

Messenger

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

Inside Out

Beginning May 26, worship will invite us to explore the emotions of the prophets of Israel. We will explore Joy, Anger, Sadness, Fear, and Disgust... also known as the characters in the Pixar movie "Inside Out". Not familiar with "Inside Out"? Come watch it with us!



Family Movie Night

May 18, 2024
5:30 pm

FREE!



EVERYONE IS INVITED! The St. Mark's Congregations (Magee and Sanctuary) are invited to attend St. Mark's **FREE** movie night on Saturday, May 18, in the Magee campus Fellowship Hall. The evening will kick off with a pizza dinner beginning at 5:30 pm. Then at 6:00 pm we will play the Disney Pixar feature, "Inside Out". St. Mark's will provide the pizza dinner, dessert, popcorn, drinks and a door prize. ALL WE NEED IS YOU! Sign up on Breeze:

<https://umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/MovieNight>

Sponsored by the Children and Family Ministries Committee.

For more information contact Julie Eblen at julie@umcstmarks.org

Cultural Competency and Implicit Bias Training

May 18, 9 am – 4 pm

You are invited to attend our Conference training titled "Cultural Competency and Implicit Bias." This interesting training leads us to explore questions like: How does my past affect my current beliefs? What assumptions do I make about others based on where and how I was raised? Or by the experiences that I've had? What do I really know about other cultures?

The word bias simply means an evaluation of a belief that is favorable or unfavorable. Bias in and of itself is a neutral term. If our perspective is correct and we can see things the way they are, there is no issue. However, there is an inherent bias in our perspective that keeps us from seeing people and the world the way it is.

Our faith teaches and encourages us that we do not need to be stuck in our biases. By the grace of Jesus Christ, we can overcome our biases and see people and the world as they are. The Holy Spirit enables us to see what God sees in people, especially those who are different from us.

This training is being offered throughout the Conference, with the expectation that top church leaders will participate. Your pastors have completed parts of it and will be in attendance to complete the process. Our Covenant Council scheduled this training over a year ago, but a scheduling snafu tripped us up. It's now rescheduled for Saturday, May 18, from 9 am-4 pm. Originally it was 2 trainings, but we are fortunate that it is now combined into one.

Our trainers will be Rev. Gina Pollard and Rev. Adriana Hernandez, both from the Phoenix area. We'll begin at 9:00 am; have an hour for lunch provided by the church; and then be finished by 4:00 pm.

Please register early; we will open up the registration on May 1 to allow other churches to send their leaders. <https://umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/c96ff0>

Thank you,

Judy Boroto, Church and Society

Lynn Bartlow, Lead Pastor

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 am Sundays in Rooms 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 pm 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 increase our understanding of issues faced by illegal immigrants, you're invited to read "The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches From the Border", by Francisco Cantu (2018), a former Border Patrol agent. Plagued by the growing awareness of his complicity in a dehumanizing enterprise, he left the Patrol but not the border issues. We'll discuss his memoir on **Friday, May 10, 9:00 – 10:30 am**, via Zoom. To join us, contact Celeste Pardee or Ann Reaban.

Roadrunner Book Club - 9:30 am Wednesdays at Roadrunner Coffee, Linda Vista and Thornydale. Roadrunner Book Club will start a new book in May. "Tom Lake" by Ann Patchett. 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 2 Corinthians. 11:15 am Sundays in Rooms 17/18 and by Zoom. Seekers continue in their study of the book of 2 Corinthians. 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 am in Rooms 17/18 and by Zoom. Please pre-register to obtain Zoom connection info if you are new. Led by Marcia Rostad.



Rainbow Fellowship meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the Library on the Magee Campus at 9 am. 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.

marksmen@umcstmarks.org



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

Common Grounds - 6 pm 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.

Markaritas The Mark-a-ritas are a group of women who believe it's important to have girlfriends at church, too!

The Mark-a-ritas meet monthly and take turns planning the activities.

