

YOU SAY, "YES", I SAY, "NO", YOU SAY, "STOP" AND I SAY, "GO, GO, GO", OH, NO!

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU SAY, **"GOODBYE"** AND I SAY **"HELLO"** **"HELLO"** **"HELLO"**



Serving in pastoral leadership this May has been both a privilege and a joy. I am deeply grateful for your attentiveness in worship, your good humor with my corny stories, and your commitment to growing as disciples. I will be away for much of July through October, but I look forward to seeing you when I am in town. In the meantime, please keep seeking ways to make kindness, love, acceptance, forgiveness, tolerance, and generosity defining marks

of who we are as Americans. *Blessings, Pastor Evy*



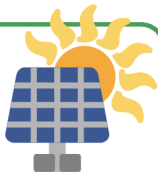
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On Pentecost Sunday, we said farewell to Abe Gibson, our Chancel Choir Director, as he begins a new chapter in ministry, having accepted the position of Worship Director at Catalina Foothills Church.



We have been richly blessed by Abe's musical leadership and ministry at St. Mark's over the past year and are deeply grateful for the gifts he has shared with our congregation. We extend our heartfelt thanks and wish Abe, Rachel and Penelope every blessing and much success in this new opportunity.

Solar Project Update

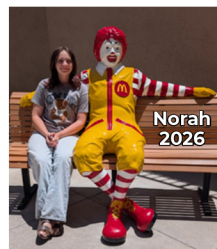


- TEP has approved the drawings and specifications for the solar project.
- Steel fabrication has started for the structure.
- Scheduling for construction start date is pending a meeting with TFS on the 21st. Proposed start date is the end of June.
- TEP power connection estimated for Sept. 1st.

New Pop Tab Person Needed!



Ever since preschool my grandma and I have been taking the pop tabs that all of us, together, have collected to the Ronald McDonald House. This experience has made many amazing memories of dropping the tabs off, seeing the farm animals nearby, and then getting lunch (usually at Culver's) But now that I'm moving, I won't be able to take the pop tabs anymore! I am



bumped I am not able to do this amazing job anymore BUT I am super excited to say that St. Marks needs a new pop tab deliverer! This is a great job for just about anyone - and fun to do with a friend (or a Grandma!). If you are interested, please contact info@umcstmarks.org.



~Norah M.

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 *Read more on page 10 ...*

June 14: Farewell for Pastor T after service, Sanctuary Campus *Read more on page 10..*

July: Welcome new Pastors, to be determined

August: Celebration of our Summer Pastors, to be determined

ADULT EDUCATION

ST. MARK'S
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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 Rick Farnsworth to obtain Zoom information. Led by Rick Farnsworth.

Seekers Sunday Bible Study - 11 am Sundays in Rooms 17/18. Scriptures from the Old Testament are not often used as the basis for Sunday sermons, but the Old Testament is more than half of our Bible! These are the scriptures that Jesus and his disciples would have been taught. Seekers Bible Study wants to learn about the whole Bible, including books that often are not preached. Therefore, we alternate studies from the New Testament with studies from the Old Testament. Near the end of June we will begin studying 1-2 Samuel describing how the 12 tribes of Israel become the kingdom of Israel.

Please register online or contact Brenda Hunter 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.

Open Minds Book Group - The Open Minds Book Group does not meet during the summer. We will resume meetings on Friday, September 25th. 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 7:30 am - 9:30 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. Contact Kathy Howard.



You're invited to join **On Your Mark's Walking Group** for indoor walking at our summer walking place, the Tucson Mall! We will meet on **Friday, 6/12 and Tuesday, 6/29** 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

Mark-a-ritas

The Mark-a-ritas have been busy! At the end of April we gathered for our annual Books and Brunch event. In May we learned how to make patriotic wreaths together. In June we will be having a potluck on **Monday, the 15th**. In

addition to a dish to share, please bring an unusual item to share - an antique that we might not know the use of, a childhood toy, a vacation souvenir - use your imagination! We will gather at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are welcome to join us.



Books and Brunch



Making Patriotic Wreaths

An Update from the Finance Committee - June 2026

Below is a summary of March financial results. We will include April and May financials in the July Messenger.

The budget reflects an even monthly distribution of revenues and expenses. Transfers from other funds will begin in June, which will make up for the unfavorable variance in Other Income. Missions and Trustees have lower expenses in the first quarter, which is causing the biggest savings compared to budget. We anticipate these line items to reach the budgeted amounts in future months.

