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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 24, 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.

Please note: There will be no Sunday School this Sunday. Thank you for your flexibility.

[Click HERE for Sunday Worship Information](#)



## Community & Fellowship

### Thanks from Rev. Liz and Danielle

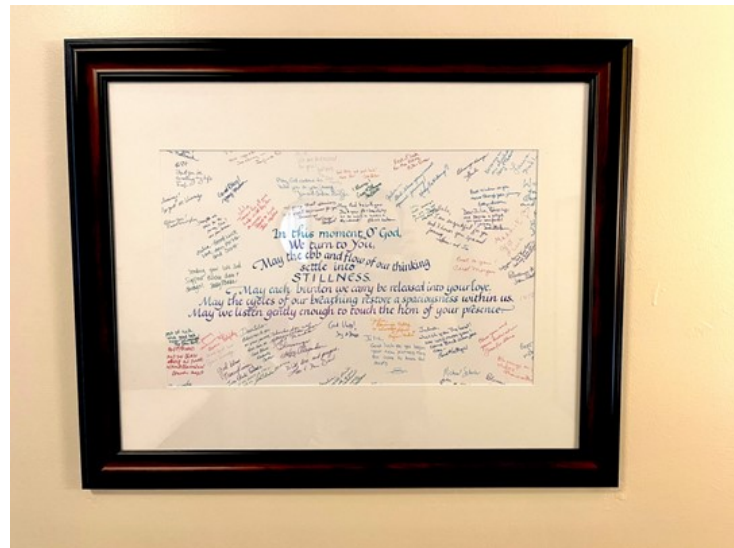
Thank you so much! Please pass on our gratitude to all who signed the cards and made the beautiful baby blanket and hat. We feel so loved and supported.

Peace and blessings,  
(Rev.) Liz and Danielle

### Greetings from Seminarian Julia Warren

Greetings from New Haven, CT! The semester is in full swing here at Yale Divinity School and I find myself busy with coursework, an active worship life, several choir commitments, and a whole lot of new friends. My studies so far cover everything from the Pentateuch to Tertullian (and my liturgical vocabulary has increased at least tenfold!) Outside of the classroom, I'm trying out various New Haven pizza

shops, ice skating at the Yale rink, and exploring the state parks in the area.  
I am so thankful for all of the support you have given me over the last few years  
and for your continued prayers. I look forward to being in community with you  
again soon!  
Peace, Julia



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## **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

**St. Mark's Rectory 8 - 9 am**

You are invited to the Men's Breakfast at the St. Mark's Rectory - access from the church's south parking lot by the basketball courts - 330 E. 16th St. For handicap access, park in the rectory driveway at 1554 N. Shelley Ave. Upland, CA 91786. Meet new people. Bring a neighbor.

### **Fundraiser for Fellowship Events**

The St. Mark's Fellowship Committee is me 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](mailto: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 21**



# 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**

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## 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](http://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.





St. Francis Sunday, October 1



## **St. Francis Sunday** **Oct 1 @ 8 & 10 AM**

Pet blessings in the church at both services  
Stuffed animals and pictures welcome. Please secure  
live animals.

Vegetarian hospitality hour to honor all animals

Succulent cuttings for potting & to take home

Youth Group at 11 AM

Youth group will begin their meeting on the patio  
assisting the planting activity - followed in room 18 by  
activities exploring our Christian Identity.

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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.

## Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to [prayer@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:prayer@stmarks-upland.org).



## Creation Care

### Creation Care

Creator God, you formed this world in your loving hands. With a resonant word you brought forth life: beautiful plants and beloved creatures you called good. From the soil, you shaped humankind and breathed the spark of life into our lungs. Placing our feet on this Earth, our home, your desire has always been for us to walk alongside you, mindfully engaging with, tending to, delighting in, and caring for creation.

All too often, we have failed to live into this call. We have not loved as you love. We have been selfish and shortsighted. We have been blind to the consequences of extraction, consumption, waste, and pollution. Forgive us these shortcomings and open our eyes once again to the beauty of this world you have created.

Set our hearts and guide our hands this day to move once more into balanced relationship with Earth so that all you have touched and stirred into life might be loved as you have taught us to love. Amen

Payton Horgh – Climate Change Summit



## Outreach

### TOUCH Ministries

It's time again to look to the coming winter months and those who are making their home on the streets. TOUCH is asking for donations of t-shirts, socks, underwear (men and women's), lightly used sweatshirts, jackets, sweaters, beanies, scarves, blankets, and hygiene products for men and women (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balm, combs), and pop top canned items such as Vienna sausage, spam, fruit, beans, etc. If you're closet cleaning, please, give thought to putting together a bag for those less fortunate. If you're out and about, a \$5-10 gift card to fast food restaurants is always appreciated, especially for the Christmas backpacks. TOUCH will be putting together 200 backpacks for Christmas, date to be decided, and would like help in putting them together. Many thanks and may the upcoming Holiday season bring good health to you and yours. Questions? See Cheryl Hunley/call 909.920.5565

### 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.

Thank you for your generous gift.

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



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