

Messenger

We gather, connect, and serve so all may experience the love of Christ.

Lay Servant Ministries

Is God calling you to service at your church?



The United Methodist Church was built on the foundation of lay leadership. In the early days of Methodism in America, circuit-riding pastors were only in the church one week a month. That meant the laity, or the church members who are not pastors, were vital in leading the church.

This continues today as we invite church members to lead the work of the church. And we want to equip you to feel ready to do so! One tool at your disposal is Lay Servant Ministries.

The first class in "Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries" is offered 4-5 times a year in the conference. Also offered are Advanced Courses that cover many topics of interest in our three focus areas of leadership, caring and communications. One is allowed to take advanced courses at any time, although we do encourage the Introduction (Basic) class first. Each course is 10 hours in length and can be in 3.5 hour sessions or two 5 hour sessions (or other appropriate timeframe). Attendance at all class times is mandatory for credit to be given.

Interested in attending one of the classes? Questions??? Contact one of the Co-Directors for the South District:

Gretchen Lofgren Kelly Deyoe
glofgren22@gmail.com kjdeyoe@cox.net

An Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries class is being offered Saturdays, May 4th and 11th at St John's UMC in Tucson (from 9 am to 3 pm both days). Upon registration, more detailed information about the class will be provided. Registration is open at: <https://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/>

Jesus loves you

Town Hall Meeting

April 7, 3-4:30 pm
Magee Campus sanctuary

St. Mark's launched a revitalization process with Ministry Architects in September of 2022; what have we accomplished? Join us for an all-church meeting as we celebrate our accomplishments over the last two years, acknowledge what was left undone, and look forward to what's ahead of us. Come with your questions or simply come to hear more about the state of the church!

Life Lessons from Lydia A WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, April 13 - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Magee Campus Fellowship Hall

All women are invited to a one-day retreat as we explore one of the heroines of the faith: Lydia, a church leader and business owner in the book of Acts. Rev. Lynn Bartlow will use lecture, discussion, and hands-on activities as we ponder the lessons Lydia has to offer to us today.

Register on the St. Marks website (Classes> Online Registration), in the Magee courtyard on Sunday, April 7, or registration forms will be available at Sanctuary and in the Magee campus office.

Registration and refreshments begin at 9:30am

*Lunch will be provided with gluten-free and vegetarian options.
Childcare will be available with sign-up.*

sponsored by United Women in Faith

Adult Spiritual Growth

Faith is a journey!

ALL REGISTRATION IS ONLINE AT

umcstmarks.org/classes/adult-spiritual-growth-opportunities

Or sign up at the Adult Spiritual Growth board on the Magee Campus on Sunday mornings. Please pre-register and acquire books from your favorite resource.

Adult Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. Sundays in Room 17/18 and via Zoom. We are reading *Luke: Jesus and the Outsiders, Outcasts, and Outlaws* by Adam Hamilton. Please register online or contact a study leader to obtain Zoom information. Led by Rick Farnsworth and Carl Harrison.

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. Led by Chris Shafer.

Open Minds Book Group - To celebrate National Diversity Month, you are invited to read *My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future*, by Indra Nooyi (2021), the first woman of color and immigrant to run a Fortune 50 company, PepsiCo. With candor and humor, Nooyi describes her childhood and early education in India, continuing at the Yale School of Management and her rise in the corporate world. We'll discuss her memoir on **Friday, April 19th, 9:00 – 10:30 AM, via Zoom**. If interested, please contact Celeste Pardee or Ann Reaban.

Roadrunner Book Club - 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Roadrunner Coffee, Linda Vista and Thornydale. Roadrunner Book Club will start a new book in April. "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge. You can start reading the book or just stop by for coffee and fellowship. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 9:30. For more information, please contact Carol Witherspoon.

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. We will start the book of 2 Corinthians in mid-April. Please register online or contact a study leader to obtain Zoom 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.



Rainbow Fellowship will not meet on our usual Sunday. Instead, we will HAVE A PICNIC on the Saturday before, April 20th, at Sandra Day Park (off Ina) at noon. All are welcome! Anyone who is interested in our group, please bring a lunch, maybe a soft chair and visit with us. We will have a picnic area reserved with shelter in case of rain. Contact Kitty Tobin for more information.

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.

