

Messenger



St. Mark's
United Methodist

Calling all Kids

(and adults)
(and teens!)

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 July 15-19, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with a performance Sunday, July 21 at 10:00 am at our Sanctuary Campus.

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

Light It Up!
A Kids Musical
Shining the Light
of God's Love

Camp: July 15-19
9am - 4pm
Performance: July 21
10am

*Scholarships available

9am - 12p June 3 - 7



Camp Firelight is for 3 year-olds (who are potty trained) through 5th Graders. There's still time to sign up if you would like to join us!

GOOD LUCK!

We appreciate
all that you do

YOU GOT THIS!

We are collecting cards of encouragement and celebration for Pastor Kevin's new appointment in northern Arizona! Please bring your card to either campus on Sunday June 2nd or Sunday June 9th and place them in the baskets in the narthex. Please include your love offering within your card, if you would like to do so. You may also drop your card off at the church office during open hours. We will be celebrating Pastor Kevin's ministry with our church on his last Sunday with us, June 9th, with a lunch following the 10 am service on the Sanctuary campus.

Thank you, Pastor Kevin, for sharing your gifts of faith, worship, and community during your time with us!

you are
INCREDIBLE

~Your SPRC

Summer Office Hours

Because of staff vacations and work schedules, the office will be closed on Fridays, beginning May 31.

Stop in or call Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm or call for an appointment!

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 Outsider's, 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 - will be on Summer Hiatus. They will return in September. 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 June. "On a Coastal Breeze" by Suzanne Woods Fisher. You can start reading the book or just stop by for coffee and fellowship. 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. See info for new class on page 3. 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



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.

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.

Markkaritas 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.

Do Baby Boomers Deflate? Are we, the sons and daughters of the Greatest Generation, beginning to deflate? Do young people look at photos from our younger years and wonder who those odd-looking strangers are? Have you witnessed embarrassment from grandchildren when attempting to share advise on sex? On **Wednesdays, June 19 and 26, 10:00 – 11:30 AM**, let's convene and share how we Boomers are confronting the process of aging, how we are adjusting to dilemmas brought about by growing older, and consider a range of helpful interventions. Overarching our discussions will be select scriptures from the Bible and from other inspirational people. These two sessions will call on participants to share their experiences of aging and the issues they encounter. We will also enjoy moments of humor, amusement, and fun as we consider whether we Boomers are deflating or in a purposeful transition. Two sessions on the topic will hardly touch the tip of the aging iceberg but, with God's help and help from each other, the transition can become a purposeful part of life. *Marcia Rostad, Class Leader*

Thank you, St. Mark's musicians, for an amazing 2023-2024 music ministry!

Instrumentalists, guest conductors and musicians, and choir members alike have led our worship of God through music. We cannot express our gratitude enough to those who dedicate their time and talent to enhance our worship experience. Thank you!

Like to Sing?

Summer Choir will begin on June 2nd and will sing every other Sunday, rehearsal starting at 8am those Sundays. We encourage anyone interested to singing with this "pickup," no commitment choir to reach out to Jordan Shomper at jordan@umcstmarks.org. All voices welcome!



Our pastors and Lay Members of Annual Conference will attend our yearly meeting. Even some of our youth will attend (and the rumor is one of our youth will get to address the gathering!). Please be in prayer for all the business that will occur as well as the time for worship, connection, and learning.



DESERT SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

TUCSON GIRLS CHORUS




There is one more concert series concert for this season, which will be excellent! June 9: Tucson Girls Chorus will put on a concert for St. Mark's in preparation for their summer tour! The Advanced Choir includes girls in grades 9-12, and is directed by University of Arizona alum Dr. Marcela Molina.

How does that old saying go? ..."while the pastor is away, the organist will play"?

Hymn Sing June 16th!

What hymns do you want to hear?



Sing praises to the **LORD**,



O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

PSALM 30:4, NRSV



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, June 18, for devotions. Our Mission for this month is to assist at the GAP Ministries. We will carpool after devotions. Please wear close toed shoes. All are welcome



**All contact information can be found in your Breeze directory*

United Women in Faith will meet Tuesday, June 11

Marcia Hasea will speak on United Women in Faith Social Actions. 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 UW Faith to attend. Need a ride? Contact Clara Campbell. Contact Anita Winslow if you need a Zoom link.

