

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

St. Mark's Messenger

September 2026

All Church Picnic

Sunday, September 20
4 pm Crossroads Park

Come hungry, bring a dish to share, and get ready for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Our annual All-Church Picnic is more than just a meal—it's a time to connect with one another and welcome our neighbors.

As one church in two places, we don't often gather as one community. This picnic is a great chance to meet friends from both the Magee and Sanctuary campuses, share stories, and strengthen the bonds that unite us. At the same time, we'll be extending a warm invitation to those who live around the Sanctuary Campus to join us for games, music, conversation, and a seat at the table.

Hot dogs and burgers will be provided - bring a side dish or dessert, come ready to play and laugh, and help us make this a true celebration of community—old friends and new friends alike!



A little rain could NEVER dampen our spirits!

Welcome Our New Chancel Choir Director!

Dr. Jill Burgett is delighted to join the St. Mark's United Methodist Church community as Chancel Choir Director and to continue a lifelong connection to the United Methodist Church. Throughout much of her career, she has served as a university choral conductor and church choral director, experiences that have shaped her belief that music ministry is about worship, community, welcome, and shared joy.

Jill is Director of Choral Activities at the University of Northern Colorado, where she has taught for seventeen years. Previously, she was Associate Director of Choral Activities at Ball State University and spent more than a decade teaching and conducting choirs in K-12 schools. She holds a doctorate and master's degree in choral conducting from Ball State University and a bachelor's degree in music education from Heidelberg University. Her career as a conductor, clinician, teacher, and singer has taken her throughout the United States and internationally.

Jill and her husband, Chip, have enjoyed living part-time in Oro Valley for several years and are thrilled to now be permanent residents, as Jill has transitioned her work at UNC to remote teaching. Outside of music, she enjoys hiking, cycling, dog training, and spending time with Chip and their Labradoodle, Bernie. She has three adult children and three grandsons.

Jill is especially pleased to be part of the St. Mark's community and looks forward to getting to know everyone, making music together, and helping nurture a joyful and welcoming music ministry.



Thank you

from the SPRC
(Staff-Parish Relations Committee)

With grateful hearts, we say *Thank You* to Pastors Deborah and Sharon for their faithful service and dedication to our church family over the last year, and we send them back to retirement with our blessings. We are blessed that they are not leaving St. Mark's but are simply returning to retirement; you may see them leading a class, filling the pulpit, or worshipping alongside us in the coming months!

Additionally, we say *Thank You* to Pastor Evy, who joined Pastors Deborah and Sharon in providing pastoral leadership during Pastor Lynn's Renewal Leave this summer. They guided our congregation with love, grace, and wisdom and we are very grateful for their steadfast leadership and unwavering faith.



REGISTER
ONLINE AT

umcstmarks.org/classes/adult-spiritual-growth-opportunities

ADULT EDUCATION

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September 2026

We have a
seat at the
table for you!

LEADERS CIRCLE - A place for leaders to be supported, encouraged, and equipped.

Sept.: Creating Belonging What makes someone move from "I attend this group" to *"These are my people"*?

Leaders Circle is a monthly 90-minute gathering for anyone who leads a small group, class, study, ministry group, or other community at St. Mark's.

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, we'll connect with other leaders, tend to our own spiritual lives, practice one useful leadership skill, and share the real questions and challenges we're encountering in our groups.

This isn't another meeting for announcements—it's a place for leaders to be supported, encouraged, and equipped.

Our first meeting will be 11 am-12:30 pm Saturday, **September 19th** in the library at Magee campus.

Together, we'll explore practical ways to create communities where people feel known, wanted, included, and valued.

If you help create community at St. Mark's, there's a place for you in the Circle.

ICS Faith Community Partners - Artificial Intelligence



I had the pleasure of attending the Faith Partners luncheon August 20th with Interfaith Community Services. Approximately forty faith leaders gathered to hear Dr. Ken McAllister talk about the use of Artificial Intelligence in our lives, in our faith communities, and in

our leadership. A panel from area faith leaders followed to discuss the religious imperative to utilize discernment when using AI.

Some general things I learned is that AI has been in development for over fifty years. However, around 15 years ago there were major breakthroughs with how computers could decipher words in context, which lead to the invention of systems like Chat GpT. These Large Language Models (LLM) mimic how human language works and draw from innumerate sources.

