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MESSENGER



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

St. Mark's Messenger

October 2025



Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 26 at 5 pm

The Animal Ministry Team is excited to bring you the 13th annual St. Mark's Blessing of the Animals. The service will be held on **Sunday, October 26 at 5 pm** on the labyrinth of our Meditation Gardens. As always, this event is open to members of the community, so be sure to invite friends and family. Those who don't feel their pet is suited to attending are welcome to bring a photo instead. All pets should be on leashes, in carriers, or the equivalent. A free will offering will go to a local animal charity.



Annual Church Conference 7 pm Wednesday, October 22



Plan to attend our church's annual Church Conference on **October 22 at 7 pm** in the Magee Campus sanctuary and via zoom. This Church Conference is our meeting with church leaders and our district superintendent to review the business and mission of the local church. We will celebrate the work of the year with our committees, hear from our task forces set our pastors' salaries, and more. An agenda, relevant materials, and the zoom link will be sent via email the week before. Everyone is welcome to attend; church members can vote.

Compassionate Conversations: Loving and Serving Through Loss

Wednesday, October 15
dinner and program at 5:30 pm

Brought to you by the Counselor in Residence committee

Loss and grief are experiences we all have in life. They are also subjects that can be difficult to discuss. When someone is struggling with grief, we want to provide support but often do not know how to help. Join us on Wednesday, October 15, for a workshop that will provide education on grief, the many ways it touches our lives, and how to provide effective support to the bereaved. By engaging in these intentional conversations, we become comfortable talking about death and being with grief which creates a more compassionate community. This interactive session is designed for people from all walks of life who have experienced loss themselves or have found themselves in company of someone else in grief and want to provide comfort and care. During our time together, the staff from Roots & Roads Community Hospice Foundation will convey contemporary information about what grief is and what support can look like, as well as teach skills and best practices for supporting yourself and others.

An Installation Service For The District Superintendent Rev. Javier Olivares

You are Invited to the
Installation service for
Rev. Javier Olivares

Featuring the St. Mark's
Choirs & Bishop Carlo



Oct. 18 2025

Saturday 3PM St. Mark's UMC
1431 W Magee Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704

Desert Southwest Annual Conference

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 will be doing a video study from Amplify through the end of October. All are welcome! Please register online or contact leader Rick Farnsworth to obtain Zoom information.

Seekers Sunday Bible Study - Sundays at 11:15 am in rooms 17/18. Seekers continues their journey with Jesus and his disciples as they come closer to Jerusalem as described in the Gospel of Luke. Luke gives us a close look at what Jesus taught his disciples and how expected them then and us now to live like part of his kingdom. Please bring a Bible and join us anytime for both laughter and thoughtful discussion. Please register online or contact facilitator Brenda Hunter for Zoom information.

After the Amen - Sundays at 11:15 am Library. Join us for deeper conversation around the sermon.

A Bible study is held at **Mountain View Retirement Village** on Monday mornings at 10:30 am in the conference room, on the second floor. All are welcome, even if you don't live in the Village! Talk to Marge Sogn for more information.

Wednesday Morning Study - October 15-November 19 at 10 am in rooms 17/18 will discuss *Embracing the Uncertain: A Bible Study for Unsteady Times* by Magrey de Vega.

Roadrunner Book Club - 9:30 am Wednesdays at Roadrunner Coffee, Linda Vista and Thornydale. We will be reading *The North Woods* by Douglass Hoover. Please contact Carol Witherspoon.

Bible and a Bite - Thursdays at 12:30 pm returns to the home of Donene Potyok. Bring something to eat and drink and the most current Upper Room for study, prayer, and conversation.

Open Minds Book Group - Friday, 10/24, at 9 am on Zoom will discuss *The Murmur of Bees: a Novel*, by Sofia Segovia (2019). Set during the Mexican Revolution and flu epidemic of 1918, this story captures a town and country in flux and the destiny of a family that adopts a disfigured baby, abandoned and covered with bees. As he grows up, this gifted boy, protected by his swarm of bees, is a cause for wonder with his vision of things to come.

Common Grounds - 6 pm the third Saturday of each month.

A space for youngish adults (in their 20s - 40s) in any walk of life to meet and connect.

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. Contact them at marksmen@umcstmarks.org for more information.

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.