Craft Circle



UWF Craft Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 25 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. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in July and August to prepare for our fall craft sale. 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 pm and Saturday, July 20th, at 10 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



Market on the Move finished its season May 4, giving out 187 orders. The group is taking a hiatus until it resumes distribution in January. This is one of our activities that generates funds for the church. We reap the benefit of the labor our wonderful volunteers sow. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this season such a success.

-Lenna Burnham



Strength For The Journey

is a four-day retreat held at Mingus Mountain Camp and Retreat Center for people 18+ who are living with HIV or AIDS. There are spiritual, craft, socializing, outdoor activities (and more) in a friendly atmosphere with no stigma or bias present. The cost is \$225 per camper with scholarships available after each participant has paid \$175.00. St. Mark's Missions Committee shared \$1500 from its Save the World Fund to help with scholarships this year. Individual donations are also welcome! The retreat is sponsored and run by the Desert Southwest Conference; more information can be found at www.dscumc.org/sftj. This year's camp was May 16-19.

INTERFAITH
COMMUNITY
SERVICES



Alleviating Hunger: Day-in day-out countless people, from infants to seniors do not get adequate or healthy food. Help St. Marks and ICS alleviate the insecurity of hunger. The need is non-perishable items(ex. canned goods, cereal, pasta and sauce, peanut butter). Bring them on Sunday, or to the Magee Campus north parking lot on Saturdays 10-11AM. Patricia and Robert Kittrell and Carl Harrison look forward to greeting you.



Thanks for your time and efforts on May 17 at the Food Bank of S. AZ!!! We helped box 2,310 boxes for those in need in S. AZ. That equals 18,000 pounds of food!! Thank you. It was fun serving with you! - KJ Naae



Some of our volunteers for TIHAN's Poz Cafe. Thank you for all your donations that supported the Cafe in May!

NASH and Estes volunteers put together almost 600 buddy packs for students for the summer. Again a heartfelt thank you for the volunteers who participated.

St. Mark's Primavera meals program prepares and provides a hot meal to 80 men in a homeless shelter run by the Primavera Foundation the second Saturday of every month. We are now recruiting teams for August, September and October. Teams (usually consisting of 5-6 people) can be an existing small group at church, a group of friends, a family, etc. If you'd like to participate and are not sure how to get involved, call Kathy Howard. Many thanks to the Women in Faith for providing the May Primavera meal.



COMING SOON!

JUNE 12 5:30-7:30PM & JULY 24

Messy CHURCH

BUT... WHAT IS IT?

A NEW WAY TO EXPERIENCE CHURCH FOR ALL AGES! AND IT INCLUDES A MEAL!

WHO'S IT FOR?

EVERYONE!

IT'S NOT A CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NOR AN ADULT BIBLE STUDY. IT'S RELEVANT AND ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL AGES.

BUT... WHY?

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE, AND IT WILL BE AMAZING!!

FUNdraising for Sierra Service Project

This year's Sierra Service Project was expected to take High School volunteers and their chaperones to Tsaile, AZ from July 7-13. Unfortunately, we got word that the Tsaile site was unable to use the same housing we have used for years, and no substitute was found. Our amazing youth, parents, and chaperones wouldn't let that stop them! We are heading to Del Norte, CA now! With the unexpected increase in cost, the youth are working double time to raise funds. Find us after services on both campuses **June 16 and 23**.

Select a blank square on the grid. The number on the square indicates your commitment to SSP (Square 2 is \$2, square 37 is \$37). When you purchase a square, you will receive a piece of the mosaic to add to the poster. Can we complete the mosaic before we leave!? See Rachel for details.



Mosaic Fundraiser

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Youth Ministry

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



Youth Group Calendar



Sunday School

Sundays 10AM
Magee, Rooms 8/9

June 2



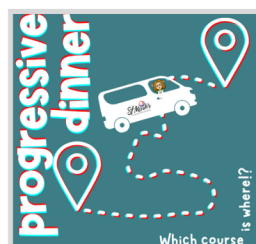
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June 23

June 30



Youth Leadership!

June 12-16

In the UMC, every year, every Conference holds an Annual Conference, where many decisions are made. These decisions are ones that effect our local churches, our district, and our Conference! Did you know that at these Conferences, the Book of Discipline requires youth have a voice!? ALL Youth are invited to sign up as an Observer (you will have voice, but not vote) at <https://tinyurl.com/dscyouth>. If you have been confirmed, once you sign up, you can also apply to be a delegate (with voice AND vote! 5 youth will be selected to be delegates.

SSP Fundraiser!

