

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14

Ash Wednesday begins the holy season of Lent, a season of penitence and preparation for Easter. On Ash Wednesday, we confront the realities of human finitude and failure, and we confess our dependence on God's grace for salvation from sin and death. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day. On this special day, we will focus on Ezekiel's admonishment for us to set aside our hearts of stone for hearts of flesh.

We invite you to begin this Lenten season by receiving ashes. Come and confess your own sins and receive the mark of ash as an outward pledge to live your life to bring honor to God and glory to Jesus Christ. We will offer ashes in three ways. First, we will offer ashes for you to stop by and receive as you begin your day. Come to the Magee Campus sanctuary and stay as long as you would like. Second, we will offer a service at 6:30 p.m. in the Magee Campus sanctuary and online, including communion. Lastly, our pastors will announce closer to the date where they will be during the day in case you want to drop by while you are out and about.

6 to 9 a.m. Drop-in ashes
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday service with communion and ashes

Guest Speaker at The Marksmen



Anthony Edwards

Former Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Anthony Edwards will speak at the Marksmen meeting on February 21.

Edwards served in a number of roles for the Cardinals after joining the organization in 1991 as a player, including as team chaplain. He now serves on the city council in his hometown of Casa Grande, Arizona, which is also where he serves as the pastor at Greater Evangelist Temple Church of God in Christ.

The Marksmen meet in the Fellowship Hall of the Magee Campus at St. Mark's. Breakfast is served at 8 a.m. and the program begins afterwards. All men are invited!

Lenten Workshops to Deepen Your Spiritual Practices

Prayer Bead Workshop
February 10, 9 a.m.

Do you find praying challenging? Join Brenda Hunter to learn about prayer beads and how they can help your prayer practice. There will be time to make a set of prayer beads for yourself. Sign up at <https://umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/Prayer>. Cost is \$5

Labyrinth workshop
March 2, 10 a.m. to noon

Using our own labyrinth outside, Becky Cowart will share the history of labyrinths and how to utilize it in your spiritual practices.

A Self-Forgiveness Workshop
March 10, 3 to 4:30

Led by one of our counselors in residence, Dr. Susan Proebsting, and Rev. Lynn Bartlow

More information to come in bulletins & the March Messenger

Adult Spiritual Growth

Faith is a journey!



Open Minds Book Group - This book discussion group meets via Zoom on a Friday once a month from 9 to 10:30 a.m. New members are welcome! Please register online to obtain the Zoom link. Led by Celeste Pardee and Ann Reaban.

We invite you to join us on Feb. 16: *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson.

Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sundays in Room 17/18 and via Zoom. Please register online or contact a study leader to obtain Zoom connection information. Led by Rick Farnsworth and Carl Harrison.

Seekers Sunday Bible Study - Book of Exodus. 11:15 a.m. Sundays in Room 17/18 and by Zoom. Seekers continue in their study of the book of Exodus. The Exodus study is expected to end a few weeks after Easter, so there is still plenty of time to catch up and join the discussion. Please register online or contact a study leader to obtain Zoom connection information. Led by Brenda Hunter and Kelly Deyoe.

Wednesday Morning Study - 10-11:30 a.m. in Room 17/18 and by Zoom. Please pre-register to obtain Zoom connection info if you are new. Led by Marcia Rostad.

Roadrunner Book Club - 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Roadrunner Coffee, Linda Vista and Thornydale. What started as a pastor's Bible study has evolved into a book club that reads a little of everything. For more information, contact Carol Witherspoon, carolmwiterspoon@gmail.com.

The Marksmen
8 a.m. 1st & 3rd Wednesdays in Magee Campus Fellowship Hall.
Friendly retired and semi-retired men meet for a program, breakfast, and fellowship.

Paul Boettcher,
marksmen@umcstmarks.org

Theology Pub - 6 p.m. fourth Wednesdays at rotating locations. Drink and think (and eat) while discussing life and faith. Contact Pastor Kevin for more info, kevin@umcstmarks.org.

Bible and a Bite - 12:30 p.m. Thursdays at Sanctuary Campus. Bring a sack lunch and the latest copy of "The Upper Room" to discuss and break bread together just as Jesus and his disciples broke bread in the upper room. Chris Shafer, cshafer81@gmail.com.



