

The Easter Season Continues

Believe it or not, Easter is much longer than *just one day* of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus. It is *50 days long* and ends with the birthday of the church, the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. This year it is on May 24. Between now and then, we are invited to find new ways to become people of light—those who bring hope to our broken world—and on May 31 we will discover the Hidden Treasures in the Heart of a Disciple.

On Easter Sunday we experienced baptisms in two of our services. During this time we were called to remember and renew our own baptismal vows. This is to remind us of our commitment to live lives that reflect the teachings and promises of our risen Savior, Jesus.



During the month of May come with me on a faith journey—

Finding Treasures for Life

May 3 THE TREASURES WITHIN
May 10 THE TREASURE OF BEARING ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS
led by United Women in Faith
May 17 THE TREASURE OF FAITH
Confirmation & Graduation Sunday
May 24 TREASURES FOUND WHEN EMBRACING JESUS' TEACHINGS
Pentecost Sunday—wear red
May 31 HIDDEN TREASURES IN THE HEART OF A DISCIPLE

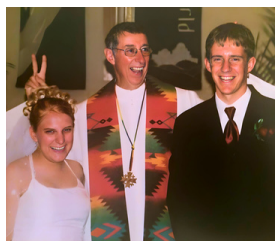
See you there! Bring a friend. You will be glad you did!
 Blessings,
 Rev. Evy (filling while Rev. Lynn is on Renewal Leave)



With heartfelt gratitude, we celebrate Rachel Mosher and her incredible years at St. Mark's. Rachel was raised in the congregation of St. Mark's, where she developed a lifelong commitment to ministry before answering the call to ordination.

Rachel Mosher

Rachel has been involved in youth ministries for over 20 years at St. Mark's. During this time, Rachel faithfully served as a volunteer for youth group; Sunday School teacher; Family Ministries Coordinator at Sanctuary church; Youth Ministry Assistant and Youth Director. Rachel's tireless dedication has cultivated a



welcoming, vibrant youth ministry. She has created a safe place for our youth to grow in their Christian faith and build lasting friendships. Rachel's energy and passion for youth ministry has shined through in the fundraisers, retreats, and mission trips she has spearheaded for the youth at St. Mark's.

We congratulate Rachel on her appointment to serve ...

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Nash Neighbors News



It has been a busy few months since the announcement of the closure of Nash Elementary School starting next academic year. Members of the Nash Neighbors Committee



have been working with various Amphitheater School District principals, The Southern Arizona Community Food Bank, social workers, nurses, and other community



partners. The good news is that the 23+ year partnership that St. Mark's has developed will continue at Amphitheater Middle School starting this fall! The current principal at Amphi Middle School is excited to start this partnership in order to help meet the needs of the students. Also, Jessica Jarrett, the current Principal at



Nash Elementary, has been assigned to be an Assistant Principal at Amphi Middle School.



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ADULT EDUCATION

ST. MARK'S
UMCREGISTER
ONLINE AT
umcstmarks.org/classes/adult-spiritual-growth-opportunities
We have a
seat at the
table for you!

Adult Sunday School - 9:30 am Sundays in Rooms 17/18 and via Zoom. Please register online or contact a study leader to obtain Zoom information. Led by Rick Farnsworth.

Seekers Sunday Bible Study - Please register online or contact a study leader to obtain Zoom information. Led by Brenda Hunter.

Roadrunner Book Club - 9:30 am Wednesdays at Roadrunner Coffee, Linda Vista and Thornydale. Please contact Carol Witherspoon.

Wednesday Morning Study - 10 am Wednesdays in Rooms 17/18 and via Zoom. We will be on summer hiatus and will resume in the fall.

Bible and a Bite - 12:30 pm Thursdays at Chris Shafer's. 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 - Friday, May 22nd at 9:00 AM on Zoom to discuss ***Birding to Change the World: a Memoir***, by Trish O'Kane (2024). After Hurricane Katrina destroyed O'Kane's home, she was inspired by the birds around her to become a devoted birdwatcher, filling notebooks with bird activities, teaching classes in ornithology, and organizing a murmuration of nature lovers to save the birds' homes in their neighborhood park. This memoir shows how birds can renew our joy in nature and perhaps transform our lives. Led by Celeste Pardee and Ann Reaban.



