

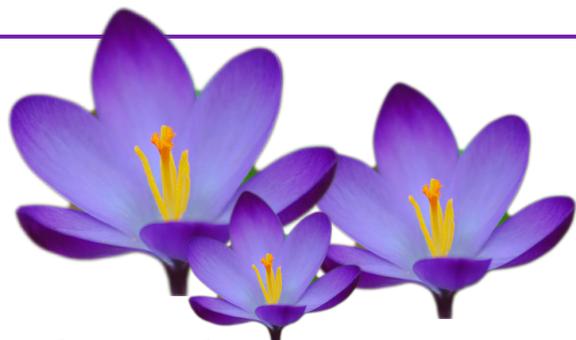
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St. Mark's
United Methodist



Holy Week & Easter Services SCHEDULE

HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday—April 5

Cantata and Message: *What Kind of King Are You?*

- 8:15 and 9:45* a.m. Traditional Worship cantata (Chancel Choir, Celebration Singers, St. Mark's Bells)
- 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. Modern Worship cantata (Praise Band)
- 10:00 a.m. Modern Worship, Dove Mtn. cantata

Holy Thursday—April 9

- Holy Thursday Worship Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary (Celebration Singers)

Good Friday—April 10

- Drama, Have you Seen My Son?
7:00 p.m., Sanctuary, (Chancel Choir)

Holy Saturday—April 11

- Way of the Cross, Meditation Garden (Self-guided walk along the path.)

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday Services—Sunday, April 12

Message: *At One with God... A Resurrection Story*

- 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service, at Meditation Garden
- 7:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast, West Patio
- 8:15 and 9:45* Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Lent Alive!, Modern Worship, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Modern Worship, Dove Mtn.
- 11:15 a.m. Gathering, Modern Worship, Fellowship Hall

*Livestreamed



Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am – Noon

Save the date for this community celebration for the whole family! Enjoy train rides, face painting, an obstacle course, a jumping castle, egg hunts, a cupcake walk, and Easter-themed crafts. Plus, yummy treats like popcorn, cotton candy and more. Cost is \$3 per child for entry (paid at the door) and the cupcake walk is \$1 per song.

Calling All Bakers (or Grocery Shoppers)! The Family Ministries committee is requesting cupcakes to be donated for the cupcake walk at the Easter Community Event. Please bring your cupcakes to the church kitchen by April 3, at 1:00 p.m.



In Concert Sunday, March 8—3:00 p.m.

Please join us in the Sanctuary to enjoy a program by the Tucson Arizona Boys Chorus. Celebrating eighty years of music, this group provides boys an enriched educational experience through the study and performance of choral music. The concert will include a wide variety of choral music from classical to contemporary.

This event is the tenth in a series of fourteen **Musical Musings!** concerts which is hosted by the St. Mark's Music Ministry. All concerts are free and open to the entire community, however freewill offerings are taken to support the ministry. We hope to see you for this lively performance by Tucson's Singing Ambassadors for 80 years! Remember to invite friends and neighbors, too.

Pet Memorial Service

The Animal Ministry Team invites our church family and the local community to its annual Pet Memorial Service on **Sunday, March 29, at 3:00 p.m.** Experience a time to acknowledge and respect the importance animals have held in our hearts and lives, and to celebrate their place in God's creation. It doesn't matter how recent or long ago your loss occurred, or what type of animal you wish to remember. (The candles in the photo above represent beloved pets who now live in hearts and memories).



If you would like your pet's picture to appear in a video montage during the service, please email it to animalministry@umcstmarks.org no later than Friday, March 27. (You can also bring a photo to the church office to be scanned.) The video will provide a time to honor their memories.

Following the service, members of the St. Mark's Animal Ministry Team will offer refreshments in the Welcome Center, providing time for participants to mingle and share stories with others who understand. You may even wish to bring a photo with you for this time of sharing. Therapy animals (at least one dog and one cat) will also be available to offer comfort. Please feel free to share this invitation with others who would be interested.

Communion During Lent

As has become our custom, retired clergy worshipping at St. Mark's will serve Communion on those Sundays in Lent when Communion is not offered at the regular services.



All persons are welcome—we have an open table. Please see the schedule below since the room changes each week.