Theology Pub - 6 pm the last Monday of the month at Serial Grillers on Cortaro. Drink and think (and eat) while discussing life and faith. Contact info@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.


Pickleball meets 7:30-9:30 am Wednesdays at the court in the Magee campus north parking lot.

The **Veteran's Breakfast Group** meets on the fourth Friday of each month at Cracker Barrel at 8400 N Cracker Barrel Rd in Marana from 8:30 to 10 am. Come and join them for great conversation and sharing. Contact Marcia Rostad for more information.

Wednesday Morning Study October 15 – November 19

Embracing the Uncertain: A Bible Study for Unsteady Times by Magrey deVega

We live in uncertain times—economic instability, violence, and natural disasters remind us how quickly life can change. This revised study invites us to face life's uncertainties with courage, hope, and obedience as we follow Jesus. Rather than avoiding the unknown, we are called to embrace it and trust the cross to guide us forward.

 Please purchase the 2nd Edition study book, available October 6.

Frankenstein Discussion October 29, 6-7:30 pm

Please join me for a discussion about the theology in the book *Frankenstein* from 6-7:30 pm on Wednesday October 29 in room 20 on the Magee Campus. If you are coming from work, please feel free to bring your dinner or a snack – although talking about what happens when the creator rejects his creation and other questions might keep you too busy to eat! I do want to send out questions before the discussion, so please register online so that I have your email address. To find the registration page, look for Adult Education Opportunities under Adult Groups under Connect in the top banner of our homepage, NOT Adult Ministries under Connect near the bottom of the homepage.

-Brenda Hunter

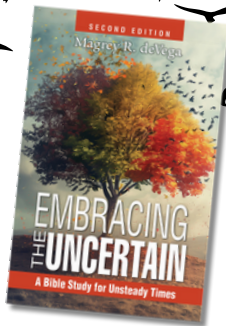


RUMMAGE TO THE RESCUE(S)!



Sat., November 8
8 am to noon
Magee Campus
South Parking Lot

This event welcomes 10 local animal rescue organizations to St. Mark's as an annual fundraiser for each individual rescue! The Animal Ministry Team provides the space, refreshments and marketing. *The rescues keep 100% of the proceeds* so please come out and shop to support the animals!



The **Mark-a-ritas** will gather on **Tuesday, October 14 at 6:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall (Magee campus) to continue their tradition of making **no-sew blankets**. These blankets are given to children who are being removed from their homes. Bring a no-sew blanket kit if you have one. If not, come anyway – there will be extra kits. Either way, bring a good pair of scissors. You may bring water, but no other drink or food, for fear of getting something on the blankets. Hope to see all the Mark-a-ritas then!

November

Masterpiece Festival

9 AM - 3 PM
NOVEMBER 1
LOCAL FLAVOR
SACRED SPACE
HANDMADE TREASURES

Come shop over 60 artisan exhibitors of handmade jewelry, artwork, home decor, gifts, and more!

Come listen to our musical guests and get a lunch or snack from a local food truck!

Come as you are into our worship space to reflect and pray through prayer stations

Come celebrate the gifts and talents of our community.

Notes from Jane

It's not too late to join a choir.....both of our singing choirs and our bell choir are looking for new members.

Bells of St. Mark's

Led by Joann Luther
Monday evenings,
6:30-8 pm in the sanctuary
jschockluther@gmail.com

Celebration Singers

Led by Jane Anderson
Wednesday evenings,
6:15-7:25 pm in the choir room
jane@umcstmarks.org

Chancel Choir

Led by Abe Gibson
Wednesday evenings,
7:30-9 pm in the sanctuary
abe@umcstmarks.org

Combined Choir Christmas Cantata

We will be starting rehearsals for our Combined Choir Christmas Cantata soon. If you are interested, please email abe@umcstmarks.org.

Sunday Concert Series

St Mark's
United Methodist Church
2025-2026

Mark your calendar for our fun concerts coming up!

Pick up a concert series brochure for a full list of this year's concerts. Brochures are found in the church narthex on Sunday or Mon-Thurs in the church office.

October 5 – Tucson Concert Band



This concert will kick off the 60th season of playing for the TCC. This band is sure to delight all who enjoy the big band sound.



October 26 – Tucson Flute Club

Join us for a Spook-tacular concert played by a choir of six different sizes flutes.