Whether an event is strictly social or includes a study or service project, you can count on the fact that plenty of conversation and laughter will be included.

Nash/Estes Update

It is with grateful hearts that we thank you for your generous contributions of food in support of the "Buddy Packs" program for Estes and Nash Elementary Schools! We were able to pack and deliver to the schools over 500 individual bags. The Buddy Packs will be given to children who are facing extreme situations of food insecurity. A special thanks to Rachel and the Youth at St. Mark's who assembled the Buddy Packs for delivery!

The Nash Neighbors monthly school market has had a banner year distributing food to the families in the Nash community. In April we had our largest turnout to-date, serving 72 families of 155 children and 161 adults. We had 7 first-time attendees and an interesting new demographic of 21 families with 6 or more members. The final market for this academic year will take place in May.

The next major activity for the Estes and Nash teams will be gathering school supplies for the 2024-2025 school year. You will be seeing announcements for these activities in June.

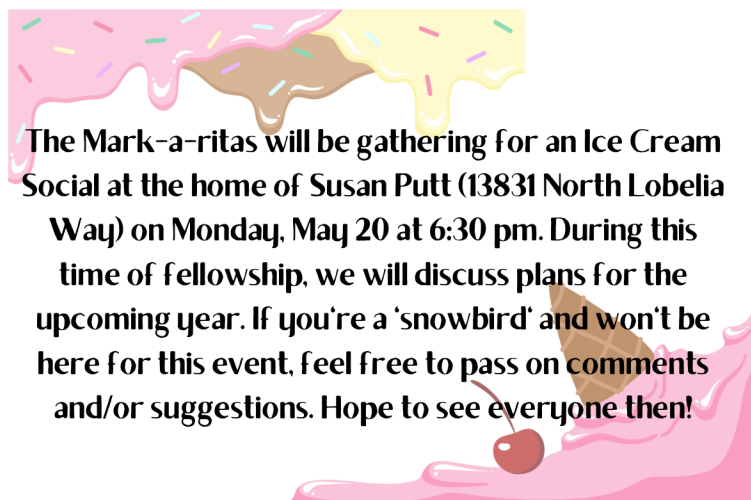
We would also like to thank all of the dedicated Estes and Nash volunteers that give unselfishly of their time to staff the school markets, volunteer in the classroom, collect and deliver school supplies, prepare teacher appreciation meals, plus answer all the needs that come up in between.

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

Blessings,

Susan Quinn – Estes Chairperson

Carol Cecilia – Nash Neighbors Chairperson



The Mark-a-ritas will be gathering for an Ice Cream Social at the home of Susan Putt (13831 North Lobelia Way) on Monday, May 20 at 6:30 pm. During this time of fellowship, we will discuss plans for the upcoming year. If you're a 'snowbird' and won't be here for this event, feel free to pass on comments and/or suggestions. Hope to see everyone then!



Upcoming Concerts on the Magee Campus

TUCSON FLUTE CLUB

2pm Sunday, May 5

Audience members delight in seeing the six different sizes of flutes-piccolo to subcontrabass flute-which give this ensemble an unusually deep, rich sound. The repertoire includes adaptations and arrangements of familiar melodies as well as original compositions.

VOICES IN THE OAKS/UA FACULTY

3pm Sunday, May 12

Voices in the Oaks presents "Feeling Groovy", a throwback to the 60's and 70's. There is a time for every season, and it's time to have some fun this season!

UA Faculty/Staff Choir is a non-auditioned mixed voice choir. Repertoire will include traditional choral, gospel music and folk music.

GRACE TEMPLETON FAREWELL

3pm Sunday, May 19

Grace will be holding a farewell recital before she moves to Tempe to pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Collaborative Piano at ASU.

Like to Sing?

Anyone interested in singing with the summer choir or providing special music over the summer is encouraged to reach out to Jordan Shomper at jordan@umcstmarks.org for more information. The summer choir generally meets every other Sunday to provide music at both services. All voices welcome!