Communion will be available between the first two services (9:15-9:40 a.m.) and between the last two services (10:45-11:10 a.m.). March 8, Library; March 15, Prayer Room; March 22, Library; March 29, Prayer Room. The elements will be gluten free.

VBS—Save The Date!

This year, St. Mark's **Vacation Bible School** is June 1 through June 5, (9:00 a.m. to noon) for all children three 3 years old through 5th grade. Our theme is **God's Beautiful World!** Registration will open soon!



Communications & Outreach Coordinator Position Job Opening!

St. Mark's is looking for a Communications and Outreach Coordinator to work as part of our amazing church staff. This person helps us reach our church's mission of "changing the world through Christ by caring for all people" by providing vision and leadership for the church's communication and outreach ministries. This includes producing publications, updating and maintaining the church website and social media, and other ways of reaching into the community.



A complete job description is available on our website at **ABOUT, JOB OPPORTUNITIES**. To apply for this position, please submit a cover letter and your resume to info@umcstmarks.org by March 13, 2020. If you have questions, contact Ruth Kester in the church office (297-2062). This position will be open soon because Sallyann Wassmuth will be retiring. She has served our church extremely well in this position. We are looking forward to including someone on our church staff who can continue her good work and lead us into St. Mark's future.

*Ken Dunlap, Staff Parish Relations Committee Chairperson
Ruth Kester, Administrative Services Team Leader*

Caring for Our KIDS

Please join us on Sunday, March 29 between services in the church Library to learn how you can be a part of Caring for Our Kids. Each time a child is baptized we promise, *"With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround this child with a community of love and forgiveness that this child may grow in service to others. We will pray for this child, that this child may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life."*



In our volatile world, it is so important that we fulfill this promise. You may be thinking that you have nothing to contribute, but you do! Come and talk to us because there are many ways to help our children. You may think that you have done a lot in the past, and you do not want to do anything now, but there is a new group of children who need you. You can spoil or indulge a child too much, but you cannot LOVE a child too much. And there is nothing as beautiful and uplifting as Caring for Our Kids. We will see you on Sunday, March 29 in the Library.

Adult Spiritual Growth

Faith is a journey!

Lenten studies are underway. If you have not yet signed up for one, you have only missed the first class. We encourage you to contact the instructor of the various classes to obtain a book and begin attending starting with week two of the study:

Sunday

9:45 a.m. Lenten Study, Margaret Synhorst

9:45 a.m. Family Life/Sharing

Terry Majewski or Rick Farnsworth

11:00 a.m. Lenten Study Group

Margaret Sunhorst, Judy Boroto

Monday

10:30 a.m. Mountain View, Marge Sogn

Wednesday

10:00 a.m. Wed. Study Group, Marcia Rostad

Post-Lenten studies to continue your journey:

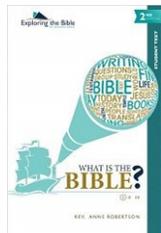
What is the Bible?

Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

(6 weeks) Begins April 19

Led by Judy Boroto, Margaret Synhorst

A broad overview of the Bible, including selection, organization, background, context and archaeology. The basics for getting the most out of your Bible and Bible study. Books cost \$11 and are available for sale March 15, or download electronically.



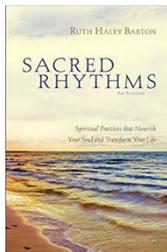
Sacred Rhythms

Mondays, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(6 weeks) Begins April 20

Led by Margaret Synhorst, Judy Boroto

The author explores the practices that spiritual seekers and growing disciples have used throughout history to grow closer to God. It provides guidance in a way that links the disciplines of the Christian faith to the most compelling desires of the human soul. Each session offers specific practices that allow you to experience each discipline and incorporate it into your life. Books are \$8, and will be available March 15, or you may download electronically.



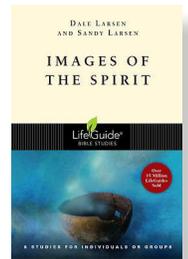
Images of the Spirit

Wednesdays, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

(6 weeks) Begins April 22

Led by Rev. Helen Schindler

How do you picture the Holy Spirit? A vague fuzzy cloud? An invisible, impersonal force? Scripture helps us by giving us strong word pictures of the Spirit as wind, fire, a counselor, anointing oil and more. Through this study you will find that your mental picture of the Spirit comes into focus. You will find that you can have a real relationship with the third person of the Trinity and experience the power, comfort and gifts that flow from it. Books are \$10 and will be available on March 15.



