

October 2021

# Prayers

St. Mark's United Methodist

Pray God's blessing and help as our Sunday morning worship times and format change and expand to traditional service at 8:30 and 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary, modern service at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall and online service at 10 a.m. via our website or YouTube.

Pray God's blessings for all St. Mark's third graders who received Bibles on Christian Education Sunday as part of regular worship Oct. 3.

Offer thanks for the return of the Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, Oct. 3 on the labyrinth of the Meditation Garden.

Pray God's blessings for the Soul Station midweek service at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays via Zoom. If you're new to Soul Station, contact the church office at 520-297-2062 or email [info@umcstmarks.org](mailto:info@umcstmarks.org) for the link to connect.

Pray for the successful Youth Pumpkin Patch fundraiser in October. Church members and friends are invited to help unload pumpkins Saturday, Oct. 9 – many hands make a big job easier! Pray there will be adult volunteers available during the afternoons, and youth/parents to sell pumpkins after school and on the weekends. Pumpkin sale proceeds will be used for the youth Sierra Service Project mission trip next summer.

Pray God's blessings and guidance for the St. Mark's 2022 Stewardship Campaign, "Come and See..." Pray for good participation and response to the campaign in support of our church ministries and operation.

Continue prayers for all students, teachers and school administrators who are back at school – including the St. Mark's Early Childhood Center. Pray God's safety, good health and protection in the classrooms, and in all school activities and events.

Pray God's healing for St. Mark's members, our families and friends who have had recent surgeries, or are receiving medical treatments, and/or have been in the hospital. Pray also for those who are sick, homebound or recovering at home or in rehab facilities.

Pray God's healing power will surround all those with COVID-19 and its variants. Pray for the health, safety and protection of all nurses, doctors and other health-care workers and first responders as the number of COVID cases begins to level off once more.

Give thanks for our ongoing collection of non-perishable food items for the Interfaith Community Services food bank from 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays in the north parking lot.

Give thanks for the contributions of people in the US whose ancestry can be traced back to Spain, Mexico, Central and South America and the Caribbean. Give thanks for those who are providing compassionate care to migrants at the border and to those arriving from Afghanistan. Pray that God will bring peace and justice for all people.

South District Superintendent Rev. Matt Ashley asks us to pray for other church pastors and their ministries each month. The request for October is for Vista de la Montana, Tucson; Good Shepherd UMC, Kearny; and Willcox UMC, Willcox.