Common Grounds - 6 p.m. the third Saturday of each month, usually in the church library. Individuals or couples mainly in their 20s, 30s & 40s meet for fellowship, fun & prayer. Rachel Mosher, rachel@umcstmarks.org.

JUST BREATHE YOGA

MONDAYS 12:30 PM SANCTUARY CAMPUS & FRIDAYS 12:30 PM MAGEE CAMPUS

IS FOR EVERYBODY (AND EVERY BODY)



United Women in Faith

St. Mark's UWF supports many local charities. We have donated to TMM Family Services, The Inn of Southern AZ, Diaper Bank of Southern Arizona, GAP Ministries, Our Family Services, ICS, Primavera Women's Shelter, Sister Jose's, Youth on Their Own, Marana and Amphi clothing banks, Nash and Estes Elementary Schools, St. Mark's Youth, Missionary Catherine Akala as well as the Mary Jean Chapman Scholarship and Marilyn Sue Stout Scholarship.

Our thanks to our St. Mark's congregation for supporting our fundraisers to allow us to help these organizations.

United Women in Faith Unit Meeting

United Women in Faith will meet on *Tuesday, February 13 at 10:00 a.m. in rooms 17/18 on the Magee campus.* Come at 9:30 a.m. for refreshments and Fellowship.

You are invited to join us for a presentation by Rev. Evy McDonald. She had the incredible opportunity of spending six weeks in Kenya at the Dubai center in the middle of the Masai Mara. It was the trip of a lifetime with challenges and amazing opportunities. You won't want to miss this! See you there!

All are welcome at our meetings. You do not have to be a member of UWFaith to attend.

Need a ride? Contact Clara Campbell (see directory). Contact Anita Winslow (see directory) if you need a Zoom link. If you are joining on Zoom, please mute your computer when you join.

Grace Circle

United Women in Faith Grace Circle will meet at 9:00 a.m. on the Magee campus in rooms 17/18 on Tuesday, February 20 for devotions. Our Mission for this month is to decorate bags for distribution at TIHAN's POZ café.

Come and join us and explore your creative talents.
All are welcome.

Craft Circle

UWF Craft Circle will meet on *Tuesday, February 27 at 9 a.m. in rooms 17/18 on the Magee campus.* We will be finishing some projects and starting some new ones. Bring your ideas and projects and join in the fun. You do not have to be crafty since there is always a project you can join in and share your talents.
All are welcome.

Drive-Through Spaghetti Dinner

Friday, March 15, 4-7 p.m.

Proceeds and donations support missions in Tucson, around Arizona, the USA and the world. Preordering your meals gives us a preliminary count of meals to prepare. You may drive through for a spaghetti meal, even if you don't preorder. Money will be collected when you pick up your meal(s).

Grab an order form in person, or sign up here:

umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/SpaghettiDinner

Questions?

Contact Clara Campbell
520-297-6669 or
campbellmjcl@outlook.com



United Women in Faith

Thank you from The Nash Neighbors & Estes Partnership!

It is with grateful hearts that the Nash Neighbors and Estes Partnership say Thank You for your generous contributions to the Christmas offering, which totaled \$15,363! 75% will support Nash Elementary School and 25% will support Estes Elementary School. The St. Mark's community continues to generously support both school partnerships through your donor-directed giving. For the past 20+ years, the people of St. Mark's have given unwavering support of Nash Neighbors and Estes Elementary for which we are grateful!



As we start a new year, it is a good time to review the major activities supported by these donor-directed donations. During the course of the school year, Nash Neighbors supports several project areas. For the monthly School Market, we annually pay \$6,300 to the Southern Arizona Community Food Bank.

In turn, they deliver food (produce, canned goods, dry goods, etc.) to the school which is unpacked, organized, and distributed by St. Mark's volunteers. We have experienced our largest numbers ever this academic year, one month serving a total of 62 families representing 136 children & 131 adults, with 12 first time clients. The market is staffed by 12-15 volunteers from St. Mark's every month. School supplies are collected on campus and distributed at the start of each school year. The Nash Neighbors committee purchases up to \$3,000 worth of additional supplies to supplement what is donated by the congregation so that we can meet the "wish lists" of each grade level teacher. Each year there are always "special needs" that arise which range from paying an electric bill for a needy family to purchasing fabric to support a folkloric dance program. The Estes committee continues to provide the necessary copy paper and school supplies to the teachers through the funds received from the Christmas offering.