Learn. Love. Grow Together 2020 —A Conversation for All

Choose Saturday, March 21 or March 28,

9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Both sessions are the same.

Nearly 300 of you participated in the Input Project where you were able to express your views on LGBTQ+ matters and hear the views of others in our congregation. Many of you indicated that you wanted to learn more and be in conversation with each other. We heard you.

You had many questions, such as:

- How do good people interpret the Bible so differently?
- What do all the letters in LGBTQ+ mean?
- Why do we even need to talk about this?

We will consider these questions and others throughout our time together. In many ways, you have shown how much you care about St. Mark's, and that is why we hope you will be a part of this next step.

Join us on either Saturday! Your voice is important as we continue to explore how we will move into the future together. Please sign up on Sundays at the Adult Spiritual Growth bulletin board in the courtyard; or from the website at CLASSES, ONLINE REGISTRATION. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided both days.

The Adult Spiritual Growth Committee and Church and Society, in consultation with the Rainbow Fellowship is hosting this important program.

Emergency Contact Info!

Do We Have an Emergency Contact for You? Often, this is something that we don't think is needed. However, consider what would happen if you became ill or fell at St. Mark's and were unable to answer questions. Do you have family or friends you would want to be contacted? Would anyone know how to reach your family or an emergency contact person?



All of this could be avoided if an emergency contact number was on hand at the church. This is why we are asking for your information. Your information will be kept confidential and used only to inform your contacts in case of an

emergency. It is our prayer that it would never have to be used. Yet, if it is needed, family or friends could be contacted.

Please complete the "EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION" form in this newsletter, or the bulletin inserts for the next two Sundays (March 8, 15). Completed forms may be placed in the collection plate during worship, dropped off at the table in the courtyard on Sunday, March 8, or March 15. After March 15, forms can be picked up and dropped off at the church office.

Thank you for helping us help you and your family if it is ever needed. All information will be kept confidential.

Note: Also, please be sure to update the church office with any changes you have to your contact information.

St. Mark's Pastors & Safety Committee Medical Team

New Art Exhibit!

The Early Childhood Center children's art will be on display during March, April, and May. Be sure to stop by each month to see the talented work from the children at the ECC. The March exhibit will feature:

- Miss Diane's 2 yr. old class — "Process Art"
- Mrs. Elizabeth's 3 yr. old class — "Desert Sunset"
- Miss Kerry's 3 yr. old class — "The Little Cloud" by Eric Carle
- Miss Kerry's 3 yr. old class — "Winter"
- Mrs. Boynton's 3 yr. old MWF Preschool — "Tye Dye Art"
- Mrs. Secrest's 4 yr. old Preschool — "Self Portraits"

Emergency Contact Information for St. Mark's UMC

Your emergency contact information may be kept on file at St. Mark's United Methodist Church if you desire this service. Please complete this form by filling out the information you wish us to have and return this form. It will be kept confidential and used only to inform your contacts in case of an emergency. You may update this information as necessary.

Your Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Emergency Contacts

Person(s) to contact in case of an emergency. This can be family, friends, lawyer, guardian, etc. (Please provide at least two contacts, one of them should be local.)

1. Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____

2. Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____

3. Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Work phone: _____

Form: 2/2020

Drive Through Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, April 3—4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
\$8.00/Meal

How would you like a home cooked spaghetti and meatball dinner without all the work? Join St. Mark's United Methodist Women for their annual Drive Through Spaghetti dinner fundraiser. Just complete the pre-order form (below) and leave it in the UMW mailbox at the church office. Meals include a dinner of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, roll and butter, and cookies. A vegetarian meal is also available. Meals are \$8.00 each and payable when you pick up your order.



While we encourage people to pre-order their meals, if you forget you can still come by the south parking lot on April 3, to order and pick up your meals.

Proceeds and donations support Missions in Tucson, the United States and around the world. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Hayworth (see directory).