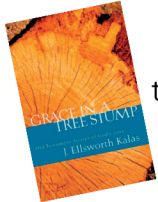
Paul Boettcher,
marksmen@umcstmarks.org



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.

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.

Grace In A Tree Stump Discussion



Many readers and students of the Bible's Old Testament often believe that they encounter a God only of laws, wrath, and judgment. When they turn to the New Testament they believe that Jesus suddenly reveals a God of

love, mercy, and compassion. The surprise that *Grace In A Tree Stump* by J. Ellsworth Kalas reveals is that God has been loving, merciful and compassionate from the beginning. In the study of Kalas' book, he directs our attention to God's grace in 18 Old Testament stories.

Linda Walker will lead this class in a six-session discussion based on the book. It will be offered at St. Mark's Magee Campus on Tuesday afternoons from 1:30-3:30 pm beginning April 9. You may register for this class on the church website. After registering, participants will receive a guide for reading the first three stories before the first class session. Please purchase your book from your favorite bookseller.



What is Spiritual Direction?

Do you sometimes wonder where God is in your life? Or desire a closer relationship with Him? These and other questions form the basis of the ancient ministry of spiritual direction, in which a trained spiritual director walks alongside another person or group to discover such answers. To learn more, you are invited to join Kathy Narney on Sunday, April 14, at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall, for a one-time event. Please email or text Kathy if you are interested.

Have You Ever Wondered About...

A time when women were popes? And there were TWO popes?! Children's Crusades? Why is the King James Bible named after a not-so-good guy? The role of bar tunes in hymnody? How did we get from the early church to where we are now?

Intrigued? Join Kathy Narney for a 4-6 week class (April 21-May 26) for details, including role plays, short videos, music, and more. Sundays at 9:45-11:15 in Room 20. Sign up on the ASG bulletin board or email Kathy.



SONORAN BELLS

7pm Saturday, April 20

The Sonoran Bells will be performing at St. Mark's as part of their "Life is a Journey" Spring 2024 Concert Series. Please note that this special addition to our concert lineup will be at 7pm Saturday night. There is a suggested donation of \$15.

TUCSON GIRLS CHORUS

3pm Sunday, April 21

Tucson Girls Chorus concerts are always excellent and we know you will enjoy!

SIENA DAVOLI-BOEN

3pm Sunday, April 28

Siena Davoli-Boen is a senior at Catalina Foothills High School. A native Tucsonan, she began studying flute at age 10; she has played flute and piccolo for her high school's marching band and wind ensemble, and with the Tucson Philharmonia Youth Orchestra. Siena enjoys playing with the Tucson Flute Club, where she can interact with other flutists of varying age and skill levels.



The Animal Ministry Team will hold their annual **Pet Memorial Service** on **Sunday, April 14 at 3pm**. All invited to experience a time that acknowledges and respects the importance animals have held in our hearts and lives, and celebrates their place in God's creation. It doesn't matter how recent or long ago your loss occurred, or what type of animal you wish to remember.

If you would like your pet's picture to appear in a video montage during the service, please email it to

emmanuel@umcstmarks.org no later than **Monday, April 8th**. You can also bring your photo to the church office to be scanned.



United Women in Faith

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, April 16 for devotions. We will then carpool to TMM to assist with sorting clothes and other things as needed. Wear close toed shoes and join us to sort clothes. All are welcome.

Craft Circle

UWF Craft Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 23 at 9 a.m. in 17/18 on the Magee campus.

We will work on craft projects for our craft sales in November and December. 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.



St. Mark's Quilters say THANK YOU!

Thank you for your donations of fabric, sewing supplies, and money. They are greatly appreciated! With your help, in 2023 we donated 779 quilts to Healthy Families, AVIVA Children's Services, DaVita Kidney Care, The Haven: Substance Use Disorder Recovery, San Fernando School District in Sasabe, and Tucson Refugee Ministry.

We invite you to come see what we are doing any Thursday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in rooms 17-18. As we cut fabric, sew and quilt, we enjoy conversation while we work. You are welcome to join us and you do not have to know how to make a quilt.

thank you

Thank You to all of those who braved the weather to support the Drive-through Spaghetti dinner. The profits will be used to support Missions in Tucson and around the world.

Our neighbors came through to help St. Mark's exceed expectations

THANK YOU!



