



The Good News

Sunday, June 19, 2022

St. Mark's Episcopal Church: A Community of Grace

We spread God's word, love like Jesus, enjoy worshipping together, and help our neighbors.

Celebrating Blane Abernathy's Music Ministry at St Mark's, Checks due by June 19

In honor of Blane's Music Ministry here at St Mark's, we would like to present a parish gift to him. If you are interested in donating towards that gift, please make a check payable to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and please add Blane's name in the memo line. Please send by June 19.

Because We Love Our Neighbor: Health & Community Protocols for Worship

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (on health and community measures) "We are committed to gathering in the safest and healthiest way possible. Love of neighbor is not simply a good idea. It is a commandment of Jesus based on the teaching of Moses to always seek the good and the well-being of each other."

Because St. Mark's cares for the young, the elderly, and the immuno-compromised... because vaccinations are essential to creating a safer/healthier workplace and worship space... because our health and strength are intertwined with one another... and because health is not an individual endeavor... All those 12 years and up show proof of vaccination, and those ages 2 years and up wear masks for in-the-building services. Masks may be removed by readers at the pulpit, altar, or presider chairs (when reading but not singing). We make available disposable masks for any who need them. We are respectful of those around us and adjust for healthy spaces between households. Direct physical contact with young children is avoided; elbow bumps are fine, but no hugs or handshakes. Please consider getting a booster and social distancing. State and health officials allow churches to determine their own mask/vaccination policies. Thank you for your continued support.

Week at a Glance at St. Mark's

NEW Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9AM to 3PM (closed for lunch 12:30-1PM); Friday 9AM to 12PM

Office will be closed all day, Monday, June 20.

Sunday 8AM and 10AM Holy Eucharist. Both in-person and streaming online on YouTube and Facebook. Go to <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/services/in-spirit-worship/>. Bulletins are available at church, by e-mail, and on the website. Hymnals are available for home use.

Sunday 9:50AM Sunday School. "Children of the Good Shepherd" for little ones ages 3-6, in the Chapel. "Journey with God," for children ages 7-10, in the Curriculum Room off the Parish Hall (Room 18). All children welcome!

Monday–Friday 9AM Zoom Morning Prayer and Bible Study. Go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93780545256>. Download prayer sheets from the website at <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer>.

Tuesday 3:30PM Choristers. See Blane Abernathy for more information.

Wednesday 9AM St. Peter's Guild. Card games and other activities in person. Email stpeters@stmarks-upland.org for more information.

Wednesday 10:30AM Men's Coffee Fellowship. Meet at Bad Ass Coffee in Rancho Cucamonga. For info email menscoffee@stmarks-upland.org.

Wednesday 5:00PM Handbell Rehearsal. See Blane Abernathy for more information.

Wednesday 7:30PM Taizé Service. In person and streaming online on Facebook. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland>.

Thursday 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal. See Blane Abernathy for more information.

Church Calendar: All meetings/events must be scheduled through the church office. If you don't see your event, email parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org. Or call the church office at 909-920-5565 to schedule a date and time to reserve the rooms that are available.

Preschool Summer Sessions Open for Enrollment: Starting June 27 and July 25

"We beat the heat by stepping into summer fun learning!" The Preschool will offer sessions for the summer: June 27 to July 1 and July 25 to Aug 19. Please contact Interim Director Jackie Wilds or the Church office for more information. Applications are available in the Narthex. Each session runs four weeks and includes water play, arts and crafts, music, and more. We have confirmed with San Bernardino County that renovations will not begin until after the summer sessions.

WORSHIP

Offertory Plates

For your convenience, the offertory plates are located by the baptismal font as you enter and also by the front pews as you approach the altar for communion.

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Sunday School Teams Are Taking Vacation, to resume in July

Volunteer Teachers for Children of the Good Shepherd and Journey with God are taking time off starting on Sunday, June 12 until sometime in July. We will be working on a later Children's program in the summer. Date and time to be announced and on our Fall lessons.