Sarah Dimond,
Finance Committee Chair

	March	Year to date	Budget	Variance
Contributions	113,725.01	331,299.95	283,404.00	47,895.95
Other Income	6,013.24	18,898.00	40,950.00	(22,052.00)
Total Income	119,738.25	350,197.95	324,354.00	25,843.95
Expenses	108,991.07	306,736.19	317,827.00	11,090.81
Net Income	10,747.18	43,461.76	6,527.00	36,934.76



🧴 😊 • Amphi Partners (formerly Nash Neighbors) Summer Collection 🔍 📧 📅 🎒 🌈

As St. Mark's continues to transition the Nash Neighbors partnership to Amphi Partners at Amphitheater Middle School, it is not too early to start communicating what the summer collection will look like. In past years the congregation has generously donated school supplies for Nash Elementary. In meeting several times with the principal and social worker at Amphitheater Middle school, the student needs are different. As a reminder, another faith community will be providing school supplies for the start of the school year.

The collection Sundays have been set for 3 consecutive weeks: **July 12, 19, and 26**. The requested and most needed items are as follows:

- Full size deodorant
- Reusable plastic water bottles
- Bags of cough drops
- Feminine Hygiene pads such as Kotex Teen or Ultrathin and Always ultrathin or flex foam



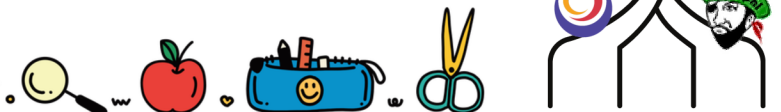
Other items that are also needed include: new or gently used T-shirts, Juniors & Misses sizes S – XL.

The Amphi Partners committee also intends to allocate funds from our Christmas collection to purchase a quantity of the above items as we have done in the past with school supplies at Nash.

Transitions are always difficult and we hope to learn a lot during year one of this new partnership that we can fine tune going forward. There continue to be volunteer opportunities to participate in the on-site school pantries and the food rescue program that is in partnership with Trader Joe's. If you are interested in learning more about these volunteer opportunities, please contact me at carolcecilia@comcast.net.

Thanks for your continued support of this vital and long-standing community partnership!

Carol Cecilia
Chairperson, Amphi Partners



MUSIC CAMP!

Magee Campus
1431 W Magee Rd
(520) 297-2062

RACE DAY, Kids Summer Camp and Musical!

Camp: Mon 6/22 - Fri 6/26 Performances: 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 members 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!!

Registration is open for kids entering Kinder through 9th grade to participate in our program, "Race Day." It is based on Hebrews 12: 2, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

The campers will have the opportunity to play bells and ukulele, participate in game time, arts and crafts, pastor time as well as learning the music for our program at both services Sunday, June 28.

To remind you **just how fun** our Summer Camp & Musical can be, here a few pictures from last year!

VOLUNTEERS!

If you enjoy being around children, please consider helping us at music camp for a day, a half day or five days. We need adults for supervising activities – it takes the entire church to make this happen!!

Contact Jane at jane@umcstmarks.org



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

SUMMER CHOIR!



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.

United Women in Faith June Meetings

10 AM Tuesday 6/9

United Women in Faith will meet in Rooms 17/18. Refreshments and fellowship begin at 9:30 am, followed by the meeting. Guest speaker Karen Berry will talk about the Chinle Mission Trip.

9 AM Tuesday 6/16

Grace Circle will meet in Rooms 17/18. The program is GAP Ministries.

THIS IS THE LAST UNIT MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER.



9:30 AM Saturday 6/20 & 6/27

CAYA, Come As You Are, meets at 9:30 am Saturday, June 20, in Rooms 17/18. Another meeting is at 9:30 am. Saturday, June 27, at the home of Deborah Nelson. The June 27 meeting is intended to be easier for those west of I10 to attend. The group discusses books and anything else it wants. Contact Deborah Nelson at deborahnelson2351@yahoo.com by June 12 if you need childcare for June 20, or any time for more details.

9 AM Tuesday 6/23

Craft Circle will meet in rooms 17/18. Bring finished projects, anything you need help with and your ideas. We can use your help even if you aren't crafty and you'll have fun chatting with others.