Service & Fellowship

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.

Rainbow Fellowship meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month in the Library on the Magee Campus at 9am. Contact Kitty Tobin for more information.

Play Farkle! 1st Tuesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 1 pm. All are welcome! We will teach you!

Pub Theology - 6 pm the last Monday of the month at Barro's Pizza on AZ Pavilions Dr. Drink and think (and eat) while discussing life and faith. Contact info@umcstmarks.org.

Pickleball meets 8 am - 10 am Wednesdays & Saturdays at the court in the Magee campus north parking lot.

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.

The **Veterans 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.

Mark-a-Ritas - Women who believe it's important to have girlfriends at church, too! The Mark-a-Ritas meet monthly and take turns planning the activities. Contact markaritas.tucson@gmail.com.

Primavera Meals - Various. Teams of 5-7 people making a meal and serving it at the Primavera men's shelter once a month.



You're invited to join **On Your Mark's Walking Group** for indoor walking at our summer walking place, Tucson Mall! We will meet on **Friday, 5/8 and Tuesday, 5/26** at 9:40 am in the North parking lot of Magee campus (near the basketball/pickleball court). Or, meet in the Food Court at Tucson Mall at 10 am. Bring water and plan on 2 hours, for 2 miles. Contact: Cheri Schwartz



Members Cheri Schwartz and Nanette Hughson enjoying a March hike

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as pastor at First United Methodist Church in Safford. We pray that God will continue to bless Rachel, Hayden, Eli, and Norah as they enter this new chapter in their lives.

Thank you, Rachel, for your steadfast dedication to St. Mark's, and the difference you have made in the lives of our youth. You will be greatly missed!



*"May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back;
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields and
until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand"*

Love gifts and cards for the Mosher family can be dropped off in the church office or in the Magee sanctuary narthex beginning **Sunday, May 17**. Please make love gifts payable to Rachel to ensure it is received as a personal gift.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!

Watch your bulletin and weekly emails for details from SPRC as we send Rachel and Pastor Tu'ulauena off to their new appointments and welcome Pastors Ash and Richard in July!

June 7: Farewell for Rachel Mosher after services, Magee Campus

June 14: Farewell for Pastor T after service, Sanctuary Campus

July: Welcome new Pastors, to be determined

August: Celebration of our Summer Pastors, to be determined



I want to thank everyone that participated in the "After the Amen" discussion group that met after the 10am service in the St. Marks, Magee library. It has been a rewarding time for all of us that guided the group and I hope that it was rewarding for all those who participated. We are going to pause this gathering for the months of May, June and July, and will examine restarting it in August or September. The reason behind this pause is due to all the other changes that St. Marks is experiencing; new staff, pastors, schedules and Pastor Lynn's renewal leave.

Again, a big thank you to all who participated!

Blessings,
Pastor Deb

Make A Joyful Noise

Women's Retreat

10 am to 2 pm

Saturday, May 16

Fellowship Hall
Magee Campus

All women are welcome! Child care and a light lunch will be provided.

Hosted by United Women in Faith

To help offset the cost, a donation may be paid on May 16. Suggested donation is \$5.

Congregational Care

The Breast Cancer Support Tea held on April 11th was a lovely opportunity for survivors and those in treatment to share stories and offer support to one another. Sponsored by our Counselor in Residence Program, the group enjoyed sandwiches, lots of treats and any kind of tea that your heart desired. Many thanks to those who organized this special time.

...read more about Congregational Care on page 10



Quilt and Happy Bag Blessings at Sanctuary Campus

Sunday, March 22, Gail Blevins, Joyce Flick, Kay Hayworth, and I attended worship at Sanctuary Campus at Coyote Trail Elementary School on Silverbell Rd. We took 200 Happy Bags and 50 Quilts which were blessed by Pastor Tu'ulauena Lolohea.

~Ann Dyer



Photos from Ann Dyer

MUSIC CAMP!

Magee Campus
1431 W Magee Rd

RACE DAY, A Musical, Biblical, Summer Camp Adventure!

