

APRIL 2017

Upcoming @ St. Mark's



EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND OPPORTUNITIES
FOR FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH

In this issue...

HOLY WEEK @ ST. MARK'S

A Season of Grace: Palm Sunday • Maundy Thursday • Good Friday • Two Services on Easter Sunday..(8:30am and 10:30am) • Following our tradition, we will conclude the Easter celebration of Christ's resurrection by singing together the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2017 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COMMUNITY INTERFAITH BUILD: There are many opportunities to help with this initiative! • New Member Classes • A Taizé Worship Service at St. Mary-of-the-Woods • The Women's Retreat at Waycross • The Bloomington Chamber Singers host a Sing-Along Messiah on Palm Sunday in our Sanctuary • and much, much more!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

See what the Nomads, Pilgrims, and the Bible Banter classes are studying in April • All classes always welcome new members!

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children and Youth in Worship Leadership • Information about this summer's upcoming Vacation Bible School • Opportunities to support the Nursery School.

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Join one of our many special interest groups. Or consider forming a new group with others who share similar interests! There are many opportunities to connect, share, and serve.

CAN YOU HELP?

Operation Friendship seeks hosts • Sunday School teachers needed • Sponsor a Sunday morning breakfast

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HOLY WEEK @ ST. MARK'S

Palm Sunday

April 9, 10:30am

The Grace of Presence

Parade of Palms with Children (and the young at heart).

Rev. Mary Beth Morgan, preaching

Maundy Thursday

April 13, 7:00pm

Observe a ritual of handwashing.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Music by the Chancel Choir

Rev. Jimmy Moore, preaching

Good Friday

April 14, 7:00pm

A contemplative service of word, music, and reflections.

Chancel Choir and music from the Taizé tradition.

Led by Rev. Mary Beth Morgan and others

Easter Sunday

April 16, 8:30am & 10:30am

The Grace of Resurrection

Special Music with Brass, the Chancel & Bell Choirs,
and Congregational Singing

including "Hallelujah" Chorus from *Messiah*.

Rev. Jimmy Moore, preaching

**Please contact the church office for childcare for the
Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services.*

THE 2017 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

THE ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY IS PART OF THE 2017 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY COMMUNITY INTERFAITH BUILD 2017



This spring, St. Mark's and our friends in other faith communities are partnering with Gustavo and Itzel Diaz and their five children, as we join together to build their home and, in the process, build relationships with one another.

Participating faith communities include:

The Bahá'í Faith of Bloomington
Congregation Beth Shalom,
First Christian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First United Church
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
St. Paul Catholic Center
Unitarian Universalist Church.

The IU Student Interfaith Coalition:
Muslim Student Association,
Christian Student Fellowship
UKirk
Hillel
Project IMPACT
Indian Student Association

When Habitat for Humanity builds a home, the owners pay a mortgage that funds another home until eventually, working together, a commUNITY is built.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN BECOME PART OF THIS PROJECT.

BROWSE THE COMMUNITY INTERFAITH BUILD SITE:

<http://communitybuild.kintera.org>

On this site you can keep up with events and find opportunities to participate and support the Interfaith Build.

COMMUNITY INTERFAITH BUILD

PICK UP A SET OF THE BEAUTIFUL “FACES OF HOME” NOTECARDS IN GARTON HALL—YOUR DONATION WILL GO DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT THE BUILD

These “Faces of Home” notecards were designed by children and youth during the 2017 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. All donations for the cards support the 2017 CommUNITY Interfaith Habitat for Humanity Build. If you cannot come to Garton Hall, contact Mary Beth Morgan to get a set of notecards.

Sunday, April 2nd, 7-9 pm @ First Presbyterian Church

“BANQUET FOR BENEFIT”, SILENT AUCTION, & MORE!

TO SUPPORT INTERFAITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

Spend a great evening with our Interfaith Build partners, hosted by the Indiana University Muslim Student Association. All proceeds support the Interfaith Build! Enjoy a meal while building relationships. The night's program will include speakers (including St. Mark's Jeff & Carla Wyatt), cultural performances (including Uzbek, Kazak, and Uighur dances), enriching cultural activities (such as henna and calligraphy art), and wonderfully catered food from *Anatolia* and *Taste of India*. Buy tickets at tiny.cc/mchabitat or in Garton Hall. Free tickets are available for high school and college students! Contact Mary Beth Morgan if you are a student wanting a ticket, to donate a silent auction item, or for other information. Flyers are on the table in Garton Hall.

