

# We Welcome Pastor Tu'ulauena Lolohea to St. Mark's!

Pastor Tu'ulau has moved into his new home and begins as the Sanctuary Campus Pastor on July 1.

Tu'ulauena and his wife Taina moved here with their children, Taike, Monalisa, and baby Timote. This photo is from Annual Conference, when Bishop Carlo baptized Timote. At the same Conference, Tu'ulauena received the One Matters Award, celebrating the work of the church to focus on intentional discipleship. In the first year that he pastored in Page, AZ, the church moved from 12 to 46 members and baptized their first child in 38 years. His passion is bringing people to Jesus, and he looks forward to what lies ahead here at St. Mark's.



We talked earlier this year about God being in your neighborhood. This summer the pastors are coming to your neighborhood! Get to know others from the congregation and our clergy. Hear about exciting things in the works for St. Mark's at the Sanctuary and Magee Campuses.

You'll soon receive a postcard invitation to one of two gatherings "near" you or one at church. Please respond as soon as possible to your chosen host. Spots available in private homes may be limited, as will be the available parking in neighborhoods. If possible, please consider carpooling with a group. If none of the three options work for you and you'd like to attend another group meeting, please contact the church office (520-297-2062, info@umcstmarks.org) for other options.

## 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. Sign your kids up at https://umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/musiccamp

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 organist@umcstmarks.org

#### **Summer Office Hours**

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



#### ALL REGISTRATION IS ONLINE AT

umcstmarks.org/classes/adult spiritual growth-opportunites

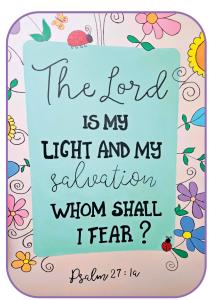
Or sign up at the Adult Spiritual Growth board on the Magee Campus on Sunday mornings. Please preregister and acquire books from your favorite resource.

**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.

**Roadrunner Book Club** - 9:30 am Wednesdays at Roadrunner Coffee, Linda Vista and Thornydale. Roadrunner Book Club will start a new book in July. "Tidewater Sisters" by Lisa Wingate. You can start reading the book or just stop by for coffee and fellowship. We will not meet on July 3, but will meet starting on July 10. 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.





**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** are a group of friendly retired and semi-retired men. They generally meet the *1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall* for a program, breakfast, and fellowship. However, they will only meet on the third Wednesday this month, **July 17**. Contact them at *marksmen@umcstmarks.org* for more information.

**Theology Pub** - 6 pm fourth Wednesdays at rotating locations. Drink and think (and eat) while discussing life and faith. Contact info@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.

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 plenty of conversation and laughter! Contact Susan Putt.

## The Marksmen

Friendly retired and semi-retired men meet for a program, breakfast, and fellowship. See you July 17!



#### Marksmen Get Kitt Peak Treat

Joe Grisillo, a well-traveled friend of Dave Shelton, marked the beginning of the summer season for the Marksmen with a fascinating presentation on the Kitt Peak National Observatory's array of telescopes and Tucson's critical role in the astronomy world. Grisillo, who has lived and worked in the astronomy and aerospace world since his graduation from Georgia Tech in 1964, is now a docent who welcomes – and entertains – visitors to the world renowned facility.

The Kitt Peak observatories began as a "clear skies" center in the study of asteroids in 1958 and has since evolved into one of the most important sites

Joe Crisillo (left) & Dave Shelton (right) for interstellar observation. The complex features more than 20 optical telescopes and two radio telescopes.

Joe Grisillo (left) & Dave Shelton (right)

for interstellar observation. The complex features more than 20 optical telescopes and two radio telescopes. Additionally, the observatories are now a crucial piece in the study of solar phenomena, the search for near-Earth asteroids, and calculating the probability of an impact with our planet. Rest assured, however, as Grisillo says that the next near-Earth asteroid won't happen in the near future and that the closest one that might come will be a 30,000 mile away flyby; closer to us than the moon.

If you decide to visit, pack a lunch. The Kitt Peak assemblage sits on land that is leased in perpetuity from the Tohono O'odam Nation with specific rules banning the use of the telescopes for military purposes and a ban on commercial development. Hence, no fast food is to be found on the complex.

For more information on the Kitt Peak National Observatory, visit their website at kpno.noirlab.edu.













Our women's social group is going strong, even through the summer heat!



Last month ten of us visited the 'Life Under the Oaks Lavender Farm' in Oracle. Everyone enjoyed the sweet aromas and new knowledge picked up.





