



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: A COMMUNITY OF GRACE

THE GOOD NEWS

For the Christmastide beginning December 25, 2020

In-Spirit Morning Prayer on Sun, Jan 3, 2021

Our In-Spirit worship on Sunday, Jan 3, 2021 at 10 am (PST) will be simulcast on Zoom (and maybe YouTube) in addition to being broadcast on Facebook. This will be our celebration of Morning Prayer on the Second Sunday of Christmas and feature music from our Christmas Eve services. We will be commemorating life milestones for the month on January 10.

This way of doing worship will allow the choir and digital ministry team to enjoy some time off following a busy Christmas Eve service. Thank you for your understanding and trying something different. <https://zoom.us/j/95490697902> The meeting id is 954 9069 7902

WORSHIP

Worship Sundays 10AM on Facebook Live, You Tube and on our Website!

In-Spirit Worship Readers

Our schedule has moved to our website, www.stmarks-upland.org. Please check the schedule and use the readings and psalms on the lectionary pages found [here](#).

Watch Last Sunday's Service on YouTube:

Please subscribe to the St. Mark's YouTube page so that we can have access to more editing tools from YouTube. Many thanks to Landon Abernathy.

Check-In, Bible Study & Prayer resumes Monday, January 4, 2021

Join us Monday through Thursday from 8:15 to 8:50 am for Prayer and Bible Study - prayer sheets available on the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/> Meeting ID: 937 8054 5256 <https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>

Wednesday Evening Taizé Services at 7:30 pm Taizé Resumes January 6, 2021

Worship, Wednesday, at 7:30 pm on Zoom - join via computer, tablet, or smartphone with this link: <https://zoom.us/j/98723305020?pwd=U1NFY0JlOFJmL2pMenVheUdTQlBaQT09> Meeting ID: 987 2330 5020. Password: taize

FAITH-FILLED GENEROSITY

2020 Contributions

All pledge payments and contributions for 2020 must be received by the business office by December 31, 2020. We cannot credit payments postmarked by the 31st. Thank you for your understanding and support.

2021 Stewardship Pledge Drive Update

As of 12/12/20 St. Mark's has received 74 pledges for 2021 totaling \$280,484. Out of that the Pledges to the Operating (General) Fund total \$258,004 and pledges to the Building Fund total \$18,760. Thank you to everyone who has made a pledge for 2021. It is not too late to make a pledge; cards are available in the church office. Please remember that you may adjust your pledge at any time.

OUTREACH

Thank you for your support for Foothill Family Shelter, TOUCH, and Haiti. Obviously, support and donations are welcome throughout the year. To begin the New Year, I want to recognize another type of Outreach—The Daughters of the King. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, their mission as Daughters is to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to reflect God's love throughout the world. The Daughters' recent outreach projects, have included making hygiene bags for Laundry Love and TOUCH clients, donating Thanksgiving baskets and clothing for the Foothill Family Shelter Family 2 Family Christmas gifts. They are now working to support the founding of a Daughters chapter at our partner Parish of St. Andre's in Haiti. Perhaps their most important ministry, though, is praying for everyone on the St. Mark's Prayer List. This a daunting challenge, especially during this difficult time. Please support them with your prayers. You may submit your prayer request to prayer@stmarks-upland.org.

Kay Alexander, Sr. Warden

Touch Ministries Annual Report

Date	Food (pounds)	Clothing	Toiletries	Misc. Items	Cards	Cash
TOTALS	288	111	71	78	\$990	\$100

Thank you for your generosity,
Dave Nalbach

Blood Drive, Tuesday February 2, 2021

St. Mark's will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2021. It will be held in the Parish Hall from 10am to 4pm. Sign-ups, American Red Cross website, redcrossblood.org, in the search "stmarks". All set up will be conducted by Red Cross personal and all protocols will be in place. Face masks required. If you need help signing up contact Dale Biggs, Program Leader. Volunteer's needed at the door to help sign people in on our Self Screening forms.