These models are goal driven primarily and are only as good as the info we give them. To utilize discernment and avoid just being told what we want to hear, we can ask for arguments supporting various outcomes and ask for resources to support its claims.

Probably the most notable information shared was how retirees are relying on these AI systems for connection. The immediate interaction with a LLM like Gemini feels good. They respond in an almost charismatic and loving way. Yet, research shows continued parasocial relationships with AI, which is to say a one sided relationship, disconnects us from embodied connection and actually increases feelings of loneliness.

Faith informed AI use gets even trickier with real ethical dilemmas around environmental impact, the ability to be authentic and vulnerable with other humans, and the question of when AI may be replacing connection with the Holy Spirit.

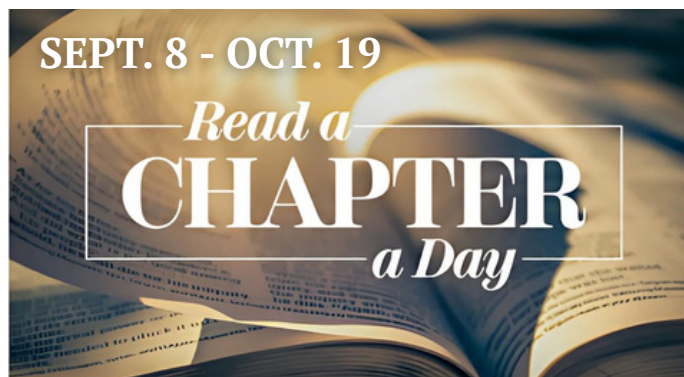
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Do you read your Bible Daily?

Join us, and 2000+ people worldwide, for this six-week exploration of daily scripture reading and small group ministry. The UMC Discipleship Ministries is hosting its annual "read a chapter a day" event September 8th - October 19th. Join us in reading through Galatians, Ephesians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon.

Here at St. Mark's there will be two groups forming to study the scripture over this 6-week period. You can contact our Associate Director of Discipleship, Starr Austin, at starr@umcstmarks.org to register for a study group. Please indicate if you prefer to meet on Sundays from 4

pm-5:30 pm via Zoom or Mondays at the Magee campus from 1:30 pm to 3 pm.



Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.
Proverbs 22:6

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY



Parent Back -to-School Brunch!

Whether you're feeling



OR



School is back in session!

LET'S CELEBRATE!
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Let's Celebrate! We did it! They are **BACK TO SCHOOL!** Good job, Families! So, join us on **Saturday, September 12th** 11-1 pm for a Parent Brunch at Starr & Linda's house. Let Starr know if you need childcare (it will be provided at the Magee campus) by **Sept 8th**. Drop the kids and come celebrate with your fellow parents over a provided brunch at our home at 4842 N Los Altos Pl, near 1st & River. Bring only yourselves and your appetites!

Rebuilding a Faithful Routine



It's September! We are back to school with the routines of homework, sports, and band in full swing. The calendar is **CROWDED!** We are already looking at where we will be for Thanksgiving and Christmas with, perhaps, a little dread as we navigate in-laws, teens who want to be at their 'friendsgiving', and blended and extended families with all the cross-household calendaring. So how do we move through this season with faithfulness?

Start your calendars with Sunday Church attendance. Families carving out time to worship, attend Sunday School, and Fellowship with their Faith community signal an important teaching to their children: we put God first in our lives. Worship is about making worthy and when we gather to do so each week, we demonstrate that God is worthy of our time, effort, and presence. Through the ritual of worship, we remember that we too are worthy: worthy of God's love. We begin our week on Sundays to revere God, celebrate life, and give thanks for what we have been given. We leave with a benediction instructing us to go forth and do God's work: to serve, to love, and to forgive. We need these reminders as humans and in the family, we need the process to slow down together and make space for God in our lives.

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If you love AI, this doesn't mean you are doing anything wrong! Rather, I invite you to consider how you use it, whether you still turn first to prayer and scripture, where experience and expertise may be getting replaced by quick dopamine hits and instant responses, and if we are losing our ability to discern, create, connect, and even - wait.

In a time of instant gratification, information, and ever increasing disconnection. How can we sit in the complexity of how artificial intelligence can be a tool to

From there, we can look to our weekdays with small moments to be still and know God:

These small 3-5 minute prayers and moments to connect around God's teachings ground us and help us remember that benediction call - to go forth and love thy neighbor.