Nash Neighbors also provides the principal with \$500 in gift cards to Target or Walmart that are distributed at her discretion to families that experience sudden and or catastrophic needs. The Education Community Home Outreach (ECHO) program has been instituted at Nash, and we have begun to support their efforts with volunteers and with funding to purchase turkeys. You can learn more about ECHO through the Amphitheater website. Nash Neighbors is thrilled to support ECHO and extend our ministry.

The Nash Neighbors and Estes committees continue to work hard to diligently utilize the funds entrusted to them and will continue to find ways to extend our reach!

Carol Cecilia
– Chairperson, Nash Neighbors

Susan Quinn
– Chairperson, Estes Elementary



A BIG SHOUT OUT to *Common Grounds* for providing the Primavera Meals in December 2023, and the *Chancel Choir* for providing meals in January 2024—It takes a village, for sure. We still have openings for

you to help provide meals to Primavera (a homeless shelter for men) whether it's an organized group, a group of friends, a family, you name it! Our first opening is April, followed by June, July, then September. We prepare 80 meals the second Saturday of each month. Such a worthy cause, and your contribution makes such a difference to people who need a hand up, knowing that others care. Interested? Contact Kathy Howard. (660) 441-1885.

Thank you!



Missions Ministry

A Word from the Chair ...

What a start to 2024! St. Mark's is amazing! Market on the Move and Food Packaging happened on the same weekend. Followed by cooking for Primavera the next Saturday. An amazing contingent of Christians following Christ's instructions to "feed the hungry." And then on Sunday, the yellow bins were filled to overflowing with clothing for TMM Family Ministries. Again, following Christ's instructions to "clothe the naked".

Last month, volunteers came prepared for the cold and served 155 people at Market on the Move. Customers received 60lbs of goodies for \$10. This included Roma tomatoes, mushrooms, 2 kinds of lettuce, bread, almond milk, broccoli, beverages and other treats. Our next one is coming up (see below).

-Mary Beth Barone, Chair



Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Jan. 7, 2024



Mark your calendars! Market on the Move will start its 6th year of supplying 60# of prepackaged produce for only \$10! On **Feb. 3, and March 2, we are open from 8-10 a.m.** Then April 6, and May 4 we will be open 7-9 a.m. (June 1, TBD) Come into the Magee Campus parking lot off La Cañada; follow the signs; pay the volunteer; follow instructions from more nice people. Your purchase will be put into your trunk, then you exit onto Magee.

Questions?

Text Lenna Burnham at 305-923-5362.



ICS INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICES
WHERE HELP BRINGS HOPE

It Is Time To Donate Lotsa Pasta!

During February, the Food Bank at Interfaith Community Services (ICS) is calling on all of their faith community partners to donate boxes of noodles and cans of pasta sauce. The goal is to collect 10,000 of these items during the month.

St. Mark's has consistently been a leader among faith communities in donating Lotsa Pasta. Our best year was 2022, when we donated more than 1,900 items! There are three ways to donate non-perishable food items and fresh citrus during February:

1. *Sunday*: put them in the designated bins at either campus.
2. *Tuesdays & Saturdays*: bring them to the North parking lot of the Magee Campus morning 10 & 11 am
3. *Weekdays*: drop them off at the church office during business hours.

Thanks for your help!

SOUPer Bowl of Caring - February 11

Who's ready for the SOUPer Bowl!? St. Mark's Youth are! Before we watch the best teams in the NFL go head to head, let's invite God into the Neighborhood by helping to feed our neighbors. **SOUPer Bowl Sunday** is back, and our two campuses are joining forces! This year, we are collecting cans of soup for Marana Food Bank and cash for the Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Look for our donation signs and services on *February 11* and students holding soup pots for your donations! Soup cans can also be dropped off at the Sanctuary campus prior to February 11.

Finance Committee Report

By Don Brown, Finance Committee Chair

Thank you for your generosity! St. Mark's finished 2023 within \$3,000 of our proposed budget. Thank you! We are grateful for your financial commitment to the church has allowed us to continue to be a strong presence for Christ in northwest Tucson.