On **July 15th**, we are meeting at **6pm** at **The Persian Room** on Thornydale to enjoy dinner together. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Brenda Hunter so she can make our reservations.

Our August gathering will take place on **Tuesday, August 27** in the Magee Campus Fellowship Hall. We will all enjoy a Mexican-themed potluck dinner together. Please contact Celeste Pardee if you plan to join us, so she can make appropriate arrangements,



For the past several years the Mark-a-ritas have made no-sew blankets for children who are being removed from their homes. Sadly, sometimes these children are forced to leave with nothing, and these blankets may provide a bit of security and comfort. We will continue this tradition on Tuesday, **September 3rd** at **6:30pm** in the Magee Campus Fellowship Hall. Fleece no-sew blanket kits are available at Jo-Ann's at the corner of Wetmore and Oracle. Watch for sales this summer, and don't forget to use the coupon you can get on their app. Please join us with your blanket kit(s) and a sharp pair of scissors. Contact Carol Fouch with questions.

The Mark-a-ritas continue our **Bunco** games **every other Friday** at **2pm** in Room 17/18 on the Magee Campus. The \$5 contribution to the pot is worth the fun and fellowship we enjoy for the afternoon. If you've never played Bunco, not to worry. It's a simple game of no strategy which allows us to visit with each other easily.



United Women in Faith \*All contact information can be found in your Breeze directory

#### **Craft Circle**

UWF Craft Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 9 and 23 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.



#### **Grace Circle**

United Women in Faith Grace
Circle will meet at 9:00 am on
the Magee campus in rooms
17/18 on Tuesday, July 30, for
devotions. We will visit our
member shut-ins with little
loaves of love (homemade
loaves of fruit bread).
All are welcome.



Interested in deepening your faith in community?
Gaining experience interpreting Scripture?
Working toward healing for yourself, your community, and all of creation? Mission u is for you!

United Women in Faith Mission u 2024 studies Registration Is OPEN! The Adult Virtual Mission u event will be held on Friday, July 19th, at 3:00pm and Saturday, July 20th, at 10:00am – on Zoom. You can register here for the Virtual Study for Adults:

https://dscumc.org/event/mission-u-2024-virtual/2024-07-19/

The Adult Study is: Welcome Home by Neomi Fletcher - You can order the curriculum here: <a href="https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11156&catid=2175">https://uwfaithresources.org/prodDetail.cfm?productID=11156&catid=2175</a>

## Photos from Annual Conference



Kelly and Eusan Tudy and Back Alberta Marksmen, setting up Kate Diane



# Missions Ministry

It's that time of year again for the Missions committee. July is one of our busiest months doing dual collections the entire month. The following two reports highlight what they are all about. Please consider these groups and give generously from your heart. Thanks for your tremendous support.













Pastor Lynn was gifted 50 jars of peanut butter for her 50th birthday! How many will you add to our gift? Donate during the week or bring the jars on Sunday!



#### "Peanut Butter to the Rescue"

The unpleasant truth is that every day 1 in 5 Arizona children go hungry. In July, ICS focuses on peanut butter. Last year, St. Mark's contributed 2,090 jars, thereby winning ICS' "Peanut Butter Party" trophy for the 3rd straight year. GIVE GENEROUSLY! Bring peanut butter and other non-perishable food items on Sundays, OR to St. Mark's north parking lot on Saturday mornings, 10AM-11AM. Patricia and Robert Kittrell, and Carl Harrison look forward to greeting you.

# School Supplies Collection Every Sunday in July!

Renefiting Nash Flementary and Estes Flementary Schools



Help us bless Nash Elementary School and Estes Elementary School again this fall! Please bring any of these items to the church this month so we can pass them on!

#### For Nash

- Expo Dry Erase Markers (Chisel tip, black)
- Pencils, No. 2 yellow
- Elmer's Glue Sticks
- Scissors (student size rounded tip)
- Pink pearl erasers
- Kleenex tissues
- Hand Sanitizer, unscented, 30-34 oz pump bottles
- Disinfectant wipes
- Ziplock Bags Gallon size

#### **For Estes**

- Dry Erase Markers (Chisel tip, black)
- Pencils No. 2 yellow
- White copy paper



To make a monetary donation, please write "Nash School Supplies" or "Estes School Supplies" on the memo line of your check and mail to the church office. You may also give online by using the "Giving" tab on the church website. Look for "Nash School Supplies" or "Estes School Supplies" option in the Donations tab.



