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The Good News

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
A Community of Grace

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



Sunday, September 17, 2023 Holy Eucharist (Communion)
Services held at 8 and 10 AM

10 AM services can be viewed live or on demand via the church's website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

[**Click HERE for Sunday Worship Information**](#)



Community & Fellowship

Youth Group News for September

Saint Mark's youth group will have its first meeting on Sunday, September 17, beginning right after church in Room 18. There will be food and meetings should last no more than an hour. If you missed the orientation meeting on August 20, join Lisa and Peter Drew during the Ice Cream Social for a program overview and to pick up a program calendar and contact information forms. The calendar and the forms are also attached to this Good News. Young people should return their contact forms when they come for their first meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for Youth Group Information Form.

Click [HERE](#) for Program.

St. Mark's Book Club, September 16

Our members were hosted by Joel Bolton at our last meeting on Saturday, August 19th. Thank you, Joel. The meeting was characterized by our typically animated and wide-ranging discussions, this time focused on "The Song of Achilles" by

Madeline Miller. We covered this reimagined version of Homer's "Iliad," exploring what it means to be a hero, a lover, an outsider as well as what makes a novel popular with different audiences, young and old.

This was our generous book club coordinator, Sally Drake's last meeting. Many thanks for the treasure of her time and many good wishes on her move to a new community.

Do you love reading and the fellowship of book lovers? Please join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-12noon. We welcome all who enjoy a good read and discussion. Contact Maggie Vizio or the church office for details.

Next up, Sharon Muehlbacher will host a discussion of "How to Cook a Wolf" by M.F.K. Fisher on Saturday, September 16th, from 10am-12noon. Please call the church office if you need her contact information.

Fellowship Meeting Sept 17, after the 10:00 am service, Room 16

The Fellowship Events Ministry is looking for new members to join their team and bring fresh ideas to their upcoming events. If you're interested in participating, mark your calendars for Sunday, September 17th after the 10:00 AM Service in room 16. Fellowship will be planning the upcoming Trunk or Treat and the St. Francis Day Potluck.

Grab a coffee and a snack and help the Fellowship Ministry plan Trunk or Treat, and the St. Francis Day Potluck.

This is a great opportunity to connect with other members of your church and make a positive impact in your community. Don't miss out!

Susan Mackall and Betty Farrell

Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action)

Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining"!

The Fellowship Events Ministry Thanks You

The Fellowship Events Ministry would like to thank everyone who helped make St. Mark's Ice Cream Social a success.

In the heart of our close-knit community, the recent St. Mark's Ice Cream Social was a delightful and unforgettable event. It was a day filled with laughter, fun, and, of course, lots of delicious ice cream. None of this would have been possible without the incredible support and dedication of our volunteers. Whether they were scooping ice cream, decorating tables, on setup or clean-up duty, or donating funds, their hard work and commitment shone brightly throughout the day. Your enthusiasm and dedication to our St. Mark's Community are truly inspiring.

Our event was not just about ice cream; it was about building connections and strengthening our community bonds. We want to thank the entire community for coming together to create lasting memories. Your presence and support are what make St. Mark's such a wonderful place to worship.

We hope to see you all at the next Fellowship Event, St. Mark's Trunk or Treat.

Susan Mackall and Betty Farrell

Haiti Partnership

Many thanks to all of you who have continued to support our partnership with St Andre Episcopal Church and School, Trianon, Haiti. The Episcopal Diocese of Haiti

is the second-largest educator of children in the country, behind the Roman Catholics who are first and the government which is third. Episcopal schools are largely rural and serve children where there are no other educational opportunities. Our friends at St Andre are part of the network of more than 250 Episcopal schools in Haiti, ranging from small elementary schools such as St. Andre with 100-200 students up to a few comprehensive preschool through high school establishments of 1000-2000 students, more often located in the cities. All of these schools are supported by the parents of the children attending (who often do not have much to give), by the local church (similarly stretched for funds), and by partners such as St. Mark's.