With this comes the difficult news many churches are facing. While we were within \$3000 of our proposed budget, we passed a deficit budget of about \$100,000. As we begin 2024, we have approved another deficit budget for the third year in a row. This time, Covenant Council approved at their January meeting the recommendation from the Finance Committee of a budget of just over \$1.34 million dollars. We were able to reduce our proposed deficit to about \$77,000 by making some uncomfortable cuts to our spending.

For the first time in recent memory, we approved a budget that pays only 85% of our apportionments. We also lowered our commitment to Missions to 7% of unrestricted giving instead of 10%. With this budget, we would have unrestricted funds of about \$58,000 at the end of the year. This is not a trend we want to sustain, but one we felt necessary in order to spend our year focused on reaching new people in new ways. We are a newly merged congregation with two campuses, and we need this year to live into that reality. As we embark on this new year, we need to reach new people and seek income from other sources. Without these changes, we will be facing some serious cutbacks in 2025.

Thanks for your prayers and your continued financial commitment to St. Mark's!



New Member Class!

Our next new member class will be **February 17**. Join us from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** to learn more about **St. Mark's, The United Methodist Church**, and what it means to be a member!

RSVP to Tricia@umcstmarks.org



The Rainbow Fellowship

The Rainbow Fellowship welcomes all St. Mark's members. It is for those who identify as LGBTQ+, those who are Allies, and those who would like to understand more. We welcome parents, grandparents and siblings who are struggling with loved ones who are identifying with LGBTQ+. We are first and foremost Christians, and we have some GREAT discussions! We meet every Third Sunday at 9am in the Library on the Magee Campus. Our next meeting will be February 18th.

We need help with our SILENT auction! The youth of St. Mark's are planning a fun new fundraiser for this fall, and part of that is a silent auction! If you have any community connections and may be able to get a great item for this, we would LOVE your help! If you have items to donate or are interested in assisting Rachel in coordinating the event, please contact Rachel.

SHHH!

Youth Ministry

The latest news for High School, Middle School and PreTeen Students!

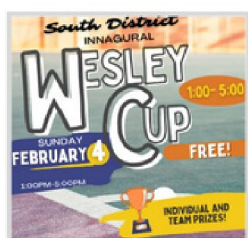


Youth Group Calendar



**Sunday
School This
Month**

Feb 4



Feb 11

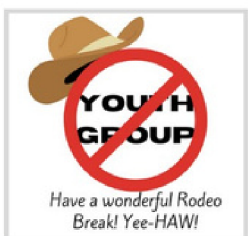


Feb 11



Feb 18

Feb 25



Fully Known

Winter Camp 2024

Mingus Mountain Winter Camp was such an amazing experience. I made friends with people from all over Arizona, formed a stronger connection with God, and had an absolute blast doing it.

Playing in the snow each day was such a refreshing and fun break from the not-so-cold Tucson. From the time we got there to the time we left, each day was packed full of engaging activities and learning experiences. Worship made me feel connected to God and the people around me through music and scripture. All around, Winter camp at Mingus Mountain was fantastic!

-Jade, 9th Grade

Are you interested in other camps at Mingus!? This summer they have some really fun youth camps (including Night Owl Camp and Adventure Camp!). If you are interested in these, or any other camps, see Rachel for details! If we get enough students signed up, we can help arrange transportation.

Easter Brunch

SignUps coming soon

Keep your eyes peeled for sign-ups coming soon for students AND parents to sign up for this year's delicious new fundraiser, Easter Brunch! There will be opportunities to cook, setup, serve, and cleanup. This fundraiser helps fund both our summer missions and our year-long youth program! We need all the help we can get.



Youth Ministry

Latest news for High School, Middle School, and Preteen Students!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wesley Cup

February 4, 1:005:00

St. Paul's UMC

Last year, none of our students were on the trophy-winning team. This made my heart sad. And ignited a fire to WIN this year! Haha! Not really... but it WAS so much fun that we definitely want to go back this year for the 2nd Annual Wesley Cup! Churches from around Southern Arizona will be there to compete in a new kind of competition. A little athletic, a little cerebral, and a LOT of fun!

SOUPer Bowl

February 11

After Services

Both Campuses

It's that time again!