Drive—Through Spaghetti Dinner PREORDER FORM

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

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ or

Cell Phone: _____

Number of meat meals for pick up: _____

Number of vegetarian meals for pick up: _____

Approximate time for pick up of order: _____

Upcoming UMW Meeting



St. Mark's United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, March 10, in the church Library. Please join us at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and fellowship and at 10:00 a.m. for our program.

This month's program *A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial* is an opportunity for women to reflect on the gospel of Christ and make an offering in response to God's love and grace that helps sustain ministry around the world.

The mission focus for 2020 is *We Rise: Meeting God's Call to Transform Communities*, supporting the work of United Methodist Women-supported national mission institutions, international partners and regional missionaries.

All are welcome. You do not have to be a member of St. Mark's or the United Methodist Women. If you have questions or need a ride, you may contact Kay Hayworth (579-0533).

RUMMAGE SALE

To Benefit High School Youth Mission

Saturday, March 14, 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The youth participating in the Sierra Service Project will be sponsoring the rummage sale, again this year! This is a perfect time to clean out your garage, closets, and attic!



The south parking lot will be reserved for those who want to sell their own treasures. Reserve your 16' x 16' space for only \$15. The fee covers space rental only. You must provide all tenting, tables, setup needs, and booth signage. This event will be advertised via newspapers, flyers, posters, and street signs to ensure a large turnout.

If you have unwanted treasures, but don't want to sell them yourself, you can donate them to the youth to sell. We will be accepting donations two days before the sale. Bring them to the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 12, or Friday, March 13, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Don't miss out. Reserve your space today, or mark your calendars to come and shop.

St. Mark's Monthly Missions Disbursements

March:
Rise Against Hunger \$5,000

UMCOR

On March 22, the United Methodist Church will celebrate UMCOR SUNDAY

(formerly known as **One Great Hour of Sharing**). UMCOR provides major assistance when a natural or human caused disaster needs help. It is a very unusual ministry in that 100% of the designated gifts go to the disaster that is chosen to receive it. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is operated by the General Board of Global Ministries.

Thanks to our church for helping support this special outreach project. For your information, each year, St. Mark's Missions Committee sends \$1,500 to UMCOR and on occasion, we fill and ship the much needed hygiene bags.

Additionally, in 2019, through your great generosity, we also raised \$12,580 (representing half of our Easter and half of our Thanksgiving offerings) for UMCOR, and sent them 500 individual hygiene bags.



DONATION Depot

Each week, St. Mark's collects items for its partner organizations.

Donations may be left at the "depot" in the courtyard on Sunday mornings:

- ▶ 1st Sunday—Food
- ▶ 2nd Sunday—Personal items
- ▶ 3rd Sunday—Clothes
- ▶ 4th Sunday—Food
- ▶ 5th Sunday—Clothes

Children's Day Gift Bags

St. Mark's Agua Prieta Task Force asks for your help filling 300 Children's Day Gift Bags for children in the colonia of Fluenta de Vida Methodist Church, Agua Prieta, MEX. We have some "Missions" money to purchase items for the bags, but would greatly appreciate your donations from the following list to support this effort.

Please think small!

Gift bags are about 8.5" x 11" x 3" several items must fit in each bag.



The following gift items are needed:

- 1 A small, soft plush toy like a Beanie Baby (about 4" tall).
- 2 Candy treats like Skittles, jelly beans, Life Savers, etc. **NO CHOCOLATE**
- 3 A small toy, coloring book, game, or puzzle. Suggestions include: a jump rope, Tic-Tac-Toe game, a jigsaw puzzle, Play-Doh (modeling clay), a pad of paper and color markers/pencils. (Items less than 10" long).
- 4 Small decorative Easter type items like butterfly pins, butterfly or flower stickers, colorful bookmarks, etc.
- 5 Small Spanish language storybooks would be nice, too. (Items smaller than 7" x 10")

Items to Avoid: Please, nothing really girly or just for boys. No guns, knives, or military-type toys. No chocolate candy or any candy that will melt.

Drop-Off Instructions: You may drop off items for the gift bags at tables in the courtyard on Sunday, March 8, or March 15.

Questions: Contact Robert Kittrell (robertkittrell@comcast.net) or leave your phone number with the church office and someone will call you.

Hands-on Missions Opportunities in March!

