

It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood A beautiful day for a neighbor Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

On July 1, 2026, two new Associate Pastors will join our pastoral team, to serve alongside Lead Pastor, Lynn Bartlow. Pastor Ash Dotson will serve full-time as the Campus Pastor for St. Mark's Sanctuary Campus and as the Director of Discipleship for both campuses. Rev. Richard Jones will serve as the Associate Pastor of Congregational Care, ¾ time. Their first Sunday will be July 5th. You'll get to read more about them and their work in upcoming Messengers. For now, we welcome Ash and Richard, extending St. Mark's gracious hospitality to them as they begin to serve among us.

Pastor Lynn returns from her renewal leave on August 1.



Thanks from Pastor Sharon



During the three months of Pastor Lynn Bartlow's renewal leave (May-July, 2026), three pastors have each taken a month to be the "sitting" pastor, leading worship and providing oversight to the staff and ministries of the church. In May, Rev. Dr. Evy McDonald held that role. In July, Rev. Deborah Christine will serve as "sitting pastor." For June, I've had the joy of planning and leading worship and overseeing the work and transitions at St. Mark's. Thank you so much for your support and leadership during this time.

Also, since June 2025, I've been serving part-time as the Associate Minister of Congregational Care. I'm going to continue with that until the end of July, assisting with the transition of that role to Rev. Richard Jones. Then I'll head back into retirement on August 1st to spend time with my family and on other ministries, mentoring pastors and doing some consulting work. I'm so grateful for this year of ministry with you. What a joy!

Peace,
Rev. Sharon Ragland,

So happy to be your July pastor!



As your Pastor of Discipleship, it seemed only appropriate to preach on what discipleship is. So, I set out to the UMC website to find what we as Methodists believe about discipleship. We believe *a lot*! There are so many discipleship programs! Everything was absolutely correct, but what I didn't find was four concise aspects of discipleship that would make four good sermons. So, I read as much as I could including our dear John Wesley's beliefs on discipleship. I then studied my favorite spiritual leaders and theologians to see what they determined to be 'discipleship'. I spent time in prayer and contemplation ... So, please consider these four components of discipleship a conglomeration of all that is Methodist, but with a purely Deborah Christine perspective:

"I Seek." "I Believe." "I Learn." "I Serve."

I invite you to think about what you believe constitutes discipleship and we can compare our observations. I look forward to spending all four Sundays in July with you. Joining me each Sunday in worship will be Rev. Richard Jones and Associate Director of Discipleship Starr Austin. See you in Church!
Blessings,
Rev. Deborah Christine

Read all about Kids Camp & Musical on page 3 and see more photos throughout this issue of The Messenger!





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 - 11:15 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. 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 Dove Mountain Brewing Co. Drink and think (and eat) while discussing life and faith. R.S.V.P. to Cindy Pastorius @ info@umcstmarks.org.

Pickleball meets 7 am - 9 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 **Tuesday, 7/7 and Monday, 7/27** 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





Summer Sunday School continues to meet as a one room school house in rooms 8 & 9 each week at 10 am. Our children are currently studying the MVPs of the Bible! For those who might be wondering, an MVP is the most valuable players! The children sing, pray, study scripture, and watch videos on the readings to bring our biblical history and tradition to life. If you have ever thought of volunteering for Sunday School, reach out! We are seeking to expand our team in the future and I'd love to chat with you about this rich ministry.

We are so thrilled to have hosted another year of VBS Music Camp! This important outreach ministry where we share God's love with families in our wider community hosted 43 children and youth this year! The Discipleship Team hosted a welcome grab-and-go breakfast each morning at drop-off and sent children home with a message of God's grace and the teachings of Jesus.

We are already looking toward next year and how VBS can expand to reach more families and carry our message of faith into our community. We especially thanks Jane for her leadership, without her music camp would disappear. Thanks Jane!

Looking ahead to August please note, water day for our children will be August 2nd and we will celebrate "move-up" day August 9th in the Sunday School program. Parents, please be sure to look for the emails at that time to ensure current registration for all our young people.

To God be the glory for a truly memorable and successful Kids Camp & Musical!

