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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 10, 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.

[**Click HERE for Sunday Worship Information**](#)



Worship

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.

Parking at St. Mark's

This is just a reminder of where to park when attending Sunday Services. Handicap accessible and drop-off is located in the north (front) parking lot and additional parking is available in the south parking lot.

Prayer Requests

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



Community & Fellowship

Youth Group News for September

Saint Mark's youth group will have its first meeting on Sunday, September 17, beginning right after church in Room 18. There will be food and meetings should last no more than an hour. If you missed the orientation meeting on August 20, join Lisa and Peter Drew during the Ice Cream Social for a program overview and to pick up a program calendar and contact information forms. The calendar and the forms are also attached to this Good News. Young people should return their contact forms when they come for their first meeting.

Click [HERE](#) for Youth Group Information Form.

Click [HERE](#) for Program.

Celebrating Rodney Hume Dawson

Discerner Rodney Hume Dawson completed his Diocesan Discernment Year at St. Mark's. We have been blessed by his presence, voice, scholarship, sermons, including the Disability Awareness workshop. On Sunday, he was gifted with an alb (the white robe worn by the altar party) as a sign of our shared baptized ministry and in anticipation of continued service at God's altar. Those wishing to make an additional contribution, please include "Rodney" in the memo line. Many thanks to the members of the Congregations Discernment Team - Canon Serena Beeks, John Flasher, Dr. Jim Brown, Edwina Golightly.

We wish Rodney well in his next steps in the discernment process and look forward to what comes next.



The graphic features a pink ice cream cone with a bite taken out of it. A speech bubble above it says "You're Invited!" and another bubble to the right says "St. Mark's Ice Cream Social". Below the cone, text reads "Sunday, September 10 11:30 am" and "St. Mark's Episcopal Church 330 East 16th Street, Upland CA". The St. Mark's logo is at the bottom left.

Here's the Scoop!

Join your St. Mark's Family in the Parish Hall after the 10 AM service, this Sunday, September 10 for an afternoon of Fellowship and Ice Cream during St. Mark's Annual Ice Cream Social. Hope to see you there!

St. Mark's Book Club, September 16

Our members were hosted by Joel Bolton at our last meeting on Saturday, August 19th. Thank you, Joel. The meeting was characterized by our typically animated and wide-ranging discussions, this time focused on "The Song of Achilles" by Madeline Miller. We covered this reimagined version of Homer's "Iliad," exploring what it means to be a hero, a lover, an outsider as well as what makes a novel popular with different audiences, young and old.

This was our generous book club coordinator, Sally Drake's last meeting. Many thanks for the treasure of her time and many good wishes on her move to a new community.

Do you love reading and the fellowship of book lovers? Please join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am-12noon. We welcome all who enjoy a good

read and discussion. Contact Maggie Vizio or the church office for details. Next up, Sharon Muehlbacher will host a discussion of "How to Cook a Wolf" by M.F.K. Fisher on Saturday, September 16th, from 10am-12noon. Please call the church office if you need her contact information.

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, September 23 at 8AM at the Rectory (Note: Fourth Sunday this Month)

The first Men's Breakfast of the program year will be at the St. Mark's Rectory. Enter from the south parking lot. To avoid stairs, use the driveway at 1554 N. Shelley Ave., 91786. Guests and new members are welcome.



Fundraiser for Fellowship Events

The St. Mark's Fellowship Committee is planning 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 friends 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 to place an order or ask a question. See attached flyer for delicious candy apple varieties.

Facility Rental Taskforce Underway

We are looking for resources and contacts for caterers and event planners. Help us be good stewards of our campus.

Baptism, Confirmation, Inquiry, and Membership Class, Sundays at 9:15 AM, Room 16

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.



Creation Care

Diocesan Climate Change Summit, September 16

"The summit is a great opportunity to bring our diocesan community together to do what we can to address this issue which affects our whole world. It's not easy work but it is necessary work. The church has tremendous potential to make a difference. I firmly believe we can do anything we are called to do when we are working in community and with God's help. The issue of climate change needs our concerted, intentional, and communal attention." -Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy

Summit topics include priorities of reducing carbon footprints, use of fossil fuel while adopting green technologies, news of Commission partnerships, including the "Climate Connections" disaster resilience plan - a pilot project, engaging congregations in strategic, collaborative response to crises including earthquakes and heatwaves.

If you are interested in participating or ride sharing, please contact Nancy Kinney or the church office.

Read more <https://diocesela.org/news/diocesan-climate-change-summit-announcement/>.



Outreach

Our Biggest Outreach

When a person gives to St. Mark's Upland, they also contribute to diocesan and global ministries. Learn more about how your gift makes the world a better place: Subscribe to the Episcopal News Update.

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.

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Friday Closed

The office will be closed Monday, Sept 4
in observance of Labor Day.



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