St. Mark's had a second successful blood drive on March 3rd. The Red Cross expected to collect 18 units. We had 24 register, 21 were successful; 3 were deferred. Our donors included 6 first time donors, members, non-members, neighbors, drop-ins, and drive-by's. Our digital sign brought some in, while on their way to somewhere else. One neighbor was noted as giving her 67th lifetime donation at St. Mark's! Each pint given saved (up to) 3 lives. Our blood drive saved (up to) 63 lives! All were whole blood donations. I think it was our neighbors that came in with the 3 donations we needed to exceed expectations! Watch for your \$10 e-gift card to a pet supply merchant of your choice. It's a thank you from the Red Cross. Thank you to all who participated, and helped in any way.

With gratitude, your St. Mark's Blood Program Leader



Missions Ministry

Thanks for All You Do For Our Community!

The Missions Committee continues to be busy giving back to our community in lots of ways. We continue to plan ways that we can give back each year and welcome your suggestions.



Mark your calendars! Market on the Move is in its 6th year of supplying 60# of prepackaged produce for only \$10! On **April 6, we are open from 7-9 a.m.** 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?

Talk with Lenna Burnham.



The Food Bank Is Grateful For Our Donations

Our St. Mark's community donated more than 600 boxes of pasta noodles and cans of pasta sauce in February.

Our featured donation item for April and May is macaroni and cheese.

You can bring your non perishable food items to the north parking lot of the Magee Campus any Tuesday or Saturday morning between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM or if it is more convenient, you can drop them in the courtyard bins before Sunday services or in the church office during business hours. Thanks for your help!



March meals were prepared by the "5K's and Friends" – a group of friends who banded together to make and serve the meals. In April, the meals will be prepared by the Mark-A-Ritas, and by Women in Faith in May. Currently, are looking to recruit groups for 3 dates in the Fall.

Want to join the fun? We need teams for this summer! Could your small group/family/group of friends take this on just one time? It doesn't have to be fancy - just a wholesome, nutritious meal. Need more information? Contact Kathy Howard. Thanks!

HIV/AIDS Committee Begins Sunday Collection

The HIV/AIDS Committee will be collecting personal cleansing items each Sunday in April to benefit the Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN). The goal of the committee is to collect 120 bottles of 2-3 ounce hand sanitizers, 120 bars of soap, and 120 bottles of shampoo (please refrain from donating large/super large bottles). Single rolls of paper towels are also appreciated. These items are most in need and very appreciated by those who depend upon the assistance of TIHAN.

Arizona reported a 20% increase in new HIV cases in 2022, a significant number occurring in heterosexual people. While there is no cure for AIDS, anti-retroviral medications have made it possible for many people to live indefinitely with the illness. Unfortunately, the stigma associated with the diagnosis has not diminished and many are facing challenges to obtain or maintain employment and housing. TIHAN has continued to provide many essential services since 1994 and St. Mark's UMC has been there to help since its early beginnings. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Marcia Rostad, Committee Member

Children's and Family Ministries



Vacation Bible School

June 3-7, 2024
9 a.m. to noon



Get ready for a fantastic summer VBS with us at St. Mark's! This year VBS will be at the Sanctuary Campus, June 3-7 from 9 am- noon each day.

This year for VBS we are going to Camp Firelight for a summer camp adventure with God! We will explore timeless Bible stories that demonstrate how people trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. Kids will learn ways they can put their trust in God when they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ.



Kids and Families: put the dates on your calendar, and sign up now at <https://umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/VBS>



Adults and Youth: We need volunteers! Please help us love kids and serve our neighbors by signing up to lead kids, host am activity, or prepare decorations. Contact Pastor Kevin to pick your spot! kevin@umcstmarks.org

Mark YOUR Calendar

The Children and Family Ministries committee invites you to these events - mark your calendar!

May

Movie Night

June

VBS!
June 3rd - 7th

Water Day

July

Music Camp
15th - 19th

Messy church

Thank you

Thanks to all who helped at our Easter Event!



MUSIC CAMP WILL BE HELD AT SANCTUARY CAMPUS THIS SUMMER!! Calling all Kids (and adults)

We are looking for all kids in grades K-8 who enjoy singing, playing, painting, dancing and praising God to participate in our **Music Camp** this summer. The program will be held on the Sanctuary Campus July 15-19, 9:00am to 4:00pm with a performance Sunday, July 21 at 10:00am.

Invite your neighbors and friends to participate in this great summer activity. The cost is \$100 per child with discounts for multiple children in the family.