This event is possible due to a generous grant from the Ecumenical Campus Ministry Fund. The Fund has been created to continue the legacy of the Center for University Ministry by making grants each year for projects that include sponsorship by congregations belonging to the four denominations that constituted the Center (Presbyterian, Disciples, United Methodist, United Church of Christ), that specifically involve students and/or faculty and staff of Indiana University, and that have significance for the wider community. Projects may include, but are not limited to, mission trips, seminars, social justice and social service initiatives, study groups, and lectureships on or off the Indiana University campus. Impact and visibility of ecumenical witness are valued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sundays, April 2nd & 9th, 9:30am, Room 15

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

Please join us if you are ready to become a member or if you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of St. Mark's. For families with children, there will be infant/toddler care in Rooms 24/25. Children (preschool and older) are welcome to come to Celebration! in Room 22.

In the New Member classes, we will spend time getting to know one another, learning more about the church & membership process, exploring questions, and talking with others about ways to get involved in the life and ministry of St. Mark's. Whether you are new to this community or have been a part of St. Mark's for years and are now considering membership, we hope you will attend.

New members will be received during worship on Easter Sunday, April 16. Please contact Jimmy Moore or Mary Beth Morgan if you have questions. If you have a conflict with class or joining dates, we can work with you and your schedule. We look forward to sharing this time with you as we continue to grow as a church community.

Tuesday, April 4th, 7:00—8:00pm

LENTEN LEARNING SERIES: FAVORITE BIBLE STORIES

On Tuesday, April 4, Jimmy Moore will lead the final installment of the Lenten series. His topic for the evening is "Dreaming the Kingdom: Reflections on the Sermon on the Mount". The "Sermon on the Mount" is found in Matthew chapters 5-7. In this class, Jimmy will present a bit of background on the Gospel of Mathew, then briefly compare the teachings of the sermon with the "Sermon on the Plain", found in Luke 6:17-49. He will also offer an overview of ways the sermon has been interpreted historically, reflect on why this matters, and invite the class to discuss ways the sermon on the mount can productively guide us today.

Friday & Saturday, April 7th & 8th

ST. MARK'S WOMEN'S RETREAT AT WAYCROSS

SIGN UP NOW!

Attention all St. Mark's women! The 2017 Women's Retreat which will be held April 7-8 at Waycross Conference and Retreat Center in Brown County. Our leaders will be Mary Ann Moman, a former pastor of St. Mark's who has led several wonderful retreats for us, and her daughter, Anne, Minister of Youth and Young Adults at North UMC in Indianapolis. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Desk in Garton Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, April 8th, 7:30am, Greene County UMC

BLOOMINGTON METHODIST MEN'S LENTEN BREAKFASTS

All area Methodist men are invited to attend this Lenten breakfast at Greene County UMC. Coffee will be served beginning at 7:30am with breakfast at 8:00am. Contact George Rusnak at 812-336-5612.

Palm Sunday, April 9th, 3:00pm in our Sanctuary

BLOOMINGTON CHAMBER SINGERS HOST

A SING-ALONG OF HANDEL'S *MESSIAH*, PARTS 2 & 3

For over twenty-five years the Bloomington Chamber Singers, conducted by our Music Director Gerry Sousa, have presented a December sing-along of the Christmas portion of Handel's beloved oratoria, *Messiah*. This year, for the first time, the group will invite singers throughout the area to come on Palm Sunday afternoon to read through Parts 2 and 3 of *Messiah* which reflect on the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. Come to sing or come to listen as hundreds of singers bring this wonderful music to life. Chuck Prestinari will be the organist for this event. Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken, and all donations will go to support the Interfaith CommUNITY Build. For more information, contact Gerry Sousa (GerrySousa@smumc.church).

Tuesday, April 11, 4:30pm to 9:30pm

TAIZÉ WORSHIP SERVICE AT ST. MARY-OF-THE-WOODS

Join the road trip to West Terre Haute to attend a Lenten Taizé service in the beautiful Church of the Immaculate Conception. This ecumenical service is hosted by the Sisters of Providence, and it will include moments of silence and repeated songs that will serve as "prayers for peace in the world and in our hearts". Our group will carpool from the south parking lot of St. Mark's at 4:30pm. We will stop in Terre Haute at 5:45 for dinner at Grand Traverse Pie Company, then drive to St. Mary-of-the-Woods and attend the candle-lit service from 7:00-8:00pm. Contact Charlie Matson 812-331-0413 or matsonhoosier@yahoo.com.