Holiday Dates to Know

We know it's only October, but the holidays are fast approaching! Mark your calendars for these events that will be perfect to invite a friend to!

November 1 Masterpiece Festival with Prayer Stations in the sanctuary

November 1 New Member Class

November 26 Thanksgiving Eve worship at 6:30 pm

November 27 Thanksgiving Day Potluck Dinner

November 30 Hanging of the Greens at Fifth Sunday worship

December 14 Cantata with St. Mark's Choirs

December 21 Longest Night Service at 3 pm

December 24 Christmas Eve services!

11 am Lessons and Carols with soup lunch afterwards (Magee)

4 pm Family-friendly service (Magee)

5 pm Worship at Sanctuary Campus

7 pm Traditional service with Choirs and candles (Magee)

9 pm Contemplative service with candles and communion (Magee)

Did You Know...

Personal invitations from church members are the most powerful tool for attracting new people. Who will you invite to church?





United
Women
in Faith

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

We seek to connect and nurture women through Christian spiritual formation, leadership development, creative fellowship and education so that they can inspire, influence and impact local and global communities.



Craft Circle meets at 9 am Tuesday, Oct. 7 and Tuesday, October 28, in Rooms 17/18 at the Magee Campus. We are preparing everything for the Masterpiece Festival Nov. 1, and need your help! Please bring all completed projects to these meetings.

Our regular unit meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 14, in Rooms 17/18 at the Magee Campus. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 am followed by the meeting at 10 am.

We will learn about



Grace Circle meets at 9 am Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Rooms 17/18 at the Magee Campus. We will learn more about Fisher House.

Join the Fun— Become a Craft Circle Co-Leader!

Do you enjoy being creative, organized, or simply love connecting with others? St. Mark's United Women in Faith is looking for a new Craft Circle Co-Leader to serve alongside Johanna Eubank.

You don't need to know how to sew, crochet, or knit—our group of 15+ talented ladies already brings those skills! What we need is someone with imagination, a welcoming spirit, and a little organizational flair.

The Craft Circle meets year-round at church, sharing laughter, friendship, and purpose while making crafts that bless our community. Many members also create at home, so every gift and effort is valued. Come join us for a meeting, meet some wonderful women, and see if this joyful ministry feels like home for you. We'd love to have you! ♥

CPR TRAINING

GET CERTIFIED WITH US!

October 26 at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All are invited to learn CPR. The cost is \$10 per person.

RSVPs are required.

RSVP to Edwin at Edwin@umcstmarks.org.



Immediate CPR can double or triple a person's chance of survival after cardiac arrest.

Approximately 88% of cardiac arrests occur at home.

The person you save with CPR is often a loved one.

New Member Class!

Our next new member class will be **November 1, noon to 3 pm**

Are you interested in making St. Mark's your church home? Join us to learn about the history of Methodism and St. Mark's, discover what we believe, and explore where God is leading us as a community of faith in Tucson. All are welcome—especially those considering membership. Bring your lunch from the food trucks or eat before! We will meet in the Wesley House.

Contact Tricia for more information! tricia@umcstmarks.org



Looking for a last-minute greeting card? We have recycled greeting cards for every occasion in the Library at the Magee Campus and on the Red table at the Sanctuary Campus. A \$1 donation for each card is requested.



Missions Ministry

The Missions committee has continued to be busy this past month. We are planning the Adult Missions trip to Chinle Arizona to assist the elders for their Thanksgiving. See previous articles and bulletin for more info. We continue to provide meals to Primavera, feeding 54 hungry men a delicious dinner.

Cards for Military Personnel

Do you enjoy sending out cards? We are preparing to send out Holiday cards to military personnel who will be away from family and friends this holiday season.

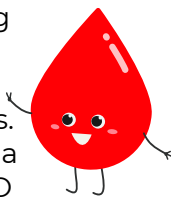
You can pick up cards from the Mission Committee at both campuses on October 26 & November 2nd.

Your help with writing cards will make a huge impact on our military personnel this holiday season!

happy holidays

THANK YOU!

Our 8th post-COVID Red Cross Blood Drive was a success! We exceeded expectations by collecting a whopping 27 pints of blood! One pint of blood may help 3 different people. We had 3 Power Red donors. These count as 2 products each, for a total of 6. We had 2 teens from CDO High School bearing their authorization forms, signed by their parents. (Yes, we take teens). As always, thank you to our pastors and staff for their help.