Adult and High School teen help is needed for arts and crafts, snack preparation, Bible story leadership, game supervision, and general crowd control.



For more information, please contact Jane Anderson at jane@umcstmarks.org

Youth Ministry

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



Youth Group Calendar



April 5-6

**April 7
3PM**



April 14



April 21



April 28



April 28



Get the Scoop!

Town Hall Meeting

Since 2020, SO MUCH has changed at St. Mark's. We have had Pastoral changes (and are preparing for another one now!), we have had to temporarily move our youth space, service times have changed...lots and lots of change!



A few years ago, we started meeting with Ministry Architects, and started looking at who St. Mark's is, and who St. Mark's wants to be going forward. When we offered listening sessions, the youth SHOWED UP! You were amazing, and insightful, and the things you said have helped form, grow, and shape the youth ministry we have today.

On April 7, we are going to have another all church meeting to discuss the work we have done over the last few years. We will look forward to where we are going. I hope that once again, the youth show up! Come get the scoop, and I'll take all the youth who come out for a scoop of ice cream after...on me!

United

4th-7th Grades

United Friends! It's time for our last meeting of this school year! We have had an absolute BLAST going to the ostrich farm, celebrating Friendsgiving, going on an epic Zoo scavenger hunt, and now it's time for a PAINT PARTY! Who cares if you think you can paint...it's all about the fun. No skill, no talent necessary!



Bring your favorite snack to share and your favorite drink!

Special Sunday!

On April 28, St. Mark's will celebrate United Women in Faith. There will still be our regular program, but Rachel will also be delivering the message at the 10AM service at the Sanctuary campus!

Youth Ministry

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Hike Night

April 14, 4:00-6:00

Sanctuary Campus

We moved our hike night so that we can all go to the all church meeting! Meet at the Sanctuary Campus at 4:00 on April 14 and we will drive over to Sanctuary Cove for a fun beginner level hike. Bring water and wear closed-toed shoes! There are easy trails and more difficult, something for everyone! Need a ride? Let us know, and meet at Magee at 3:30!

Service Sunday Earth Day Edition

April 21, 1:00-5:00

Meet at Magee Campus to drive to Desert Skies to learn about how we can take care of this beautiful Earth that God has created! Each student will get to make a bird nest box to take home, to help be a steward of the Earth! Plus...friends, fun, and games!

A special thanks to the Marksmen for helping prepare our supplies so that we are able to put together these awesome bird boxes!

Pickleball Palooza

April 28, 4:00-6:00

Magee Campus

Our awesome Pickleball Court has been SO MUCH FUN on Sunday nights. But...Rachel really has no clue to play. She just cheers and yells "stay out of the kitchen" every once in a while, hoping to look like she knows. Join us on April 28 while we learn how to play Pickleball, then have an EPIC tournament! There are sure to be snacks and prizes.

Program Communications

The youth department recently adopted a new communication system! Be sure to save (833)211-0466 as your Youth Group contact. Send Rachel a screen shot of your funny names you put on this contact! I got no funny screenshots last month...make me laugh!!



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

UM HERITAGE AND BELIEFS

United Methodist Heritage and Beliefs

Where do we come from?
Where will we go?!



The 2020 General Conference is coming at the end of April! I know...it's 2024. Long story. In Sunday School this month, we are going to look at where we came from (as a Church). Why do we believe what we

believe? Why do we do things the way that we do them? Come join us Sundays from 10-11 in rooms 8/9 on the Magee Campus to learn more! (And maybe you'll learn why the 2020 General Conference is happening in 2024!)

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 who are 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.



CONFIRMATION

Our next Confirmation Retreat is April 5-6, at St. Jame's UMC this time. We will meet at St. Mark's Magee Campus and drive together! Meet in the Youth Rooms at 4:45 on Friday, April 5 and again at 7:30 Saturday morning. This retreat will go in depth with a lot of the same things Sunday School is covering, PLUS a great field trip to San Xavier del Bac Mission. See you all there!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sienna Freese	April 7
Ian Parkinson	April 13
Gabby Morrison	April 14
Maddie Martin	April 20
Grace Carsten	April 22
Elijah Jelineo	April 24
Riley Hussak	April 24

What Changes Do You Want In Our Community?

