



THE GOOD NEWS

Sunday August 22, 2021, Proper 16

Church Calendar

All meetings/events must be scheduled thru the office. Don't see your event? Email parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org or call the office, 909.920.5565 to schedule a date and time with the rooms available.

August 22 - 28 at St. Mark's

- **Sunday 10 AM Holy Eucharist In-person and streaming online.** Bulletins are available in church, e-mail, and online. Please print the bulletin to use at home. Hymnals are available for home use, contact the church office to arrange pick up.
<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland/posts/4337696329631018> or
online at: [In-Spirit Worship \(stmarks-upland.org\)](http://In-Spirit Worship (stmarks-upland.org))
- **Monday – Friday 9 AM – Zoom Morning Prayer & Bible Study** <https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>
Download prayer sheets from the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/>
- **Tuesday 6:30 PM - Page Turners.** Info: racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org
- **Wednesday 9 AM, St. Peter's Guild**, card games and other activities in person. Info: stpeters@stmarks-upland.org
- **Wednesday 10:30 AM Men's Coffee Fellowship**, Bad Ass Coffee, Rancho Cucamonga. Info: menscoffee@stmarks-upland.org
- **Wednesday 7:30 PM Taizé in person and streaming online**

COVID PROTOCOLS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

Updated Mask Protocol for St. Mark's (Aug 19, 2021). Because fully vaccinated people can transmit/spread the COVID Delta variant to others, it is recommended that unvaccinated individuals participate in church online/in-spirit. It is respectfully requested that parishioners continue to wear a mask even if fully vaccinated when attending church in-person until further notice.

Social distancing: North pews now open for more safer distancing for all. In order to maximize in-person safer physical (social) distancing the north pews will now be open for seating. Please be respectful of those around you and adjust as you are able to for healthy spaces between households. If this arrangement results in people not being able to sit in their "usual" seats, we will appreciate everyone's patience and flexibility.

For the **"peace exchange"** during worship, everyone's space and sensitivities should be respected. If someone offers their elbow, fist, or a peace sign, please respond appropriately. Do NOT assume physical affection. The peace of Christ is offered and given with enthusiastic consent.

Since **children** under age 12 cannot yet be vaccinated, all direct physical contact with young children should be avoided; elbow bumps are fine, but no hugs or handshakes.

Restrooms: Out of respect to those who are not able to receive the vaccination and in order to maintain physical distancing in the restrooms, we ask that only one person or household use the restroom at a time.

Hospitality: We offer a limited in-person coffee hour in the Parish Hall. To reduce multiple handling of shared objects such as the coffee urn, hot water dispenser, and serving utensils, please let the hospitality host serve you.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday's Readings

[1 Kings 8: 22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84, John 6:56-69](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Kings+8%3A+22-30%2C+41-43%2C+Psalm+84%2C+John+6%3A56-69&version=NRSV)

An Invitation to Further Reflection: A Sermon Appraisal

"An effective sermon offers one clear message of good news authentic to the preacher relevant to the audience holding attention and inviting transformation." from Backstory Preaching Please consider completing a sermon appraisal here:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5820275/Mentorship2-0-2020>

Prayer requests

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

MINISTRIES

Ushers and Greeters

Ushers and Greeters are urgently needed. If you were an usher or a greeter in the past, or if you would like to join the ushers and greeters (great way to get to know the congregation!) please email worship@stmarks-upland.org and let us know which ministry (or both) you would like to participate in.

Who are the Daughters of the King?

Any woman in the Episcopal Church who discerns a calling to pray, to serve, and to extend Christ's kingdom may become a member of the international Order of the Daughters of the King. Though we do not live in convents, we do take lifetime vows of PRAYER and SERVICE. Members of our Sancta Sophia Chapter meet each week to pray for anyone who has made a request, and we try to fulfill at least one major service project each year. If you feel the call, please contact us at dok@stmarks-upland.org for additional information.

Sexton's Guild

As St. Mark's has returned to in-person worship I'm reaching out to all that would be interested in being a sexton. For August we have only 2 sextons. I'd like to have 5 people on a rotating schedule. Then it is only about a once-a-month obligation. Some duties have changed and will go over them if you're interested in being a sexton. We no longer require you to have an alarm code. For anybody interested in being a sexton please see me at church, email sextons@stmarks-upland.org.