Market on the Move, Saturday, March 7 — Contact: Lenna Burnham (lennajeffery@yahoo.com)
Community Food Bank, Saturday, March 28 — Contact: K. J. Naae (kjnaae60@yahoo.com)

Youth Ministry

The latest news for High School, Middle School and Pre Teen Students!



Events Calendar

Middle and High School Students

Sunday, March 8

4:00-6:00 p.m. Middle School — A Spring Thing
4:00-6:00 p.m. High School
Sippin' Over Scripture

Sunday, March 15

3:00 p.m. Middle & High School
Roadrunner's Hockey Game!

Sunday, March 22

No Youth Group — SPRING BREAK

Sunday, March 29

4:00-6:00 p.m. Middle School — Kickball Day
High School
Sippin' Over Scripture

Sunday, April 5

4:00-6:00 p.m. Middle and High School
Eat Dessert First!

Easter Sunday is just around the corner! Our youth always do an amazing job with Easter Sunday here at St. Mark's. This year is going to be great, but we need you to help make it amazing!

Sunrise Service will be run by the youth again this year. We have so many ways for you to participate. From speaking parts to serving Communion, or passing out bulletins, we need you! Anyone who is speaking will need to meet with Kim and Rachel on Saturday, April 4 at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is needed at 5:00 p.m., that day, to help setup. It's always fun to get a sneak peak of what the early morning will look like. Sunday morning, all participants will need to meet at the Meditation Garden at 5:00 a.m.

Also on Easter Sunday is everyone's favorite fundraiser... pancake breakfast!! Yay! All morning, we will be cooking and serving a yummy pancake breakfast on the west patio. We need everyone's help to keep everything moving smoothly. All of the proceeds from pancake breakfast go towards youth missions, so we all benefit. The morning starts at 5:00 a.m., and goes on all morning. Kim will contact you with your shift!

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Go Roadrunners!

On March 15, come with your Youth Group friends to cheer on our local hockey team, the Tucson Roadrunners as they take on the Texas Stars! Friends are always welcome, with permission slip! Meet at the Wesley House at 3:00 p.m. Cost is only \$5! Scholarships are available.



HIGH SCHOOL

Sippin' Over Scripture

If you are in 9th-12th grades, and haven't checked out our Sippin' Over Scripture group, you really should! We have so much fun. On the second and fourth Sundays of each, we head off campus to grab coffee and chat about faith, life, and where they intersect! Meet at the Wesley House at 4:00 p.m. and we will drive together.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Spring Thing?

It's sure warming up around here and spring is in the air. Come join us on March 8, for Middle School Youth Group where we will have fun with *It's A Spring Thing!*

Curious what that involves!? There's only one way to find out! Bounce on over to the Wesley House from 4:00-6:00 p.m. and find out!

Kickball!

Did you know that in Canada, they call kickball soccer baseball? Whatever you call it....on March 29, we are playing it! Meet at the Wesley House and we will travel together to a field and play a few different kickball games! Bring water and be ready for some fun!



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Youth Ministry

Latest news for High School, Middle School, and Preteen Students!



Youth Mission Trips

Summer seems so far away, but here at St. Mark's we are already getting ready for our summer mission trips!



Middle School Mission

Here's what the youth say about Middle School Mission:

“Middle School Mission was AMAZING! There were plenty of fun activities to do there, including helping others. One such example of a fun activity, and my personal favorite, was helping out at the Monastery. Middle School Mission is also a great way to meet new, and awesome, people.”

—Gio Sanchez, 7th Grade



Sierra Service Project (SSP)

JULY 10-18! SSP is for students who have finished 8th-12th grades. This year, we will be working in Lake County, in northern California, building tiny cottages for permanent supportive housing. This is a very exciting opportunity, but time is running out. Sign up now to reserve your spot! See Kim or Rachel for questions. The next two fundraisers support SSP:

- Rummage Sale, March 14 (set-up two days prior)
- Pancake breakfast, April 12 between services on Easter morning. Support the fundraisers by donating goods to the sale, eating pancakes, and taking work shifts at each.

St Mark's PRETEENS

Events Calendar—PreTeens for 4th and 5th graders!

Sunday, March 8

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Rootin' Tootin' Root Beer Floats and Games

Sunday, March 15

4:00-6:00 p.m.

