

July 2020

Prayers

St. Mark's United Methodist

St. Mark's Prayer Ministry Team provides this information so you can pray for people and activities in and around church during the month:

Give thanks for the ongoing donation of non-perishable food items from our congregation that go to the Interfaith Community Services Food Bank.

Give thanks for the donation of specific school supplies from our congregation, for students and teachers at Nash Elementary School (a long-standing St. Mark's UMC mission project).

Give thanks and ask God's continued blessings for Pastor Sharon, Pastor Stuart and Pastor Evy as they were appointed back to serve and lead at St. Mark's United Methodist Church for the coming year.

Give thanks for Pastor Stuart's approval as a provisional elder in the United Methodist Church (at the Desert Southwest Annual Conference meeting, June 12). Ask God's blessings and guidance as he continues his ordination process.

Pray for Pastor Sharon, Pastor Stuart and Pastor Evy as they continue to provide ministry, leadership and care for our St. Mark's congregation during the COVID-19 shutdown. May they feel God's presence and know His love for them each day. Pray for their safety and well-being in all situations.

Pray God's help and guidance for all those who are angry and hurt by prejudice, unequal treatment or wrongful deaths. Pray God's presence and love, His strength and calm for all people and situations.

Pray God's presence and guidance for our government leaders, police, firemen and others in authority to recognize and change areas of prejudice and unequal treatment. Ask God's help for actions and encounters to be fair, just and safe, in all circumstances.

Give thanks for various summer book discussions as St. Mark's people meet via Zoom (internet connection) to discuss and learn together.

Give thanks for our pastors, the Worship Committee and various musicians, as well as our technology staff and volunteers working to provide our Sunday morning livestream worship services each week. Ask God's blessings for everyone watching the livestream services, too.

Pray for everyone suffering with Coronavirus, their families and friends and the medical community; all nurses, doctors and other health-care personnel. Pray for everyone living in senior apartments and care facilities, and all those who provide for their care and well-being.

Pray God's wisdom/guidance for good decisions and leadership of our government leaders, health professionals, scientists and others as restrictions and guidelines change. Pray as businesses and events open up, and travel, shopping and gatherings begin, that we will all stay healthy and be safe.

Continue prayers for St. Mark's pastors, staff and other church leaders working on plans for how and when future in-person gatherings will happen for us.