Camp: Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26 Performance: 6/28 at 8:30 & 10am

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! →

<https://umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/SummerCamp49>



This camp is for all kids entering Kindergarten through 9th grade. Families do not need to be member's of St. Mark's; everyone is welcome!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

- Race Day Camp Tshirt
- Arts & Craft Supplies
- Morning and Afternoon Snacks
- Race Day Music Book (pdf)
- FUN!

REGISTRATION FEE:

- 1st child in family*: \$100
- 2nd child in family: \$75
- More children in family: \$50/each
- *ECC Students: \$50/each

FOR EXAMPLE:

- total for 2 = \$175
- total for 3 = \$225
- total for 4 = \$275

Scholarships are available by contacting Jane Anderson at jane@umcstmarks.org

SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER YOUR CHILD, GRANDCHILD, NEIGHBOR OR FRIEND TODAY!!



MUSIC CAMP VOLUNTEERS!

Are you willing to volunteer your time/talent to make Summer Music Camp an amazing week of song, fellowship, Bible study and crafts? You can volunteer for full days, half days, one, two or more days during the week. You will certainly be rewarded with smiles, hugs, laughter, and song. Contact Jane Anderson at jane@umcstmarks.org.

SUMMER CHOIR

Music brings joy to the heart. We invite anyone who enjoys singing, is already a member of one of the choirs, or perhaps someone who would like to sing in the choir without a long-term commitment to join us on one of our summer choir weekends. Join us in the music room at 8 AM to sing.

June 7 and 21

July 5 and 19

August dates to be determined



As we get close to finishing out our 2025-2026 concert series, please plan to attend our last two concerts:

Sunday, May 3 at 3 pm - Voices in the Oaks will present 10 Years of Song as they celebrate 10 years in existence and sing their favorite pieces from past concerts. You may recognize a few folks from St. Mark's: Devin Gardner on the piano, with choir members Jane Anderson, Sherry Heatherly, Becky Strain, and Steve Narney. The concert will feature all genres of music and is sure to delight everyone.

Sunday, May 17 at 3 pm - the Tucson Girls Chorus - Watching these young ladies bring their musical talents to our campus will surely be a joyful afternoon of song.



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.



Members of the group will fill most of the roles at each service, including delivering the message!



United Women in Faith May Meetings 9 AM Tuesday 5/19

Grace Circle will meet in Rooms 17/18. The group will assemble hygiene bags for the Primavera Women's Shelter.

9:30 AM Saturday 5/23 & 30

CAYA (Come As You Are) Book Group will meet at 9:30 am **Saturday May 23** in Rooms 17/18 and again **Saturday May 30** at Deborah Nelson's home. Email Deborah for more details.

9 AM Tuesday 5/28

Craft Circle will meet in Rooms 17/18. Bring your ideas for new craft items. You don't need to be a crafter to help out and have fun.



We will be collecting items for hygiene kits for the Primavera's women's shelter on **May 10th** and **May 17th** before and after services. You can also bring them to a UWFaith meeting or leave them in the UWFaith mailbox in the church office.



Priority Items:

- Shampoo-travel size
- Conditioner-travel size
- Body Wash-travel size
- Bar Soap
- Lip Balms
- Lotion-travel size
- Toothbrushes (single packs - do not remove packaging)
- Toothpastes
- Tampons -individually wrapped

Items should be travel size and fit in a one gallon Ziplock bag (you don't need to supply the Ziplock bag).

Secondary Wish List:

- Disposable shaving razors
- Shaving cream-travel size
- Q-tips
- Vaseline
- Gallon size zip lock bags



An ounce of love is worth a pound of knowledge. - John Wesley



United Women in Faith prepared and served a meal for the college students at Tucson Wesley (formerly Frontera) at the U of A. Pastor Mel and her students were welcoming and invited us to share their meal and service. It was enlightening to listen to our future leader's discussion. Tucson Wesley services students at both the U of A campus and Pima College.

Escape the desert heat - join us in cool Flagstaff for *Mission u 2026*, happening **July 16-18** at Trinity UMC!

This inspiring all-female, in-person event begins Thursday afternoon with worship, fellowship, dinner, and fun activities, followed by two full days of meaningful study, connection, and spiritual growth.

This year's adult study, A Deep Knowing: Emmanuel Through Every Part of Our Lives by Linda L. Furtado, invites participants to explore how we experience "God with us" in every season—through joy, challenge, and everything in between.