The school year is beginning in Haiti on September 11, and this week we have been able to send a check for \$3000. With the Haitian economy currently in serious trouble, there is little or no money in the countryside, so our gifts help to pay the teacher salaries of around \$100 per month each at St. Andre so that school can continue. When there's a little extra, meals for the students can sometimes be provided. We pray for the day when we can move beyond survival to supporting a richer educational environment for the students and teachers at St. Andre.

We are hoping to send another check around the beginning of December. If you would like to participate, your check can be placed in the offering plate at any time with "Haiti" in the memo line. All offerings marked for Haiti are accrued and go to St. Andre.

We have a sporadic newsletter that includes partners from around the Episcopal church and school world, along with others involved in Haiti ministries. If you would be interested in receiving occasional general news and information about Haiti, please e-mail Serena Beeks at serenabeeks@cs.com and your name will be added to the email list.

As always, your prayers for our friends and fellow-Episcopalians in Haiti are encouraged. We also pray for the day when we can once again travel there and renew the bonds of friendship that tie us together.

Serena Beeks and Guen Vinnedge

Health Update

The person at Sunday's service who received medical attention from EMS is home from the hospital and back to normal. Your prayers and patience during the episode are greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who rushed to their aid, tried to locate a medical professional, called 911, waited outside for EMS, and stayed calm in their pew.

This is a timely reminder to be grateful for one another - especially our elders and grandparents.

911 Questions & Answers

What is the address of the emergency?

St. Mark's Church is located at 330 East 16th Street - between Euclid and Campus Avenues - on the south side of 16 Street. The address is found on the last page of the bulletin.

What is the phone number you're calling from?

This is the number to the phone you're actually dialing 911 from in case they need to call back. If you are calling from a church landline - the number is (909) 920-5565. **Landlines are located in the church office, guild room, kitchen, and room 16.** Please note that only the church office receives incoming calls.

What is your name?

Please don't be insulted if asked to spell your name.

Tell me exactly what happened.

State what the problem is NOW. Details leading up to the emergency can be shared later.

For medical calls, the following questions will be asked

- How old is the patient? (approximate age will do)
- Is the patient conscious?
- Is the patient breathing?

Be ready for follow up questions and instructions.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, September 23 at 8AM at the Rectory

(Note: Fourth Sunday this Month)

The first Men's Breakfast of the program year will be at the St. Mark's Rectory. Enter from the south parking lot. To avoid stairs, use the driveway at 1554 N. Shelley Ave., 91786. Guests and new members are welcome.



Fundraiser for Fellowship Events

The St. Mark's Fellowship Committee is planning exciting events to support our parish and bring us together in celebration of Christ. We are in the midst of planning our annual Ice Cream Social, our very popular Halloween Trunk or Treat and St. Nicholas Brunch. We need your help.

To help offset the costs of putting on these events, your Fellowship team will be sponsoring a candy apple fundraiser through Sinfully Sweet Apple Company. We are proud to partner with a small business local to Upland in order to support our parish.

Please consider purchasing a candy apple gift for your kids, grandkids, neighbors, colleagues, or fiends to help us achieve our fundraising goals. These unique treats are \$10 each and the deadline to submit any orders is Thursday, October 5, 2023. You can expect to receive your order on Sunday, October 29 - just in time for Halloween!

Please contact Melissa Diaz, fellowship committee member, at stewardship@stmarks-upland.org to place an order or ask a question.
See attached flyer for delicious candy apple varieties.

**Baptism, Confirmation, Inquiry, and Membership Class,
Sundays at 9:15 AM, Rector's office**

We will be using the book *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices* by Scott Gunn and Melody Wilson Shobe. This class is open to those who have questions, want a refresher course, are reconstructing their faith, open to meeting new people, or are interested in a safe space to share their spiritual journey. This 5-session series covers the Bible, Holy Eucharist, the Church, and Discipleship. The fifth session is an orientation to review the different rites. It loops so that a missed session can be made up the following month.