United Women in Faith

Grace Circle

United Women in Faith Grace Circle will meet at 9:00 am on the Magee campus in rooms 17/18 on Tuesday, May 21 for devotions. Our Mission for this month is to assist at the INN of Southern Arizona. All are welcome.



United Women in Faith will meet Tuesday, May 14

Our speaker will be from Amphi Foundation. We will have refreshments at 9:30 am with the meeting beginning at 10:00 am. All are welcome at our meetings. You do not have to be a member of UWFaith to attend. Need a ride? Contact Clara Campbell. Contact Anita Winslow if you need a Zoom link.

*All contact information can be found in your Breeze directory

Craft Circle



UWF Craft Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 28 at 9 am in 17/18 on the Magee campus.

We will be finishing some projects and starting some new ones. You do not have to be crafty since there is always a project you can join in and share your talents. There are animals to stuff, material to cut, ornaments to make or bring your own project. All are welcome.



United Women in Faith "Mission u" 2024 studies Registration Is OPEN!

The studies' purposes are to invite participants to dig deeper into what it means to live under the sovereignty of God and develop practices for building and existing in healthier communities as a result of being anchored in the sovereignty of God.

Take Note: We are holding a Youth study at the same time as our adult Study. Tell all our youth about it! Scholarships are available from our local United Women in Faith St. Mark's unit as well as our District and Conference United Women in Faith. Please contact the treasurers for information and to apply.

The in-person Adult and Youth studies will be at: Payson UMC - 414 N Easy St #4414, Payson, AZ 85541
Friday, June 21st, 9:30 am check in and Saturday, June 22nd, 8:30 am light breakfast

The Adult Virtual "Mission u" - Opens Friday, July 19th, at 3:00 pm and Saturday, July 20th, at 10:00 am – on Zoom

In-Person Adult and Youth Studies: <https://dscumc.org/event/mission-u-2024/2024-06-21/>
Virtual Study for Adults: <https://dscumc.org/event/mission-u-2024-virtual/2024-07-19/>

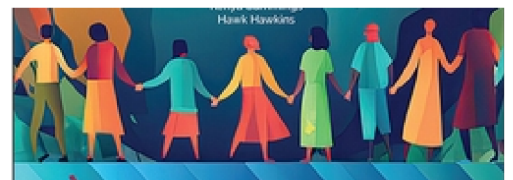


The Adult Study is: "Welcome Home" by Neomi Fletcher - The curriculum uses the image of home to explore how living in close proximity to the kin-dom is like making a home with God. Participants are invited to develop practices for building healthy, welcoming communities as a result of being anchored in the abiding love of God.

Order here: <https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11156&catid=2175>

The Youth Study is: "Cultivating Symbiosis: The Nature of God's Kin-dom" by Nica Sy - In Creation, we see the power of symbiosis, or interdependent relationship. The curriculum explores the idea of symbiosis between our relationships with one another and our relationship with God. By drawing closer to one another and our world, we draw closer to the kin-dom.

Order here: <https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11287&catid=2175>





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 **May 4, we are open from 7-9 am**. 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.

SAVE THE DATE



Want to give back to our community while working with others? Friday, May 17, 2024 we will pack the van and/or carpool to work the production line at The Community Food Bank. Please sign up at the sign up board in the courtyard, or contact KJ Naae.

*First 10 to respond reserve a seat in the van.

The Missions Committee finalized the 2024 budget. Even though we had a significant decrease in our allocations, we were able to fund all of our agencies with the same dollar amount as last year except the Food Packaging. A decision was made to attempt to fund that in 2025. The following agencies were funded: Stand Up For Kids, Emerge, TIHAN, ICS, Primavera, TMM Family Services, Tu Nidito, Wesley Foundation, Youth On Their Own and Our Family Services. We are going to highlight one agency a month to allow our congregants to better understand their mission. This month is Tucson Refugee Ministry.

WHAT IS TIHAN??

Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network. Founded 30 years ago at St. Francis in the Foothills UMC & closely followed by many other faith communities (of all faiths) like St. Mark's (#2) to support people living with HIV/AIDS. Not supported with State nor Federal funding, TIHAN relies on faith communities of all faiths, a few other organizations & your donations to offer social & educational opportunities along with links to many social service organizations that can help our CarePartners receive the services they need to live their best lives possible.

Tucson REFUGEE MINISTRY

This Summer we will welcome roughly 150 children and teenagers in our International Kids Club & Teen Blast weekly programs. We are so excited to share the Creation Story and talk about the amazing power of God and why he created everything. In addition, we are planning fun crafts, songs, games, special field trip days, and more. Many children are already counting down the days and are super excited for the activities and to see volunteers and staff.

Can you help us make this Summer a fun and memorable experience for the children?

If you are interested in volunteering please apply to join the team below.

<https://forms.gle/ZnGYuHkfvv8DAISL8>

What is POZ CAFÉ ???



Poz Café is a monthly social opportunity for people living with HIV to relax ("pause"), enjoy conversation & network along with a delicious meal, recreate with Bingo and win **raffle prizes in a friendly, accepting atmosphere. Three faith communities/organizations join up to provide good food and a welcoming event. Each CarePartner is entitled to receive a CarePackage with items that can't be purchased with "Food Stamps" (SNAP). **YOU can contribute a \$15 gift card as a raffle prize in addition to the items listed on the donation box. May 16th is this year's date for St. Mark's to sponsor POZ Café.



Children's and Family Ministries



Vacation Bible School

June 3-7, 2024
9 am 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: 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 a.m. 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	June	July
Movie Night (see page 1)	VBS! June 3rd - 7th Sign Up now Water Day	Music Camp 15th - 19th Messy church

May 12 is a very special day here at St. Mark's! On this day, as we talk and learn about new leaders in the church, we honor my favorite leaders here at St. Mark's! On this exciting day, we will Confirm and welcome into our membership, our Confirmation students, and honor our amazing graduating seniors! If you, or your child, is graduating from high school or secondary education, please send a picture to Rachel by May 8 for the video to be played at both campuses.



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, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with a performance Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 am.

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 Pre-Teen Students!



Youth Group Calendar



May 5

May 10-11



May 12

May 12



May 19

May 26



Thanks, Mark's Men!!

Lucy's Werbler Nest Boxes

For Earth Day, we had a great opportunity to meet with youth from around the district to be in mission for the Earth! We learned that even though we have lived on this planet for



our WHOLE LIVES, there was a lot we didn't know yet! We learned some really fun facts about this amazing planet that God has gifted us, we got to check out a REALLY COOL Eagle Scout project that helps with water conservation, AND we got to make some fantastic Lucy's Werbler Nest Boxes. Each student was able to make two! One to keep, and one for a friend (or Mother's Day gift).

If you weren't able to join us (what a crazy weekend that was!) you can get a kit from Rachel.

A special thank you to St. Mark's Mark's Men who provided the kits for our students to use.

Confirmation

8th Grade and Older

Confirmation is a really special experience. During Confirmation, students learn so much about their faith, their community, and

themselves. This year, we used a new format for this class, and it was really fun! We joined with the Pastor and youth from St. James UMC for three packed weekends of learning and fun!



A Special Thank you

For over 20 years, Hayden Mosher has really helped the youth out the night before Easter! Hayden has faithfully kept watch over equipment and worship setups in the Memorial Garden, allowing us to set up on Saturday and get a good nights sleep! Alas, all good things must come to an end. We thank Hayden for his service and wonder...is there anyone (or 2 someones to split the night) who would like to take over this important behind the scenes ministry!?

Youth Ministry

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Action Trivia

May 5 4:00-6:00

Sanctuary Campus

There is literally nothing Rachel loves more than some good ol' useless facts. Well...maybe silly games with a lot of action. Join us May 5th for when these two worlds collide for an action packed, trivia filled adventure!

