative support
- ▶ **Committee Members**
Finance, Marketing, Program, and more
- ▶ **Community Ambassadors**
help with tabling at community events
- ▶ **Link Specialists, especially Spanish-speaking**
connecting people with resources

You can also find the complete list of volunteer openings at TIHAN.org, clicking on *Volunteer*, then on *Volunteer Opportunities*. One of them might be just right for you! Contact the TIHAN Volunteer Coordinator (299-6647 ext. 206, or volunteercoordinator@tihan.org).



Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network
Helping People with HIV to Live Well

Volunteers Needed for POZ CAFE!

St. Mark's is sponsoring the November Poz Cafe on **Thursday, Nov. 21**, at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC.

This is a Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) monthly luncheon and social hour program for people living with HIV/AIDS. St. Mark's volunteers are needed to help prepare, setup and take down and serve the meal. Volunteers are needed from 8:45-2:00 p.m. Please call Linda Girard (*see directory*) to volunteer or for questions.

WASS UP?

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UPCOMING MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

October 27, 2019—

3:00-3:45 SSP Meeting in the Sanctuary

4:00-6:00

Middle School— Kahoot Night
High School— Off campus discussion group

November 3, 2019—

4:00-6:00

Pumpkin Party!

November 10, 2019—

NO YOUTH

November 11, 2019—

South District High Ropes course event. See back for details

Greetings Preteen Families,

I hope you all enjoyed your Fall Breaks! It's always nice to slow down and unwind a little from the craziness of our busy lives. Over the next few weeks at Preteen we will be slowing things down a little, enjoying the cooler temperatures and getting ready for the season of gratitude and thanksgiving before we move into the Christmas Season. Hope to see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Julie

October 27th-

4:00-6:00

Scavenger Hunt and

SLIME

November 3-

4:00-6:00

Board Games. Bring your favorite game from home to share

Find us on Social Media!



St. Mark's Youth Group



stmarksumyf

Summer Plans...in October!

Fall is in the air, but around here that means it's time to make our summer plan! There will be an informational meeting October 13 at 3:00, for all people currently in grades 8 thru 12, who may be interested in the Sierra Service Project in the summer of 2020. If you have ever considered participating in a youth mission trip, please join us in the sanctuary from 3:00 to 3:45 p.m. on October 13. Your parents are invited. A forty dollar deposit will guarantee your spot on the trip, so you may want to bring a check (in case you decide to sign up).

Please make checks payable to St. Mark's UMC.



Masterpiece Festival

On November 3rd, the St. Mark's campus will host a Masterpiece Festival, where artists from all over the area have their masterpieces for sale! Not only is this a fun experience to come shop at, it is also a great fundraiser for our Youth Group and Youth Missions!

We will help check people in and set up at 7 (we need 2 people here), and we need lots of help at 2:45 to help vendors break down their booths and get the campus cleaned up. Talk to Kim or Rachel if you are interested in helping! The more the merrier!

District High Ropes Course

November 11 is a day off from school. Awesome! It also just so happens to be the day that the South District Youth are planning a day at the High Ropes Course! It's going to be a blast! We will meet at the Wesley House at 9, and be back by 3. All you need is \$10, a sack lunch, and a refillable water bottle! Friends are always welcome, but we need special permission slips, so see Kim or Rachel if you need extras! Scholarships are always available!

November Birthdays!

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



• **Soul Station Meal Volunteers Needed!**

It's easy to sign up from our website umcstmarks.org to cook the meal for Soul Station. First select RESOURCES from the main menu, next click SOUL STATION MEALS. We are still have an **opening for the Wednesday, Nov. 13 meal!**

If your committee, you and your family, or friends would like to volunteer we'd be grateful! If you have a question, email Pastor Stuart (stuart@umcstmarks.org) or contact the church office for details.



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. You may also, visit our Prayer Room on campus and leave a prayer on our prayer wall.

Jared Bowman and family
Donald Chester
Shelley Coltrin
Deb Cushman
Judy Drescher

April DuBoce
Marge and Darrel Frazer
Keith and Mary Ann Glazier
Keith Johnson
Jim and Mary Sanders

Carol Underwood
Jackie Vickers
Dave and Jan Webster
Judy Wickham
Lindsay Williams

CONDOLENCES

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families of Charlotte Mitchell and Sherry Walker upon the death of their beloved niece and cousin, Cheryl (Foss) Pauli who passed away on October 15, 2019. A celebration of her life took place October 19, in her hometown in South Dakota.