St. Patty's Celebration — All Things Green!

Sunday, March 22

Spring Break! No PreTeen

Sunday, March 29

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Take a Hike!

Sunday, April 5

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

Rootin' Tootin' Good Time

On March 8, all 4th and 5th grade students are invited for a rootin' tootin' good time. Come have a delicious root beer float and play some awesome games!



St. Patty's Day

Do YOU have the luck o' the irish? Come celebrate St. Patty's Day with your church friends on March 15, and have fun with all things green. It's going to be awesome!

Let's Get Moving!



On March 29, we will meet at church in Rm. 8/9 at 4:00 p.m. and head over to Pima Canyon trailhead at the end of Magee. Wear your close-toed shoes and bring a water bottle.

Easter Flowers



The Worship Committee will be placing spring flowers in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday. If you would like to contribute toward the Easter flowers in honor or in memory of someone, please complete the EASTER FLOWERS form and place it in the offering plate with your check made payable to St. Mark's UMC with "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Your form and payment for flowers may also be mailed to or dropped off at the church office. In addition to the above options, a payment can be made online at umcstmarks.org. (GIVING).

The suggested donation of \$18 will go toward the Easter flower purchase; the difference between the cost of the flowers and your donation will go into our Flower Fund. Traditionally, the Worship Committee has used the Flower Fund money to purchase actual items that charities need to help the people they serve. We try not to duplicate the Mission Committee's charitable efforts. During 2019 the Flower Fund purchased a new Speed Queen washer and dryer for The INN, a conference sponsored project located in the basement of FUMC, Tucson.

If you would like your honorarium or memorial listed in the Easter bulletin, please return your **EASTER FLOWERS FORM** by **Monday, April 6**. The flowers can be picked up after the 11:15 a.m. service on Easter Sunday or on Tuesday, April 14 (the church office will be closed on Monday, April 13). The remaining flowers will be distributed to homebound starting Thursday, April 16.

Easter Flower Form

(Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

I am contributing \$_____ toward the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

**Place form in Offering Plate or
bring form to the church office on or before April 6**

Grace Circle will Help at the INN!

United Methodist Women's Grace Circle will meet in the church Library at 9:15 a.m., Tuesday, March 17, and then travel to the INN to assist with designated tasks. We will carpool to the INN after devotions.

Donations of slightly used men's, women's, and children's spring clothing, backpacks, or peanut butter are welcome. If you are not able to attend the meeting and want to donate items, please mark them for Grace Circle and leave them in the church office.



All are welcome to join us. We meet the third Tuesday each month to provide assistance to a nonprofit organization in our community. If you have any questions, contact Anita Winslow (638-6311).



On Tuesday, March 24, the UMW Craft Circle will meet from 9:00-noon in Rm. 17/18. Everyone is invited to attend. Bring your craft ideas, examples of your favorite craft and extra craft supplies. Work on your own craft, or help the circle with items for the UMW craft fairs. Come join us for fun and fellowship and bring a friend!

We are looking for any unfinished projects, batting and stuffing, quilt tops or pieces, or craft and sewing supplies. We are always accepting donations for our projects. Please contact Bonnie Sargent (see directory). If you have any questions or need items picked up.

Welcome New Member Class of February 2020



Christina DePhillips

Christina began nursing school at 40 years old. Though she is now retired, she still works part time as a caregiver. Christina has 5 children, 11 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren! She is sponsored by Judy Boroto.



Dean and Cathy Eggebraten

Dean is from Bismark, ND and worked in real estate development there. Cathy is from Alta, IA. She has been both a nurse and managed a travel agency. Dean and Cathy summer in Prescott. They are sponsored by Bill and Judy Wickham.



Frank and Kay Finley

Frank is retired from Aerospace manufacturing and Kay is a retired School Office Clerk from California. Together they have 2 children, 7 grandsons, and 8 great-grandchildren. They are sponsored by Matt and Beth Williams.



Joylee Gathings

Joylee is a retired software engineer who enjoys hiking, cooking, yardwork, and reading. She and her husband Ken have gone on many missions trips together and summer in Colorado Springs. Joylee is sponsored by Kay and Wiley Murphy.