#### **Food Bank Production Line**

When: Friday July 12, 2024 8:30-11:30am Where: 3003 S. Country Club Or meet at the church at the van 7:45 am RSVP: Contact KJ Naae for sign up (limited to 10 riders in van).



St. Mark's Primavera Meals Program prepares and serves a hot meal to 80 men in a homeless shelter run by the Primavera Foundation the second Saturday of each 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 want more details, call Kathy Howard. Many thanks to the Women in Faith for providing the May Primavera meal.



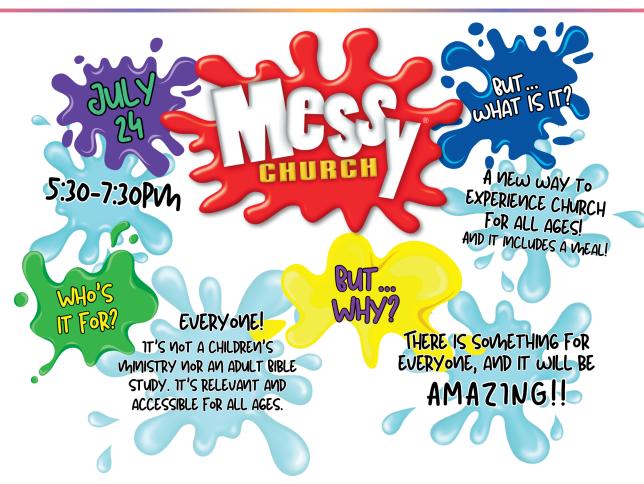


Join Tricia at **8am on Sunday, July 28** to learn a little more about the buildings, grounds, and history! Please RSVP at <a href="umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/CampusWalk">umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/CampusWalk</a>
\*If you would like a tour, but find walking challenging, contact the office for a private tour.



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# Jouth Ministry The latest news for High School, Middle School and Pre Teen Students!

### **Youth Group Calendar**



#### Sunday School Sundays 10AM Magee, Rooms 8/9

**July 7-13** 





July 14

**July 21** 





**July 28** 

Save the Date!





#### **Connectional Church**

One of the coolest parts about attending a United Methodist Church is that we are a connectional church. That means that we shouldn't ever feel

alone! This year, we have many events planned with other churches, some in our district, and some from other districts. Some events we will host here, and some we will travel to other churches. These Sundays, we will not meet at our usual 4-6, so be sure to keep your eyes peeled, you don't want to miss out!

Our next connectional event will be August 4...did you know St. James UMC has a pool!? Cannonball!!! (See back for more details about this event!)

#### **Parent Meeting**

Save the date!

The 2024-2025 ministry year is shaping up to be one of our best yet! Come on September 8 from 6:30-7:30 to see what all we have planned!

#### **United**

4th-7th Grade 2024-2025 School Year

Last fall, we launched United, our new events based ministry for students in 4th-7th grades



We had a blast at ALL of our events!

Get ready for even MORE adventures next year. Families with students in 4th-7th Grades, save these dates!

Aug 18, October 27, December 15, March 9, June 1

Parents interested in helping with events, please contact Spencer!





#### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **Service Sunday**

July 14 4:00-6:00 Magee Campus

Meet in the Youth Rooms July 14 from 4-6 to put together Manna Bags for our unhoused neighbors. You will have the opportunity to take some bags with you, to hand out, or you can leave them for others to take and hand out-your choice!

Interested in picking up bags the youth made after July 14? See Rachel or Spencer!

#### **Mystery Trip**

July 21 2:30-5:30

Meet at Magee Campus

Sometimes it's just so fun to be surprised, isn't it!? Well...have I got a deal for you!! July 21, meet me at the Magee Campus 2:30-5:30. Pile in the van, pay \$10, and go on a mystery trip!! We will have an in town adventure (I promise nothing...except air conditioning!) and be back by dinner! If PARENTS have questions, they may ask Rachel...but are sworn to secrecy!

#### **Pizza Olympics**

July 28 4:00-6:00

Magee Campus

There is nothing quite so patriotic as the Olympic Games. Or Pizza. Why not combine these two amazing things!? I mean....I love pizza. I love the Olympics. Thus...Pizza Olympics!! Come hungry, come ready to play, and ready to have some delicious fun! Parents- we do need a little extra help that day! It'll be easy, we promise! See Rachel or Spencer to volunteer.