Our heartfelt prayers go out to the Storey family on the passing of Sylvia on October 16, 2019. Tom and Sylvia were married for over 60 years. Their children, Kurt and Pam, mourn the loss of their mother, as do their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A memorial service is pending.

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
Alex Boettcher, grandson of Carla and Paul Boettcher
Christian Bowers, grandson of Doug & Charlotte Bowers
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
Rachel Kester, daughter of Don & Ruth Kester
Don Lauver, Son-in-law of Linda Connolly
Sam Lennarson, grandson of John & Sherri Lennarson

Christopher Lewis, grandson of Donald Lewis **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



Calendar Notes

Friday, October 25

9:30 a.m. Open Minds Book Discussion, Library

Saturday, October 26

6:00 p.m. Harvest Festival Potluck, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat, north parking lot

Sunday, October 27

8:15 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary
*9:45 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary
10:00 a.m. Dove Mountain Worship
11:15 a.m. The Gathering, Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. PreTeens, Rm. 8/9
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, Wesles House

Monday, October 28

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

Tuesday, October 29

6:00 p.m. The Scarlet & the Black movie, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 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 program

Thursday, October 31

6:30 p.m. Technology Committee, Conf. Rm.

Saturday, November 2

9:00 a.m. Masterpiece Festival

Sunday, November 3

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Wednesday Worship
Soul Station
Dinner - 5:45 p.m.
Music/Programs
6:15-7:15 p.m.

Sunday Worship
Magee Rd.
8:15, 9:45*, 11:15 a.m.
*Livestreamed

DOVE MOUNTAIN
Moore Rd.
10:00 a.m.

Thank you for all of your prayers and positive thoughts for Jared recently. We know the power of prayer can do amazing things, and we know it helps to sustain Jared as he navigates epilepsy. We are grateful to our caring church family.

Kindly, The Bowman family

Be An Angel!

If you have an hour or two to spare, once or twice a month on Monday mornings, we are looking for new Kitchen Angels! We need people to come in once or twice a month to perform light cleaning duties such as wiping counters and cupboard doors, and washing a few dishes. We will start training our new Kitchen Angels soon! If this is you, please contact Tricia Chester in the church office (297-2062).



Reflections continued from back page.

We have this information recorded from the small groups, will compile it and share it with our leadership body (Covenant Council) and then with all of you. This is one piece of a conversation that will continue in 2020 as we seek to hear input from all people in our congregation. If you were unable to attend the Church Conference, you may want to reflect on the above questions.

And, congratulations on the launch of St. Mark's Dove Mountain on Sunday, October 20th! About 60 people attended the 10 a.m. worship service at the Dove Mountain C-STEM School on Moore Rd. A great beginning!

Blessings, Sharon

Address Service Requested

Reflections

October 22, 2019—

At last night's annual Church Conference we began by doing the business of St. Mark's, as directed by our United Methodist Church's **Book of Discipline**. We received the 2019 membership report (we now have 980 members, an increase from last year), elected people to committees and teams for 2020, set the pastors' compensation for 2020, affirmed 11 lay servants (people who have taken classes to grow in knowledge and leadership), thanked the retired pastors who serve among us, and much more.

Then our District Superintendent Rev. Mark Conrad led us in conversation to guide us toward a statement of identity for our congregation. We have done some of this before as we formulated our mission statement nine years ago and identified our priorities and emphases over the last few years. Understanding that there is uncertainty about the future of the United Methodist Church, as we move toward General Conference in May, 2020, it is important for local churches to know who they are and what is critical for them in the future. So last night's conversation was another step in defining who we are as God leads us into the future.

The conversation time began with individual prayer,



reflecting on the question "Lord, what do you desire to do through St. Mark's UMC in this time and place?" Each person wrote two prayers on small sticky notes and placed them around a candle in the front of the sanctuary. We will compile those prayers, share them with our leaders and then with all of you. Then we broke into groups of three and each person had the chance to answer

these questions while one person recorded anonymous answers:

1. In what ways do I experience God at St. Mark's UMC?
2. What of the ministry of Jesus Christ will go missing in our local community if St. Mark's UMC is no longer here? Who will go without hope?
3. What are the two most important things you pray when you think about the people in your community?
4. What needs to happen for me to more fully engage as a vital part of this living body of Christ?
5. What 1% change in my own way of participating in the life of St. Mark's UMC am I willing to make in order that we may flourish as a vibrant body of Christ?

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