Dale Biggs, Sexton Guild

Flower Dedications

Flower dedications for specific Sundays are welcome at this time with a donation in any amount to help defray the cost of the flowers and materials. All donations will be gratefully received. If you wish, you may commemorate or celebrate a special event/person/anniversary/animal companion/milestone. Dedications are worded, "Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and in Memory of/Celebration of/Honor of/Thanksgiving for _____ by (your name)." To arrange for a dedication, please e-mail Guild Director Christy Hyder with a copy to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org at least three weeks before any dedication at flowers@stmarks-upland.org. Include the Sunday you've chosen and the wording for the dedication, using the model above. You may make your donation at that time by check or PayPal. Please write "Sunday Flowers" on the memo line.

Media Ministry

As the Project Manager for upgrading the St Marks Hybrid Worship hardware, I want to ask something of all users of Apple iPhones and iPads.

While we wait for funding to buy the needed professional cameras for livestreaming, we are using Apple iPhone and iPads that have been donated or loaned to St Marks – but we could use more.

If you are planning to buy a new iPhone or iPad and just going to turn in your old device OR would you look around your home and see if you have an OLD iPhone or iPad that you would be willing to donate to St Marks. If you do, would you drop it off at the church office OR call the church office and leave your name and number and I will call you and make arrangements to pick it up. If you do drop it off and your iPhone or iPad has a log-on password, please tape the password to the device.

Your donation might be tax deductible.

Thank you - Bob Mattus

Music program resumes for Fall, 2021 and Spring, 2022

Greetings to all regulars, interested parties and new members of St. Marks choirs and Handbells! I've missed everyone over the summer and those who have stepped out during the pandemic. Beginning the week of Sept 5, rehearsals for choirs and bells will resume.

Choristers (grades 2 – 7) return Tuesday, **Sept 7 at 4:00pm** via Zoom. I will email a link and password to existing members prior to the first session. Are you new to the group? Please contact Mr. Abernathy through the church office (909) 920-5565 or by email, babernathy@stmarks-upland.org for more information on Choristers, including online access to the session.

St. Mark's Handbell Choir (adult) returns Wednesday, **Sept 8 at 5:00pm**. We'll practice (in person) in the Parish Hall. New ringers are welcome and encouraged to join us. *In line with diocesan policies, ringers must be masked. Social distancing will be observed.*

St. Mark's Choir (adult) resumes Thursday, **Sept 9 at 7:30pm**. We'll rehearse (in person) in the Parish Hall with the keyboard used for Taizé services. New singers are welcome and needed for all voice parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass). We'll plan to lead the singing at the 10:00am Worship Service by Sunday, Sept 19. *In line with diocesan polices, all singers must be masked and vaccinated. Social distancing will be observed.*

For additional information, contact Blane Abernathy via church office (909) 920-5565, or email babernathy@stmarks-upland.org.

Blane Abernathy, Director of Music/Organist - St. Mark's Parish – Upland CA

COMMUNITY NEWS

Into Eternal Life: Philip Siegman, Husband of Judy Hartman

It is with great care that we inform you of the passing of Philip Siegman, 78, husband of Judy Hartman for over 30 years. Philip passed away August 15, 2021, peacefully in his sleep. A private family service is planned. Please keep Judy and family in your prayers.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Philip. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Into Eternal Life: Raymond Ramirez; stepfather of Irma Cortez

It is with great care that we inform you of the passing of Raymond Ramirez, 91, stepfather of long-time preschool teacher Irma Cortez. Raymond, a veteran, passed away on August 13, 2021, and is predeceased by his wife who passed away less than two years ago. Memorial services will be held at Green Acres in Bloomington. Please keep Irma and family in your prayers.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Raymond. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child of your own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Email/Text Scammers

An email scammer is sending out emails in the name of Rev Keith Yamamoto asking for emergency funds. They can arrive as a text message or an email. DO NOT SEND MONEY OR REPLY TO THESE MESSAGES. Rev. Keith will never ask for emergency help through an email. The ONLY address he uses for official church tasks is kyamamoto@stmarks-upland.org. Please be careful, the email scammers will often use an email address that is very close to the actual address. Another way to verify is to ask. Call the church office (909) 920-5565 or email us at parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org to make sure what you are receiving is legitimate.

Versed: A program for young adults

Pandemic Over Restart? featuring Bishop John Harvey Taylor. Sunday evenings beginning Sep 19-Oct 10. The evening includes dinner. St. Paul's, Pomona \$10 suggested donation. More information to follow.