#### **Pool Party!**

August 4 3:15-6:30

Rachel and Spencer were so excited to learn that St. James UMC has a pool! So in typical Rachel fashion...she planned a South District Pool Party at St. James! Meet at St. Mark's 3:15-6:30 and we will drive over together. Wear your swim suit and sunscreen!

#### Sad about Swag!?

Did you miss Super Swag Sunday? Are you devastated by the lack of St. Mark's Youth swag at your house? Don't you worry...we still have some swag leftover, just for you! See Rachel any Sunday to pick out your swag!

#### YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Join us in July for our new series, Favorite Things! During July, in service, guest speakers will pick their favorite topic to preach on. In the Youth Rooms...Rachel will pick all of her favorites! Join us in the

youth rooms (rooms 8/9) on the Magee Campus Sundays 10-11 to see some unique Sunday School themes! We will be looking at everything from her favorite style of Bible study to slime!

#### SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT 2024

After a whole year of planning, and then a little re-planning, and then some last minute changes and frantic fundraising...the time is here! Two terrific chaperones and 11 students take off VERY early on

July 7 to volunteer at the Del Norte, CA site for SSP. The following week, our resident SSP Youth Advisory Council member gets to go to a special week for the YAC participants! Thank you so much to everyone who helped us all year, and especially with our last minute fundraising push. We can't wait to tell you all about it when we return!

#### **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 <a href="https://tinyurl.com/YouthSurvey24">https://tinyurl.com/YouthSurvey24</a>. Thank You!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sarah G	July 6	Kate B	July 26
Evelyn B	July 11	Nolan T	July 26
Micah S	July 21	David C	July 26
Owen M	July 26	Brendan R	July 31



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## **OTE** IN THE JULY 30 PRIMARY!!!

"Our involvement in political systems is rooted in the Gospel imperative to love our neighbors, to do justice, and to care for the vulnerable." (Revised UMC Social Principals-2024)

There are two parts to the July 30 election. One is races in which there are more contenders than positions. The other is nonpartisan town elections.

There are several state congressional and local elections on the ballot.

These are important. Find out which candidate most closely aligns with your values and vote for him or her. At least one office, Pima County

Attorney, will be decided in the primary because only one party has candidates.

For people who are on the early ballot list, the date for ballots to be mailed out is July 3 to those registered Democrat or Republican. The last day to request a mail ballot if you are not on the automatic list is July 9. If you are a registered voter, but are not with a recognized party, you may request a Democratic or Republican ballot for this election only from Pima County Recorder's Office.. If you did not receive information about this, call the Recorder's office at (520) 724-4330.



Recommended deadline to mail back the ballot is July 23. On Election Day, July 30, one can vote in person or return your mail ballot if you still have it at any of more than 120 voting centers in Pima County. For questions, or to find a voting site, visit: https://www.pima.gov/3199/Pima-Votes

# THEY! SHE! HE! SHE! THEY THEY THEM : HER' + HIM + THEY THEY

Pronouns are an important way to show someone that they are seen, accepted, and welcomed.

As part of Annual Conference 2024, our Desert SW Conference passed a resolution to "foster ways in which pronouns are encouraged."

This may involve introducing yourself by saying your name, followed by "my pronouns are...", or including your pronouns after your name on your nametag, on a video call, or in your email signature.

When someone first shares their pronouns with us, it can be hard to use the right pronouns every time. However, it is worth the effort to keep trying, because we need to be respectful and honor what someone wants to be called. Many people who identify as transgender or non-binary use "they/them" pronouns. Using these pronouns may feel awkward at first, but it just takes some practice to get more comfortable with it. We will all make mistakes, but continuing to try our best each time will help make everyone feel welcomed.

### We Need You!

You know how we sometimes use video snippets in worship? We're looking for people who have a brief thought or story to share regarding their faith and one of these topics: worry, grief, fear. It doesn't need to be long, in fact, it shouldn't be long, but your video snippet could inspire and touch the hearts of many. Reach out to Lois in the office to learn more.



#### Summer Choir Invitation

Do you enjoy singing? Join us at 8 am every other Sunday morning for a short rehearsal before we sing at each service that same day.

We look forward to making a joyful noise with you!

#### **Wesley House Status**

#### Overview:

As most you know the Wesley House was damaged by fire last August. Since then a lot has happened, albeit not apparent from the outside. We hired ServPro, a fire remediation company to handle the cleaning and repairs. The process is lengthy and requires multiple reviews, and updates before final approval. In some cases after these reviews, the insurance company has required the use of another company. Below is a simplified view of the



Note: Insurance adjuster has rejected estimates and directed us to other companies for inspection, mechanical engineering and architect. Process is repeated.

