



The Good News

Sunday, April 24, 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.

Because St. Mark's cares for the young, elderly, and 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, 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 taken off at the pulpit, altar, or presider chairs when reading - not singing. We have disposable face masks for your use. 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

Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9AM to 3PM; 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.

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Holy Week and Easter Day: What did you like best?

Did you attend one of the Holy Week or Easter services online or in-person at St. Mark's, or at one of the Deanery 6 congregations or at another church, for example the National Cathedral? Please share where and how you attended. What struck you about the building, liturgy, hospitality, clergy, music, atmosphere, vestments, parking, decorations, signage? What else caught your attention? What was the best thing about the service? (You get extra credit if you have a worship bulletin signed by the clergy.)

Celebrating the Life of Gus Sjoholm, May 14 at St. Mark's

Attention breakfast baggers, men's breakfast group, card players, Daughters of the King, greeters, and book club members—please join us for our celebration of the life of Gus Sjoholm on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 2:30 PM with Holy Eucharist. Immediately following the service, the family will have his remains join those of his wife, Nancy, in the Memorial Garden. A catered dinner will follow in the Parish Hall.

(DATE CORRECTION) 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>

Livestream Operators needed for Sunday Worship

Do you attend Sunday Worship live in the church? Would you be willing to donate (while attending church) 1 1/2 hours once a month on Sunday?

The Digital Ministry is ready to take livestreaming to a new level and needs several additional livestream operators. If this is something you would consider doing, please contact Bob Mattus for more detailed information at digitalministry@stmarks-upland.org

St Mark's Book Club, April 23

The club will meet on Saturday, April 23, 10:00 AM, at the home of Sally Drake. We will be reading the book, *The Tobacco Wives* by Adele Myers. Sally's address is 1840 Vail Way, Upland, 91784. If you are interested, please send an email to BookClub@stmarks-upland.org. It promises to be another great discussion so we hope to see you then.

Welcoming Guests and Keeping the Community Healthy

Please allow guest with mobility issues the option to park in the north/front parking lot. Please be aware of strong/distracting colognes. Please wash your hands before (and after) every meal – including our Eucharistic meal. If you need to stay home, please let us know and we can bring Holy Communion to you at home.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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/>

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.

Taizé Service Wednesdays at 7:30PM – Resumes April 27, No Taizé April 20

Prayer in the Taizé style of worship is quiet and reflective. It includes simple songs and chants, readings, silences and prayers. Our hymns are sung over and over as a prayer of the heart. The focus of Taizé is on Jesus and the cross, reconciliation, and prayers for the world.

"Walk in Love" Program, Sundays in Eastertide: Coming in May (In-Person)

Phase two will focus on interactive tours and talks by ministry leaders. More information to follow.

Loving Our Neighbor Easter Program: Growing Beloved Community (Zoom)

7 PM Tuesdays via Zoom - April 5 & 26.

We explore concrete suggestions on to deal with systemic racism and to grow what Presiding Bishop Curry calls "the beloved community." Zoom invitations, along with a participant guide, will be sent out prior to the meetings.

April 5 - "Racial Reconciliation and Personal Empowerment" April 26 - "Actively Building the Beloved Community" All are welcome! This study is a collaboration with St. George's Episcopal Church, Laguna Hills (stgeorgesparish.org). To register, contact the rector.

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 session begins Wednesdays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, and 18 at 1PM

For more information and to register: <https://www.myworktodo.com/>

OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drives

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.

Jerusalem and the Middle East

It's not too late to contribute to support the four dioceses in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Write "Jerusalem" on the memo line made payable to St. Mark's to promote peace and mutual understanding through pastoral care, health care, and education programs throughout the region.

Foothill Family Shelter Gala, May 19 in Claremont

The Foothill Family Shelter will hold their annual gala fundraiser on May 19, 6:00pm, at Padua Hills Theatre in Claremont. Please contact Rosalyn Foster or the Shelter office for details and reservations. Foothill Family Shelter (FFS) was originally founded by St. Mark's Episcopal Church in 1984. It is now a thriving independent non-profit organization in Upland that provides housing to homeless adults and children, distributes food, diapers, and clothing to those in need. Volunteer and donation opportunities are available at the shelter's administrative center.

Foothill Family Shelter

There is always a need for nonperishable packaged food, diapers, wipes, and gently used clothing. Bring 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.

Mark Your Calendars

Ecumenical Advocacy Days, "Fierce Urgency: Advancing Civil & Human Rights" a virtual ecumenical conference, April 25-27, 2022.

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, July 7-14 in Baltimore, Maryland.
Cursillo, a four-day spiritual renewal retreat, October 2022.

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

Clergy Conference “Exile, Return, Renewal” April 30-May 2

The clergy will be in Riverside for the "Exile, Return, Renewal: How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land" Spring Clergy Conference for the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles from May 2-4, 2022. Program includes the unique ways our Anglican tradition provides resources for us in uncertain times, a consideration of exile using Psalm 137, and the formative power of our rituals as we renegotiate our familiar spaces and liturgies.

Easter Dedications for Flowers and Decorations
Gifts are Given to the Glory of God and...

...In Loving Memory of

Parents Henry & Mary Fanfair by Margaret Creavalle
Butch Stone by Jennifer Stone
Paul Huse, Jessica Huse, Helmut Muehlbacher, & Ken Muehlbacher by Ed & Sharon Muehlbacher
Barbara Levario, Don Ashurst, and Betty Ashurst by John & Vicki Levario
Edna Moreno Zunino by Greg Foster
Les, Ruth, Charles, Cleta, Bryce by the Farr's
Bill & Fran Dorworth, Neil & Taffy Billman, Judy Rake by Dean & Karen Billman
Shane Abdolhosseini by the Abdolhosseini Family
Debbie, Caroline & Virginia, Don & Wayne by the Abernathy family
Our parents, John & Marilou Abernathy, and Chet & Kay Jones by Chris & Blane Abernathy
Asae Oshita & loved ones by Rev Keith & Rev Pat
Parents Thad & Irene Lewanski, mother-in-law Terry Vinnedge by Margaret M. Vinnedge
Grace, John, Tom by Robert & Judy Shather
My Dad on his Easter birthday by Kathy Osterkamp
Jack & Bev Gillette, Jim & Mary Platte by the Gillette Family
Dr. Scotti Dole and Carmen Hernandez by the Dole Family
James Drake by Sally Drake
Big Mama and Lee by Scott Porter
DA and Roy Hunt by Ann Porter
Gram, and all loved ones by Diane Keane

My husband, Phill Siegman by Judy Hartman

Robert Farrell & Geneva Farrell by Betty Farrell

My mother and father by Kate Flannery

...In Honor of

Karen Melvin by Laura McGary
My family and friends by Diane Keane

...In Thanksgiving for

My grandchildren by the Oduyemi's
All my wonderful friends and family by Diane Keane
My St. Mark's family and friends by Jennifer Stone
A successful move by Betty Farrell
Family and Friends by Kay Alexander & Bob Mattus
Family, St. Mark's & St. George's family by Rev Keith & Rev Pat
Our children & grandchildren by Robert & Judy Shather
Ken & Peter Drew by Lisa Drew
Dean Rake by Dean & Karen Billman
61st Wedding Anniversary by Joan & Chris Watson
Jim and Scott by Ann Porter
My family by Diane Keane
Amanda and the Mantel family by Landon Abernathy