Deanery Installation Choir

You are invited to participate in a combined choir to sing for the installation of Rev. Jessie Smith as Rector of St. Ambrose, Claremont. Saturday, September 18 at 11 a.m. Warmup and rehearsal will be at 9:45 sharp. We will sing "With a Voice of Singing" by Shaw. If you have music for this, please bring a copy with you. We need to know how many will participate. Please RSVP to Dr. Taylor Ruhl at taylorruhl@gmail.com. Thank you!

Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Life Hallmarks - First Sunday of the Month In Person

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary next month? Please join us for a special blessing on the first Sunday of the month at 10 am in person.

OUTREACH

Touch Ministries

Collections for TOUCH Ministries should be brought to the church or office or placed in the Touch bin on the bench at the south entrance of the narthex. They will be collected and taken to the ministry's base in Ontario. Thank you for your contributions. Personal hygiene, clothes, camping equipment, and \$10 gift cards for fast food or Walmart are needed. Any questions, email Dave Nalbach at touch@stmarks-upland.org .

Haiti Partnership

On Saturday, August 14, a 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck the southwest portion of Haiti. This devastating earthquake was followed by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night and much of Tuesday. More than 1 million people, including more than half a million children, have been impacted by the back-to-back disasters, and the death toll is close to 2000. Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners are responding immediately with direct assistance to vulnerable households in the region, as partners plan long-term recovery. Your generous gift can provide assistance to help people in the wake of these disasters. To assist in these efforts, visit <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/haiti-relief> or you may write your check to St. Mark's with "Haiti" in the memo line.

Foothill Family Shelter

The need is always there. Please bring nonperishable packaged food, diapers, wipes and gently used clothing to the shelter Tuesday through Friday, 9am-5pm, (closed for lunch from 12-1pm) 1501 W. 9th St, Suite D, Upland. For more information or current needs, contact Yelitza Banuelos at yelitza@foothillfamilyshelter.org.

STEWARDSHIP

Summertime is here!

While summer travels may take you places, so remember to keep your pledge current. Before packing that suitcase, please be sure send in your donation 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](https://www.paypal.com), donations are being accepted through our email address, contributions@stmarks-upland.org.

Is it time to Update your estate planning?

When was the last time you reviewed your estate planning documents? Do you have a Living Will? Advanced Directive? Power of Attorney? Last Will and Testament? Maybe it is time to review your documents. Have you moved? Added assets? Added family? Reviewing your estate planning keeps things current. While you are reviewing, think about what your faith and Saint Mark's has meant to you and consider remembering us in your final wishes. Contact 1910legacy@stmarks-upland.org for more information.

VISION and MISSION Statements... We want your help!

St. Mark's—our clergy and vestry—is working on crafting new Vision and Mission statements, and we need your ideas!

A Vision Statement describes the ideal church we want to be. A Mission Statement describes what we want to do with the gifts that we have as a parish. Here are working drafts of the two new statements.

Our VISION for St. Mark's is of a community of grace, eagerly spreading God's word and extending Jesus' love to all, as we joyfully worship, both in person and in spirit, and generously reach out to our neighbors, helping anyone in need.

We make it our MISSION to be a place where love, joy, and hope abound. To do this we invite all persons, in whatever circumstances, to worship with us, to receive holy communion, and to help us serve others. We give guidance to those of all ages who want a deeper knowledge of God and closer connection with Jesus. We encourage our members to care for the needs of the community and the world. We celebrate our diversity and strive to reconcile all persons and groups to God through Jesus Christ.

You can share your thoughts with us in several ways: 1) When you attend a Sunday service in-person during August, please see the two large posters in the narthex, and write your comments on the paper notes provided. 2) If you won't be attending Sunday services in-person during August, please see the attachments to the Good News and the Sunday Bulletin and send your comments by e-mail to juniorwarden@stmarks-upland.org. 3) Of course, you may also talk to either Kay Alexander, our senior warden, or Carol Morgan, our junior warden.

The more specific your comments are, the more help they will be to us. Tell us about certain words or phrases that you like or dislike. Let us know whether you think the statements are accurate and complete, whether you agree or disagree with anything. Your voice is very important to us. It would be great if we could have 100% participation from the congregation on this project. We really DO want to hear from YOU!

Carol Morgan, Junior Warden

St. Mark's Episcopal Parish: A Community of Grace Our Mission Statement

We embrace Christ at the center of our lives, sharing the Gospel with all people and loving ourselves and each other as Christ loves us.

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