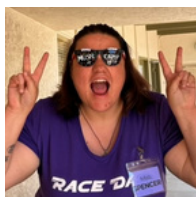


Throughout the week, campers learned songs, created crafts, painted props, played games, learned ukulele and bell techniques, and most importantly, experienced the joy of Christian fellowship while having a great deal of fun.



We are deeply grateful to everyone who supported this ministry through financial contributions and donations of food and supplies. Your generosity helped keep the program affordable and accessible for all families.

One of the greatest blessings of the week was the number of children who joined us from the community. Kids Camp & Musical continues to be a meaningful outreach ministry, providing opportunities to share God's love and God's Word with these wonderful children and their families.



A special thank you to our amazing volunteers who generously gave their time, energy, talents, and love throughout the week. Your dedication made this life-changing experience possible.

Coffee Hour at the Magee Campus... Where's the Coffee?

Summertime is here and it is HOT!

We will not be serving coffee during the summer months, but we will have water and lemonade and snacks!

If you like to bake, we would love to have you bring goodies in for coffee fellowship during the summer and all year long! You can bring goodies in on Sunday morning and drop them off in the fellowship hall kitchen. Make sure to label your container if you would like it back.

IT'S TIME FOR ICS FOOD BANK'S ANNUAL Peanut Butter Party



Spread the Love

July 1- August 1

Help ICS collect thousands of jars of peanut butter in July.

Last July St. Mark's Donated 3,542 Jars, winning the trophy! Peanut butter is a high protein family favorite. Please bring your peanut butter donations on Sundays or to the Magee campus North parking lot on Saturday mornings 10-11 am. Robert and Patricia look forward to seeing you each Saturday and Sunday in July!



PRIMAVERA FOUNDATIONS MEN'S SHELTER

A huge shout-out to The Missions Committee for providing the June Primavera meal.



"I hope you're proud of yourself for the times you've said 'yes' when all it meant was extra work for you and was seemingly helpful only to someone else."

-Fred Rogers



Sings
Sundays are:
July 5 & 19
August 2 & 16

If you have ever considered singing in the choir, please join us for summer choir! Arrive in the music room at 8 am on the Sunday we sing for a brief rehearsal.

Regular choir rehearsals will resume Wednesday, August 26.



The Sanctuary Campus praise team is looking for new members! We especially have a need for a drummer as ours will be going to college soon! We would also love to find a new singer or two who love to harmonize, as well as instrumentalists on guitar or bass. If you have thought about wanting to join but didn't see a need, or can't commit to every Sunday, don't let that stop you! If we have enough people, it means we can rotate who is playing on a given week!

If you are interested in joining the praise team, please email Cindy, cindy@umcstmarks.org, for more information or to set up a time for an audition.



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 will not have a unit meeting in July or August. The next unit meeting will be **Sept. 8**.*

Craft Circle will meet at 9 am Tuesdays, **July 14** and **28**, in Rooms 17/18. Even if you are not crafty, we can use your help and it is lots of fun. Please bring finished projects and any ideas you have for sellable crafts.

CAYA will meet at 9 am Saturday, **July 18**, in Rooms 17/18, and **July 25** at the home of Deborah Nelson. All are welcome to this group of fellowship and to explore books on the United Women in Faith reading list. You need not have read the current book to join and meet others. Email DeborahNelson2351@yahoo.com for details.

Our United Women in Faith Grace Circle will meet at 9 am Tuesday, **July 21**, in Rooms 17/18. This is a planning meeting, so please pack a lunch.



Grace Circle at GAP Ministries making hundreds of sandwiches



Dream Big: How Youth On Their Own (YOTO) Helped Me Become The First Person in My Family to Graduate

My name is Rashel. When I was fifteen, my parents could no longer provide for me, so I moved to Tucson to live with my aunt in hopes of finishing high school and someday attending college.

Although I had a place to stay, life was unstable. I moved from couch to couch before eventually living with a woman from my church. I was grateful, but resources were limited, and I began to believe college simply wasn't possible.

Everything changed when a teacher noticed no one was attending my parent-teacher conferences and connected me with Youth On Their Own (YOTO). Through YOTO, I received a stipend, access to the Mini Mall for basic necessities, and encouragement from staff who truly believed in me. They restored my sense of dignity and helped me believe my future could be different.

