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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, April 27, 2025, Holy Eucharist Service at 8 & 10 AM

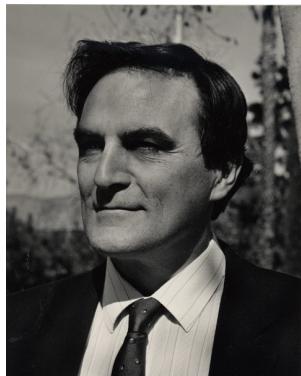
The service can be viewed live or on demand via the church's website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

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Community & Fellowship

A Celebration of Life for Chris Watson, April 26, 2025



Your prayers and presence are appreciated for the memorial service for Chris Watson on Saturday, April 26, at 2:00PM, at St. Mark's Upland. We welcome home to St. Mark's Blane Abernathy, Rev Nathan Biornstad, and Barbara Harris. The family has requested no black attire. Please keep Tim, Christopher, Helen, Joanna, and Joan in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to Chris, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

COVID-19 Announcement

Dear St. Mark's Community,

While our parish policy is to maintain the confidentiality of an individual's health status, the wardens and I believe it is appropriate to share that I tested positive for COVID-19 on Wednesday morning. The exposure occurred during a family gathering on Easter Day, after our Sunday services.

Please be assured that I was not contagious during Holy Week or on Easter morning. Anyone who may have had close contact with me since then has been personally notified.

I'm grateful to report that my symptoms are mild. However, out of an abundance of caution and care for our community, I will not be attending this weekend's events—including the Celebration of Life for Chris Watson and the Second Sunday of Easter. The Rev. Sally will be in my place and Canon Beeks is preaching on Sunday.

Thank you for your understanding and your prayers. I look forward to rejoining you soon.

Peace,

Rev. Keith

A Grateful Celebration of Fellowship and Faith

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Fellowship Ministry for their incredible dedication and joyful spirit in coordinating a series of unforgettable events this Easter season. From the creativity of Palm Sunday Sign Making and Easter Egg Decorating, to the warmth of the Wednesday Lenten Soup Supper, the excitement of The Great Easter Egg Hunt, and the shared joy of Easter Brunch—each gathering was a beautiful expression of faith, fellowship, and love.

We also want to express our sincere gratitude to all the parishioners who painted Easter eggs, donated candy, and brought delicious dishes to share. Your generosity and participation played a vital role in making this season so meaningful and memorable for everyone in our community.

Thank you for bringing the joy of Easter to life in such a special way!

Betty Farrell, Susan Mackall

e-waste Recycling event, April 26

Will be held at Alta Loma high school on April 26, from 9 AM – 1 PM.

Life Line Screening Event, Monday May 19

Life line Screening is the nation's leader in stroke and cardiovascular disease risk screenings.

[Click here for more information.](#)



Help Us Build a Safer, More Welcoming St. Mark's Campus

Your generosity can bring these vital improvements to life:

- Protect Our Classrooms: Seal the patio concrete to prevent flooding in Room 29 and ensure dry, safe spaces for learning.
- Improve Accessibility: Replace the handicap ramp at the Library to ensure access for all.
- Brighten the Sanctuary: Install energy-efficient, lower-hanging LED lights to

create a more inviting and sustainable worship environment.

- **Protect Our Ministries:** Patch or fully replace the roof of the Christian Education Building to safeguard vital programs.
- **Refresh & Organize Community Spaces:** Re-paint church pillars, kitchen, organize kitchen storage, and install secure locks to support future event rentals and gatherings.
- **Prevent Future Flooding:** Repair the track area and install a French drain system to redirect water away from vulnerable spaces.
- **Enhance Parking Safety:** Re-paint parking lot lines and patterns for better navigation and safety for all who visit.

