

January 2023

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 at 8:30 or 10 a.m., and those who join the 10 a.m. service online via the church website or YouTube. Give thanks for our ministers, musicians, and those who provide technical support each week.

Ask God's blessings and help as St. Mark's ministers, staff, and members of the Renovation Team continue working with the consulting firm, Ministry Architects. Pray for the ongoing visioning work and God's direction to identify changes and new opportunities to connect and serve as the St. Mark's family of believers.

Pray God's blessings, good weather, good community participation, and lots of St. Mark's volunteers to help set up and distribute excess produce and other food items at "Market on the Move." This happens 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 in the church's south parking lot and on the first Saturday of each month.

Pray God's blessings for St. Mark's United Women in Faith's meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10. The program will be a speaker from TMM Family Services (Tucson Metropolitan Ministries). All women of the church are invited.

Pray God's blessings and good attendance at the Wednesday Night Soul Station meal and programs each week. May the programs, worship services and fellowship of people who meet in Fellowship Hall, and those who join online be blessed. Pray also for volunteers (church groups, committees, teams, and individuals) to provide meals for Soul Station participants. Sign up for a meal by calling the church office.

Pray God's blessings and good attendance for Soul Station's guest speaker on Wednesday, Jan. 11. Ms. Alona Kladieva, a Ukrainian woman and UA Fulbright Scholar, will share her story and perspective on the situation in Ukraine. This is sponsored by the St. Mark's Worldwide Christian Support Task Force.

Pray for the St. Mark's youth who will attend Winter Camp at Mingus United Methodist Church Camp near Prescott Valley, Jan. 13-16. Pray safe travels for everyone who attends, and also for our youth coordinator, Rachel Mosher, who will be dean of the camp.

Pray God's blessings for the St. Mark's volunteers who help set up and distribute monthly allocations of Community Food Bank donations at and for Nash Elementary School families. The next activity is scheduled for Jan. 19. Give thanks for the St. Mark's Nash Neighbors Committee's efforts with this.

Pray for St. Mark's UMC Confirmation class students and leaders who meet together on Sunday mornings, and for their field trip to San Xavier Mission on Saturday, Jan. 28.

Ask God's blessings and help for the planning and preparations of various summer youth activities, including Middle School Mission, Sierra Service Project mission trip, and Youth 2023.

Ask God's healing and blessing for all who test positive for COVID, or are dealing with flu symptoms, respiratory illness and the like. Pray for church members, friends, and family members who are sick, in a rehab facility, and/or receiving medical treatments. Pray for doctors, nurses, health care workers, and first responders as the number of people who are sick increases.

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 during the month of January for the pastors and ministries of Catalina and Desert Skies UMCs in Tucson, and San Pedro Valley UMC in Benson.