- -A breath and a prayer before we leave the driveway to school.
- -A shared meal once a week to break bread & remember Jesus.
- -Faith music on the way to practice or rehearsal.

As we move into fall, we will have opportunities for all of our adults to recommit to faith development for ourselves. If we are to be Disciples, we must be disciplined in our learning, in our praise, and in our making room for the Holy Spirit. This may look like enrolling in Discipleship 3, experimenting in the upcoming Embodied Series, or joining us during Midweek this Advent season. Discipleship requires an openness to God's ongoing revelation.

So, friends, take heart. God is with you - amidst the busy and the noise and the car rides, God is waiting for you to notice and say yes!

assist us with research, categorization, data analysis and systems thinking while guarding against easy answers, quick fixes, isolation, and replacing the stillness with God and connection with one another? How are you using AI? Let's talk about God's presence in these futuristic times.



Faith Community Partners at ICS

Don't forget ... all Sunday Concerts start at 3 pm! Don't forget ... all Sunday

St. Mark's '26 - '27
United Methodist

**SUNDAY
CONCERT
SERIES**

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Our 2026-2027 Concert Series begins in September.

Be sure to get these dates on your calendar! There will be more information about the upcoming concert season next month.

September 13	The Manhattan Dolls	Andrews Sisters Style Harmonies
September 27	Unscrewed Theater	Improv comedy for the entire family
October 11	Tucson Concert Band	Band music at its best
October 25	Southern Arizona Flute Club	Flutes of all sizes and shapes

Our 2026-27 Concert Series kicks off Sunday, **September 13th at 3 PM** with the Manhattan Dolls – a real fan favorite.

Sentimental Journey, Music from the WWII Era

Hop aboard the *Chattanooga Choo Choo* and join The Manhattan Dolls on a *Sentimental Journey* through the great music of the 30s and 40s. Sit back and enjoy these timeless classics, or if you're "In the Mood" get up and dance! Sentimental Journey blends beautiful ballads with your favorite toe-tapping tunes, and of course, in classic USO fashion, takes some time to honor our brave men and women in the military.

From boogie woogie to the blues, Sentimental Journey celebrates the best the Great American Songbook has to offer.



Join us on Sunday, **September 27 at 3pm** to belly laugh along with the improv team of Unscrewed Theater!



Unscrewed Theater is a nonprofit organization dedicated to teaching, performing and producing all forms of live improvisational theater in Tucson. Join us for a family-friendly improv comedy show. The audience will provide ideas and subjects for the performers to improvise on. Be prepared for a good belly-laugh.

St. Mark's Chancel Choir Retreat!



Mark your calendars! Our Chancel Choir Retreat will be held on Saturday, **September 26** from 9 AM-4 PM at our Magee campus. This is a time we can work ahead on anthems, introduce our cantata (Rutter's "Gloria" and Mac Wilburg Carols) and get to know one another as we build community. Any singer who would like to join us for the cantata is welcome to join us- new singers are welcome! Questions: Contact Jill Burgett 317-840-2623 or jill@umcstmarks.org.

Upcoming concerts – mark your calendar:

October 11 Tucson Concert Band
October 25 Southern Arizona Flute Club
November 8 Tucson Little Big Band
November 22 Carol Markstrom



CHOIR SEASON has started, but it is not too late to join!

Bells of St. Mark's: 6:30-8 pm Mondays in the sanctuary.

Under the direction of JoAnn Luther, this group rings one Sunday each month. Ability to read music is a big help.

Celebration Singers: 6:15-7:30 pm Wednesdays in the Music Room
Under the direction of Jane Anderson, this group sings all types of music and sings three Sundays each month

Chancel Choir: 7:30-9 pm Wednesdays in the sanctuary
Under the direction of Jill Burgett, this choir is the more traditional group and sings three Sundays each month



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 unit meeting is **Sept. 8 at 9:30 am in rooms 17/18***

Craft Circle will meet at 9 am Tuesdays, **September 1 and 22**, 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, **September 19**, in Rooms 17/18, and **September 26** 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.

Grace Circle made freezer meals for Ronald McDonald House Aug. 18. The House provides free housing for out of town families who have a child receiving medical treatment in Tucson, both long-term and short-term hospital stays, or sometimes just an overnight stay for a child's outpatient treatments.