Trunk or Treat Event, October 22



ST. MARK'S TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 2023
4:00 -7:00 P.M.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
330 E. 16TH STREET
UPLAND, CA 91784

FOR MORE INFO
(909) 920-5565

ST. MARK'S SOUTH PARKING LOT
FREE HOT DOGS TO THE FIRST 300

SOUNDS BY DJ PROFESSOR

Red Cross Blood Drive, October 26

The next blood drive will be October 26, Thursday from 1-7 PM. We have 13 donors already signed up. There are 40 slot times available. To sign up, go to redcrossblood.org, the code word is stmarks.

The results for the August 30 blood drive were 24 units of blood collected, 8% of these donors were 1st times, and the total donors was 26.

Facility Rental Taskforce Underway

We are looking for resources and contacts for caterers and event planners. Help us be good stewards of our campus.



Worship

Blessing of Pets St. Francis Sunday, October 1



Blessing of Pets Sun, Oct 1 @ 8&10AM



St. Francis Sunday
Animals will be blessed in the church at
both services

Stuffed animals and pictures welcome.
Please secure live animals.

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Passing of the Offertory Plates Returning in the Fall

We will resume with the passing of the offertory plates on Sunday, September 24, for the 8AM service. This has already been reinstated at the 10AM. Until a regular usher schedule is established for 8AM, the lectors are invited to help with this task. After the announcements, take an offertory plate and follow the oblation bearers to the altar. Then distribute the plates from front to back. Bring the plates forward to the clergy at the altar. No need to count the money. This will improve the

supervision of the contributions and will restore the image of the baptismal font as the first image a person encounters at the church threshold.

Parking at St. Mark's

This is just a reminder of where to park when attending Sunday Services. Handicap accessible and drop-off is located in the north (front) parking lot and additional parking is available in the south parking lot.

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org.



Creation Care

Diocesan Climate Change Summit, September 16

"The summit is a great opportunity to bring our diocesan community together to do what we can to address this issue which affects our whole world. It's not easy work but it is necessary work. The church has tremendous potential to make a difference. I firmly believe we can do anything we are called to do when we are working in community and with God's help. The issue of climate change needs our concerted, intentional, and communal attention." -Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy

Summit topics include priorities of reducing carbon footprints, use of fossil fuel while adopting green technologies, news of Commission partnerships, including the "Climate Connections" disaster resilience plan - a pilot project, engaging congregations in strategic, collaborative response to crises including earthquakes and heatwaves.

If you are interested in participating or ride sharing, please contact Nancy Kinney or the church office.

Read more <https://diocesela.org/news/diocesan-climate-change-summit-announcement/>.



Outreach

The Jonathan T. Glass Memorial Book Exchange

The book exchange has now closed for the summer. We were able to take 21 boxes and 6 bags of books to the Prison Library Project in Claremont, which provides books for prisoners, especially textbooks for earning GEDs and college credits, and sells any books not needed for the prison ministry through a very nice used book store at the far west end of the Packing House in the Village Extension on First Street in Claremont. We hope you were able to find some books you wanted and to get rid of some you didn't! The book exchange will return next summer.

Kathy Walker and Serena Beeks.

Our Biggest Outreach

When a person gives to St. Mark's Upland, they also contribute to diocesan and global ministries. Learn more about how your gift makes the world a better place: [Subscribe](#) to the Episcopal News Update.

Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets on Saturdays from 9-10:30 AM.

Al-Anon meets on Tuesdays from 6:30-8 PM. Recovery meetings in room 16.



Stewardship & Finance

Zelle is here! New option for online giving to St. Mark's

Zelle is a convenient, no-fee way to directly give to St. Mark's. Zelle is a collaborative effort by banks to allow customers to directly transfer funds without a wait and without the fees charged by vendors like PayPal. You can set up Zelle once you log into your bank account. There also is a mobile application, although we recommend making sure that password protection and other security features are enabled. St. Mark's donations can be made by using give@stmarks-upland.org. Donations will go directly to the operating fund to pay for our regular costs (including our nice air conditioning) unless you designate otherwise.

[Give to St. Mark's](#)

Thank you for your generous gift.

No matter how, how much, or how often you give,
you make a difference. Your contribution is appreciated.

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

The office will be closed Monday, Sept 4
in observance of Labor Day.



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