Welcoming Guests and Keeping the Community Healthy

Please allow guests with mobility issues the option to park in the north/front parking lot. Please be aware of strong/distracting colognes. If you feel ill or are presenting any symptoms, please stay home and join us online. And let us know if we can bring Holy Communion to you. Please wash your hands, wear your mask, mind your space, and get boosted.

Updating Your Contact Information

Did you know that you can update your contact information? Both Breeze and Constant Contact allow you to update your own information. Please note that they are two separate and independent systems, so updating one does not change the information with the other. The e-mail addresses in Constant Contact determine who gets the church newsletter the Good

News. The mailing addresses in Breeze determine who gets the seasonal letters from the church e.g. Christmas, Easter, Stewardship, and special announcements. Please feel free to call the church office if you have any questions.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Confirmation 2023

St. Mark's is scheduled for a bishop's visit next year, 2023. (Exact Sunday to be determined.) Please let the office/clergy know if you are interested in making a mature affirmation of the baptismal vows made on your behalf by parents and godparents. This is also the time to be received into the Episcopal denomination from another faith tradition. And finally, a person may re-affirm their baptismal vows as an adult.

Confirmation is one of the requirements to serve on the vestry.

Cursillo: For Spiritual Renewal, Oct 6, Oct 13

Cursillo, a four-day spiritual renewal retreat, Thursday through Sunday at St. Joseph Retreat Center in Rosemead: Men's, Oct 6-9; Women's, Oct 13-16, 2022. For more information please contact Dr. Jim Brown.

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org. Or complete the prayer request form at <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/prayer-requests>

OUTREACH

Parking Attendants Needed on July 2

On Saturday, July 2 at 2:30 PM we are having a memorial. We need people to help park. The expected number in attendance is approximately 200. We are looking for about 5 volunteers to help. You would need to arrive about 1 hour early. The plan will be to have people up front and in the back parking lot. Please contact Dale Biggs, Parking Guild Chair

Red Cross Blood Drive, July 29

We have hosted a total of 10 blood drives at St Mark's. Our last blood drive was on June 3rd. Total units collected: 288; Total donors: 304; Total average: 29 units collected. The numbers for our June 3rd drive were a little down for us. This was probably due to schools being out, vacations, and graduations. Thank you to all the donors. Our next blood drive will be held on Friday, July 29 from 1-7pm. Sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org.

Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets in room 30 on Saturdays, 9-10:30 AM
AlAnon meets in room 30 on Tuesdays, 6:30-8 PM

Episcopal Relief & Development Supports ACT Alliance Response to Crisis in Ukraine

Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine. Donate here: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/product/ukraine-crisis-response/>

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries provides clothes, food, and bedding, and welcomes your donations.

Especially needed at this time of year are tarps, socks, gloves, beanies, and always Walmart or fast-food gift cards. For more information, contact Dave Nalbach or Cheryl Hunley. Email touch@stmarks-upland.org.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP



Summertime is Here!

Summer is a time for new and different scenery, including Sundays.

Please remember to keep your pledge current. Please send in your contribution to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th Street, Upland, CA 91784. Alternatively, you may wish to set up automatic "bill pay" or "online banking" through your financial institution. You may also make your donation through [PayPal](#), donations are being accepted through our email address, contributions@stmarks-upland.org. Please consider remembering Saint Mark's in your estate planning. <https://tinyurl.com/5dsw728s>

Breeze for Contributions

With our new church software come some changes in our contribution recording. If you are splitting your donation between funds, please state that in the memo line of your check or note it in the memo in PayPal. All unmarked funds will be placed in the Operating Fund Account.

DEANERY, DIOCESE, AND BEYOND

Into Eternal Life: The Rev. John Carl Keester, Service on June 18, 2022 at St. Ambrose

Update: A memorial service will be held at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church (830 W. Bonita Ave.) Claremont on Saturday, June 18 at 2PM.

My Work to Do

"My Work To Do" is an online affinity group designed to help white people build stamina for discussing racism, systemic injustice, racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in their everyday lives. New sessions always around the corner. For more information and to register:

<https://www.myworktodo.com/>