Wednesday, April 12th, 5:30pm, Garton Hall

EXTRA YEARS OF ZEST (XYZ) DINNER AND PROGRAM

Bring a dish to share for dinner and stay to hear Gerry Sousa, St. Mark's Director of Music, explain the amazing masterpiece of "The Creation" by Joseph Haydn and its presentation on April 22 by the Bloomington Chamber Singers. As Gerry says, "The Creation is a work of incomparable beauty, reflecting Haydn's belief in a world that is full of wonder and of a God who created life to be cherished and revered. There are few works that are as cheerful and optimistic as Haydn's "Creation" and from it performers and listeners alike draw joy, inspiration and meaning."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 23rd, at our 10:30am Worship Service

"CREATION CARE" SUNDAY, REV. PHIL AMERSON PREACHING

In 2017, Earth Day falls in the week following Easter. Might this be an instructive time to instill an urgency to engage in acts of environmental holiness? We pray together for God's kingdom to come "on earth as it is in heaven." What might this mean in the face of the environmental decay and the threats of climate change? What will this mean if we are to live as Easter People? What if it means moving beyond well intentioned programs of sustainability and stewardship, and pausing to better hear *the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor*?

The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church begins the section on "The Natural World" with this sentence: *All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it.* On April 23, St. Mark's will reflect on this vital aspect of Christian faith.

Rev. Phil Amerson will preach that day, and his sermon is titled "With Apologies to Easter: Lament for Our Common Home.", and his texts will be Psalm 16, John 20: 26-31 and Acts 2:32. There will be a lunch following the service, and a time for conversation.

Phil is *President Emeritus* of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. Phil and, his wife, Elaine lived in Bloomington from 1992 to 2000 when he served as pastor of First United Methodist Church. Recently they returned to Bloomington after living on a small farm near LaPorte, Indiana where he kept bees and enjoyed gardening. They also love city living and now reside in "downtown" Bloomington, and connect with the St. Mark's community of faith. Their years of ministry in Indiana included the founding of Patchwork Ministries in Evansville and serving as pastor of three United Methodist congregations (St. Johns: Evansville; Broadway: Indianapolis and First UMC: Bloomington).

Currently Phil consults with the *Wellbeing at Work: Flourishing in Ministry* research at the University of Notre Dame and is interim director of the *Course of Study School* for United Methodist local pastors in Indiana. He writes an occasional blog at philipamerson.com and speaks frequently on issues of faith and justice including a focus on creation care. The Amersons have two children: daughter, Lydia Murray, in Chicago and son, Andrew, in San Francisco and four grandchildren (Gus and Eleanor in San Francisco and Colin and Zack in Chicago).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 23rd, 9:30am in Room 8

CREATION CARE FORUM

In connection with our Creation Care Sunday Worship there will be a Forum to learn about one of the key proposals in front of our nation's leaders to mitigate the impact we are all having on the earth's atmosphere & the resulting costs of climate change. Dr. Richard Durisen, of the local chapter of the Citizen's Climate Lobby, will present an update on the bi-partisan push to gradually add fees on carbon dioxide producing products & services while returning the revenues to the American people.

Monday, April 24th, 6:00pm-8:30pm

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL RETREAT: ALL ARE WELCOME!

The retreat is open to anyone interested in dreaming and planning about ways we, as the St. Mark's community, can live into our mission. In particular, we intend to focus, in work groups, on our areas of focus and planning for summer and fall. A light meal will be provided. Please contact the church office to let us know if you can join us.

Sunday, April 30th, 10:30am Sanctuary Worship

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY!

Please plan to be here on Sunday, April 30th, to support and celebrate our youth, as a number of them will be confirmed! We are proud of our youth who will have been part of this year's confirmation process, which includes community service, worship leadership, interfaith experiences, mentor relationships, group sessions and a retreat. Thank you to all who are serving as mentors, and to families and friends who have supported our youth during the confirmation journey! Jimmy and Mary Beth have been fortunate to share this journey with the confirmands, and will co-preach on Confirmation Sunday with the youth participating in worship leadership.

(Please take a few moments to sign cards for our confirmands on April 23rd and 30th in Garton Hall.)

THINK JULY AND SIGN UP NOW!

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT (ASP) 2017!