United Women in Faith hosted their annual Women's Retreat "Make a Joyful Noise" with 50 women in attendance. Jane Anderson led the Retreat sharing the joy of music and some history of music of the church.



When Pastor Kim retired in 2025, our UWF created the Kim Ogle Scholarship. The scholarship was created to help 3 young women attend Sierra Service Project.

Charlotte C. gratefully accepts her certificate from President Clara Campbell



United Women in Faith Grace Circle collected hygiene articles and packed 75 bags for Women's Primavera shelter. Thanks to all those who donated items to assist in this mission to help homeless women.



Whether you travel across the country or around the world, we'd love for St. Mark's to travel with you!



Wherever life takes you, remember that we are connected in faith, community, and love.

Whatever you do this summer, *take us with you!!* Send us a postcard (1431 W Magee Rd, Tucson AZ 85704), send us a photo (info@umcstmarks.org), or bring it on a Sunday! If you have a google account, you can *just drop your photo* in our folder.





Missions Ministry

A Second Chance: How One Mother Rebuilt Stability for Her Family

The original, longer version of this story was written by Isabela Gamez and was published in the *Primavera Foundation's newsletter*.

With help from the Primavera Foundation's Family Pathways Program, Robin Plummer and her four children were able to stay off the streets and begin again. Fleeing domestic violence in Texas, she left everything behind to protect herself and her four children, two of whom have special needs.

Their first week in Tucson, they moved from hotel to hotel, unsure what would come next. Everything changed when a stranger stepped in to help, connecting Robin with Primavera.

"When Primavera called me, I was so happy," she said. "I was so scared of being on the streets with my kids because I had nowhere else to go."

Through the Family Pathways Program, Primavera provided three months of rental assistance. During those three months, Robin secured stable housing, enrolled her children in school, and connected them with essential services. Her children, once fearful and uncertain, began to settle into a new routine.

Robin now works in caregiving while also caring for her son. With support from Primavera staff, she was connected to community resources, including medical supplies and a wheelchair for her son.

Robin also focused on long-term goals. She created a checklist and has successfully checked off most of it.

"I've completed my financial goals. I've gotten my kids to the dentist, I've gotten my son his eyeglasses."

On Nov. 1, 2025, Robin and her family successfully exited the program with stable housing support systems in place, and a path forward.

"If it wasn't for Primavera paying rent for those three months, I would not be where I'm at."

The transformation in her children has been one of the most meaningful changes.

"They've changed a lot ... They are more social and a lot happier."

Now, Robin is looking toward the future. She's pursuing a medical certification and considering a path as either a behavioral technician or a registered nurse.

For others facing similar challenges, Robin offers simple but powerful advice:

"Keep your head up. Life is what you make of it. The more positive you are and the more persistent you are, the farther you'll be."

Looking back, she knows just how close her family came to a very different outcome. But today, thanks to support, resilience and a second chance, Robin and her kids are no longer defined by crisis, but by possibility.

Have you ever wondered about this Primavera Ministry but never had a chance to join? The Missions Committee invites you to join them this month as we provide the meal for the men at the shelter. Contact Kathy Howard for more information.



A huge shout-out to "The 5 K's and Friends"! (Karen Berry, Kitty Tobin, Karen Holesworth, Kaye Baumgartner, Kathy Howard, Monique Thibault, and Jan Walker), for providing the May Primavera meal. A very special thanks to Carla Marquardt for playing her ukelele and singing for the group!



Our next blood drive is **Sunday, 6/7**. Appointments are still available from 7:30 am to 12:15 pm. The Red Cross states there is a critical need for blood donors. Please donate, if possible. Blood is needed continually. The night before, please eat a hearty protein meal and drink plenty of water. It *will* help.

Sign up here with this link <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=stmarks> or use the QR code. I am now a blood donor! Thank you! Contact Cheri Schwartz, if needed.



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!

June 7th 4-6pm



Good Luck & Goodbye!

We will be taking a field trip down into Marana to say Farewell to the Mosher family! Van rolls out at 4pm (or you can meet us there!) and will return around 6pm.

June 21st



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 father figures in your life!

June 14th 4-6pm

STRIKE!
Let's beat the heat and go bowling at Pinzi!

Be sure to bring socks.

Cost is \$10 per-student, scholarships are available!