Walking with Refugees Toward Flourishing

A note from Tucson Refugee Ministry

At Tucson Refugee Ministry, we welcome and walk alongside refugee families as they build new lives in our community. Each week, we offer practical support, English classes, job

readiness training, and—most importantly—friendships that bring hope, stability, and belonging.



A highlight of our ministry is Kids' Clubs, held right in refugee apartment communities. These joyful gatherings give children confidence, friendships, and a glimpse of God's love. Teens find encouragement and mentoring through sports and activities that foster trust and lasting relationships. Every summer, International Kids Camp brings children and youth together for outdoor fun, team-building, and spiritual growth—an experience many call the best week of their year.

Because of partners like St. Mark's, families are finding welcome, children are discovering their gifts, and a new generation is stepping forward with hope. Thank you for helping make this possible!

☞ To get connected, visit tucsonrefugeeministry.com or email greta@tucsonrefugeeministry.com



Trunk or Treat with Nash

October 24 from 5-7:30 pm



Members of Nash Neighbors and our Family Ministries team will join Nash Elementary School for their annual Trunk or Treat on October 24 from 5-7:30 pm. Candy will be provided - just come join us! We can help decorate your car or you can join us at one of our cars! Please let Edwin know if you are planning to come - edwin@umcstmarks.org




Special thanks to Karen Berry, Kathy Howard, Kitty Tobin, Jan Walker, Monique Thibault, Karen Holesworth, & Kaye Baumgartner for providing and serving at Primavera Men's Shelter in September.

If you would like to help out with this Mission, please contact Kathy Howard for more information.

Youth Ministry


LATEST NEWS FOR HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND PRETEEN STUDENTS


St. Mark's Youth Group is a space for 6th-12th grade students to gather for fun, faith, friendship, and fellowship. We meet in the Wesley House for Sunday School Sunday mornings at 10, and Youth Group meets most Sundays from 4-6. The Messenger and our social media pages have the most up to date information!


St. Mark's
Youth Group

October 5

Resting is such an important way to connect with God. The beginning of October brings in Fall Break for most of our schools! Kick off your week of rest with a Sabbath on October 5. Don't worry, we will still see each other at Sunday School! Enjoy!






St. Mark's
Youth Group

October 12

I said, "I'm here; send me."
-Isaiah 6:8b


Let's show love of our neighbors together at our 1st Service Sunday of this school year. Come see how fun it can be to be the hands and feet of Jesus.





St. Mark's
Youth Group

October 17
5:00-8:00

Confirmation Retreat #2 Friday, October 17 for some conversation and fun talking about how we gather all of our stories, along with the stories that came before ours.






St. Mark's
Youth Group

October 19
1:00-7:00

ROAD TRIP!! 1st UMC up in Gilbert has invited us to join them for their fun Pumpkin Carving!! Meet at 1:00 and we will head up to Gilbert for the event. We should be back by 7:00


(If you need help with a pumpkin- just let us know!)




St. Mark's
Youth Group

October 26

Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Come play some whacky (and a little bit spooky!) games, win some candy, and show off your amazing costume with your friends at youth group. Bring a friend, bring a smile, and take home some candy!

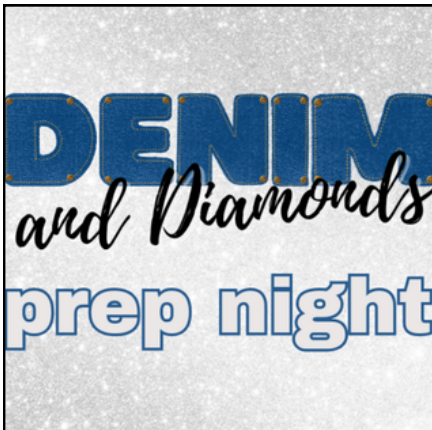



St. Mark's
Youth Group

November 2

Last year was SO FUN! This year's Denim and Diamonds has a fun new twist! We still have LOTS of prep work to get done, and it's always more fun and easier with everyone there to help.

Remember- this is our BIG fundraiser for Youth Ministries and Missions, so we all benefit.