Sign-up for the Summer 2017 ASP trip on the ASP bulletin board in Garton Hall. The trip dates are Sunday, July 2 through Saturday, July 8. Participants must be at least 14 years of age. Contact James Thomas (812-876-2174) for more information.

April 2017

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<p>2 CELEBRATION OF SERVICE SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30am New Member Class</p> <p>9:30am CELEBRATION</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship with Communion</p> <p>& Backpack Buddies Offering</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10:30am Shoebox Project Ministry</p> <p>7:00pm Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30am UMW Executive Board</p> <p>7:00pm Lenten Series: Bible Stories</p>
<p>9 PALM SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30am CELEBRATION</p> <p>9:30am New Member Class</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP</p> <p>3:00pm Messiah Sing-Along</p> <p>6:00pm Parents of Youth (Offsite)</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>H O L Y</p> <p>11</p> <p>4:00pm Taizé Service at St. Mary of the Woods</p> <p>6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>
<p>16 EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30am Sanctuary Worship Service</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship Service</p> <p>CELEBRATION will NOT meet this morning.</p> <p>NO Adult Sunday School Classes this morning.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>ARTICLES AND EVENTS FOR THE MAY EDITION OF UPCOMING @ ST. MARK'S ARE DUE TODAY!</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00am UMW Morning Circle</p> <p>1:00pm Susanna Wesley UMW Circle</p>
<p>23 CREATION CARE SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30am CELEBRATION</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>11:30am Confirmation Class</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00pm Leadership Council Retreat</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>
<p>30 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30am CELEBRATION</p> <p>10:30am Sanctuary Worship</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday</p> <p>NO regular Sunday School.</p>		

@ St. Mark's

For full information about events,
such as location and contact persons,
please read related articles in this
edition of **UPCOMING@ST. MARK'S**.

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5	1:00pm Quilters & Crafters 5:30pm Meal Share Food Repack at Food Bank	6	Rehearsals: 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	7	12:15pm Conversations on Life Men's Group
				8	7:30am Men's Lenten Breakfast at Greene County UMC
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12	1:00pm Quilters & Crafters 5:30pm XYZ Dinner & Program Rehearsals: 5:30pm Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	13	MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	14	GOOD FRIDAY (Church Office Closed & No Nursery School or Kindergarten) 12:15pm Conversations on Life Men's Group 7:00pm Good Friday Service
19	1:00pm Quilters & Crafters 7:00pm Charlene Martin Circle at Bell Trace	20	NO REHEARSALS THIS WEEK!	21	8:30am Operation Friendship International Mtg. 12:15pm Conversations on Life Men's Group
26	1:00pm Quilters & Crafters	27	Rehearsals: 6:15pm Handbell Choir 7:30pm Chancel Choir	28	12:15pm Conversations on Life Men's Group
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SUNDAYS @ ST. MARK'S

OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE:

Occasional schedule changes will be shared on the church website, e-mail and other publications. **Please note the changes this month as noted below.*

BREAKFAST	9:30AM	Garton Hall
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Pilgrims Nomads Bible Banter <i>*Adult Sunday School Classes will NOT meet Easter morning.</i>	9:15AM 9:15AM 9:30AM	Room 13 Room 10 Room 11
INFANT & TODDLER CARE Infants & 1-year-olds 2- & 3-year-olds	9:30AM -11:30AM	Room 24 Room 25
Celebration! CHILDREN AND FAMILY WORSHIP <i>*Celebration! will not meet on Easter.</i>	9:30AM	Room 22
SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30AM	Sanctuary
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL 4 years-1st Grade 2nd-3rd Grades 4th-5th Grades Youth <i>*April 30th (Confirmation Sunday): No Regular Sunday School; Childcare available for PreSchool-3rd Grade during Worship.</i>	10:30AM-11:30AM	Room 22 Room 4 Room 9 Room 1

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

APRIL CLASSES:

(Please note that Adult Sunday School Classes will not meet on Easter Sunday).

BIBLE BANTER

The Bible Banter class uses the Scripture text for the morning's sermon as a discussion-starter. Looking at the passage in its larger context, and sometimes exploring a bit of Bible-writing history, we offer thoughts on what the morning's sermon might look like, based on the Scripture the pastor has selected. We leave time to discuss implications of the Scripture on our own lives, and often find ourselves delving into topics that wind up far afield from the morning's original topic. You are invited to bring some coffee/breakfast from Garton Hall into Room 11 and join the conversation.