Before the big game on February 11, after all services, Youth will be accepting donations of cans of soup and cold hard cash to benefit the Marana Food Bank and the Food Bank of Southern Arizona. I need a lot of help with this! If you are on the Magee Campus, meet me at 9:15 and 10:45 to hold our soup pots! On the Sanctuary Campus, look for Susan Q to show you what to do!

Underground Church

February 18, 4:00 - 6:00

Magee Campus

It's time for a classic St. Mark's Youth Game...Underground Church! It's like sardines...but way more fun! This game is more fun with more people, so be sure to come and bring a friend!

No Youth Group

February 11

February 25

February is such a short month! But it feels so long because we only get to meet two times! It makes me so sad! February 11, there is no youth so you can watch the Super Bowl with your families. February 25 is Rodeo Break. Yeee-Haw!



February Birthdays

Vince	2/06
W Eli M	2/07
Grace H	2/13
Tyler D	2/15

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

Peeps in the Parables



It seems the world is made up of 2 categories of people. Those who love to eat Peeps, and those that think they are disgusting! Whichever side of that debate you are on, you don't want to miss our third Peeps series during Lent 2024. This year, our Peeps displays will depict "Peeps in the Parables". Come read some of the great stories Jesus told and work alongside other youth to make a fun display for the congregation to see on Easter! Every Sunday from 10-11 during Lent. Magee Campus, rooms 8/9.

SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT 2024

St. Mark's has participated in SSP since 1985. And this year will be double the fun! If you are interested in being a part of this tradition, sign up today at the link tree. Hurry- there are only a few spots available! Students currently in grades 8-12 are invited to attend Sierra Service Project. This year, we will be serving on the Navajo Nation, and our travel dates are July 7-15.



United Scavenger Hunt



Students in 4th-7th grades are invited to our next fun United outing! This time we are heading to Reid Park Zoo for an awesome Scavenger Hunt through the Zoo! After church on February 18, grab some lunch and come back to meet us at rooms 8/9 from 12:30-3:30.

We will drive down to the zoo together and have some fun before heading back! Friends are always welcome, with permission slip! Questions? Contact Spencer or Rachel today!



The Children and Family Ministries Committee are always looking for enthusiastic and young at heart volunteers!

Do you have a special talent or interest you would love to share with the kids on Sunday morning? Would you be an occasional substitute teacher? Does volunteering at the upcoming Community Easter Event sound like something you would be interested in? For more information, contact Julie Eblen at julie@umcstmarks.org or plan to join us at our next committee meeting! The committee meetings alternate between the 2nd Tuesday of even months and the 2nd Sunday of odd months. February's meeting will be on Tuesday, 2/13/24, at 6:30pm; contact Julie or the office for more information.



Kids Night Out February 16 | 5 - 8 p.m.



Sign up using the QR code or use this link:
tinyurl.com/SMUMCKNO

A Sense of Adventure and Wonder in Sunday School NEW ADVENTURE

Every day is a NEW ADVENTURE when you're a kid and that is what Sunday School is! Children 3 years old through 5th grade thrive under the guidance and consistency of their amazing Sunday School teachers. Our teachers create a safe place where kids can learn about Jesus and explore Bible stories through music, art, games, and a sense of WONDER.

As the students gather together each week, they are developing a sense of community, creating friendships and learning respect for one another. This month, the Faith word will be INCLUDE as we study Psalm 145:9, "To welcome all of God's children in love" and from Matthew 5:44, "love your enemies".

This year's Sunday School Lenten project will be collecting Diapers for the Diaper Bank. You won't be able to miss the children and their energy at the donation table in the courtyard during Lent. We will also have sign-up sheets for cupcake donations and volunteer opportunities for the upcoming Community Easter Event at the collection table.

We hope you will join the children as we learn to follow in Jesus' footsteps and be his hands and feet, not just on Sundays, but everyday.

Volunteer Accelerator Launches



In January, we introduced our brand new Volunteer Accelerator, a Ministry Discovery Tool. We are excited that we had a LOT of people take it in the first week! It's not too late for you to take it, too. In less than five minutes you can be matched with ministry opportunities to serve at church based on your interests, skills, passions, and preferences. We are excited about this new tool and we believe this will help our members and friends to joyfully serve in our ministries within and beyond the church!

