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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, October 8, 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

Mandatory Trunk or Treat Fellowship Meeting

On Sunday, October 8th, after the 10:00 A.M., there is a mandatory meeting for those participating in St. Mark's Trunk or Treat Event.

We will be reviewing the safety rules and procedures to make St. Mark's Trunk or Treat a safe event for all. Please grab a drink and snack and join us in room 18 at 11:15 A.M. If you are not able to attend this meeting, and you are having your car participate, please email Betty Farrell at fellowship@stmarks-upland.org.

Needed Trunk or Treat Donations

In preparation for the upcoming St. Mark's Trunk or Treat event, the Fellowship Ministry kindly requests your support to ensure a delightful experience for our 300

visitors and participants. We are seeking donations of the following items to make this event a resounding success: packaged hot dogs, fresh hot dog buns, small bags of chips, bottled water, ketchup, mustard, and relish. In addition, we are in need of bags filled with wrapped candy to enhance the treats given out by our trunk participants.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated, and your generosity will help us create a memorable occasion for everyone involved. Please consider making a donation of any of these essential items and bring them to the church by Sunday, October 14th.

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and generosity in making our community events truly special.

With gratitude,

Betty Farrell and Susan Mackall

Thank you from Nancy Kinney

Thank you to everyone who helped with the St Francis brunch. We could not have done it without you.

Ministry Leaders' Forum

We have many parishioners who faithfully serve as leaders for one or more of our ministries at St. Mark's. We truly appreciate your service, and we want to support your work for the parish.

This month, we will be holding two Ministry Leaders' Forums to bring together our leaders to consider several things—the ups and downs of your ministries, wellness in our ministry groups, and how to recruit new volunteers. We believe that these forums will be important to your health and the health of St. Mark's.

We are asking you to attend one of the meetings listed below. If you are not able to attend one of these two meetings, please ask one of your group members to attend in your place.

Ministry Leaders' Forums

Sunday, October 15, at 11:30 AM in Room 16

Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

We sent out an email invitation to all ministry leaders this past week. If you did NOT receive an email, please RSVP to seniorwarden@stmarks-upland.org by Thursday, October 12, and let us know which meeting you will attend. An agenda and Zoom link will follow after you RSVP.

St. Mark's Book Club, October 21

St. Mark's Book Club will meet on Saturday, October 21st from 10am to noon at the Rectory. Email "bookclub@stMarks-upland.org" for the address and directions.

Our book this month is "The Address Book: What Street Addresses Reveal About Identity, Race, Wealth, and Power," by Deirdre Mask. It appeared on Time Magazine's "100 Must-Read Books of 2020." One reviewer raves it is "Filled with fascinating people and histories...illuminates the complex and sometimes hidden stories behind street names and their power to name, to hide, to decide who counts, who doesn't--and why."

Come, join us for what is always lively discussion and fellowship.

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**

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

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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, 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

All Saints Day, Nov 6



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

Tributes to Our Loved Ones

- 1) **Litany of Names during Sunday Worship lead by The Daughters of the King** - Please complete the sign-up form in the narthex by October 29.
- 2) **Good News Collage** - Please e-mail an image to the office - Please note that names will not be included. Color images ok. Please contact the church office or rector if you need to convert a picture to a digital image.

Prayer Requests



Creation Care

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For those of you who decorate outside for fall / Halloween, Please be mindful of all the creatures you share space with.

Fake spider webs - hundreds of birds, bees, dragonflies, squirrels, die or are injured every year by getting caught in fake spider webs. Even birds as large as owls can get caught.

Real Pumpkins – Pumpkins are great, but people will wash them in bleach to make them last longer, bleach is poison. Pumpkins and gourds are food to a lot of critters. Use vinegar instead. It does the same to help the pumpkin last longer but won't hurt the critters that snack on it.

Keep Fall / Halloween safe for wildlife.



Outreach

Support Foothill Family Shelter Thanksgiving baskets donation

The Daughters of the King are coordinating St. Mark's donations to Thanksgiving baskets for families in the Foothill Family Shelter program as well as needy families throughout our region. Last year area churches and civic organizations provided enough baskets to serve over 1,000 families. The need is even greater this year. The needed items are listed in the attached flier. You can help by:

- Bringing your completed basket to the narthex or church office by Sunday, November 5, and the Daughters will transport it to the FFS office for you.
- Using the clipboards in the Parish Hall to sign up for items that you will bring to help fill a basket. Bring your items by Sunday, November 5, and leave them in the baskets in the narthex set aside for FFS collections. The Daughters of the King will purchase any missing items, make complete baskets and transport them to the FFS office.
- Donating \$25 grocery gift cards for the purchase of a turkey. For security, enclose these in an envelope marked FFS Thanksgiving and put them in the offering plate.
- Donating money to the drive by writing a check made out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and writing FFS Thanksgiving in the memo line. \$50 will buy a complete basket, but all donations will help. St. Mark's will send one check to FFS by November 8.

If you prefer to mail your check directly to the Foothill Family Shelter office or take your completed basket to the office yourself, the instructions for doing so are on the flier. Thank you for your help!

Thanksgiving BASKETS



Provide a family in need with a delicious Thanksgiving meal!

Help Foothill Family Shelter prepare to distribute baskets to 1,000 families by emailing savannah@foothillfamilyshelter.org with the number of baskets you plan on providing.

Can't donate a basket? Consider a \$50 donation and we will do the work for you! Scan the QR code to donate or mail a check to our drop-off address below. Excess funds will go towards general pantry items.

Basket Ingredients

- \$25 grocery gift card
- 1 box of stuffing
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box of instant potatoes
- 1 can of candied yams
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 1 can of turkey gravy
- 1 oven roasting pan
- Oven roasting bag
- 1 cake, cookie, or brownie mix

Place all items in a box, basket, or bag and include the gift card activation slip.



Drop Off At:

Foothill Family Shelter
1501 W. Ninth St. Suite D, Upland, CA 91786
Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
Due by November 8th, 2023



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.

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

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