



The Good News

Sunday, June 5, 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.

Pentecost Day, June 5

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

Red is the color for this day and recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. In the early church Pentecost was a time to baptize converts to the faith. The newly baptized would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday." We will include the dove in our processions, renew our baptismal vows, and hear the prayers and readings in another language. Please sign up in the narthex to read for the service. All are invited to wear red or orange.

LAST CALL! Congratulations Class of 2022! Collecting Graduate Announcements by June 6

The June 12, 2022, edition of the Church's newsletter, The Good News, will acknowledge graduates of all ages and levels: preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, community college, trade school, college, and grad school. Please submit the following information as appropriate to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org: name of graduate; name of current school; awards, activities, or research; major field of study; degree received; title of dissertation; name of future school or college; intended major, degree, job or career plans. Please tell us how the graduate is related to you and name any proud family members.

If we may we post your graduates' image to the church's electronic newsletter, social media, and the electronic marquee/sign on 16th Street, then please send us their image. Please submit images and information by Monday, June 6, 2022.

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, Friday 9AM-12PM; Closed for lunch 12:30-1PM

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

Wear Orange, June 3-5

The Bishops United against Gun Violence is a part of the Wear Orange movement to bring attention to National Gun Violence Awareness Day and Wear Orange Weekend. On January 21,

2013, Hadiya Pendleton marched in President Obama's second inaugural parade. One week later, Hadiya was shot and killed on a playground in Chicago. Soon after this tragedy, Hadiya's friends commemorated her life by wearing orange, the color hunters wear in the woods to protect themselves and others. Wear Orange is now observed every June. Thousands of people wear the color orange to honor Hadiya and the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year.

Wear Orange originated on June 2, 2015—what would have been Hadiya's 18th birthday. Now, it is observed nationally on the first Friday in June and the following weekend each year.

Celebrating Blane Abernathy's Music Ministry at St Mark's

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.

Monthly Healing Ministry to resume June 12

The monthly healing ministry offered by the Sancta Sophia Daughters of the King will resume at the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, June 12, and continue on the second Sunday of each month. Weather permitting, Daughters will offer healing prayer in the Memorial Garden for any congregant with a request. Once Eucharist has been received, those wishing to receive healing prayer may enter the Memorial Garden through either the north or south exit doors from the west side of the church, returning to the sanctuary through those same doors once prayer is received. In the event of inclement weather, the ministry will take place in the rector's office, which is accessible from the Garden.

Health & Community Protocols for Worship & Coffee Hour

Please note that the proposed changes for the Sunday Worship beginning at Pentecost are under review. Please continue to wash hands. Physical distancing is encouraged. Outside seating will always be an option. And congregational singing will be limited. Proof of vaccination and masking are still required. To quote Presiding Bishop Michael Curry commenting on mitigation procedures for General Convention which include proof of vaccination and masking: "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."

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

Into Eternal Life: Cathy Norell

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of long-time member Cathy Norell.

This is from Cathy's daughter Jennifer's Facebook post on Friday, May 27, 2022.

Our mother passed away peacefully this morning surrounded by the love of her 5 children and 13 grandchildren. Our mom was the true matriarch of our family and doted on her grandchildren every chance she had. She touched many lives as a teacher in the Upland Unified School District and put in numerous volunteer hours in both the Upland and Meridian, Idaho communities. Her hands created numerous quilts and if you were a recipient of one, you know they were made with endless love.

In lieu of flowers we are requesting any donations be made to The Foothill Family Shelter. Please keep Cathy's family in your prayers.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Cathy. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child of your own redeeming. Receive her 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: The Rev. John Carl Keester, July 15, 1929 – May 23, 2022

[The Episcopal News, May 25, 2022] The Rev. John Keester, former rector of St. Ambrose's Church, Claremont (1966-1980), and a longtime teacher at Bloy House (Episcopal Theological School in Claremont, now Los Angeles), died May 23. He was 92.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Dennison, to whom he was married in 2014; four sons from his first marriage – Philip, John, Christopher and Timothy; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Lauranne Yust Keester.

Keester taught homiletics at Bloy House from 1969 to 1980; from 1972 to 1974 he also was its acting warden. His passion for education was reflected in his service as a chaplain at the University of California's Santa Barbara campus, where he was founding vicar of St. Michael's University Chapel in Isla Vista, serving from 1961 to 1965. He was an associate chaplain at UCLA and executive secretary for Ministry in Higher Education for the Diocese of Los Angeles from 1965 to 1966.

During his tenure at St. Ambrose he served for a year (1976 – 77) as an exchange vicar at St. Cuthbert's Church in Doveridge, Derbyshire, England.