I love our Youth Group! When we were presented with a challenge of changing sites when our closed, you all took the challenge and ran with it! We are getting close



to our new, bigger fundraising goal! Thank you all for your hard work! June 16-23 we will be on both campuses with our fun Mosaic Fundraiser! Rachel has sent a sign up- if you would like to help out, ask Rachel for the link today!

United

4th-7th Grade
June 9, 1-3PM

This was the fist year we have experienced our exciting hew ministry group, United! We have met for four adventures (a visit to the Ostrich Farm, Friendsgiving, a Zoo scavenger hunt, and an awesome Paint Party! We have one final event for this school year, and you don't want to miss it! On June 9th, meet us at the Tates for a fun end of year swim party! Contact Rachel for the address.



Youth Ministry

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Super Swag Sunday

June 2 4:00-6:00

Magee Campus

Who doesn't love some sweet swag!?! Get (and make!) your own on Sunday, June 2! We will have t-shirts, stickers, temporary tattoos, and DIY Trucker Hat bar and water bottle station! You don't want to miss it. If you have specific iron on, sticker, or tattoo ideas- let Rachel know!!

Fro-Yo For Yo(u)

June 9 4:00-6:00

Meet at Magee Campus

That summer heat gets to be....a lot by mid June, doesn't it!?! Let's go grab some Fro-Yo to cool off! Meet at the Magee Campus, and we will drive together for a yummy, cool treat! And I mean...yogurt is healthy, right!?! Laughter definitely is, and we will have plenty of that! See you there.

6th and 7th grade students- if you attend the Pool Party from 1-3, you can catch a ride back to Magee with Spencer in the church van!

The Great Escape

June 23 4:00-6:00

Magee Campus

Calling all Super Sleuths. Or all comedians. Or all youth who want to have fun....calling you all! On June 23, on the Magee Campus, we will be challenged with an Escape Room! Think you can bust out of there!?! I'd like to see you try.... Really. I want to see you try. Bring a friend, I want to see them try, too! It'll be so fun!

Progressive Dinner

June 30 4:00-6:00

Meet at Sanctuary

Need a ride from Magee?? Text Rachel! You've all heard of take out, right? What if instead of taking out the FOOD, I take out the HUNGRY TEENAGERS!?! Join us as we travel house to house, eating a lovely 4 course meal. But every dish is served at a different house! It will be SO. MUCH. FUN. And so delicious! Yum!

Coming Soon...



YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Kick off this summer with our new Summer Sunday School Series, based on Inside Out: Inside the Old Testament, Out in the World. Come learn how we can use these old stories, these old lessons in today's world! find out which

prophets teach us about Joy, Sadness, Anger, and Disgust. We will end our series on a 5th Sunday (June 30) in family Worship. Come hang out with us in Youth Row! Everything is more fun with friends!

SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT 2024



Rachel was way ahead of her normal schedule, and had the entire project completely planned- even our Route 66 Adventure we were closing out with! This was amazing...but then... we found out that SSP wouldn't be able to be at the Tsaille site this year. Oh no! Don't worry- on to plan B! We will be flying to Del Norte, CA to do some awesome work amongst the Redwoods! Thank you for your flexibility, and your willingness to do this last minute fundraising! We are going to have an amazing time, and have awesome stories to tell.

FAMILY FEEDBACK SURVEY

This has been such an amazing year in Youth Ministry. I don't know how, but it seems to get better every year! The students and families at St. Mark's are a wonderful group of people, and the congregational support here blows me away. I am always proud to tell people where I worship, and who I get to work with. In an effort to meet all of the needs of the families here at St. Mark's, I would love to have students and parents fill out a quick survey, as I start planning for next year. Please either scan the QR code, or go to <https://tinyurl.com/YouthSurvey24>. Thank You!



Dory M	June 5	Jade K	June 19
Abigail C	June 6	Ben C	June 23
Sean P	June 7	John C	June 30
Taylor S	June 10	Evan W	June 30
Alice S	June 17		

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY – JUNE 9



*Church
&
Society*

You may have heard it said, without justice, there can be no peace. So, if we want peace, we must be committed to disrupting the conditions and systems that perpetuate injustice. Examples include providing access to safe and healthy food, having clean water and air, providing opportunities for everyone to thrive, eliminating gender inequality, racism and xenophobia. **Donate Sunday, June 9 or online.**

--Church & Society Committee



June is LGBTQ Pride Month!