June 28th 4-6pm

Are you an American Idol? Do you have The Voice of an angel? Or maybe you've Got Talent that nobody knows about? No masks required to be a singer here, just, come on down for a musical get together full of songs, games, and bad dance moves!



June 20th 6:45 - 8pm



Annual Conference is HERE!

Commissioning is when the Bishop affirms an ordination candidate's call, education, & character authorizing them as Provisional Members of their Conference.

AKA: RACHEL BECOMES A PASTOR!

July 5th



Resting is such an important way to connect with God. Here at St. Mark's, we observe this practice especially on holiday weekends!

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 Is Here!

Thursdays are for Interns! 10am - 2pm Weekly in June & July. This summer we will be working around campus to gain hands on experience, grow in our faith, and engage in all the happenings at St. Mark's! No worries if you're traveling this summer, come to what you can! Sign up at the LinkTree below to snag a spot.



GAIN HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE

WORK WITH OUR NEW PASTORS

KICKSTART THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUTH!

Time For A House Party!

House Party is a new mid-week event happening in the Wesley House this summer! Parties are happening on the following Wednesdays from 6-8pm:



- June 10th
- June 24th
- July 15th
- July 29th

Each event will be an opportunity to hang out with friends and do fun activities during the summer! More details will be coming out via email and social media. Not on our contact list? Sign a permission slip at 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

Summer

Have you ever done a spiritual practice? Do you even know what those are?

This summer we will dive into what it means to participate in spiritual practices and form Sacred Rhythms.



Sierra Service Project

It's Almost Time For Adventure!

We will be leaving **VERY** early on Sunday, July 5th to head to Teec Nos Pos on the Navajo Nation. This is the first time since 2010 that SSP has partnered with this particular community. While we usually pack the van the day before we leave, we want your family to enjoy the holiday!



So we will be packing the van on Friday, July 3rd at 3pm - Wesley House.

CONFIRMATION 2026

Congrats Again Confirmands!



- Dory M. - June 5th
- Abigail C. - June 6th
- Jocelyn C. - June 10th
- Jade K. - June 19th
- Ben C. - June 23rd
- Jayce H. - June 26th
- Evan W. - June 30th
- John Wyatt C. - June 30th

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 Committee

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



The Story He Never Got to Tell - June Pride Month Reflection

During Pride Month this June, the Church & Society Committee invites our congregation to continue reflecting on the conversations sparked by our recent showing of the documentary *1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture*. The film led to a thoughtful and compassionate discussion about scripture, translation, faith, and the experiences of LGBTQ+ Christians within the church when 'homosexual' first showed up in a Bible translation in 1946.

One of the most moving parts of the documentary centered on Rev. David Fearon, whose full story is now being told in the newly released book *I Wish to Express: The Story He Never Got to Tell: David Fearon and the 1946 Bible Mistranslation*.

David Fearon grew up in Lennoxville, Quebec, holding two truths close to his heart: that God loved him unconditionally, and that he was different from other boys. As a young seminary student, he encountered the 1952 Revised Standard Version translation of 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and believed a serious mistranslation had occurred when 'sexual perverts' was changed to 'homosexuals'. Quietly and courageously, he wrote a detailed letter to the translation committee explaining his concerns.

He mailed the letter anonymously, signed only with his first and middle names. Then he remained silent for decades.



Rev. Fearon served faithfully in ministry for thirty-five years while keeping his identity hidden. In 2017, his story resurfaced. In 2018, at eighty years old, Rev. Fearon publicly came out for the first time.

His story reminds us that behind theological debates and biblical translations are real human beings — people of deep faith, conscience, love, and sacrifice. It also reminds us that the church is continually called to humility, learning, and compassion.

As United Methodists continue to discern how we live out Christ's call to love our neighbors, stories like David Fearon's encourage us to listen carefully, engage scripture thoughtfully, and create communities where all people know they are beloved children of God.

The Church & Society Committee remains committed to providing opportunities for education, dialogue, and reflection throughout the year. This fall, we will also host educational opportunities connected to LGBTQ+ inclusion, including a showing and discussion of the documentary *God & Country* by Rob Reiner.



United Methodists relate to this special Sunday by seeking peaceful solutions, creating and supporting peace-related ministries in their conference and learning about peaceful, just efforts around the world. Our Social Principles call us to love our enemies, seek justice,

and serve as reconcilers of conflict. We insist that the first moral duty of all nations is to work together to resolve by peaceful means every dispute that arises between or among them.

