

October 2022

Prayers

St. Mark's United Methodist

Pray for God's presence and blessing of our Sunday morning worship services. Give thanks for those who come to the Sanctuary and those who join the 10 a.m. service online via the church website or YouTube. Give thanks for our ministers, all the musicians, and those providing technical support each week.

Ask God's blessings and help as the St. Mark's ministers, staff, church leaders, and others have started work with the consulting firm Ministry Architects to look at our current ministries and programs to identify strengths and weaknesses, and to develop an updated vision, long-term goals, needed changes, etc. Pray God's help and direction for St. Mark's people to be identified for the various leadership and worker roles in this endeavor. Pray for the ongoing visioning work and help for us to make identified changes as they develop and are approved.

Ask God's blessings for St. Mark's United Women in Faith's Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. Pray for good participation and lots of money to be raised for local missions and for various United Methodist mission organizations, missionaries, deaconesses, and home missionaries in Arizona, around the U.S., and throughout the world.

Pray for God's blessings and good attendance at St. Mark's United Women in Faith's meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18. The speaker will be from the League of Women's Voters and will provide information and explanations for many propositions that will be on the ballot in November. All women and men are invited -- the meeting is open to everyone.

Pray for God's blessings and good attendance at St. Mark's Church Conference meeting Monday evening, Oct. 24. All are invited; church members who attend in person can vote.

Pray God's blessings for the donation of toilet paper and facial tissues for Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network's care receivers, given by St. Mark's members and friends. See designated containers in the courtyard on Sunday mornings -- or bring items to the church office.

Pray God's blessings for St. Mark's volunteers, who help set up and distribute the monthly allocation of Tucson Community Food Bank donations to Nash Elementary School families. This opportunity is planned and organized by the St. Mark's Nash Neighbors Committee.

Ask God's blessings and success for this year's stewardship campaign, "Sow a Seed ... Grow the Kingdom," seeking support of the St. Mark's 2023 church budget. May each of us listen and learn, and be inspired to pledge in support of our church operations and programs during the campaign.

Pray God's blessings and good attendance at the Wednesday night Soul Station gatherings each week. May the programs, worship services, and fellowship of people who meet in Fellowship Hall, and those who join online, be blessed. Pray for volunteers -- church committees, groups, teams and individuals -- to provide meals for Soul Station participants. You or your group can sign up to provide a meal on the church website. See "Resources" on the homepage, and select "Soul Station Meals." You can also call the church office to volunteer.

Sept. 15 -- Oct. 15 is Latin/Hispanic American Heritage Month. Please pray: Dear God, we thank you for the gift of our Hispanic and Latino brothers and sisters. Grant that we continue to be a place with open doors and open hearts, making room for all. Give us generous hearts that we may continue to use our gifts to support one another. Amen.

Continue prayers for peace in Ukraine, for God to move in the hearts and minds of Ukrainian and Russian leaders and others to end the war. Pray for the health and well-being of all Ukrainian refugees. Ask God's blessings for all the countries, people, and organizations helping refugees. Pray for the Ukrainian soldiers, government leaders, and people who are staying in Ukraine. Give thanks for humanitarian and military aid that is going to Ukraine.

South District Superintendent Rev. Matt Ashley asks that we pray for these pastors and ministries in October: Vista de la Montaña in Tucson, UMC of Green Valley, and Huachuca UMC in Huachuca City.