Join us for a discussion group to talk about what you want for our community. What changes do you want to see? Topics will be whatever you bring to the table. Join in to find out who might share your ideas on how we might make that vision a reality. Sign up on our website for one of these dates:

- Sun, April 7 – 11:30-1:00
- Sat, April 27 – 10:00-11:30
- Sun, April 28 – 11:30-1:00



Church
&
Society

Voting Academy: How does your vote gets counted in Pima County?

Learn (or be reminded of) just how safe our voting system is and hear from representatives from the offices of the county recorder and election director, as well as from the public. An open forum for questions will follow.

Saturday, April 20, 1:30 p.m.
Casas Adobes Congregational UCC,
6801 N. Oracle Rd.

Register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9YLNKVM>

Celebrating Arab American Heritage

Danny Thomas was an American entertainer and founder of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Born Amos Muzyad Yakhoob Kairouz, Thomas was the son of Lebanese Maronite Catholic immigrants who settled in the "Little Syria" neighborhood of Toledo, Ohio. He was a comedian, actor, and producer, best known for starring in the TV sitcom *The Danny Thomas Show*, and for producing the *Andy Griffith Show* and the *Dick Van Dyke Show*.

While struggling to make a living and support his family as a young actor, Danny Thomas prayed repeatedly to St. Jude Thaddeus, the patron saint of hopeless causes, for guidance and support. After achieving success, he remembered his prayers and founded St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, believing that "no child should die in the dawn of life." St. Jude's provides free treatment and care and was the first fully integrated children's hospital in the South. To fund St. Jude's, Danny Thomas mobilized Arab Americans to form the organization American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities.

Danny Thomas' story provides a glimpse into the diverse backgrounds and origins of Americans with Arab heritage. It also offers an example of activism and organizing within the Arab American community, one which continues today with the work of disability advocate Maysoun Zayid, Women's March co-chair Linda Sarsour, and many others.

Sources: <https://www.stjude.org/directory/t/danny-thomas-founder.html>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wG_7u1sn0Eo

<https://www.encyclopedia.com/history/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/thomas-danny>



General Conference Update

General Conference will take Place this month in Charlotte, North Carolina. It will kick off on April 23 with opening worship and will conclude on May 3 with closing worship. In between is a packed schedule of plenary sessions, legislative committees, and more worship. Pastor Lynn will be in attendance April 26-27.

There is much for delegates to discuss. Legislation can be divided into three kinds of petitions:

- 1) changes to the Book of Discipline
- 2) the make-up of the Book of Resolutions (all resolutions expire after 8 years, so all resolutions will be up for a vote this time)
- 3) non-disciplinary actions such as asking the body to form a study group or task force

Visit this website to find out more information on the event. Watch your weekly email for links to articles that will share more about it. And, please pray for those delegates who will make decisions that affect the future of our denomination.

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/churchwide/general-conference-2020>



Prayer Corner:

We invite your prayers for these individuals - some for health or other reasons, some just because! We would like to pray for you. Submit prayer requests by email to prayerchain@umcstmarks.org or on our website at <https://umcstmarks.org/prayer-request>.

Paul Boettcher
Pam Fuller
Nancy Gobrecht

Jim Johnson
Maryann Nuckolls
Cathy Simpson

Family of Dottie Snyder
Mary Margaret Suchland
Mary Wald



Staff Highlights

In this month of taxes and finances, we want to share a bit more about our two staff members who work diligently to manage our finances here at St. Mark's.



Meet Lois Britton
Bookkeeper

Lois manages accounts payable and payroll; in other words, she manages all of the monies going OUT of the church accounts. She also manages certain Human Resources tasks and prepares reports for staff and committees.

Lois is the liaison to the Finance and Permanent Endowment committees. She is in the office Tuesday through Thursday.

When Lois isn't in the office, she can usually be found creating Polish delights in her kitchen as @ThePolishHousewife or catering to the whims of her 2 dogs.



Meet Sherry Walker
Administrative Asst. for Membership, Finance, Meditation Gardens

Sherry oversees the church's membership records (new members joining, baptisms, marriages, transfers, etc.). She also manages all the accounts receivable; in other

words, she handles all the monies coming INTO the church. Additionally, Sherry manages the records for the Memorial Gardens, so if you're interested in purchasing a niche there, she's the one to talk to! She is in the office Monday through Thursday.