Donations for this special Sunday support programs and ministries to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice Priorities. Fifty percent (50%) of donations stay within the Conference to supply grant monies to various organizations that do this kind of work.

We will be taking a special offering on **Sunday, June 14th**. You can designate through online giving or a check with **Peace with Justice** written on the subject line.



As a church community, we find ourselves preparing to say goodbye to a beloved leader and friend. On June 14, 2026, we will mark the final Sunday with our Associate Pastor Tu'ulauena Lolohea—known affectionately to all of us as Pastor T. While our hearts are heavy with sadness, we are filled with immense gratitude for the time we shared and excitement for his new opportunity in the Phoenix area.



Pastor T joined the Sanctuary Campus on July 1, 2023, and from the beginning, his ministry was defined by bridging the gap between church walls and the community. Through his work as a football coach at Marana High School, Pastor T brought the love of Christ to life, mentoring young men and fostering deep relationships with many families in the surrounding area.

We have also been deeply blessed by his wonderful family: Taina, Taike, Monalisa, and Timote. We all first met Timote as a tiny baby, then were able to celebrate baby Timote's first birthday in full Polynesian style, getting to celebrate with Tongan customs. Today, he is a joyful toddler running around our School Café Sanctuary. The entire Lolohea family will be incredibly missed.

While we are sad to see them leave Tucson, we celebrate the exciting new path God has laid out. Pastor T will continue his ministry as the pastor of two churches—a true testament to his pastoral heart.

Thank you, Pastor T, for your faithful service and infectious joy, and sharing your island customs and traditions with us.

Please join us for T's Farewell Celebration on **Sunday, June 14**, immediately following worship for a Taco Bar in the Coyote Trail Elementary School Cafeteria to celebrate this beautiful family and send them off with our prayers.

HELLO JUNE!

Worship at Magee Campus in June

Pastor Sharon is serving as the "sitting" pastor and coordinating worship during June while Pastor Lynn is on renewal leave.

June 7 – Rachel Moshler & Pastor Sharon lead worship with Holy Communion.

June 14 "Sent" – Pastor Sharon preaches about the ways God sends us to serve in the world.

June 21 – Pastor Bob Holliday leads worship while the pastors and lay members to Annual Conference are at the Annual Conference in Phoenix.

June 28 – "Race Day!" Summer Camp & Musical Performances at 8:30 & 10am AND Joint worship with Sanctuary Campus at the Magee Campus

What is a Love Offering?

It has long been a tradition at St. Mark's to receive a Love Offering for departing staff members. Through these nondeductible gifts, the church serves as an intermediary, combining contributions into a single gift presented as an expression of gratitude and appreciation for clergy and lay staff who are retiring or relocating.

As of July 1, two beloved members of our staff will be appointed to other churches: Pastor Tu'ulauena "Pastor T" Lolohea and Rachel Moshler.

If you would like to contribute to either or both Love Offerings, you may:

- **Give online** by selecting the appropriate Love Offering fund from the dropdown menu.
- **Drop it in the offering plate or mail it to the church** - make the check out to St. Mark's UMC and please note the recipient's name and the amount designated in the memo line.
- **Give directly** by placing money or a check (made out directly to the recipient) in a card and place it in the Love Offering Baskets available during church.

Rachel's Love Offering will be presented at her farewell celebration on **June 7** at the Magee Campus. Pastor T's Love Offering will be presented on **June 14** at the Sanctuary Campus.



As we prepare to bid farewell to Rachel Moshler, who grew up at St. Mark's, we are deeply grateful for her 11 years as a staff member. Rachel's selfless service and passion for our youth and young adults, while also serving in many leadership roles at the conference level, have been a true blessing. Please join us on **Sunday,**

June 7, between services in Fellowship Hall, for cake and an opportunity to celebrate Rachel as she embarks on her new journey as pastor of First United Methodist Church in Safford.

Rachel will be commissioned as a provisional elder at the Desert Southwest Annual Conference on **June 20, 2026**.