When I told a YOTO staff member I couldn't afford college, she replied, "Of course you're going to college!" She helped me apply for scholarships and financial aid, and I earned a full ride to the University of Arizona. YOTO staff even came to cheer me on as I became the first person in my family to graduate from high school.

College wasn't easy, but YOTO continued supporting me as an alumna. In 2023, I became the first in my family to earn a college degree.

Today, I work full-time at YOTO, sharing my story and helping other young people discover what I learned firsthand:

with support, encouragement, and someone who believes in you, dreams really can become reality.



Missions Ministry

Blood Drive Update

St. Mark's new Red Cross Account Manager had an interest so I invited her to see our Fellowship Hall and see how we ran things. She was impressed! During pre-summertime when blood donations are usually down--St. Mark's excelled in giving life saving blood for people in crisis. Your Blood Program Leader was thrilled to see people pour in to donate. We had a record of 4 Power Red donors! They count as 2 donations each for a total of 8 units. We had 19 whole blood donors, for a grand total of 27 pints of blood. We had 2 deferrals. Thank you to our pastors, our office staff, and volunteer who supports this drive



"I believe that appreciation is a holy thing - that when we look for what's best in a person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does all the time. So in Loving and Appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something sacred."

-Fred Rogers



Members of the El Rio Health Foundation Leadership Team expressing their gratitude for the generous donation of \$5500 from the Easter offering supporting

community health allowing El Rio to expand access to essential healthcare services and continue meeting the needs of individuals and families who rely on us every day.

Elizabeth Soltero, CEO of the Sunnyside Foundation and the Juntos program they sponsor to help immigrants in need, accepts a check from St. Mark's for a part of the Easter Offering this year. She was very grateful for the \$5500 the congregation donated and said the funds are sorely needed now. This money is used for legal costs, food and family expenses.



Thank you for your generosity,
The Missions Committee

COURAGE

The Combat Vets voiced their appreciation many times to St. Mark's for joining them to help place hundreds of flags at the gravestones of veterans to honor them for the Memorial Day ceremony. St. Mark's worked for 2-1/2 hours. These gravestones noted the branch served in. These are people who at some time in their lives made protecting freedoms possible. This group of Combat Vets were in a war zone or in armed conflict in Somalia. After the Memorial Day ceremony, it took us 1 hour to take all the flags down.



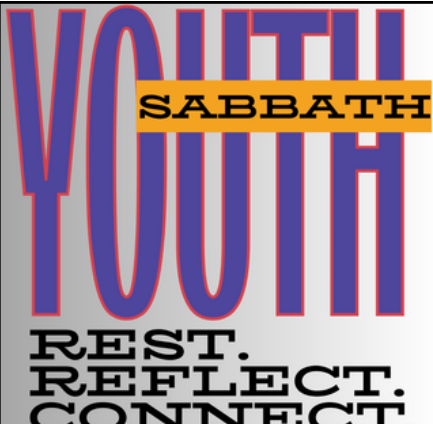
Pictured are Cheri, Dale, and Betsy, and with The Combat Vets-Tucson Chapter

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!

Sunday - July 5th



SABBATH

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

**REST.
REFLECT.
CONNECT.**

Sunday - July 12th

We'll provide the popcorn, you bring a candy to share!
4 - 6pm



Wednesday - July 15th



S'MORE STORIES

Gather Together

Let's share stories about our summer adventures, including SSP, sing some songs & eat s'mores around the campfire! A summer classic!

6-8pm

Sunday - July 19th



POOL Party

Summer Splash!

We're having a pool party at The Howell house.

Meet us there!
Text Spencer for the address

4-6PM BRING A TOWEL! GAMES

MEET US THERE!

Sunday - July 26th

Little Free What?

If you didn't know, we have both a Little Free Library & a Little Free Pantry right outside the Wesley House!

They both could use some TLC, so join us for this cleanup and restock!



Service Project!

Little Free Re-Vamp

4 - 6pm

Wednesday - July 29th

Last Hoorah!

Let's all get together one last time before school starts to share a meal and play some fun games in the backyard!

This will be the last event our graduated seniors can attend.

6-8pm



BACKYARD BBQ

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:

- 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

Pray For Us! - July 5th - 11th

It's finally time for the biggest adventure of the year!