Meet at the Sanctuary Campus. Need a ride from and to Magee Campus?? Let Rachel or Spencer know ASAP to reserve your seat in the van. Trivia is more fun with friends...so bring yours!

Mother's Day A Little History

May 12

Did you know that Mother's Day was started by a Methodist!? In the 1860s, Ann Reeves Jarvis organized women's clubs to serve suffering mothers and children. She worked hard to get mothers and all women recognized for their work. After her death, her daughter Anna was able to celebrate the first official Mother's Day celebration, in memory of her mother. This Mother's Day, we don't have youth group. Be sure to spoil your mom, and tell her how much you love her!

Minute to Win It Summer Kick Off

May 19 4:00-6:00

Magee Campus

As we wave goodbye to this school year, come hang out and play some fun Minute to Win It games! You don't want to miss the crazy action! What will you win, you ask!? Of course that's a surprise! The prizes are sure to be top notch, and games will be hilarious. See you then!

More Fun with Friends!

All of the activities in the Youth Department are open to everyone in grades 6-12. You don't have to attend St. Mark's to join in the fun! See something on here that you think your friend would enjoy!? You can tear this page out of the Messenger, or print it, and hand it to your friend so they have all the deets!

SUMMER YOUTH MINISTRY



Summer might be the busiest time in Youth Ministry! I get asked a lot if we take summers off....no way! It's so busy, in fact, we decided that our District

Middle School Mission experience will move to the fall- keep your eyes peeled for that information!

We still meet most Sundays (we skip holidays, and there is one Sunday during SSP we won't meet) for Youth Group, and Sunday School ALWAYS meets! High School students can attend SSP, and there are always opportunities to attend camp! If you want more information about camp, see Rachel ASAP.

SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT 2024

SSP plans are well underway! If you haven't signed up, but want to, let me know- I have a few spots available! After our awesome work week on the Navajo Nation we will have an epic Route 66 Adventure.

Join us to be in mission and fellowship together! Projects are all ones that you can do, and it's so fun to watch SSP's social media all summer and see your completed project. If you have ever considered joining us, this is the year to do it!



YOUTH AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 12-16

This year, the Youth Program at Annual Conference looks awesome. You can come be a part of the decision making process (as a delegate or an observer), and have fun along the way! Registration is FREE for youth- we just ask for you to bring some MONEY for dinners and activities, but Rachel can help with that. This experience looks GREAT on resumes and applications, and you will learn about the exciting new Leadership opportunities coming for Youth next year. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/dscyouth> or chat with Rachel.



Spencer T.	May 2
Ashely N.	May 7
David T.	May 14
Kai P.	May 17
Don B.	May 20
Olivia M.	May 22
Hope H.	May 24
Carter D	May 26
Quinten K.	May 29



Church & Society

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY – JUNE 9

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice, and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Fifty percent (50%) of donations stay within the Conference to supply grant monies to various organizations that do this kind of work. Here is a short list of some of them that have been helped: - Arizona Justice for Our Neighbors – for work with asylum assistance and anti-racism training; - Trinity Opportunity Alliance – to equip young adults with training for the transition from foster care into meaningful employment; - Wesley Resiliency Group – for food and clothing for homeless and disenfranchised.

We will be taking a special offering on Sunday, June 9th. You can use the envelopes that will be available or give online.