Pride Month is an opportunity for the LGBTQ community and their allies to show that love, openness, honesty, and solidarity are the most powerful weapons we have against fear, hatred, and oppression. It's a chance for us all to listen to the stories, the hopes, the sorrows, and the joys of our LGBTQ family members, friends, and neighbors. St. Mark's UMC and our Church and Society Committee stand in solidarity with our LGBTQ siblings here at St. Mark's and in our greater community!



Every year around the world, LGBTQ communities celebrate Pride Month with parades and festivals. The month of June was chosen nationally to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots of 1969, a seminal event in the LGBTQ rights movement. Tucson Pride is in the fall every year due to the heat, this year's Festival is 9/28.

When it comes to LGBTQ Pride, the word "pride" is used as an antonym for "shame." Pride Month is an opportunity for the LGBTQ community to stand up in the face of the shame that is directed their way and show that they have pride in who they are. Things have changed greatly in the last fifty years, but there are still many places around the world where it is illegal to openly be LGBTQ and people can be imprisoned or executed by their governments. Even in the United States, where marriage equality has existed nationwide since 2015, LGBTQ people still face many legal and social challenges. Many new laws have been passed across the country as part of a political backlash against expanding LGBTQ rights, targeting transgender youth and their families, LGBTQ educators or those in schools who support LGBTQ rights, and beyond. More personally, many LGBTQ people face rejection, persecution, and discrimination at home, from their families, churches, schools, and communities, and may not feel safe to openly live their true lives.

June Worship Series



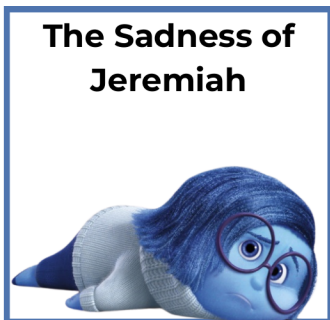
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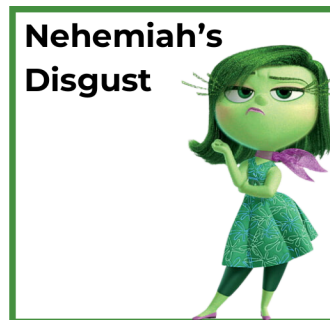
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Hymn Sing!



Member Spotlight: Janet Genera

My name is Janet Genera and I joined the church last spring. After meeting with Pastor Lynn recently she suggested I write my recent awakening experience. I had been a practicing Catholic for many years but could not find what I was looking for in the church.

For the last several years I had been searching for a church that I could call home. Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian and several non-denominational churches which seem to have the loudest bands... The Methodist Church was just not on my radar.

One weekend I went to St. Mark's with a friend to see another friend who was playing in a concert. I had no idea flutes can be floor standing and very large. But it wasn't the music that moved me.

As we walked into the church, I felt a presence wash over me. I felt I had come home. I returned to 8:30 service the next day. As people started coming in some of them did not recognize me. They came over, introduced themselves, welcomed me and shared information. After the service I was given more information. I wondered why I hadn't tried the church before. I don't think I ever knew a Methodist or was aware of their churches. I didn't find the church, the church found me.

The next Sunday I sat in the seat against the back wall. And for some reason that's where I sat until recently, I walked down the aisle a few rows and sat down there.

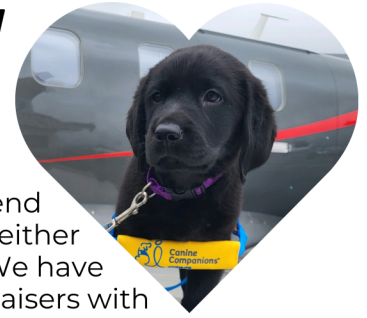
As Pastor began her Homily on the life of Jesus I realized where I was sitting, but my arms were crossed. Was I being defiant? Nope, I was cold, I am always cold. The sermon was similar to the book I wrote about Jesus, his life and actions.

I realized sitting there that the church I found was very big on fellowship and that was one of my needs, but in my own way I was not taking advantage of the fellowship. I had attended Soul Station, but did not join the meal (allergies). I came just for the teaching. So, I will start bringing my meals from home and join the community. It was miraculous. All because I sat in a row instead of the chair at the back of the church.

You might find me still, sitting near the back of worship, but not in the very back, and not with my arms crossed!

Introducing: Jeb!

You may start to notice another puppy coming to church. This puppy, Jeb, is a Service Dog in Training. On the other end of that puppy's leash is either Sandy or Matt Barker. We have been volunteer puppy raisers with Canine Companions for 19 years and have raised 13 dogs. Jeb is number 14.