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 umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/PrayerRequest

Friends and Family of:
Charles Moore
Evelyn Burton

Alice Brown
Liza Carsten
Cindy Flannery
Karen Fog
Ron Hill

Jim Johnson
Joan Johnson
Priscilla McInnis
Debbie Reecer
Dan Snyder

Remembering Rev. Don Hegeman



We share the sad news that Rev. Don Evans Hegeman passed away on April 21, 2026 after a lengthy illness. Don was a member of St. Mark's when he received the call to full-time Christian service. During and after seminary, he served churches in Colorado and Montana before returning to New England where he grew up. There he served as a pastor in Connecticut, Maine and Massachusetts, before contracting Lyme disease. He returned to Arizona, and served briefly as pastor of St. John's UMC, Kingman before accepting full-time disability retirement. Don's life was one of service in each community where he lived. He even led worship at the retirement facility where he lived as his health was failing due to the complications from Lyme disease. Don is survived by his wife of

35 years, Gretchen Breyller-Hegeman and their three children and six grandchildren, and his two younger sisters. To honor Don, please consider a donation to Tohono Chul, the botanical garden where Don and Gretchen met, or LymeDisease.org.

Rev. Sharon Ragland



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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 am
*live streamed at 10 am
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:

Rev. Deborah Christine

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Sharon Ragland

Hello Church Family,

I am honored and excited to join the staff as the new Associate Director of Discipleship, alongside Spencer Taylor. I am grateful for the opportunity to become part of a congregation that values faith, connection, and community across generations.

I hold an interdisciplinary bachelor's degree with a focus in family ministry, and for ten years I served families in ministry within another denomination. Throughout my work, I have developed a deep passion for helping people of all ages grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and feel truly connected within the life of the church. In addition to ministry work, my wife and I co-own a business dedicated to supporting families affected by developmental disability through education, advocacy, and family support. This work has profoundly shaped my understanding of accessibility and the importance of creating spaces where every person and family feels welcomed, valued, and supported.

Together with my wife, we have six children, three of whom are still at home. We also recently became grandparents to a beautiful eight-month-old granddaughter who lives in Arkansas with our daughter and her family.

Outside of work and ministry, I enjoy writing poetry, listening to music, and hiking in the beauty of the Sonoran Desert.

As I begin this new chapter, I look forward to getting to know each of you, hearing your stories, and walking together in faith and discipleship. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly into your church family.

Grace and peace,
Starr Austin
Associate Director of Discipleship



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Dear St. Mark's Family and Friends,
As I write this final newsletter message, my heart is filled with gratitude. First and foremost, I thank our Almighty Father in Heaven for the blessing and opportunity to gather, worship, serve, and grow together in Christ over these past two years. It has truly been a season my family and I will always treasure.

Saying goodbye is never easy, especially to a church family that has meant so much to us. St. Mark's has not simply been a place of ministry—it has been home. You welcomed us with open arms, encouraged us, prayed for us, and allowed us to walk alongside you in faith and fellowship.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to Senior Pastor Lynn Bartlow for her leadership, wisdom, encouragement, and care for me as a young pastor. Thank you for believing in me and helping me grow in ministry. I am also grateful to all the pastors and retired pastors of St. Mark's who cared for me like a little brother in Christ. Your support and friendship have been a blessing.

To our incredible church staff, thank you for your dedication and faithful service. Ministry is possible because of the many people who serve behind the scenes, and your hard work does not go unnoticed.

I also want to thank the many volunteers who faithfully make Sunday worship possible each week. Thank you to the Powers family and David for serving with sound and technology; to Johanna Eubank, Lora, and Brenda

Adams for warmly greeting everyone at the doors; to Chris, Bill Shafer, and Carol Witherspoon for preparing snacks and fellowship; to Mr. Sanchez for caring for our children; and to Tony Windsor for faithfully putting out signs.

A special thank you goes to our awesome praise and worship team. Thank you for your servant hearts and for leading us into the presence of God through worship every week. Your dedication and passion have been such a blessing to me and my family, and I will always cherish the moments we shared together in worship.

There are many others whose names may not appear here, but please know that your service and kindness have left a lasting impact on our hearts.

As I move into the next chapter God has for my family and me, I also want to humbly ask for your forgiveness if there were ever words or actions from me that may have caused hurt or disappointment. In the name of Christ, I sincerely apologize. I always sought to serve with love, humility, and faithfulness, bringing my gifts, talents, culture, and heart into this ministry. I only hope that I was able to share the love of Christ with you as deeply as you shared it with me.

Though this chapter is ending, the love and memories of St. Mark's will remain with us always. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your church family. Thank you for loving us, supporting us, and walking with us during this meaningful season of ministry.

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