

May 2021

Prayers

St. Mark's United Methodist

Pray for St. Mark's hosting "Market on the Move" on Saturday morning, May 1. Pray for the safety and well-being of volunteers working in the church parking lot. Ask God's protection as new COVID-19 safety procedures are followed.

Pray God's blessings for the planned in-person Sunday worship services. An outdoor service begins at 8 a.m. on the west patio. A Sanctuary service begins at 10 a.m. Participation is limited for the indoor worship service, and online registrations are required. Registrations are not required for the outdoor worship. Call the church office at 520-297-2062 if you have questions or need help registering.

Pray God's blessing for the continuing pre-recorded worship services, and all the people who want and like this recorded option. Give thanks for our Worship Committee, our pastors and staff, musicians and our technical staff and volunteers who provide this.

Give thanks for the 2021 Confirmation students, and pray God's blessings as they make decisions about church membership. Pray for Confirmation Sunday on May 9.

Pray for everyone who completed the Membership 101 class on April 6 and now consider joining St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Pray for the continuing 2021 sermon theme, "LOVE is ..." and the new sermon series, "Jesus & Love in the Ten Commandments," May 9 through June 27. May our pastors be blessed and inspired, and may all who hear, learn and act with new understanding and love.

Pray for all those who plan to read and attend the Zoom discussion of the book, "Learning to Walk in the Dark," on Monday evening, May 17. Adult Spiritual Growth Registration is required via the church website.

Pray for Pastors Sharon, Stuart, and Kim as they continue to provide ministry, leadership and care for our congregation as COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines change. Pray for their individual health and safety at all times. May they feel God's presence and know His love for them in all situations.

Pray for Pastor Sharon and Art Ragland as they plan and work toward Sharon's retirement from active ministry as of July 1. Ask God's blessings for a smooth transition for them and their family, and for the St. Mark's family to be accepting and loving of changes and new leadership with Rev. Lynn Bartlow.

Give thanks for the COVID-19 vaccines. Continue prayers that they are safe and effective. Ask God's guidance and help as the vaccines are produced, delivered and made available to people.

Pray for the St. Mark's Racial Equity Task Force, that it will find meaningful ways to introduce our congregation to issues pertaining to racial justice and how we may advocate for racial equity. Pray that our brothers and sisters of color will be safe and well as they navigate the oppression and violence that has long plagued our country and world. Pray for an end to hate, remembering how Jesus called us to love one another.

Pray God's healing power will surround all those with COVID-19 and other illnesses and health conditions. Pray for St. Mark's members and friends who have had recent surgeries or are waiting for surgeries/treatments to be scheduled, as well as those who are recovering at home or in care facilities.

Pray for the health, safety and protection of all doctors, nurses, other health care workers and first responders as they work, help people and try to make things better. May God provide healing, strength and recovery. Pray God's presence and love for family and friends to be involved and to care.

South District Superintendent Rev. Matt Ashley asks us to pray for other church pastors and their ministries each month. The request for May is for Community UMC in Bowie, Desert Skies UMC in Tucson, and Duncan UMC in Duncan.