Sunday School meets weekly 10-11 in the Wesley House on 1st-4th Sundays. On 5th Sundays, join us for Family Worship! Youth Group meets from 4-6 in the Wesley House unless otherwise noted.

Youth Ministry

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

Denim and Diamonds



Speaking of "roots"- we are going BACK to ours! Both campuses of St. Mark's have fun histories of Chili Cook-Offs.

At Magee, the SSP programs some of your parents participated in often had a

chili cook-off fundraiser to help offset costs. And Sanctuary had annual chili cook-offs in the fall. Plus...I like chili! Keep your eyes out for sign-ups to bring chili, and to volunteer at the event! The youth will even have our own entry!

Save the date now! November 15, 2025. I can't wait!

Sierra Service Project

EXCITING news from the SSP office! They are bringing SSP BACK to a site in northern AZ. They haven't announced dates quite yet, but as soon as they do, Rachel will put in for dates, and hope for the Arizona site! We will also need to let them know how many volunteers we plan to bring, so if you are interested in coming with us (even if you a

aren't sure!!) please scan this QR code and let us know so that we can start planning!



Because we will likely be in Northern Arizona...our Route 66 Adventure for our bonding time is BACK! WooHoo!

Registration Forms



Registration Forms/Permission Slips for this school year are available now! It is important to update this annually, so that we always have the most up to date information for each of our students. This year's form is easier to fill out than ever!

*registration for elementary students can be found under the Resources tab at www.umcstmarks.org



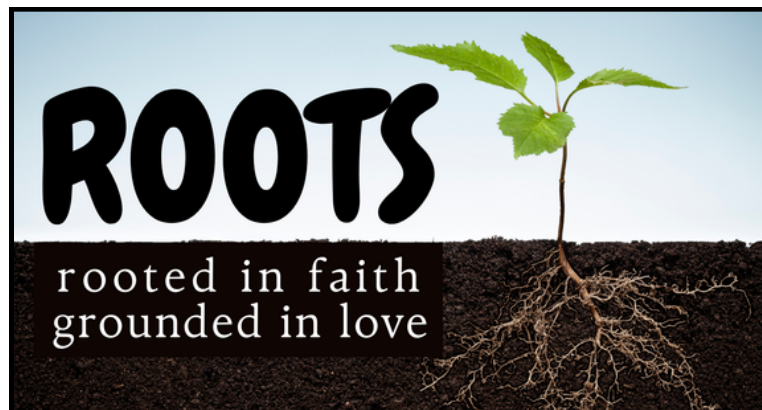
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YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL



Fall Sunday School

This fall, we are using a new series- Roots, where we will discuss being rooted in our faith, grounded in love. What exactly DOES the Bible say about how we practice our faith!? Join us as we look at some of the letters in Revelation (and a few other passages thrown in for good measure!) and how they can apply to OUR lives today. These letters may have been written to churches other than St. Mark's, but I bet we can learn an awful lot from them anyway!

Thank You!



From picnics to youth led worship to bake sales. From prayers to donations to support both loud and quiet. Thank you. Thank you to the youth who show up. The youth who lead, and the youth who support their peers. Thank you to

the parents who drive their students, and support them in their faith journeys. Thank you to the congregation, who take their vow seriously and help raise up these young people. Thank you to the Pastors and staff who love and encourage these young people, and allow them the space to lead. Thank you to the youth staff and volunteers who guide these amazing humans. Thank you.





Church & Society Committee

dedicated to living faith, seeking justice, pursuing peace, implementing social principles, and addressing social issues.

Did You Know... Tucson Pride

Tucson Lesbian and Gay Alliance, known as Tucson Pride, was founded in 1977, after the murder of Richard Heakin. Heakin was visiting a friend in Tucson, and on June 6, 1976, was brutally beaten to death outside a gay bar in Tucson by a group of high school boys. The teens were sentenced to probation. Tucsonans were outraged that the killers received only probation for this hate crime and pressed for change. Tucson introduced some of the first LGBTQ+ antidiscrimination legislation in the country and formed new organizations and pride events celebrating the LGBTQ+ community. "It was through his death that great social change came to Tucson and Pima County," said Dan Behling, a pastor at St. Phillip's in the Hills Episcopal Church. Tucson Pride hosts the annual Pride in the Desert festivities in the fall when temperatures are cooler. This year will be even cooler with the new fall dates of November 21-23, 2025.