NOMADS

During April the Nomads will be discussing chapters from the center section of *Amazing Grace* in which the author, Kathleen Norris, reflects on dozens of religious terms, such as "*Grace & Apostasy*," that reflect on part of the labyrinth she moved through as she returned to the Christian faith after many years. The class meets every Sunday at 9:15am in Room 10 and all are welcome, with no preparation required.

PILGRIMS

The Pilgrims Class studies the Holy Land using video lectures, The Holy Land Revealed, by Dr. Jodi Magness, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Each week, a discussion follows the video. All are welcome to join Pilgrims at 9:15am each Sunday in Room 13. The lecture series covers the ancient history of the Holy Land from 906 BC through 70 AD. Historical sources, such as the Hebrew Bible, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the writings of Josephus and Philo, the New Testament and the Mishnah and Talmud, along with the archaeology of the ancient Near East provide a more complete picture of ancient societies.

April 2: Lecture #13– "Pharisees and Sadducees"

Some of the Jewish groups that emerged in opposition to the Hasmoneans, specifically the Sadducees and the Pharisees

April 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

A discussion of another sect that emerged during the Late Second Temple Period, the Essenes, and the scrolls left behind by their community at Qumran which was established during the Hasmonean period and was occupied through the period of the Roman takeover and the reign of Herod the Great.

9th - Lecture #14 – "Discovery and Site of the Dead Sea Scrolls"

16th – Easter Sunday – Pilgrims Class will not be meeting

23rd - Lecture #15 – "The Sectarian Settlement at Qumran"

30th -Lecture #16 – "The Dead Sea Scrolls and the Essenes"

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday, April 9th, 10:30am Sanctuary Worship

CHILDREN & YOUTH IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

All children and youth are welcome to participate in leadership roles on any Sunday, and especially this month in the April 9th worship service. Children and youth are welcome to be greeters (hand out bulletins), acolytes (light candles), liturgists (lead a prayer or read the scripture), or create the bulletin cover, share a musical piece, artistic talent or another leadership gift with the congregation. There are opportunities for all ages. Please contact Mary Beth Morgan if your child/youth would like to participate.

June 5th-8th, 9:30 am—12 noon, 3 years old through rising 6th Graders
ST. MARK'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)

"Heroes & Heroines: Character Traits of Everyday Greats"

Monday: Love & Integrity; Tuesday: Courage & Conviction;
Wednesday: Listening & Flexibility; Thursday: Justice & Mercy.

Don your capes and masks! For this week of adventure, we will be learning stories about heroes and heroines of the Bible and exploring the qualities of heroism. VBS attendees will reflect on their own strengths and meet some local everyday heroes. Each day, children will explore these themes through story, song, art, and play. 4th-6th graders will have their own special activities. All activities will be age-appropriate and fun! We will share our strengths in an everyday hero act of service to our community. The week will culminate in a special VBS worship service Sunday morning, June 11th, at 10:30am.

Youth (7th-12th Grades) are welcome to volunteer as leaders. Adult volunteers are needed so we can provide this program free of charge for all children. Sign up online now to register participants and to volunteer your time. Also, this liability form is required for all children and youth to participate. Paper forms will be available in Garton Hall after April 2nd. For more information, contact Sarah Gettie McNeill at sarahgettiemcneill@smumc.church or call the church office.

RAISE FUNDS FOR ST. MARK'S NURSERY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Monday, April 3rd — Monday, April 17th

2017 CHANGE CHALLENGE

Add your pennies, bills or silver coins to the Change Challenge jars which can be found in the East entrance to St. Mark's or in Garton Hall. St. Mark's Nursery School & Kindergarten is raising funds to improve and expand the pike paths in both play yards. Gain points for a classroom total by adding pennies and bills to a jar. Lower other classroom totals by adding silver coins to that jar.

2017 CHANGE CHALLENGE

**Monday April 3rd through
Monday April 17th**

Location: Nursery School Entrance

Rules: Each class (the infants and onesies will work together) has their own jar for collecting money. **Gain points** by adding **pennies and bills** to your class jar. **Lower** other classroom totals by adding **silver coins** to their jars.

Pennies & Bills

All pennies and bills
ADD to your
classroom's total

Silver Coins

All silver coins
SUBTRACT from the
classroom's total

GOAL:

We need to grow our bike paths! As part of our play-ground improvement project we will be expanding the bike paths on both play yards. All funds from the Change Challenge will go towards the total cost of \$10,000 for this project.



SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Mark's Nursery School & Kindergarten.

Come in to the Chipotle at **2894 East 3rd Street #F18E** in Bloomington on **Tuesday, April 18th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Mark's Nursery School & Kindergarten.



If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay-in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

Tuesday, April 18th,
5:00pm-9:00pm

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER

Make dinner a selfless act by joining a fundraiser to support St. Mark's Nursery School & Kindergarten. Go to Chipotle's at 2894 E 3rd St in Bloomington on April 18th between 5-9pm. Pick up a flyer in Garton Hall, and show it to the cashier, and 50% of your purchase will be donated to St. Mark's Nursery School & Kindergarten.

CAN YOU HELP?

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP IS STILL SEEKING HOSTS FOR ITS 2017 INTERNATIONAL MEETING

It is the Bloomington chapter's turn to host the Operation Friendship International meeting which will be April 19-23, 2017. Guests will include mostly adults and a few young adults from European countries. If you might be interested in hosting, please let us know (tinacron@gmail.com or 812-322-8941).

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT SERVING THROUGH TEACHING IN OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES PROGRAM?

There is nothing more powerful than seeing faith and spiritual formation through the eyes of our young people! We provide a curriculum for your use in tandem with the option to be creative and play in our Sunday School classrooms. Curious and just want to check it out? Offer to be an assistant for a Sunday! The commitment, at this point, is 1-2 Sundays a month through the end of May. Once you've had a few Sundays in the classroom, you can revisit your call to serve in the summer months. (A background check is required for all teachers and assistants.)

We currently have a number of openings in our children's classrooms, including:

- 2nd–3rd grades: assistant teacher, 4th Sundays;
- 4th-5th grades: assistant teacher, 2nd & 3rd Sundays.
Contact Sarah Gettie McNeill to volunteer for Children's Ministry opportunities.
- 6th-8th grades & 9th-12th grade Youth: These are the leaders of tomorrow and they need YOU! There are lots of possibility here.
Please see Mary Beth Morgan to help these young men and women develop in their faith as a part of our community.

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Each Sunday, we offer breakfast for anyone who wishes to share that meal. To give our volunteers who have been providing that breakfast a rest, we are seeking to broaden the volunteer pool. Breakfasts are a good way to raise money or interest in your ministry or mission. They also help create a welcoming spirit as people gather on Sunday morning. If you or your ministry team are interesting in helping provide breakfast, please contact Jimmy Moore.

“SHALOM COMMUNITY CENTER” IS SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Shalom Community Center is a day-time resource center serving people experiencing hunger and homelessness. As the school year comes to an end, Shalom is losing a wealth of volunteer support with college students departing and vacation season beginning. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, see the flyer in Garton Hall or contact Sue Murphy, volunteer coordinator (812-334-5734 x23 or sue@shalomcommunitycenter.org).

SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Monday, April 3rd, 10:30am

SHOEBOX PROJECT

Fill shoeboxes with hygiene products and toys for kids. Shoeboxes are used at Middle Way House and MCUM. All are welcome.

Wednesday, April 5th, 5:30pm—7:00pm

MEAL SHARE FOOD REPACK

Each month, St. Mark's volunteers go to Hoosier Hills Food Bank to repack donated food for agencies which provide food for families. For more information, contact Glenda Murray at glmurray@indiana.edu.

Each Wednesday, 1:00pm—3:00pm

ST. MARK'S QUILTERS & CRAFTERS

Bring your quilting or crafts to Room 10 and spend time with others who enjoy these activities. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Each Friday, 12:15pm—1:30pm

CONVERSATIONS ON LIFE MEN'S GROUP

During April the Conversations on Life men's group will be discussing chapters from Jean-Pierre Isbouts' new book, *Ten Prayers That changed the World*. which cover the prayers of St. Francis, Gandhi, Mother Teresa plus the prayer for the surrounded American troops in Bastogne written by Msgr. James O'Neill in December 1944 in response to a urgent request by Gen Patton.

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

April Circle Activities

April 3	Shoebbox	10:00am	Room 12
April 4	Executive Board Mtg	9:30am	Room 12
April 11 & 25	Prayer Shawl	6:30pm	Garton Hall Parlor
April 18	Morning Circle	9:00am	Room 8
April 18	Susanna Wesley Circle	1:00pm	Room 8
April 19	Charlene Martin Circle	7:00 pm	Sunroom @ Bell Trace

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