Together, we'll reflect on biblical stories and consider how faith calls us into deeper understanding and action today.

A block of rooms has been reserved at Days Inn by Wyndham Flagstaff, which includes a complimentary hot breakfast and social hour. Special rates are \$110 on weekdays and \$165 on weekends (plus taxes). Register today for the in-person event: [Mission u In-Person at Trinity Heights UMC - July 16-18, 2026](#)



Missions Ministry

Nash Neighbors News ... continued from the front cover

Amphi Middle School had an existing monthly food pantry that had to be discontinued at the end of 2025 due to the lack of school resources. Nash Neighbors offered to take the existing program over for the balance of the current school year and beyond (in addition to finishing the academic year at Nash), the Food Bank decided to eliminate Amphi Middle School from their food pantry program. While this was disappointing, the Nash Committee decided to forge ahead at Amphi Middle and develop a new partnership.

There will be changes to the program we know at Nash mostly due to the needs of middle school students versus elementary school students. There will still be a monthly on-site food pantry utilizing the Food Rescue program that is managed by another department within the Food Bank and supplemented with purchases made through the generous donations of St. Mark's. Food insecurity remains a number 1 concern for many in our community.

School supplies will look different (e.g. no crayons) based on the ages/grade levels of the students. The principal identified needs that include clothing, shoes, personal care items, etc. Additionally, other volunteer opportunities will arise through some existing after-school programs and others that are yet to be developed.

The 2026-2027 academic year will surely have some fits and starts as the new program comes together. However, with change comes new opportunities to get involved and support this important mission program. If you have been looking for a volunteer opportunity, please let me know.

One last thing, we are thinking about what the new name of this outreach program should be, so stay tuned!

Thanks for your continued generosity and support!
 Carol Cecilia, Chairperson Nash Neighbors
carolcecilia@comcast.net



MotM is offering **60 pounds** of produce for only a \$10 donation!
 Drive in from La Canada and follow the signs. We will put your bounty in your car. Tell your friends!



Thank you to all who donated supplies this year for POZ Cafe. We could not do it without you! Special thanks to Karen Fog, Sally Mettler Anne Schmidt, Marcia Rostad, for attending and working a full shift from start to clean up!

Tu Nidito

Growing Through Grief

¿TU NIDITO? (TOO NEE-DEE-TOE)

Have you ever: experienced a death of someone close? Perhaps due to violence? Learned that a family member has a serious medical issue? Now imagine you are going through this life crisis as a six-year-old, a nine-year-old, a teen or a member of a traumatized family. There is a local organization that St. Mark's partners with ready to help you –TU NIDITO (YOUR LITTLE NEST). Tu Nidito is a non-profit that has been helping children and families in Tucson since 1996 with professional one-on-one and group counseling. Tu Nidito is confidential, supportive and loaded with experienced people just waiting to help you through a hard time in life.



"There are platitudes that people say like 'Be strong' or 'You'll be okay'. In group we can sit in the room together and be honest. We can say 'it's not okay. This sucks.'"
 ~Christina, teen participant.

Check out Tu Nidito at 520-322-9155 or tunidito.org for more information.



Jeff & Kris Rognes, Denny & Diane Underwood, Janice Thomas, and Lance & Brenda Miller provided the April Primavera evening meal for the men's shelter. Many thanks to this (mostly) snowbird group!



Jeff added a special treat with his musical accompaniment!



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!

May 3 1-3pm

Have you heard?
We have some new pastors joining our community!
We want to invite them in with a warm welcome, so let's do a Campus Video Scavenger hunt to show them around!
Meet us in the Wesley House from 1-3pm



May 3 4-6pm



What if you had to hide because of your faith?
Would you join the Underground Church?
Wear closed toe shoes & bring a water bottle!

May 10

Resting is such an important way to connect with God. Here at St. Mark's, we observe this practice especially on holiday weekends!
Take the evening to be extra nice to all the mother figures in your life!



May 17 4-6pm



Get ready for an adventure as we say farewell to Norah & Rachell! This night is a surprise picked by Norah.
What I can guarantee is lots of laughs, fun snacks, and good times!