Grace Circle will meet at 9 am **Tuesday, Sept. 15**, in Rooms 17/18. The group will make cards for Youth On Their Own.



Soup for the Soul

If you like soup, get your taste buds ready. United Women in Faith will sell Soup for the Soul at both campuses between and after services Oct. 4. A variety of soups will be available in 16-ounce containers. A \$5 donation for each container will support UWFaith's mission efforts.



Coffee Hour returns in September, and we need your help to bring it back!

We're looking for four teams of two to set up between 7:45 and 8:30 a.m. each Sunday — a great fit for those attending the 8:30 service, since you can arrive early and still make it to worship.

Extra help is especially needed on Sundays when Chancel Choir sings, as our regular coordinator won't be available those weeks.

Interested? Contact Lora for more information!



The Animal Ministry Team is excited to bring you the 12th annual St. Mark's Blessing of the Animals. The service will be held on Sunday, **October 25 at 5 pm** on the labyrinth of our Meditation Gardens. As always, this event is open to the community, so be sure to invite friends and family.



**RUMMAGE
TO THE
RESCUE(S)!**



Saturday, November 14 from 7 am - 12 noon, the Animal Ministry is hosting a Rummage for the Rescues. This is a rummage sale in our south parking lot for a number of local animal rescues. This provides an opportunity for the rescues to join together for an event that attracts a large number of customers. Please come out and shop.

Primavera Meal a Team Success

Thank you to everyone who helped make last month's Primavera meal such a success! Between the food, the fellowship, and the extra hands, it was a wonderful night.

There was plenty to go around, including extra sandwiches to leave behind — their chef was on vacation, so the donation was helpful for their Sunday lunch. Volunteers also contributed a corn and corn chip salad, fresh fruit, garden salads, buns, and three varieties of bundt cake-- topped off with a popular addition of whipped cream!

It truly was a team effort, and a great reminder of what this congregation can do together each month. If you'd like to be part of the next Primavera meal, keep an eye out for the next date — we'd love to have you!



The ICS Food Collection Ministry Needs a Few Good Volunteers!



For six years, Robert and Patricia Kittrell have led this ministry, showing up nearly every Saturday (and lining up substitutes when they traveled). We're deeply grateful to them — and now, as they step back, we're re-examining how to keep this vital ministry going strong.

Ron Winner has agreed to serve as Team Leader. Ron brings years of experience with food banks and food-insecurity efforts, and he's ready to build a great team.

Here's what we need: two volunteers each Saturday. Having a pair means one person can collect food while the other visits with donors — making the ministry both practical and personal.

How it works:

9:45–9:50 am – Meet Tony at the Welcome Center to collect food already dropped off

10–11 am – Park in the north lot to receive donations and chat with folks bringing food

11 am – Deliver everything to ICS Food Bank (2820 W Ina Rd.), staff help unload and share the day's total poundage

Total time commitment: about an hour and a half. **And that's it** — shift complete, and a real difference made.

Please pray about joining this effort. Sign up solo (we'll pair you with a partner) or as a duo. Want to learn more or sign up? Call Ron at 908-510-9981 (after Sept. 8), or talk with Mary Beth Barone or Kathy Howard. A sign-up sheet will be in the courtyard starting September 13.

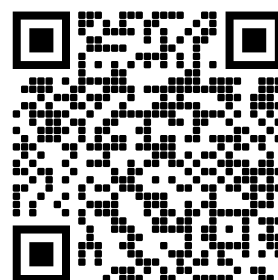


In the meantime, our Saturday collections are covered through September — so keep those donations coming. Thank you!

DONATE ❤️



The Red Cross returns to St. Mark's on Sunday, **September 6** from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm in our Fellowship Hall. The Red Cross always sends a personal thank you and states that "after local needs are met, your blood donation is sent to a medical center to help a patient in need". The Red Cross reminds us that each day "people receive blood for life-threatening illnesses, blood disorders, traumatic injuries and more conditions." Registration is open now at www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=stmarks or use the QR code here. We accept Whole Blood and Power Red donations. All blood types are needed at this critical time. Begin drinking water and eating protein the day before your donation. Contact Cheri Schwartz with questions.





Youth Ministry

At St. Mark's Youth, we believe everyone has a seat at the table.

Youth Group is a place to belong and it happens on Sunday afternoons from 4-6pm in the Wesley House.