Jerry Grady

Jerry has lived in Tucson for 50 years! She plans to help with future new member luncheons and other activities here. Jerry now resides at Fairwinds and her sponsor is Scott Bauman.



Bill and Anne Groth

Bill and Anne are from Baltimore, MD, with 3 children and 5 grandchildren in Maryland, West Virginia, and New York. Anne is passionate about literacy and tutors and volunteers at Nash Elementary. Bill is a licensed drone pilot and is interested in drone photography. Their sponsors are John and Carol Cecilia.



Greg and Carol Lindahl

Greg and Carol are from Minnesota, Greg from Canby and Carol from Osseo. Greg likes to hike, golf, and play bridge. Carol likes to knit, play bridge, and occasionally plays golf. They summer in MN, and are sponsored by Jim and Judi Nibbelink.



Janet "Jan" Marshall

Janet is from both Arizona AND Ohio. She volunteered with Banner Hospital, Sun City, Beatitudes Retirement Home in Phoenix, Women in Construction in Phoenix, and with a Nursing home in Madison OH. Her sponsor is Bonnie Sargent.



Bob and Fran Miller

Bob and Fran are both from Indiana, Bob from Indianapolis and Fran from Middlebury. Bob is retired from several professional organizations, and Fran is a retired Nurse Practitioner. They are expecting a new grandbaby any day now! Bob and Fran are sponsored by Robert and Pat Kittrell.



Dave Newell and Amy Hanlon Newell

Amy is from West Linn Oregon and Dave is from Hudson, OH. Together they were Youth Leaders at Westside UMC in OR. Currently, Amy is the Medical Affairs Director at Roche Tissue Diagnostics at Ventana. Dave is an Independent Contract data strategist for businesses and campaigns. Also, he is the at-home parent to their two very active teenage girls, Zoe and Lucy. They are sponsored by Tim and Danielle Weiler.



Gina Russell

Gina is an October-to-May Arizonan and summers on Madeline Island, WI. She is a retired Kindergarten Teacher and enjoys crafting and sewing. Gina is sponsored by Karen Hasselbach.



Cheri Schwartz

Cheri is from the Phoenix metro area and is an avid bicyclist. Recently, Cheri adopted triplet cats from a Phoenix shelter. She is transferring from Paradise Valley UMC. Cheri's sponsor is Susan Reed (Susan joined St. Mark's just this past October!).



Vern and Shirley Stedronsky

Vern is a retired engineer with 5 children, 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Shirley is a retired Librarian with 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. For anyone keeping score, that's 8 children, 19 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren! Their sponsors are Bob and Marge Sogn.



Bill and KaraGay Stovall

Bill is from Miami and Arizona, KaraGay is from Grand Rapids, MI. KaraGay's father was named John Wesley, so it seems appropriate to join a Methodist church. Bill and KaraGay are sponsored by Roger and Sue Pierce.



Swinging @ AIDS Benefit Concert!

Heather "Lil Mama" Hardy Band!

TIHAN and Center for Health and Hope present: **Swinging @ AIDS** benefit concert on Friday, March 20, 7-9:00 p.m. at Monterey Court!

Proceeds support TIHAN (Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network) programs helping people living with HIV live well. This event also raises emergency money to help AIDS ORPHANS in Kenya through the Center for Health and Hope. The first \$10,000 raised will be matched by generous donors! To order concert tickets (\$20), you may visit Eventbrite.com Swinging@AIDS concert. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. for optional dinner before the concert. To reserve a table, go to montereycourtaz.com.

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 and leave a prayer on our prayer wall.

*Peter Booth
Jared Bowman and family
Donald Chester
Deb Cushman
Judy Drescher*

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

*Ana Luisa Terrazas
Carol Underwood
Jackie Vickers
Judy Wickham
Lindsay Williams*

CONDOLENCES

The congregation is invited to a memorial service for Suzanne Trappman, (Julie Eblen's mother) which will be held on the Labyrinth on Saturday, March 7, at 1:00 p.m. with a reception following in Fellowship Hall.