When Sherry isn't in the office, she can usually be found spending time with her family. Her favorite job is taking care of her grandchildren on Fridays. Sherry also likes to spend time on the beach or enjoying sunsets.



From the Finance Committee

In the first two months of the year, we have seen positive net income, which will help us through the slower summer months.

We continue to urge the congregation to move their online giving from Vanco to Breeze. Instructions can be found in the March issue of the Messenger or by contacting the church office.

The Finance Committee is in the process of forming two subcommittees. The first will be charged with coming up with ways to encourage additional giving. The second will be charged with finding other ways that the church can obtain additional funding to take some of the burden off the offertory as the sole means of income. We will be asking members of other committees to participate in this process.



breeze

Here's a tip about Breeze, our new church management software! If you haven't created an account already, look at last month's *Messenger* to find out how or call the office for help.

Breeze Directories

Did you know you can use your Breeze account to look up contact information for any of our church family? This is a wonderful directory function of Breeze- you have an up-to-date directory at your fingertips! We can still print one upon request; just send an email request to the church office.



We need your help bringing the directory up-to-date!

We have a lot of members without a photo. Please help us out! Either email us a photo of yourself or upload one into your own account.



Calling all Coca-Cola fans!

Richard Heilman, a longtime St. Mark's member who died in 2017, was also a big Coca-Cola fan. Over the decades, he acquired LOTS of Coke items! As Sandi is downsizing household of possessions, she's decided to hold a Coca-Cola Memorabilia Sale in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, April 27, from 9am-1pm**. The event will be open to the public. (Sorry, no pre-sales.)

All proceeds from the sale will be donated to our Nash Neighbors Ministry, something she's sure Rich (a former teacher) would approve of. So mark your calendars now, spread the word to others in the community, and come see what treasures you can find on April 27th!

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Magee Campus

1431 W Magee Rd
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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10 a.m.

*live streamed at 10 a.m. on our website
and YouTube*

Sanctuary Campus

7620 N Hartman Ln
Tucson, AZ 85743

Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

Lead Pastor:

Rev. Lynn Bartlow

Sanctuary Campus Pastor:

Rev. Kevin Lester

Associate Pastor:

Kim Ogle

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From the Pastor's Pen

"How would someone in your neighborhood describe your church?" This is a question I recently heard posed to pastors. The idea behind it was that churches often evaluate the impact of their ministry by giving attention to the opinions of their own members, but, perhaps, a better question is to consider how do the people NOT in your church view your church? Are they thankful and happy that we are here, in their neighborhood? Could people in our community even describe our church at all, or have we made no impression?

These are tough questions, but it's why I am so glad that St. Mark's has set goals for making new, positive connections with our community this year. It's also why I'm so proud of you for showing up so well at the "Reaching New People in New Ways" training that we hosted on March 16. Knowing that the best ministry is led not by pastors, but by church members, I was so excited to see that our church had the most church members take the training - with you involved, we will do great things.

One of the key learnings in the training is that "church" is no longer on the "radar" for most people in our community - life has become busy so busy and complex, that "finding a church" has been dropped from their To Do List. And yet, all the best data shows us that there are THOUSANDS of people, here, in our corner of Tucson, that want to find a good, loving church.

So, if we want to gather, connect, and serve them, we have to do the work of getting on to their "radar" - we have to find new ways to show up in the community, meet our neighbors, tell our story, and offer support and love.

This is why I am excited, and thankful, that we have chosen to dedicate our Easter Offering to our Outreach ministry - every dollar we raised will help us find, invite, and serve others who would love our church, but don't know us yet. Your gifts will make a real difference in the lives of people who desperately need to hear the Good News of God's love, and find a community that will welcome and support them. If you are able, please give!

I can't wait to see how God's love reaches all the people we meet this Spring!

Pastor Kevin

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Our St. Mark's Mission:

We gather, connect, and serve so all may experience the love of Christ.

Our St. Mark's Stated Values

In September, St. Mark's adopted a mission statement and four values that name what is important to us as we go about life together. These values let the world know how we see ourselves and they should shape all the ministry decisions that we make. How do you see these in action here at St. Mark's?

Loving

We actively love Christ and our neighbors as we worship, learn, and play together.

Serving

We serve our church family, our neighbors, and the world with our time, energy, and prayers.

Giving

We support our church family and our neighbors with abundant generosity.

Embracing Diversity

We celebrate the variety of God's creation and learn from each other as we follow Christ.