We're excited to meet you and want you to feel at home!

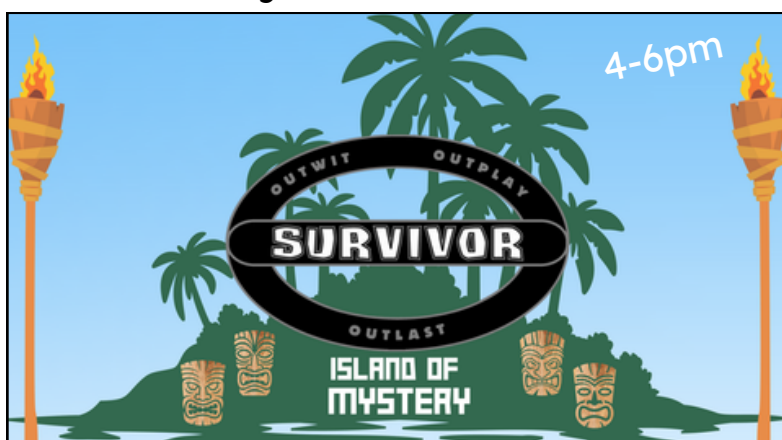
Sunday - September 6th



Sunday - September 20th



Sunday - October 4th



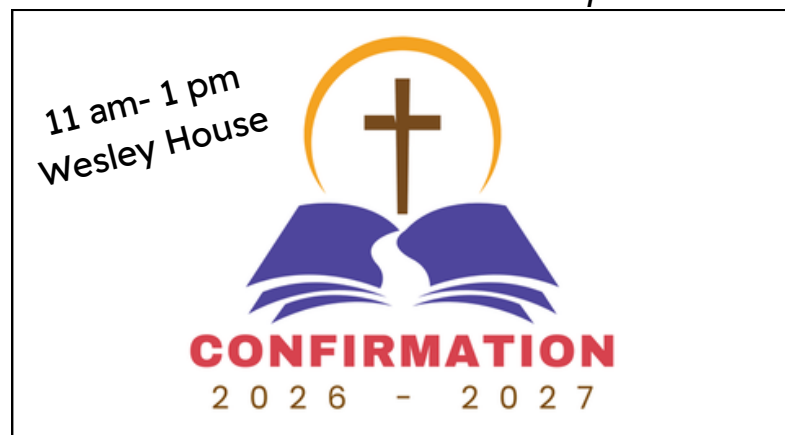
Sunday - September 13th



Sunday - September 27th



Confirmation Meets: Sept. 13th



Sunday School meets weekly 10-11 am in the Wesley House on 1st-4th Sundays.

On 5th Sundays, join us for Family Worship!

YOUTH VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT!

Meet Rob!

aka Rob The Goat

Most of the time you can find Rob on the Pickleball court, but on Sunday afternoon he's always in the Wesley House having a blast with students! His favorite color is green, he loves coffee, and he's cheering for the Dallas Cowboys. His best friend is his wife, Susan, they've been married for 37 years! They joined the St. Mark's community in 2025 after relocating from Tennessee and quickly became involved in different ministry opportunities. Rob says the best part of serving youth is watching their relationship with God grow and experiencing the world around them. He also enjoys encouraging students at their sporting events and other activities.

Rob's Favorite Verse- John 16:33 NLT

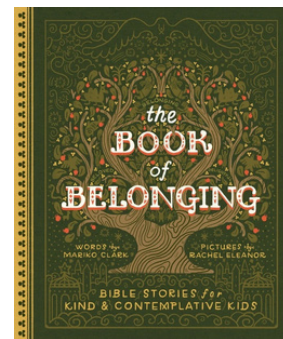
"I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."



THE BOOK OF BELONGING

September & October Sunday School!

The Book of Belonging is an incredible children's Bible that was made to encourage curiosity and kindness. In our Youth Sunday School classes, we will be exploring stories that showed us how people found belonging in their lives in unexpected ways that shaped God's grand story of belonging for all.



Sierra Service Project - 2027

Ready To Go Back!?

If you're interested in attending SSP next summer, use our LinkTree to fill out an interest form today!

If you sign up now, you will be able to help us decide the dates and location we attend! Dates and locations will be released at the end of the month.



YOUTH 2027 : JULY 11TH - 14TH

Texas Here We Come!

