

May 2023

Prayers

St. Mark's United Methodist

Give thanks for St. Mark's and Sanctuary UMCs' ministers, staffs, and Merger Task Force members who have looked at, studied, and developed a plan to merge in the northwest Tucson and Marana communities following the April 30 vote that approved the merger. Pray God's continued guidance and blessing as this action needs to be approved by the Desert Southwest Annual Conference meeting in June, and as specific merger implementation work/actions begin.

Pray for the Sunday morning worship services. May we feel God's presence and blessing as we are together. Give thanks for those who come in person and for those who worship online. Give thanks for our ministers, musicians, and those who provide technical support each week.

Pray God's blessings for Service Sunday on May 7. May everyone serving on the St. Mark's campus and throughout the surrounding neighborhoods show God's love and share His presence, as we visit nursing homes and care facilities, write notes to members serving in the military and to our homebound members, paint hopscotch games at Nash Elementary, do yard work at nearby personal residences, visit with people and pay for their laundry at three laundromats, assemble "manna bags" for homeless people, re-package dog food to be distributed to the needy for their dogs, and more.

Give thanks for the luncheon we will share after Service Sunday activities and for the people who will prepare the food.

Pray God's blessings and good attendance at the Wednesday Night Soul Station meal and program each week. May the community meal, programs, worship services, Communion, and fellowship of people who meet in Fellowship Hall as well as those who join online be blessed. Pray also for volunteers, church groups, committees, and teams to provide the meal. (Call the church office to sign up to provide meals.)

Pray for the St. Mark's youth, for youth leader Rachel Mosher, and for applicable families as they plan, prepare, and raise funds to attend the quadrennial Youth 2023 event in Florida this summer. Ask God's blessings for the various fundraising opportunities the congregation will have to help.

Pray for the St. Mark's youth, for youth leader Rachel Mosher, for other leaders, and for applicable families as they plan, prepare, and raise funds to participate in the annual Sierra Service Project youth mission trip this summer from June 25 - July 1 in Tsaile, AZ.

Continue prayers for the St. Mark's ministers, staff, and members of the Renovation Team, as work continues with the consulting firm, Ministry Architects. Pray especially for the next meeting between Ministry Architects representatives and the St. Mark's congregation beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 10. Pray for good attendance and participation. Give thanks also for the meal being offered beforehand beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and for the people who prepare the food.

Pray for all middle school students and chaperones from around Southern Arizona who will participate in a one-day mission/service experience on Wednesday, May 31. This event begins and ends at St. Mark's UMC.

South District Superintendent, Rev. Matt Ashley, asks us to pray during the month of May for the pastors and ministries of Grace UMC, Douglas; Huachuca UMC, Huachuca City; and Menlo Park UMC, Tucson.