It is simple: 3 Steps. 5 Minutes.

1. Go to <https://volunteeraccelerator.ministryarchitects.com/SMUMC/survey.html>
2. Answer 25 multiple-choice questions. It's all about you, so you can't go wrong!
3. Immediately see the top ten volunteer ministry opportunities that you match with.

Once you have your matches, you can read more about each volunteer opportunity (there are more than 100 ways to be involved!) and see who to contact for more information. Note that you aren't immediately signing up for anything! It's simply a discovery tool... many people have found they are matched with a volunteer opportunity they haven't considered before!

ACT NOW!

Thanks for taking the time to take the survey today!

WE WANT YOU!



Church & Society

Celebrating Black History

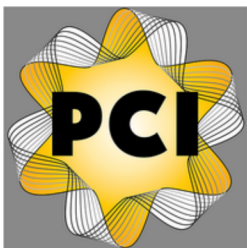
Black Americans have made many important contributions in entertainment, sports, politics and in virtually every field. Did you know Black Americans invented safety equipment like fire extinguishers and gas masks, and things we enjoy like guitars, ice cream, and potato chips? They help define the American culture and are an important part of this beautiful mosaic we call America.

Black History Month was created to ensure that Black History is never erased. Recently, there has been a renewed interest by some groups to omit Black contributions and history from our school curriculums. See more at Florida Black History Backlash from St. Mark's Black History webpage. How can one understand the Civil War without learning about slavery as its underpinnings and the abolitionist movement to stop slavery? And what better way to learn about nonviolence creating change in America than to study the civil rights movement?

The abolitionist and civil rights movements shed light on injustices in our communities and nation. These movements were a struggle, causing pain and even death for Black Americans and others supporting them. It is important to acknowledge the pain and celebrate the outcomes and heroes of these movements.

In 2013, a movement called Black Lives Matter was created to shed light on police brutality and racially motivated violence against Black people. It is primarily a peaceful movement working for change. Upon hearing "Black Lives Matter," some have responded by saying "All Lives Matter". This can be problematic because it redirects the attention away from Black lives. One way to counter this is to speak up and say, "Of course, all lives matter, but only some are in danger due to their skin color."

Learn more about Black History, including local Tucson history, on our website at UMCStMarks.org. The historic time-line is particularly good. Racial equity starts with you. Learn what more you can do at UMCStmarks.org



PIMA COUNTY INTERFAITH NEWS

St. Mark's has a long history of supporting Pima County Interfaith. This agency works across religious, political, ethnic and economic division to strengthen our community through education and community building. Ask us if you want to know more about this partnership!
Church and Society Committee

PIMA COUNTY INTERFAITH WELCOMES A NEW ORGANIZER

Pima County Interfaith (PCI) is pleased to announce that a new organizer will begin on February 1 to lead in its continued efforts to work with member organizations and individuals on social justice in Tucson, Pima County, and the state of Arizona.

Monique Vasquez has been organizing in Austin, TX, where she joined Central Texas Interfaith (CTI) as an assistant organizer about 3.5 years ago. She hails from Tucson, graduated with a degree in Social Work from the University of Texas, and worked for several years as a social worker in Texas. As an organizer in Austin, she was involved in Recognizing the Stranger and recently directed CTI's corporate fundraising campaign. She is married and has an 18-month-old son.

Monique is interested in meeting and working with member organizations like St. Mark's and their leaders. We are eager to have her meet our pastors and other leaders of our congregation in pinpointing our efforts in working for social justice.

VOTING ACADEMIES THIS SPRING

Learn the facts of our most valuable civic right and duty! Experts will answer your questions about the voting process, including mail-in voting, and how officials maintain integrity and safety in elections. Parishioners, neighbors, and friends are welcome. Watch for the one that will be in our neighborhood, sponsored by Pima County Interfaith.



LOVED ONES IN THE MILITARY

Please keep these people in your prayers. Email additions or updates to messenger@umcstmarks.org.