Are you interested in attending Youth 2027 with us? Sign up using the LinkTree to get more details!



Fun Fact: Jade is on the design team!

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!

CONFIRMATION 2027

Starting September 13th

Confirmation is open to students 8th grade and up!

It's not too late to sign up, our first session will be on Sunday, September 13th from 11am - 1pm in the Wesley House.

Email Spencer today to join in!



Charlotte C. - Sept. 11th

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.



FIVE PLACES THAT TELL THE STORY OF LATINÉ HERITAGE IN TUCSON

The history of Tucson is inseparable from the history of Mexico. For centuries, Tucson was part of New Spain and later Mexico. Therefore, long before Arizona became a state in 1912, generations of Mexican families had already established communities, farms, businesses, schools, and churches that shaped the region we call home. Their traditions, language, faith, and culture continue to define Southern Arizona today.

One of the best ways to appreciate Latiné Heritage Month is to explore the places where Tucson's history comes alive:

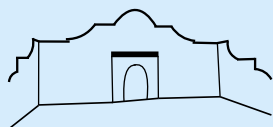


Mission San Xavier del Bac – Often called the “White Dove of the Desert,” it is one of the finest examples of Spanish Colonial architecture in the United States. Founded in 1692 by Jesuit missionary Eusebio Kino, it continues to serve as an active parish and a living expression of faith.

Presidio San Agustín del Tucson – Established by Spain in 1775, the Presidio became the birthplace of modern Tucson. Today it reminds us that the city's roots are deeply connected to Spanish and Mexican history.



Barrio Viejo – Its colorful adobe homes, narrow streets, and historic churches reflect generations of Mexican American families whose lives centered on faith, family, and community.



El Tiradito Wishing Shrine – This unique Tucson landmark is a place where generations have lit candles, offered prayers, and sought hope, re-minding us of God's grace and humanity's longing for healing.

The Santa Cruz River Heritage Area – Ancient Native and later Latiné irrigation systems made desert farming possible along the Santa Cruz River corridor. The Las Milpitas Community Farm in Tucson tells a story of stewardship, perseverance, and cooperation.



These landmarks remind us that Tucson's identity has been shaped by people whose faith, resilience, and love of community helped build the city we know today. “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” ~ Romans 15:7

Church & Society is promoting International Friends as new University of Arizona students arrive soon. Complete a short host application, choose a student waiting to be matched, and offer friendship, conversation, and a warm Tucson welcome.

International Friends: Welcome a Wildcat



Dr. Mohammad Mahmood Abubakar came to the UA from Nigeria and found a welcoming host through International Friends. He went on to serve as Nigeria's Minister of Environment — proof of what a little hospitality can do.

New international students are arriving now, waiting to be matched with a conversation partner. No special skills needed — just a welcoming heart.

Church & Society invites you to apply as a host. Scan the QR code or visit ifriendstucson.org/join.



Save the Date

Save the Date: Rise Against Hunger Food Packaging Event

The event will take place on **February 7, 2027** in the Fellowship Hall on the Magee campus.

We will need **eighty volunteers** to help, and the entire family is invited to participate.



- Church and Society

An Update from the Finance Committee: *A Budget That Supports Our Mission*

Please find the financial results for July below. Total Income through July exceeded expectations for a favorable budget variance of \$61,983 while expenses are under \$32,962. Although we had a loss of \$918.50 in July, we are ahead of budget by \$94,945 year to date.

	July	Year to date	Budget	Variance
Contributions	83,068.67	708,469.94	661,276.00	47,193.94
Other Income	16,546.46	110,339.05	95,550.00	14,789.05
Total Income	99,615.13	818,808.99	756,826.00	61,982.99
Expenses	100,533.63	734,765.93	767,728.00	(32,962.07)
Net Income	(918.50)	84,043.06	(10,902.00)	94,945.06

**OUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

Every week, our two campuses are busy with people gathering, connecting and serving. We worship together, offer discipleship classes, share meals and fellowship, and provide space for groups from our community—including 12-step groups. Our Early Childhood Center welcomes children and families throughout the week. All these ministries depend on having buildings that are safe, functional, and welcoming.

