

August 2022

Prayers

St. Mark's United Methodist

Pray God's spirit and blessings as many gather for Sunday worship services in the Sanctuary, and others join online. The 8:30 a.m. service features organ music and songs from the United Methodist Hymnal. The 10 a.m. service blends piano music, hymns and praise songs with some guitar and drums accompaniment. The 10 a.m. service is livestreamed via the church website and YouTube. Give thanks for all the musicians, pastors, and technicians who make all this happen every week.

Give thanks for St. Mark's youth and their leaders who traveled to San Diego for in-person service work as part of their Sierra Service Project trip July 8-16. May God continue to bless the memory of their good and new understanding of their faith and being able to share God's love and care for each other and people they served.

Ask God's blessings and good attendance for the St. Mark's summer community lunch on Sunday, Aug. 7 in the Welcome Center and Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to bring some kind of main dish, salad, or dessert to share. St Mark's is providing drinks and paper products. All are invited.

Pray God's blessings and help our Celebration Singers choir say farewell to its accompanist, Lira Makarova, as she leaves St. Mark's and Tucson. Lira and her husband are moving to Kentucky on or about Aug. 10. We pray for their safe travel and new home.

Give thanks for the Dove Mountain Study/Discussion Group that meets biweekly from 2-3 p.m. Tuesdays at the Dove Mountain Brewery, 12130 N. Dove Mountain Blvd. in Marana. If you live near the Tangerine Road and Dove Mountain Boulevard area, come join other St. Mark's people and Pastor Kim on Tuesdays, Aug. 16 and 30.

Pray for a successful and fun-filled Rally Day celebration in St. Mark's Children's Sunday School classes on Sunday, Aug. 14. There will be some fun activities and cool treats as classes/students align with the new grade levels in school. Registration forms are online, and hardcopy forms will be available on the west patio on Aug. 14.

Beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, St. Mark's fourth- and fifth-grade students are welcome to attend the St. Mark's PreTeens group in Room 8/9. Pray God's blessings and lots of fun for these young people and their leader each week.

Beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14, St. Mark's youth entering sixth grade will move up and join the youth group in Wesley House. Pray God's blessings and lots of fun for these young people and their leader each week.

Pray God's blessings and good attendance for people interested in leading a future Adult Spiritual Growth study, to attend an orientation class from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 20 in Room 17. Registration for this orientation is on the bulletin board in the courtyard on Sunday mornings, or on the church website.

Ask God's blessings and help the Chancel Choir members welcome Jordan Shomper, as their new director, and new St. Mark's Music Coordinator. He will be available to meet and greet between and after services on Sunday, Aug. 21, in the church library. Feel free to grab a cup of coffee or iced tea (in the Welcome Center) and stop by to say hi!

Ask God's blessings and good attendance for the showing of "The King and I" musical film beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23, in Room 17/18. All are invited to bring a sack supper, popcorn, or other favorite munchies to enjoy during the movie.

Pray God's blessings and good attendance as the Celebration Singers and Chancel Choir resume their practice schedules on Wednesday evenings, beginning Aug. 24. Celebration Singers meet at 6:15 p.m. in the choir room. The Chancel Choir meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All choir members and new people are invited to join, or try it out a week or two.

Pray God's blessing and direction for people interested in and qualified to be St. Mark's Office Manager, or the Celebration Singers choir accompanist to apply for these positions. Pray for our people receiving and reviewing resumes, too.

South District Superintendent, Rev. Matt Ashley, asks that we pray for the pastors and ministries of these churches in August: Sierra Vista UMC in Sierra Vista; and New Hope UMC, St. James UMC, and St. Francis in the Foothills UMC - all in Tucson.