May 24 3-6pm

Technically no youth group, BUT Rachel will be hosting an open house craft night to hang out with her in the Wesley House one last time. Bring your own Bible, Bag, or other fun thing you'd like to bedazzle or paint!
Stay for a little or the whole time, we will have lots of crafting materials and snacks.



May 31 4-6pm



Summer is HERE! What a great time to clean out your stuff and maybe get something new!
Join us for our first ever Sip & Swap! Bring clothes, books, trinkets, games, etc. to trade with your friends while having some fun drinks!
Anything not taken will be donated at the end of the night.

Sunday School meets weekly 10-11 in the Wesley House on 1st-4th Sundays. On 5th Sundays, join us for Family Worship!

Youth Ministry

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER INTERNSHIP:

Summer is almost here and there a tons of changes happening around campus, what a perfect time to get involved and have a say in some things! This 8-week internship program will include faith formation, service activities, and lots of time working alongside the church staff! Watch your email for sign up information. Program will run from the week of May 31st until the week of August 1st.

Graduation Season!

For our graduating seniors, this season is met with hopeful anticipation mixed with some general anxiety. All valid feelings!

We hope & pray that you embrace this season of celebration with your families and reflect on your accomplishments. Whatever comes next, know your church family is lifting you in prayer and are proud to send you off into the world! If you haven't sent your picture to Rachel for Graduation Sunday- send it today!

GotSneakers!?

Our GotSneakers drive has been great! Since we started in December, we have made over \$400, which is super cool. Even MORE cool than that, though is our impact on the world around us. Because of St. Mark's UMC, 208 shoes have avoided the landfill, 6,240 pounds of Carbon Dioxide has been averted, and 173,789 gallons of water have been saved. Good work, St. Mark's.

PARENT SURVEY

Hi Parents! My goal is to partner along side your families to ensure your students' have vibrant & engaging faith development and a safe place to hang out with their peers during these formative years! This ministry isn't successful without your help, so I greatly appreciate your candid feedback and ideas. Find the survey in the LinkTree below!

LINK TREE



What's a Linktree!? Think of it like a bulletin board- a one stop shop, if you will! Scan this QR code to find the links to all things Youth! Sign up for events, Pay for registrations, get a new permission slip...it has it all!

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

May Series: Stories That Matter

We will finish up our Stories That Matter series on May 3rd and 10th!



May 17th we will be supporting our friends as they are Confirmed!

May 24th is Youth Worship in the Wesley House
May 31st is Family Worship in the Sanctuary!

Sierra Service Project

Final Stretch: We're Still Fundraising!

Thanks for all your help with Pack Our Suitcase! Many of you didn't get your calendars back, let us know if we can print a May calendar for you instead! Each calendar raises just under \$500 dollars towards SSP! It's a great way to get sponsors and have people praying for you!

CONFIRMATION '25-'26

It's Almost Time!

We've spent the school year together learning the history of our faith, the impact of our community, and now you get to decide if you'd like to join the congregation as a full member!

The celebration starts before service with a light breakfast in the Wesley House and the presentation of the confirmands during both services on May 17th.



Ashley N.	May 7
Henry P.	May 12
David T.	May 14
Kai P.	May 17
Alaina M.	May 22
Olivia M.	May 22
Hope H.	May 24
Carter D.	May 26

Did I miss your birthday this year? I'm so sorry if I did! Make sure to fill out a permission slip, and include your birthday!



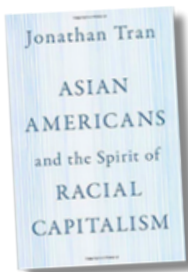
Church & Society **Asian American, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander Heritage Month**

For those of us raised in the church, our faith was inherited, our existence and the existence of the world was explained in terms of God. Our moral compass is Jesus and following his example.



Jonathan Tran came to the United States as a Vietnamese war refugee at age five. He didn't encounter Christianity until he was in college.

That difference matters. Becoming a Christian later in life often requires rethinking assumptions about success, identity, and what constitutes a good life. In Jonathan's case, that rethinking process became the basis of his scholarly work. As a Professor of Theological



Ethics at Duke Divinity School, part of the broader United Methodist Church tradition, he takes on questions that sit at the intersection of theology, ethics, and real-world systems—especially economic and racial structures. His book, **Asian Americans and the Spirit of Racial Capitalism**, reflects that broader view, examining how economic systems and racial identities are intertwined in ways that shape our moral life.