#### Accomplishments:

The youth van has been repaired. All the contents of the Wesley House have been removed, inventoried and either cleaned or disposed of. Most of the interior surfaces have been through a multi-step cleaning process. The balance of the cleaning will be done after the repairs. Most recently, the architect plans have been approved by the county and we have the permits. The fire department has also approved the plans (with edits) and provided their permit. Currently, the insurance adjuster is working with ServPro to adjudicate the original estimate (based on mechanical engineering reports on the trusses and the architect's plans).

#### Summary of activities since the first of the year:

- ServPro architect submitted estimate for reconstruction of the storage room, carport, house including trusses (1/25)
- St Marks submitted non-salvageable (smoke damage) items list (300 line items) and a list of items destroyed in the storage room (replacement cost, age of the item) to insurance claims office (2/5).
- Insurance adjuster rejected ServPro architect estimate, adjuster identified new, approved architect, GGV Designs (2/20).
- New Architect assessed the Wesley House on site 2/28. He submitted estimate to insurance adjuster 3/11. Insurance estimator submitted architect proposal to insurance main office for review and approval.
- Estimate from new architect was approved 4/1.
- Review by insurance of non-salvageable list and items lost in the fire completed (4/30).
- Architect sent drawings to St Marks on 5/8 for review. St Marks responded with needed updates on 5/10.
- Architectural drawings for repairs were submitted to Pima County for permits 5/14. Drawings were approved 5/28. Permit card received 6/4.
- Pima County submitted drawings to Golder Ranch Fire Department for review and approval 6/4. Received approved plans and permit 6/10.
- Servpro submitted revised reconstruction estimate sent to insurance estimator for approval 5/29. Adjuster was surprised by increase from the original estimate. Adjuster met with ServPro 6/13 at the Wesley House to review estimate. ServPro updating estimate.

#### Next Steps:

Once the estimate updates have been accepted and approved by the insurance company, ServPro can start the repairs.



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 <a href="https://umcstmarks.org/prayer-request">https://umcstmarks.org/prayer-request</a>.

Lisa Adams & Rikki Adams Clara Campbell Sue and Larry Davis David Gates Ardyce and Jim Johnson Todd Martin
Maryanne Nuckolls
Dick and Judy Poffenberger

The Lesters
The Loloheas

Our staff will be on retreat August 14-15. During that time the staff will be praying for our congregation. If you have a concern or joy that you would like to be included, please submit them to https://umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/PrayerRequest





Long time church and choir member, Karen Allison, and her fiancé Allen Cohen, invite you to their wedding on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at noon, in the sanctuary of the Magee Campus. A lunch reception will follow in the fellowship hall. If you would like to attend, please text or call Karen at 520-241-7698 by Thursday, July 4, 2024. Only your presence (not presents) is welcomed.



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#### 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:

Tu'ulauena Lolohena

**Associate Pastor:** 

Kim Ogle

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

#### Thank You, St. Mark's!

As your Blood Program Leader, I wish to thank our Pastors, our church staff, our church family donors, and our neighbor donors, for again, exceeding expectations with the Red Cross. We saved (up to) 81 lives! The breakdown is as follows: Red Cross had a goal to collect 18 pints of blood. We had 23 whole blood donors, and 2 Power Red donors, (Power Red counts as double). We had 3 deferrals. I am extremely impressed to share that we had a St. Mark's member who completed his 74th lifetime blood donation with us! Your cooperation is essential to being successful. You may come to me at any time with concerns, or questions.

#### From the Finance Committee

In the four months of this year, we saw a positive net income. That ended in May. Mays deficit is (\$33,123). To date we are still showing a \$82,733 surplus. Last year, at this time, we had a surplus of only \$5,809. We are in a better position than last year, but we are entering our lower-giving months, so we will continue to watch our income over the next few months.

~Gratefully, Cheri

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 on the subcommittees will report when substantial progress has been made and directions are more developed.



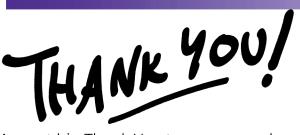


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A great big Thank You to everyone who helped make Vacation Bible School a blast! Those who gave time... snacks... kids... whatever! We had 28 kids and 24 volunteers, plus countless people who did other things that were unseen. It takes all of us, and we are grateful!