- Church & Society

Celebrating Asian American/ Pacific Islander History Month

The Rev. Samuel Om was born and raised in Cambodia and grew up Buddhist. As a young man he was a soldier in Cambodia's Civil War and was sentenced to a slow death in a Cambodian work camp run by Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge Rebels. Remarkably, he survived that ordeal. In late 1978, when Vietnam invaded Cambodia, Sam, his mother, and his sisters went to a refugee camp in Thailand. While there Sam's sister visited a Christian church and brought back a Bible, translated into the Khmer language. "One passage in the Gospel of John changed him. 'God so loved the world that he sent his only Son. . . ' This God loved me, Sam thought. He loved not just humanity, but me. At a Baptist service months later in the Philippines, Sam stepped forward to accept Christ." ("Tough Test Became His Testimony," The Charlotte Observer, April 4, 2010) After he immigrated to the United States in 1981, an inner voice began to whisper to him, 'I have brought you here for a reason. Tell your people how much I have done for you.' Previously ordained in the Cambodian Evangelical Church, Sam transferred his credentials to the Western North Carolina Conference of the UMC in 2004. He served on the Committee on Asian American Ministries from 2005-12, serving as Chair from 2008-2012. Rev Om retired in 2020 after serving as a missionary to Cambodia from 2014-2017 and as the UMC's General Board of Global Ministries Director of Resource Development in Cambodia.



Thank you, St. Mark's! You kept 92 bags of plastic out of our landfills and the ocean! The Church and Society Committee is so grateful for your commitment to caring for the earth in this way. All of the plastic will be converted to industrial building blocks for future projects right here in Tucson. (www.byfusion.com)

So what's next? Our hope is to support you as you continue to rescue plastics. We are in communication with Ward 6 and our church leadership to determine if this one time event can become an ongoing partnership. Please watch for more info as this evolves.

Until then: Keep collecting plastics in clear bags and transporting them to the following locations:

- Ward 6 Council Office: 3202 E 1st St, Tucson, AZ 85716
- Ward 4 Council Offices: 8123 E. Poinciana Dr., Tucson, AZ 85730
- Fire Station #15, 2002 S Mission Road, Tucson, AZ 85713

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

Mary Margaret Suchland
Mary Wald

Staff Highlights

Grace Templeton, pianist



Meet Grace Templeton Pianist

Grace is the pianist for our Celebration singers choir. She also plays with Tucson Masterworks Chorale, and the Tucson Boys Chorus. Make sure to join Grace on May 19th for her farewell concert at the Magee Campus.

Grace will be moving to Tempe to pursue a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Collaborative Piano at Arizona State University.



Bake Sale

Who loves delicious baked treats?!
...Who DOESN'T!?

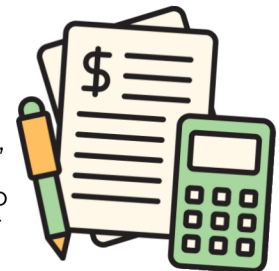
Check out the youth department's delicious bake sale on May 12 (Mother's Day!) at Magee campus and help us raise some money for youth missions and ministry. Treats make excellent after church snacks, or gifts for that special mother figure in your life. Interested in donating baked goods to the youth? Contact Rachel!



From the Finance Committee

In the first three months of this year, we continue to see a 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 February issue of the Messenger or by contacting the church office.

The Finance Committee has formed two subcommittees. The first is 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. Both subcommittees have met to begin their activities. The subcommittee on Alternative Funding Sources will be scheduling a meeting with the PIMA County Health Department to obtain a permit to possibly expand our use of the church's kitchen facility. The giving subcommittee has met and developed a timeline. Additional updates will be forthcoming.





New Member Class!
New Member Class!

MAY 11 is the
next New Member Class!

New Member Class
Sat., May 11
2 pm - 6pm

RSVP to Tricia@umcstmarks.org

JUST BREATHE YOGA

NEW DAY & TIME!

TUESDAYS 8:45 AM
SANCTUARY CAMPUS

&

FRIDAYS 12:30 PM
MAGEE CAMPUS

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Tucson, AZ 85704

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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Did You Know?

Did you ever stop to think how much money the church spends each month so that we have a church that is welcoming to every person who come each week? See below for a small sample of some of the expenses we incur each month so that we have welcoming and inviting campuses to worship at each week and for all of the events and classes that meet on each campus weekly.

- Our utilities (gas, water, and electricity) average \$4,997 per month.
- Building maintenance typically totals \$15,000 per year.
- Grounds-keeping costs our church \$12,888 per year.
- Office supplies (exclusive of paper) average \$275 per month.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our general fund.

Thank you!



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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.



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