International Friends

Tucson, Arizona

August brought the start of a new school year at the University of Arizona, along with thousands of new students—including many from around the world. These international students arrive eager to learn, meet Americans, and experience our culture, but the transition can also be daunting as they leave family and friends behind.

On September 7 and 21, Randy Spalding and Pat Gilman, co-chairs of the nonprofit International Friends Tucson, visited St. Mark's UMC campuses to share how their group connects local volunteers with international students. This is not a live-in host program, but rather a friendship-building opportunity. Sponsors and students arrange monthly activities together—from sharing a meal to visiting the Desert Museum. Many lasting friendships (and even international visits!) have grown from these connections.

Several St. Mark's members have already stepped forward to sponsor students, living out our call to serve our community and neighbors. But more sponsors are still needed!

👉 Learn more or sign up at ifriendstucson.org.



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Get your mammograms, ladies, and remind your friends! When the Counselor-in-Residence Board hosted a tea for survivors and those currently going through treatment earlier this year, we found that **70%** of our cancers were found by a routine mammogram. *Nationwide, that statistic is 43%.*

If you've just been diagnosed or are undergoing treatment, members of our Pink Ribbon Team are willing to walk your breast cancer journey with you. If you are a breast cancer survivor and would like to be added to the Pink Ribbon Team, we'd love to connect with you. In either case, you can get in touch by calling the office.

WANTED YOU!

St. Mark's is on the lookout for disciples ready to live out their faith! When we join the church, we promise to uphold it with our *prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness*. One of the best ways to put that promise into action is by serving right here in our church.

Not sure where you fit? Try our quick **Volunteer Accelerator** to match your gifts with opportunities to serve. You might be just who we're looking for!



Use your smartphone to scan the QR code or go to

<https://tinyurl.com/VolunteerAccelerator>

Breast Cancer AWARENESS MONTH Brunch

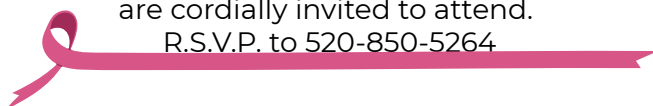
In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a brunch will be held on **Saturday, October 11, at 10 am** in the Magee Campus Fellowship Hall.

This gathering is intended to honor the strength and resilience of those whose lives have been touched by breast cancer.

It will be a time of fellowship, encouragement, and community support.

All survivors and individuals currently undergoing treatment for breast cancer are cordially invited to attend.

R.S.V.P. to 520-850-5264



From the Finance Committee

Soon we will all receive a brochure inviting all of us to prayerfully consider our pledges as part of the 2026 Stewardship Campaign. This brochure contains a snapshot of the many activities and missions that St. Mark's supports, in addition to some statistics from past stewardship campaigns.

We also wanted to give the congregation an update on income versus expenses for 2025 and a comparison versus 2024. St. Mark's has had a deficit budget for the last two (2) years and while the 2025 YTD (through August) numbers are encouraging, it is important to point out that the 2025 budget includes reducing our local Missions allocation to 7% from our goal of 10% and lowering our apportionments paid to the Desert Southwest Conference. These decisions were recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by Covenant Council.



Year	Budgeted Income	Budgeted Expenses	Difference	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Difference
2024	\$1,233,361	\$1,310,544	\$77,183	\$1,230,686	\$1,253,121	\$22,435
2025 YTD	\$882,512	\$906,028	\$23,516	\$879,018	\$840,028	\$38,990

Looking forward to 2026, the Finance Committee has the aggressive goal of presenting a balanced budget that gets us closer to our 10% local Missions allocation and closer to supporting 100% of our allocated apportionments to the Desert Southwest Conference. All of this is in addition to maintaining an aging campus in a safe manner and supporting the work of our clergy and lay staff.

Respectfully,
St. Mark's Finance Committee



We invite your prayers for these individuals - some for health reasons, some for facing hard times, some just because! We would like to pray for you. Submit prayer requests by email to prayerchain@umcstmarks.org or on our website at umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/PrayerRequest

Than Brademas
Alice Brown

Francis and Lillian Hydock
Justin John
Joy Koehler

Family of Janeene Jewett
Family of Vonda Seia
Family of John and Jean Webster

Upcoming Memorial:
Jay Suchland
Sunday, October 19 at 2 pm

Please pray for our Mission Trip to Chinle, Arizona, October 20-22. 9 adults will work with Chinle Planting Hope.