Sunday, July 5th through Saturday, July 11th, a group of over twenty-five St. Mark's Students & Adults will be in Teec Nos Pos on the Navajo Nation serving elders and others in the community.

We will be focusing on accessibility home improvements, all while building an even stronger connection as a group!



CONFIRMATION 2027

Interested in Confirmation?

Confirmation is open to students 8th grade and up!

We will be having an information meeting on Sunday, August 16th after second service in the Wesley House.

Stay tuned for more details!



Sterling A. - July 10th
 Evelyn B. - July 11th
 David C. - July 26th
 Kate B. - July 26th
 Nolan T. - July 26th
 Owen M. - July 26th

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.*



Early Voting Starts This Month

The primary election here in Arizona will be on July 21. The purpose is to determine which of the candidates who have applied to run will be on the general election ballot on November 3. The limit is one person per political party. (There are some exceptions. There are two slots per district for state representatives and for the Arizona Corporation Commission.)

If you are on the permanent Early Ballot Voting List, you should receive a notice from the Pima County Recorder including the information on your registration. If all the information is correct, you should receive a Democratic or Republican ballot which was mailed June 24.

If you did not receive that notice and want to vote by mail or want to change your party, contact the recorder (recorder.pima.gov or 520 724-4330). If you do not mail the completed ballot by the recommended date of July 14, it can be turned in at any election station on July 21 election day.

We are called to be good stewards and citizens. Voting is a way we can obey God's command to seek the good of those around us and our nation as a whole.

- Church & Society



St. Marks' Worldwide Christian Support Task Force Update: Iran Authorities Surge their Persecution of Christians

Iran's Revolution Guard, Iran's security services, and its police have ramped up their activities to arrest and penalize Christians with unlawful detention, long prison sentences, fines and pressure to leave the country. Christians are regularly investigated and prosecuted under the penal code for "propaganda that educates in a deviant way" and under Iran's national security laws as agents of foreign powers.

Iranian law does formally recognize Iran's Armenian and Assyrian Christians as minorities and they can operate, but under extreme conditions. These minorities are barred from holding services in Farsi, the national language and may not admit converts. An Armenian man was prosecuted and convicted for "engaging in deviant activity" because authorities found that he had seven Persian-language New Testaments and had visited two Armenian churches and a house church. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Christians meeting in house churches are strictly prohibited and converts arrested. In 2025, three female

converts were sentenced to 41 years in prison combined for house church involvement and Christian

Activity. One of the women was pregnant. In another case, four men were brought to court for Christian activity. When they appeared in court, they were not allowed to say a single word. Instead, the judge cursed them and said "it is a disgrace that you are even breathing the air in this sacred courtroom. You should go to prison right now," He sent them to Evin Prison for 10 years.

In 2024, 96 Christians were sentenced to a combined 264 years in prison – a sixfold increase from 2023. Courts also imposed \$800,000 in fines and 37 years of external exile. Hahdi Ghaemi, Executive Director of the center of Human Rights in Iran explained, "The Islamic Republic is terrified of its growing Christian convert community, and is trying to crush it the way it crushes all perceived threats, through sham prosecutions in kangaroo courts, violent brutality, and years locked up behind bars." Iran is number 10 on Open Doors World Watch list of Christian persecuting countries.

An Update from the Finance Committee - July 2026

The financial results for April and May are shown here. Contributions for April and May exceeded expectations, bringing the year-to-date favorable budget variance to \$95,997. Other income is below budget as transfers from other funds began later than projected.

Expenses for April included our annual insurance payment of \$24,000, however we are still under budget year to date by \$28,297. Year to date net income of \$89,114 compares favorably with the budgeted loss of \$15,261. As we enter the summer months, when contributions are at their lowest, we are optimistic the accumulated profit will cover any future losses.

	April	May	Year to date	Budget	Variance
Contributions	123,151.16	113,885.40	568,336.51	472,340.00	95,996.51
Other Income	18,129.17	11,303.78	48,330.95	68,250.00	(19,919.05)
Total Income	119,738.25	125,189.18	616,667.46	540,590.00	76,077.46
Expenses	108,991.07	100,154.73	527,553.43	555,851.00	(28,297.57)
Net Income	10,747.18	25,034.45	89,114.03	(15,261.00)	104,375.03

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Our very own Rachel Mosher was commissioned at this year's Desert Southwest Annual Conference, with Alberta Farnsworth, her mom supporting her every step.