After leaving St. Ambrose's in 1980, Keester continued his ministry as rector of All Saints Church, Bakersfield (1980 – 1985) and of St. Timothy's Church, Catonsville, Maryland (1985 – 1991). He served on numerous diocesan, provincial, and wider Episcopal Church committees. He retired in 1991, but continued his ministry as interim rector at St. Paul's, Modesto, Calif., and as an assistant at St. Clare's Church, Rancho Cucamonga (now closed). In recent years he has often assisted at St. Ambrose's and nearby congregations, including St. Mark's, Upland, and St. John's, La Verne.

Keester was born in Kane, Pennsylvania on July 15, 1929. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from UCLA in 1952 and a master of divinity degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif., in 1955. He also did graduate-level study in adult education at UCLA from 1958 to 1960. He was ordained a deacon June 13, 1955 and a priest Dec. 12, 1955 in the Diocese of San Joaquin (California). He served a congregation in Arvin, Calif. (Kern County), before returning to the Diocese of Los Angeles as a curate at St. Jude's Church (now St. Jude's Anglican Church), Burbank.

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

Into Eternal Life: Martha Benitez, Mother of Preschool Teacher Karen Rodriguez

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of Martha Benitez, mother of St. Mark's Preschool Teacher Karen Rodriguez. Karen was able to be with her before she died. Please keep Karen and family in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to Martha, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon her.

May her soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Celebrating the Life of Virginia Granger, June 10 at Bellevue in Ontario

Join us for our celebration of the life of Virginia Granger on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 10:30 AM, at Bellevue Memorial Park, 1240 W. G St., Ontario, CA 91762. Share a memory or message here:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/ontario-ca/virginia-granger-10605305#remembering>

Fellowship Events Ministry Meeting, June 12

There will be a meeting in room 18 in the Parish Hall at 11:20 am on June 12th. We need your ideas, volunteers for fall programs like a Parish Picnic, Trunk or Treat, a Tea for an outreach fundraiser, a possible summer program. etc. Hope to see you at the meeting.

Sunday School Teams Are Taking Vacation

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

Baptismal Announcement

To all the Faithful in Christ Jesus throughout the World: Peace be with You!

Be it known unto you that our beloved in Christ, Greer Ronny Hewgill, son of Justin Hewgill and Keisha Crofford, will be baptized with water and the Holy Spirit, on the 12th day of June, at ten o'clock ante meridiem, in the midst and witness of Godparents Gregory and Nanine Hewgill and the faithful at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Upland, California.

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>

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/>

OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drive, June 3

At St. Mark's we have hosted a total of 9 blood drives. Our last blood drive was on April 8th. We were well above our goal for units collected. Our goal was to collect 26 units and we collected 40. We had a total of 37 donors.

Total drives held: 9; Total units collected: 267; Total donors: 281; Total average: 30 per drive
Thank you to all the donors and to the volunteers. Our next blood drive will be held on Friday, June 3rd from 1-7pm. Sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org. Other blood drives to be held at St. Mark's, July 29, October 29 and December 2nd all held on Fridays from 1-7pm

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.

Foothill Family Shelter hygiene items drive begins now and ends June 12

Save gas and support the Foothill Family Shelter at the same time! The Sancta Sophia Daughters of the King are sponsoring a personal hygiene item drive for the Foothill Family Shelter. Place your donations in the Foothill Family Shelter drop off box in the Narthex between now and Sunday, June 12, and Daughters will collect all donations and deliver them to the shelter office. All donations are welcome, but items such as deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrushes, soap, hand lotion, feminine hygiene products, disposable diapers in all sizes and baby wipes are especially needed right now.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Building Fund Update: Donating for an Actual Rainy Day

We are planning a burn-the-mortgage celebration when our building loan becomes due, thanks in large part to a generous, anonymous donation. The Building Fund will continue in order to pay for facility needs. We literally need rainy day funds! We have experienced new leaks with each

shower, however small. These are mainly flat-roof sections where the roofing has worn out. Please consider donating to the Building Fund as well as to our regular church coffers for this and other projects. You'll be glad when it will no longer rain on our parade...or the acoustical ceiling tiles. Thank you!

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

Prayer for the Parish, Saturday, June 4, at Christ Church in Ontario

Vigil of Pentecost. Discerning the Future of Christ. An effort that must begin in prayer. This coming Saturday evening at 8 PM there will be a prayer in the style of Taizé specifically to pray for the gift of discernment for the future of the parish. Everybody is invited.

PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for article submissions is every Tuesday and must be emailed to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org. Please do not send them via Constant Contact. Good News articles will be published every Thursday afternoon.