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

Sunday, March 8 - Second Sunday of Lent

Logo Shop Sales in Courtyard

Agua Prieta Children's Day table in Courtyard

8:15 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary

*9:45 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Lent Alive!, Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Dove Mountain Worship

11:15 a.m. Modern Worship, Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Tucson AZ Boys Chorus Concert, Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Preteens, Rm. 8/9

4:00 p.m. Youth Group, Wesley House

Monday, March 9

9:15 a.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. Grief Support, Counselor's Office

Tuesday, March 10

4:30 p.m. Meditation Gardens Board, Conf. Rm.

5:30 p.m. Advisory Board, Library

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee, Rm. 20

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

6:30 p.m. Church Growth & Hospitality, Rm. 17/18

6:30 p.m. Missions Committee, Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Al-Alon, Library

Wednesday, March 11

10:30 a.m. Chronic Pain Group, Library

Noon BULLETIN DEADLINE

5:45 p.m. Soul Station Dinner, Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Common Grounds, Library

6:15 p.m. Soul Station Program, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 12

6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees, Conf. Rm.

Saturday, March 14

3:00 p.m. Primavera, Kitchen

Sunday, March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent

Logo Shop Sales in Courtyard

8:15 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary

*9:45 a.m. Traditional Service, Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Lent Alive!, Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Dove Mountain Worship

11:15 a.m. Modern Worship, Fellowship Hall

4:00 p.m. Preteens, Rm. 8/9

4:00 p.m. Youth Group, Wesley House

4:00 p.m. Holy Yoga, Fellowship Hall

**This service is livestreamed.*



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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.

Dear Church Family...

Thank you everyone for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers during Bud's illness and passing. Special thanks to Pastor Sharon, Rev. Dr. Evy, and Associate Pastor Stuart. You have all been my support during this time. Pastor Stuart spent many hours with Bud and me during this time, which really helped a lot. Pastor Sharon did a wonderful job at the "Celebration of Life" for Bud. Everyone commented on what a wonderful service it was. Also, thank you to the ladies who fixed the food. Again, thank you! You are my church family! Blessings, Nancy Gobrecht and family.

St. Mark's Rainbow Fellowship!



St. Mark's Rainbow Fellowship's next meeting will be on Sunday, Mar 15th (8:30am, Library). All who identify as LGBTQ – no matter age or membership status! – are welcome to join us for an hour of fellowship. Please contact Melinda Sims (see directory) if you have any questions.

Reflections

Coronavirus 2020

The mid-twentieth century polio epidemic was waning as I was growing up in Livonia, Michigan in the 1950s and 60s. A life-saving vaccine had been developed and brought relief from fear for millions of people. I remember the reactions and fears of that time and the joy of putting that sugar cube vaccine on my tongue.

Although the illness from the current coronavirus is not like that illness, some of the reactions and fears seem similar to me. I can feel those fears in my memory and bones. Our task today is to take reasonable precautions to prevent this and other viruses while not overreacting or becoming panicky.

As I mentioned in worship on Sunday, March 1, we're taking reasonable precautions now:

- For now, pastors will not be shaking hands or hugging people. Hard for me but a good practice at this time. We can make eye contact, smile or give a hands-crossed-over-our chest gesture.
- For now, we won't be holding hands during the singing of Shalom at the end of worship. Help us model this for one another.
- We're taking extra precautions in the preparation and serving of Holy Communion and with other tasks, such as

using sanitizing wipes on the offering plates before and after passing them.

I want to encourage you to take your own reasonable precautions: Stay home if you are sick. (Watch worship on the livestream at 9:45 a.m.) Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently. Avoid touching your face. Use hand sanitizer on surfaces. Sneeze or cough into a tissue or your elbow not into your hands. ("Cover your cough.") We're working on some other precautions, like having hand sanitizer readily available around the campuses.

More accurate and up-to-date information can be found on the link to the Desert Southwest Conference website at: <https://dscumc.org/disaster-response-resources/>. This link can also take you to other sites, like the CDC and is being updated regularly.

Our goal, of course, is to keep everyone well from not only the coronavirus but other illnesses as well so that we can continue to worship, study and serve together, in Jesus' name. We're in the midst of the season of Lent (the 40 days leading up to Easter which is April 12). Lent is a good time to look within and around ourselves and ask God to remove our fears, keep us calm, hopeful and centered on the love of Christ Jesus, who brings healing and joy to our lives.

Blessings, Sharon