Commissioning is an official ceremony and milestone where the church publicly recognizes the candidate's call and invokes the Holy Spirit to guide them as they become servant-leaders. Rachel will serve as Lead Pastor in Safford, AZ.





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

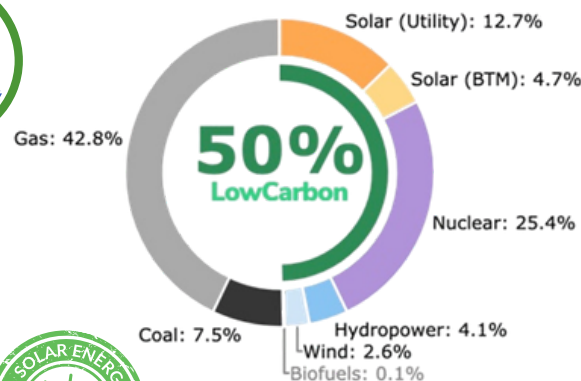
Friends and Family of:
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Liza Carsten
Cindy Flannery
Deena Hadley
Ron Hill
Brenda Hunter

Jim Johnson
Priscilla McInnis
Debbie Reecer
Shirley Riley
Dan Snyder

The **solar parking construction** is an exciting addition to the St Mark's Magee campus. Naturally, we're feeling good about tapping into this renewable resource and all the benefits that come along with that: significant cost savings on our electric bills, decreased environmental impact through zero greenhouse gas emissions, and reduced water usage for energy production. But have you also considered another unexpected impact? The St Mark's Magee campus sits at the corner of a high traffic intersection in a growing part of town. The visibility of solar panels in our parking lot sends a message to prospective members that we are a thriving church who values reducing our environmental footprint. The promotion of a positive image to the general passersby has good ripple effects as well.

The Bible frames creation care as sacred duty of stewardship. The solar panels become a tangible statement of our stewardship and commitment to God's creation. The UMC social principles guide us to practice responsible stewardship and to live in right relationship with the Creator and with the whole of God's creation. Producing carbon free energy helps plants and animals by limiting extreme weather, preserving natural habitats, and eliminating toxic contaminants in local ecosystems. At St Mark's we are powering our church with creation in mind.



Arizona Energy Sources 2025:

We are half way there! According to <https://lowcarbonpower.org/region/Arizona>, Arizona now sources 50% of its energy from low carbon sources. Did you know that 90% of new energy in the US is coming from solar? St. Mark's will proudly contribute to the rate of solar growth in 2026.

Reducing your environmental footprint this summer

No cost:

- Bump your thermostat up 1-2 degrees and more when you are on vacation.
- Use ceiling fans that are set to rotate counterclockwise.
- Wash full laundry loads in cold water
- Set your water heater to 120 degrees.
- Turn lights and electronics off when not in use.

Low cost:

- Use a drying rack instead of a clothes dryer.
- Use LED lightbulbs
- Install smart thermostats

High cost with big returns:

- Upgrade to high efficiency appliances and devices
- Install solar solutions or heat pumps



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Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10 am

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Sunday Worship 10

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Tu'ulauena Lolohena

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Peanut Butter Party: Year Six Begins!

It's that time again—our annual Peanut Butter Challenge with Interfaith Community Services is back, and St. Mark's is ready to defend our title!

For five years in a row, you have shown up with generosity, creativity, and just a little competitive spirit. Because of you, hundreds of families in our community have had a simple, reliable source of protein on their tables. Peanut butter may seem small, but it makes a real difference.

This year, the challenge continues... and I won't be here to cheer you on in person! While I'm on renewal leave this summer, I'll be watching from afar and rooting for you. To get things started, I've already added the first 52 jars to our total, a gift from my birthday this year.

Now it's your turn.

Can we make it six years in a row?

Can we beat last year's total?

Can we stretch our generosity even further for our neighbors?

Bring your jars to worship, drop them off during the week, or consider picking up a few extra on your next grocery run. Every jar counts. Every gift matters.

Let's do what St. Mark's does best—gather, connect, and serve—one jar at a time.

Game on.

See you in August!

Pastor Lynn