Coffee with Pastor Lynn

Come chat with Pastor Lynn! Ask questions, complain about something, get more information about something...

whatever you want! Join her

October 28, 1-2 pm at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at the former Foothills Mall. Grab a drink or just come chat!



Thank You

Dear Church Family,



I want to express my deep gratitude for your prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, love and support in the loss of my husband, Glenn.

To Rev. Lynn and Pastor Sharon whose loving kindness has been a source of comfort and encouragement to me and my family during the very difficult time.

Thank you so much!

Blessings and love,
June Brechbiel



St. Mark's UMC

CARE
LINE

Need to talk with a pastor?

Call and leave a message:
520-783-8837

Or email:
pastoral_care@umcstmarks.org

meet our

NEIGHBORS

At our All-Church Picnic on September 21, we DID meet our neighbors! A HUGE thanks to the planning committee for their hard work – Renee Carrasco, Kerry Powers, Chris Shafer, Tony Windsor, & Carol Witherspoon.



Greetings in the name of Christ!

What an incredible month it has been at St. Mark's! I am filled with gratitude for the privilege of serving as pastor alongside an amazing staff and such a loving church family. Together, we have seen God's hand at work in so many ways.

Over the past few weeks, we celebrated a joyful All-Church Picnic, where both our Magee Campus and our Sanctuary Campus came together in fellowship

and laughter. We also witnessed the gifts of our young people during Youth Sunday, a powerful reminder that the Spirit is alive and moving through the next generation.

As we turn the page to a new month, we continue to look forward with hope and excitement. Our 3rd Sunday Potluck is just around the corner, along with many more opportunities to gather, connect, and serve—on both the Magee and Sanctuary campuses. Each event is more than a date on the calendar—

it's a chance for us to share the love of Christ with one another and with our wider community.

I thank God for all we have accomplished together, and I am expectant for what He will do next through the ministry of St. Mark's. Let us keep our hearts open to the Spirit's leading as we walk forward in faith.

With gratitude and joy,

Pastor T

Pastor T's Corner

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St. Mark's
United Methodist

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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

8000 N Silverbell
Tucson, AZ 85743

Sunday Worship 10

Lead Pastor:

Rev. Lynn Bartlow

Sanctuary Campus Pastor:

Tu'ulauena Lolohena

Associate Pastor:

Deborah Christine

Associate Pastor:

Sharon Ragland



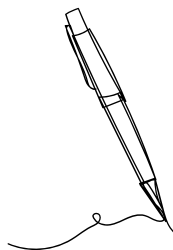
Sanctuary Campus Potluck

Join us on the third Sunday of each month for worship and stay for our potluck. Bring a dish to share and enjoy good food and great conversation!

**Peanut and nut free dishes are preferred!*

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words from Pastor Lynn

What do you do when you approach an anniversary? My wedding anniversary is just a few weeks before my husband's birthday. It's rare that I come up with something memorable for both occasions in the same year! But this next year, we'll mark our silver anniversary. Surely, we'll do something special for that? Honestly, I'm not expecting it—that's just the way we are. 😊

Anniversaries give us a chance to pause, reflect, and celebrate what has taken root and grown strong over time. This year, St. Mark's is celebrating alongside two important partners:

- **Interfaith Community Services** (ICS) turns 40. St. Mark's was one of the six original churches that helped launch ICS in 1985. For four decades, ICS has been rooted in compassion and service, walking alongside neighbors in Pima County facing hunger, homelessness, poverty, isolation, and disabilities. We will join in their anniversary celebration this November.
- **Sierra Service Project** (SSP) turns 50, and we celebrate 40 years of sending St. Mark's youth to serve with them. From painting and building steps to cleaning up beaches, SSP has grounded generations of youth in love, showing them that faith comes alive through service. This month, Rachel will join in their anniversary celebration.

These anniversaries remind us that when we are rooted in faith and grounded in love, our ministries grow in ways that change lives, build relationships, and strengthen communities. We give thanks for what God has done through St. Mark's and through our partners, and we look with hope to the milestones yet to come.

See you soon