Caring for our campuses and church assets are a big part of our annual budget. Some of the items included in the Trustees' 2026 budget are \$54,000 for utilities, \$21,000 for general maintenance, \$18,000 in rental cost for the Sanctuary location, \$13,200 for landscaping, \$7,000 for custodial supplies and more than \$26,000 for insurance. There are also larger equipment and facility needs that must be addressed from time to time.

As summer ends and we enter the second half of the year, we will begin to consider what our costs will be in 2027. Our annual stewardship campaign will take place this fall, when you will be asked how you will support St Mark's next year.

Breast Cancer Support Brunch

10 AM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

A brunch to provide support, encouragement and and friendship for those who have had breast cancer, are currently going through treatment, or support someone. All are welcome.

For more information or to RSVP call Terri Gerber at 520-403-3237.

Brought to you by the Counselor in Residence committee



Looking for a great way to meet people and move your body? Join the On Your Mark's Walking Group for indoor walking at our summer walking place, the Tucson Mall!

We will meet on **Friday, 9/11 and Monday, 9/28** 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 two hours, for two miles. Contact: Cheri Schwartz

St. Mark's Solar Status as of August 12th:



The installation of the solar equipment is complete!

The following are the inspections / final steps remaining. TFS, the solar company, is actively engaged with Pima County and TEP.

- Golder Fire Dept inspections passed. ✓
- Final Special Inspections passed. ✓
- Pima County still needs to receive and process the Special Inspections certificates before they will allow us to schedule the Final Inspections. They are now requiring a site wide certification form by a PE.

After Pima County inspections, they will send an approval to TEP, which takes a couple days for TEP to process the paperwork.

- Once processed, we can submit the Notice of Installation Complete (NIC) paperwork to TEP.
- TEP typically takes 4-6 weeks to review, do a site inspection and set the solar meter.
- After the meter is set, we schedule a final commissioning with TEP which typically occurs within a week.

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 umcstmarks.breezechms.com/form/PrayerRequest

Gail Blevins
Ellen Beene
Liza Carsten
Heather Fish
Brenda Hunter
Jim Johnson

Martha Mazzolini
Priscilla McInnis
Shirley Riley
Ellen Stephenson
Dan Snyder

Dear St. Mark's,

I just want to express my heartfelt gratitude for my church family and the many prayers, cards, calls, texts, visits, and thoughts I have received and continue to receive during my breast cancer journey. I truly do feel lifted up and held in love by you. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

- Liza

thank you

Dear St. Mark's,

Thank you again for over 3000 pounds of peanut butter given this July for the Peanut Butter Party for ICS! 6 years in a row as winners!
- Interfaith Community Services

thank you!



thank you



THANK YOU!

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Associate Pastor:

Rev. Richard Jones



Breakfast

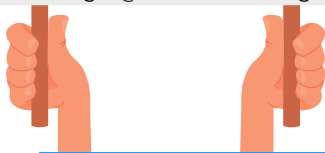
The BooHoo Breakfast is an annual event to kick off the new school year at the St. Mark's Early Childhood Center. It's a chance for parents to get cute photos and mingle with one another as they start this new adventure with their littles! The St. Mark's office staff hosted the breakfast and got to meet the families we serve!

As a ministry of St. Mark's, the ECC provides high quality childcare, preschool, and Kindergarten to our community.



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from our Congregational Care Pastor



Greetings St. Mark's folk! I am excited to be on board as your Associate Pastor for Congregational Care! I have been welcomed warmly by the congregation and the staff has been extremely helpful. Rev. Sharon Ragland oriented me to the work and has been a great resource for me.

I look forward to getting to know many of you in the next few weeks. I am available to serve you and your family with any pastoral care needs. Please feel free to reach out to me if there is any way I can help you.

Here's a little introduction. I grew up in Chattanooga, TN and attended college and seminary there. While I was in school, I worked at a couple of churches. Then my wife Mindy and I moved to Ft. Myers, FL, where I served as associate pastor, and worked in the church school. Our daughter Bethany was born there. After Florida, we moved to Huntington, WV to serve as associate/youth pastor. Our son Tyler was born in Huntington.

Next, our Arizona (and United Methodist) adventure began! We moved to Tucson in 1999 to serve as youth director at Catalina United Methodist Church.

Although I was an ordained minister, this was a lay position. That opportunity morphed into associate pastor for contemporary worship and youth. I next served as pastor at St. James and now St. Marks. I am looking forward to all God will do through our partnership in God's work.

Rev. Richard Jones