Most of us have not had to do the hard work of re-centering our lives around God, but we can benefit from someone who has. Professor Tran's work can expose biases that we didn't realize we had and we can become more intentional about our faith and our world.

An Invitation To Serve...



I wish to invite both church campuses to place flags pre-and post Memorial Day at Evergreen Cemetery, to pay tribute to our deceased veterans. There are two opportunities: pre-Memorial Day on **Saturday, 5/23** at 8 am we place the flags. After the Memorial Day services, on **Monday, 5/25** at 5 pm we will remove the flags. No experience is needed. Veterans gravestones are easily identifiable. All flags and ground pokers are provided. We place flags as two-person teams, but you can remove them solo. Meet at Evergreen Cemetery, 3015 N. Oracle Road, Tucson. Enter the cemetery at Ft. Lowell off of Oracle Rd. Park in the North cemetery dirt lot. I will be helping the "Combat Vets - Tucson Chapter". Meet at the cemetery so you can leave when you want.

This is an outdoor project. Please dress and prepare accordingly (hat and water). It is a highly rewarding, and meaningful experience. Contact Cheri Schwartz.



Presentation on Hinduism

May 5th, 7 PM
Zoom only

Hinduism is the third largest religion in the world with over a billion people practicing Hinduism. Here in Tucson we have 12 Hindu congregations and about 3000 people practicing Hinduism. As part of Asian American Pacific Islander month we are having a speaker on this fascinating religion.

The father of one of our International Friends, Jayawanti Ramakrishna, has agreed to speak on Hinduism. Mr. Ramakrishna will be covering the core beliefs and teachings as well as spiritual practices. He will be joining us via Zoom from India.

Email church_society@umcstmarks.org for the link.



Our 11th Community Blood Drive Is In June!



Our pre-Summer Blood Drive is Communion Sunday, **6/7**. Appointments are now available from 7:30 am-12:15 pm. The Red Cross states there is a critical need for blood donors. Please donate!

The night before, please eat a hearty protein meal, and drink plenty of water. It will help. Sign up with this link:

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=stmarks> or use the QR code.

Thank you! Contact Cheri Schwartz, if needed.



The Books Are Back!

All the library books have been examined, cleaned and reshelved by content areas in the bookshelves on the south wall of the library

Starting at the far-left side of the library shelves on the south wall, you will find all the research information. This includes:

Commentaries

- Bibles
- Dictionaries
- Old Testament (Hebrew Bible)
- New Testament

(arranged in order as they appear in the Bible)

Next you will find books on

- Jesus
- Theology
- Christian doctrine
- John Wesley
- Methodism
- Christian Life
- Social Justice
- Environment
- Women in the Bible
- Self Help
- Devotion
- Prayer

A small section of Fiction

At the very far right side an entire section devoted to Adam Hamilton.

The bottom shelves of the south wall hold our children's collection. Ginny Smith meticulously edited, organized and labeled all these books.

All the bookshelves on the west wall are the collections of Adult Education/study books! It is impressive to see all that has been taught throughout the years of study at St. Marks! These books are not yet completely cataloged so please make sure you sign out any you borrow on special clipboard sitting on the counter with the study books.

The check out system for all the books on the south wall is very simple. If there is a card in the book, write your name on it and put it in the basket on the desk. If no there is not a card, you can sign the clip board about the book you are borrowing. We trust you and hope you enjoy all the books you borrow!



I want to thank the Library Team for their dedication to this wonderful task:

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| Maryann Nuckolls | Rebecca Raynor | Ginny Smith | Tom Pearsall |
| Terri Gerber | Diana Good | Foster Good | |

-Pastor Deborah

An Update from the Finance Committee

Our staff liaison was on Medical Leave in April, so we will report on March and April financial results in the June Messenger.

Planned Giving

End of life is not something we like to think about; however, I feel I have attended a lot of celebrations of life in the past year. Maybe it is just due to my own age. My husband and I met with our family attorney this past February to review and update the plan we made 5 years ago.

Estate planning takes many forms as each family has unique circumstances. There are several vehicles you can use to pass remaining assets to your loved ones and the causes you care about. A family attorney can best advise you regarding a will or trust and what is best for you. Others use Life Insurance policies and name beneficiaries to leave a cash gift behind to individuals and organizations.