Foxberry Preschool Enrollment, May 26, 2025



"Our Bilingual Summer Camp welcomes children ages 5–10 to explore Spanish and Chinese through daily language immersion. Campers enjoy three hours of Spanish in the morning and three hours of Chinese in the afternoon. Hosted at the beautiful St. Mark's Education Building, our inviting classrooms and shaded playground offer a perfect blend of fun and learning. We provide a warm lunch and healthy snacks daily, turning mealtimes into delicious opportunities for cultural discovery and vocabulary practice."

-Foxberry Preschool

www.foxberrypreschool.com

Men's Coffee Fellowship - Wednesdays, 10:30AM

Meet at Starbucks located at 1202 East 20th Street, Suite A, Upland, 91784. For info, contact John Flasher.

Taking Reservations for Renting St. Mark's Spaces

Are you planning a spring or summer event? Make sure you check out Venues at St. Mark's for your event. We offer indoor and outdoor spaces of different sizes for your party needs. Reservations are starting to fill up for this spring. You can contact me at venuerental@stmarks-upland.org. Carol Morgan, Venue Rental Coordinator



Children & Youth Ministries

Children's Chapel

Children from the ages 3-10 are welcome to attend the children's chapel at the front of the church on the south side. We begin at 9:50 AM with sign-in, and lessons begin at 10 AM. Your child will join you for communion.

Youth Group News

St. Mark's Youth Group will meet Sunday, April 6, from 11:30 am – 12:30 pm in Room 18. We will be addressing our Easter cards to homebound parishioners and discussing working with members of Children's Chapel to present our recycling and food waste disposal education program. All young people from 6th grade on

up are welcome to attend.

Although Youth Group regularly meets on the first and third Sundays of the month, we will not meet on Sunday, April 20, because it is Easter Sunday.



Outreach

Ingathering for Foothill Family Shelter

Our parish chapter of Daughters of the King, Sancta Sophia, will be collecting hygiene, feminine hygiene, and baby hygiene items for the Foothill Family Shelter. We will be gathering these items during the month of April. Please place your donated items in the Shelter's bin in the church narthex. Thank you for your kindness.

Helping Hands Hot Meal Ministry

Can you provide a meal for a parish member? You don't need to be a gourmet chef - just a person with compassion. You can cook or call UberEATS. Please contact Jennifer Stone at helpinghands@stmarks-upland.org



Creation Care

On this Earth Day, we remember that creation is not just a backdrop to our lives—it is God's first cathedral, sacred ground that reflects divine beauty and abundance. Yet this sacred gift is groaning.

From polluted air to poisoned waters, from rising seas to scorched lands, the Earth bears the wounds of our neglect and exploitation.

And still, like resurrection itself, life pushes through—green shoots through cracked concrete, hope rising with every new act of care.

Just as Easter reminds us that death does not have the final word, Earth Day reminds us that renewal is possible—when we act in faith, with courage and love.

Earth Day is not just a celebration—it is a call.

A call to tend *sacred ground*.

A call to act with *gritty hope*.

A call to honor the Creator by *protecting, restoring, and rightly sharing* God's good creation.

May we respond with reverence, resolve, and resurrection-rooted love.

Episcopalchurch.org/creation

Creationjustice.org



Worship

Lectio Divina: The Artist's Way, May 6

Join us on Tuesday, May 6, at 9AM as we use the Lectio Divina method to discuss The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity by Julia Cameron. "A revolutionary program for personal renewal, *The Artist's Way* will help get you back on track, rediscover your passions, and take the steps you need to change your life."

Join us for an in-person Lectio Divina Bible study every Tuesday, in Room 16 from 9:00 to 10:30AM. Lectio is a contemplative method of reading the Bible. We will listen to an upcoming Sunday gospel lesson three times from different versions of the Bible and respond to a reflection question after each reading. Our time includes introductions, check-in, a break, and open discussion.

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org.



Worship Videos

These versions of "Jesus Christ is Risen Today," "He is Risen," and "Come, Ye Faithful" (the source for today's offertory anthem) are being played by an organist raised in this church, Alan Lewis, son of Pat and Claire Lewis. Alan as a teenager assisted with the installation of St. Mark's organ.