Dale Biggs

bandg@stmarks-upland.org

One Body & One Spirit Emergency Appeal

Join us in giving generously to the One Body & One Spirit Emergency Appeal to help our congregations and ministries most at risk during this crisis. The mailing address for checks made payable to "Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles" is: Bishop John Harvey Taylor c/o the Rev. Michele Racusin, CFO; 840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

YOUTH

Choristers

Children in grades 3-6, are invited to join Choristers on Tuesday afternoons at 4PM via Zoom for a half hour. If you have a young singer who would like to participate, please email me at music@stmarks-upland.org for the link.

God bless everyone,

Blane Abernathy, Organist and Director of Music

Youth Group News

During our time away, we have been meeting online using Zoom and in messages. We are currently meeting via Zoom, please check your messages for dates and times. If you would like to be added to the group, please message Rob Garretson at youth@stmarks-upland.org. Also, please note that all our in-person activities with other groups such as the Deanery, TOUCH, etc. are on hold until further notice. Thanks, and stay safe and healthy,
Rob Garretson  Director of Youth Ministries

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is the one prayer in every Episcopal service. It can be presented in many different meaningful ways, forms, and languages. Please be an evangelist and consider inviting individual and groups, members and non-members, Episcopalians, and Christians to present the Lord's Prayer. Please be sure that that the presentation is done with authenticity, integrity, and reverence. Please also consider the safety guidelines of our diocesan, medical and civic leaders. Please contact Andrea Griffin for more information.

Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Life Hallmarks due by the 25th

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary next month? Please let us know and send a photo by the 25th of the month before your celebration month. The visual celebration will be on the first Sunday of the month. Send to "blessings@stmarks-upland.org."

St. Mark's Book Club meets Third Saturdays from 10 to 12 noon

The St. Mark's Book Club will be gathering on the third Saturday of the month from 10-12 noon. Please contact any member or Sue Andrews, Coordinator, at BookClub@stmarks-upland.org for more information.

Women's Prayer Breakfast Meets Fridays at 11am

The women's prayer breakfast meets every Friday at 11 am via Zoom. All women are invited to join us. Please contact Kathryn Barbour at womensprayerbreakfast@stmarks-upland.org

Pinochle Group meeting Wednesdays 9am to 12noon

Want to know how to play cards via zoom? Join the Pinochle group. They now play on Wednesdays from 9am to 12 noon. For more information, please contact Chris Watson at stpeter@stmarks-upland.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office and Preschool Closed

The church office and Preschool will be closed until Monday, January 4th, 2021. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the rector. For all other need, email parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org.

Altar Guild News

The altar guild is looking for members to assist in set up and clean up for services, once we return to in person worship. The guild is responsible for changing the altar seasonally, as well as preparing the elements for Eucharist on Sunday and clearing the altar after services. The guild welcomes all who would like to learn more about the "behind the scenes" workings of our services. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Ann Porter or Kathy Walker at altarguild@stmarks-upland.org.

We are Praying for You – The Daughters of the King

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org. Or contact the clergy or a member of the Daughters of the King who pray both daily individually and together every Sunday before the morning service.

Your Contributions Make a Difference, Thank You!

Please send pledges or donations to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th Street, Upland, CA 91784. You may wish to set up automatic "bill pay" or "online banking" through your financial institution. Or you may make your donation through [PayPal](#). Donations are being accepted through our email address, contributions@stmarks-upland.org.

Donate through Amazon Smile®

Support St. Mark's every time you shop on Amazon. Sign up here: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-2074628>. Each time you shop you will automatically designate a portion of your total will go to Saint Mark's to assist with our programs.

Submissions for the Church Newsletter

Please send articles and news for "The Good News" to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org by Tuesday.

St. Mark's Episcopal Parish: A Community of Grace

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We embrace Christ at the center of our lives, sharing the Gospel with all people and loving ourselves and each other as Christ loves us

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