St Mark's has a community of donors who have joined the Wesley Circle by opting to leave a contribution to the church. For more information visit the St Mark's Website, Ways to Give, Planned Giving, and Wesley Circle.

Sarah Dimond, Finance Committee Chair



Congregational Care

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Our Lay Visitation Team members continue to visit those who are homebound or in care facilities. The team also meets monthly for ongoing training. If you or someone you know from our church is homebound or in a care facility and is not being visited, please contact sharon@umcstmarks.org.

Reminder: If you need to talk with a pastor call the Care Line at 520-783-8837 or send an email to pastoral_care@umcstmarks.org. Put this number in your phone under "C" for Care Line. Then it will be easy to find when you need it.

-Rev. Sharon Ragland

St. Mark's UMC
CARE LINE

Call and leave a message:
520-783-8837

Or email:
pastoral_care@umcstmarks.org

HINT: Add it to your cell phone contacts under Care Line

PRAY

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

Families and friends of:
Judy Hauff
Mary Lu Kiracofe
Karen McPherson
Sonya & Charles Moore

Priscilla Mc Innis
Karen Fog
Jim Johnson
Newton Family
Alice Brown
Ron Hill
Liza Carsten
Joan Johnson

**Upcoming Memorial:
Mary Lu Kiracofe
Saturday, May 23
at 10:30 am**

meet our NEWLY BAPTISED!



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Magee Campus

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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10 am

*live streamed at 10 am
on our website and YouTube*

Sanctuary Campus

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Sunday Worship 10 am

Lead Pastor:

Rev. Lynn Bartlow

Sanctuary Campus Pastor:

Tu'ulauena Lolohena

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Deborah Christine

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Sharon Ragland

Call for Artists and Artisans

The Fine Arts and Craft Guild of St. Marks will be hosting the annual Masterpiece Festival on **November 7, 2026**, and are currently accepting applications for vendors. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested in selling handmade art or crafts please contact Clay Thompson for more information. We have indoor, covered patio, open patio and parking lot spaces available. We are looking forward to hearing from you and having another very successful show.

Clay Thompson
Fine Arts and Craft Guild



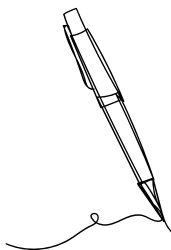
Cruise with us!



Join Rev. Lynn Bartlow & Rev. Sharon Ragland for a 12-night Alaska Mountain Panorama Adventure Cruise & Land Tour aboard Royal Caribbean Anthem of the Seas, starting at \$3,498 on July 11, 2027. You will see Anchorage, Talkeetna, Denali, Alyeska, Seward, Hubbard Glacier, Juneau, Skagway, Icy Strait Point, Ketchikan, and much more. Interested? Talk with either one of the pastors for more information or come by the office for a tour brochure.

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words from our Pastor

This month begins my three-month Renewal Leave—a time set apart for rest, renewal, and re-centering. I am grateful for this provision in our United Methodist tradition, allowing space to step away from the daily rhythms of ministry for intentional spiritual, physical, and emotional refreshment.

This season will include meaningful time with family and friends. I'll celebrate my sister's college graduation (before she turns 50!), help move my son home after his freshman year of college, and reconnect with dear friends. Ron and I will also spend time at Lake Junaluska, a place known for its beauty and opportunities for rest and reflection. Later in the summer, we'll travel to Napa Valley, where Ron will attend a program at the Culinary Institute of America while I enjoy exploring and resting.

While I am away, St. Mark's will be in very good hands. Rev. Dr. Evy McDonald will lead worship in May, Rev. Sharon Ragland in June, and Rev. Deborah Christine in July,

alongside the many lay leaders who continue to shape our life together. Ministry will continue to grow and flourish.

A few logistical notes: the pastor leading worship each month will also serve as head of staff. If you email me during this time, I will not receive it or return to it later, so please reach out to the church office or the pastor serving that month for any needs.

Thank you for the gift of this time. I look forward to returning in August, renewed and ready for what God has next.

Grace and peace,

Pastor Lynn

from my retreat
in April in Malibu