O Sons and Daughters



We Walk by Faith



Christ is Alive!



The Strife is O'er



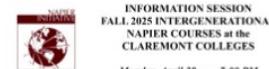
Deanery 6, Diocese and Beyond

Napier Courses, Monday April 28, Pilgrim Place

"Informational Session" about the two Napier courses to be held this fall.

The professors will be in attendance to summarize their courses and explain the scope of involvement of senior students ("Elders") in their classes.

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INFORMATION SESSION
FALL 2025 INTERGENERATIONAL
NAPIER COURSES AT THE
CLAREMONT COLLEGES

Monday, April 28 — 7:00 PM

Napier Common Room at Pilgrim Place

FACULTY PRESENTATIONS:

- Prof. Shireen Limeshaw on Effective Learning Across the Lifespan
- Prof. Susan Castagnetti on Feminist Ethics

Psychology 160: Effective Learning Across the Lifespan (Claremont McKenna)

Faculty: Shireen Limeshaw: shireen@cmc.edu

Mon/Wed 11:00 am - 12:15 pm.

Our lives are spent learning, both formally and informally. Many interests are consumed in our spare time, and we are constantly learning as we age. This intergenerational course is an in-depth look at what psychological science has discovered about how we learn best, how memory itself works, and how both change as we age. We will also delve into how our brain changes as we age, and how our cognitive, emotional, and physical memories can give insight into our learning. The basic point of the course is for both students and faculty to learn how to become more effective learners through knowledge and appreciation for effective learning at their level.

Philosophy 151: Feminist Ethics (George College) Mon/Wed 2:45-4:00 pm.

Faculty: Susan Castagnetti: susan@scrippscollege.edu

This course examines "feminist" and feminist ethical frameworks, considering how they provide a different perspective on ethical theory and practice. We will examine issues such as reproductive justice and environmental justice. We will discuss care ethics, as well as other feminist approaches to ethics, considering whether ethical issues are best understood through a lens of care, justice, or equality. We will also examine relationships and interactions between different ethical issues.

We will also examine the relationship between ethics and other fields of study, such as law, psychology, and anthropology. We will also consider how these ethical frameworks can inform our personal identities, including gender, race, sexuality, disability, and class. In analysis and the development of strategies for change, readings include works of feminist ethicists and scholars, as well as works of feminist scholars in law, psychology, and anthropology.

For more information, or to apply, contact the instructor or the Napier Courses Committee.

Pilgrim Place & Community: David Mark — dm@claremont.edu

McLean Avenue Gardens & Community: Paul Hall — ph@claremont.edu



Stewardship

An Easter Reflection

Sharing the Good News:

Did you ever have news that was so exciting, so important, so urgent, that you could not wait to share it? Imagine the spicebearing women who encounter the Angels at the empty tomb learning that it was all true - everything that Jesus had told them would happen had, indeed, happened. They rushed from what had been a moment of ritual grief and mourning and ran to tell the other followers of Jesus what they had witnessed.

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Finance

2025 Estimate of Giving aka Pledge: Counting Blessings

Many thanks to the 63 individuals and households who registered their pledges for 2025. We have about 140 individuals and households on record. Please prayerfully consider how God has blessed your life and complete a 2025 pledge card. Your gracious contribution helps us as a community fund people like the rector, office administrator, bookkeeper, and music directors. They also keep the church buildings and grounds maintained and operational. It is not too late to make your pledge; and you may adjust your estimate of giving when circumstances change. Your 2025 pledge is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Donating from IRA Accounts

Required minimum distributions (RMD) are the least amounts of money you must withdraw from your traditional IRA account each year, once you reach a certain age. If you make a qualified charitable contribution directly to St. Mark's for some or all of the RMD, that amount will not be taxed. Your financial advisor or IRA customer service can provide additional details on how to make this type of

donation to St. Mark's.

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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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 10 AM to 3 PM (closed 12:30–1 PM);
Friday Closed

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