Canine Companions is a national organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained service dogs at no charge to the recipient. Since 1975, they have provided over 7,300 service dogs to people with disabilities.

A Canine Companion's specialized training starts in a volunteer puppy raiser's home. The puppy raiser is responsible for the young dog's care, socialization, and the teaching of basic commands. At about one-and-a-half years of age, the future Canine Companion is returned to a CC regional training center for advanced training by a professional CC instructor. The dog is then ready for Team Training, an intensive class where candidates learn to work with a dog that is already fully trained. If you would like any more information on this organization, please visit www.Canine.org.

Jeb will be with us for about 15 months, and could be with Matt or Sandy. He will be wearing a yellow cape and what is called a gentle leader, which goes over his nose (this is not a muzzle, but like a halter for a horse). We know he is awfully cute, but please understand that as a future service dog, there are some rules for interacting with him. Please do not touch or pet him without asking. As he may be a service dog, he needs to learn that attention will not always be focused on him, and therefore, we will have "no pet" days when he is out in public. If he is asleep, please leave him alone, and do not touch or disturb him. Do not feed him any treats or food, he is on a strict diet, and not allowed to eat without permission. We will be sitting in the newly designated "Service Dog" area in the sanctuary, over by the door the choir goes in and out of.

We ask that you talk with your children and church guests about Jeb, and if you have any questions, please ask.

Thank you for your support in this endeavor.

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>.

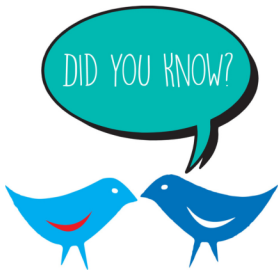
Family of Paul Boettcher
 Family of Ron Hilwig
 Family of Dana Robinson

Glenn Brechbiel
 Byron & Connie Haines
 Brenda Hunter

Caroline Janton
 Priscilla McInnis
 Mary Rashid

Gary Reiman
 Tom Storey
 Mary Wald

Did you know...



- In 2023, St. Mark's sent over \$23,000 to UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief, for domestic and international disasters.
- A bronze plaque can be purchased for the wall of the Garden Chapel in memory of a loved one.
- The Garden Chapel can be reserved for special events, such as a wedding or small service.
- The watercolor artwork of Evy McDonald and the photography of Greg Harris are on display in the Welcome Center
- Healthcare insurance for our pastors and lay staff costs \$26,055 per year
- It cost \$3,426 to send delegates to Annual Conference in 2023.
- In an effort to support the community, we welcome three support groups to our church campus weekly

Thank you for your continued generosity to our general fund.



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Website: umcstmarks.org

YouTube: UMC St. Mark's AZ

Magee Campus

1431 W Magee Rd
 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

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

From the Finance Committee

In the first four months of this year, we continue to see a positive net income, which will help us through the slower summer months. To date we are showing a \$115,856 surplus. Last year, at this time, we had a surplus of \$20,650

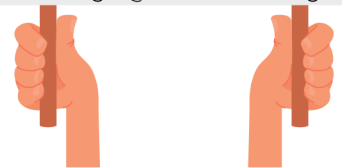
We continue to urge the congregation to move their online giving from Vanco to Breeze. Instructions can be found in the February issue of the Messenger or by contacting the church office.

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. Further updates from the subcommittees will be reported when substantial progress has been made and directions are more developed.



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"At the end of all things, only two will remain: Gratitude; and Wonder."

It must have been a good day, many years ago, when I wrote that - I think it holds up. We fill our days with many things - work, rest, play, prayer; waiting, thinking, feeling. For those of us who live a life with God, we often sense like the days add up - that all our growing and learning is supposed to lead to something. But what could that be? How do we know we've arrived?

One day, "the Mission" will be over, and all things are restored by the grace of God - what will we have left? I think it's those two things: gratitude, and wonder. On the other side of healing, and fully reconciled to God and each other, we will find ourselves fully thankful. In full revelation of God's goodness, we will look back, and be overcome with amazement of how good it all was, is, and will be.

I am blessed that I don't always have to wait for those two things, though. Dear friends, of St. Mark's UMC (and, looking further back, Sanctuary UMC) - my three years serving you as your pastor, sharing life as a friend, and going to the Table with you as a fellow, has left me with much gratitude, and much wonder. Thank you, thank you, thank you, for sharing your lives, and this church, with me.

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