Hank Bautzmann, son of Nancy Bautzmann
Alex Boettcher, grandson of Carla & Paul Boettcher
Jacob W. Boettcher, grandson of Carla & Paul Boettcher
Jon Chytka, nephew of Donna Severson
Zachary Dojaquez, grandson of Donna Severson
Patrick Emmett, son of Julie Wiens
Mike Freeman, son of Ken & Ann Freeman
Matthew Hughey, son of Juliee & Billy Morrison
 and grandson of Joyce Flick
Rachel Kester, daughter of Don Kester & Ruth Kester
Don Lauver, Son-in-law of Linda Connolly
Allison Shafer Ledesma and Teo Ledesma, daughter
 and son-in-law of Bill and Chris Shafer
Sam and Nathan Lennarson, grandsons of John &
 Sherri Lennarson

Chad Long, grandson of Pat Long
Jake Newton, son of Robert & Cheri Newton
John O'Regan, husband of Ashley O'Regan
 and grandson-in-law of Janet Krug
Brian Osborn, pastor in the DSW Conference
Philip Pelphrey, son of Ruth & Gary Pelphrey
William Putt, son of Harold & Susan Putt
Geoffrey Shafe, grandson of Mary Langemeier
Clint Staschke, son-in-law of Cliff & June Young
Jacob Szczygiel, grandson of Joyce Flick
Michael and Karisa Szczygiel, son-in-law and daughter
 of Joyce Flick
Brianna Walker, granddaughter of Barbara Fradenburgh;
 niece of Joan Fradenburgh



Prayer Corner: We are a praying community. You may submit prayer requests by email to prayerchain@umcstmarks.org or on our website at <https://umcstmarks.org/prayer-request>.



Family of Phillip Perkins
 Family of Bill Porter
 Family of Ben Smith

Bonnie and Russ Sargent
 Family of Miriam Engel
 Dottie Snyder

April Duboce
 Mary Ann Glazier
 Mary Wald



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Sanctuary Campus Pastor:
 Rev. Kevin Lester

Associate Pastor:
 Kim Ogle

Sunday Worship
 Magee Campus
 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
 Sanctuary Campus
 10 a.m.

Livestreamed
 10 a.m.
umcstmarks.org/live-worship
 YouTube:
 UMC St. Mark's AZ

Staffing Changes from the SPRC

With a new year comes a new structure in the church office. Following the staffing recommendations of Ministry Architects (our church growth consultants), the Staff/Parish Relations Committee eliminated the position of Communications and Outreach Coordinator in January. These responsibilities have been given to two other part-time staff, moving them both to full-time. With the change, we say a sad farewell to **Shelley (Coltrin) Shelton**, who was hired into this position during the pandemic. Please give her your thanks and prayers of blessings as she embarks on a new chapter in her career.

The Communications job will be divided between **Tricia Chester** and **Lora Wineinger**. Tricia is our Church Care Coordinator and will take over the "internal" jobs such as the worship slides and website upkeep. Lora will continue to produce the bulletins and create the campus calendars, newsletters, and weekly emails (watch for changes to those!). As they live into their new responsibilities, some of these details will be worked out!

In addition, Trustees and SPRC decided not to renew the contract with our outside custodial company, instead hiring an employee to do the work. We are currently hiring that position. Finally, we are hiring a new Maintenance Coordinator, as **Johnny Slovak** will be retiring. Watch your March newsletter for a farewell opportunity for him!



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An Invitation



Upcoming Concerts

*all concerts are at 3 p.m.
in the Magee Campus
sanctuary. Invite a friend!*

Jim Sorensen Concert
February 4, 2024



Sandoli Trio Concert
February 18, 2024

UA Symphonic Choir
February 25, 2024

Volunteer Appreciation Event

February 15 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM



The staff knows more than anyone how volunteers keep the church operating smoothly. We'd like to show our appreciation by sharing some of our favorite dishes with you. Come, enjoy food and fellowship as we celebrate our volunteers - YOU!

You may wonder if you're considered a volunteer. Do you usher, lead a class, belong to one of the choirs, serve on a committee, or help with landscaping? The list goes on and on. The official St. Mark's definition is that if you do something at church in addition to attending worship, and you don't get paid for it, then you are one of our amazing volunteers!

Join us on the Magee Campus in the Fellowship Hall on February 15 from 4-6 p.m. An RSVP isn't necessary to attend, but it will help us in planning. You can call the office, 520-297-2062 or email us to let us know you'll be there. We look forward to seeing you.



Through love serve one another

Galatians 5:13