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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, January 7, 2023 Holy Eucharist (Communion) Services held at 8 & 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](#)

North Parking Reserved for Those with Mobility Issues

Please reserve our north driveway for drop-off and parking for those with mobility issues. If you are able, please use the south parking lot.

Prayer Requests

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



Community & Fellowship

Into Eternal Life: Donna Mattus, Sister-in-Law of Bob Mattus

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of Donna Mattus, Sister-in-Law of Bob Mattus, on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2023, in Little Rock, AK. Her husband Ken, Bob's brother, passed away four months earlier. Please keep Bob and family in your prayers.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant,

Donna. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of

your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

Sunday School Resumes January 7, 2024

Many thanks to Susan Mackall and our Sunday School teachers who resume their ministry to our children this Sunday, January 7, 2024.

Fellowship Ministry Meeting, Jan 7, 11:15, Room 16

We will be discussing the annual meeting brunch, Shrove Sunday Pancake Brunch and outreach project to Foothill Shelter and Touch Ministry and our responsibility for the Deanery Lenten program.

Thank You Andrea Flasher, Lay Eucharistic Visitors Coordinator

Many thanks to Andrea Flasher for her leadership as one of the coordinators for the Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the consecrated bread and wine to members of the congregation who were unable to be present in church for Holy Communion, usually because of illness or infirmity. Her time of leadership included lockdown and COVID when staying connected was a special challenge. Many thanks to John Flasher who continues as the coordinator for the Lay Eucharistic Visitors.

Newcomers/Inquirers/Seekers Class: 9AM Sundays in the Rector's Office

This is an opportunity to get to know more about St. Mark's, the church and one another. Participants will explore the Bible, Worship, Church, and Discipleship. At each session we will have a time for prayers, questions, introductions, and a brief orientation on a topic with helpful suggestions for further formation.

We meet for 50 mins on Sundays at 9AM in the rector's office. (Note: we will skip Jan 28 - Annual Meeting Sunday)

Parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 28, 2024, following one service at 9:30 AM

The Parish Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 28, 2024, following one service at 9:30 AM. The annual meeting will take place in the parish hall with brunch. Please see Fellowship for more information and to sign up for brunch. The meeting will not be streamed/recorded.

When we experimented with the 9:30AM start time (pre-COVID) it was Ministry leaders are asked to submit a written report to the church office by January 14 to be included in the Annual Report. If you need any assistance, please contact the rector or Rose in the church office.

Annual Reports: Dual Purposes

Church Ministry Leaders, many thanks for your annual reports due on Jan 14. They are always insightful and informative. This year we are hoping to use these reports as a resource for visitors and newcomers who are interested in connecting with the community.

Sunday School Aides and Teachers Opportunities

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible, church, liturgy, prayer, and a relationship with God? Try being an adult aide for Sunday School. Watch the presentations from the best teachers and curriculum. Although targeted for children, the theological and ecclesiastical principles are solid. You are not required to know all the answers. In fact, it is more important to listen to the children and ask questions than it is to provide the correct answers. See Susan

Mackall or the rector for more information.

Home Blessings during Epiphany

Epiphany is the day we celebrate the visit of the Magi (also known as the three kings or wise men) to the Christ Child by following a star. Because of this visit to the home of the Baby Jesus, Epiphany is a traditional time for the blessing of a home. Epiphany Day is on January 6 and the season lasts until Lent begins. Please let the rector or church office know if you would like to have your home blessed.

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Using techniques of the industry's top organizers, parishioner Sally Beardsley of Streamlined Home will share easy, practical strategies to jump-start your home transformation and help you reclaim your space.



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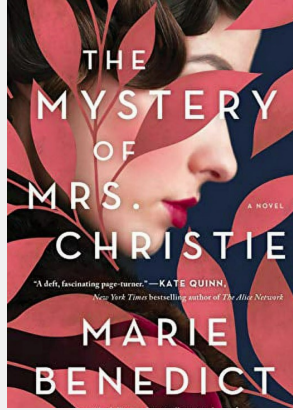
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024, 10am

St Mark's Church, Upland

Please RSVP to 719.963.9982

St. Mark's Book Club, January 20

St. Mark's Book club members met at Maggie Vizio's over delightful English Tea offerings brought by Sally Ringle on December 16th which was an appropriate tie into our latest book, "Twisted Tea Christmas" by Laura Childs. Discussion centered on Child's



protagonist, an amateur tea shop owner-sleuth, the victim and numerous suspects. We also talked about the conventions of "cozy" mysteries which led to comparisons with Agatha Christie novels which in turn led us to pick "The Mystery of Mrs. Christie" by Marie Benedict, a novel inspired by Mrs. Christie's mysterious 11-day disappearance in 1926 for our next book. We will meet Saturday, January 20th at Betty Ward's house. Call the office or Maggie Vizio for directions.

Youth Group News

Saint Mark's youth group is open to all young people in 6th through 12th grades and meets every first and third Sunday of the month in Room 18 after the 10:00 AM service. In November we decided to retain the name of Youth for Christ and assisted the Liturgical Arts Guild by making origami doves from papers on which were written the names of deceased loved ones. These doves hung from the ceiling of the sanctuary to remind us that we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses whom we especially remember at this time of year. During December we are creating a banner and poster to spread the word that Youth for Christ is active and its members are busy learning about God and serving the congregation.

Venue Rental Taskforce Underway

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



Creation Care

"WE HAVE TO TREASURE LIFE ON EARTH, RESPECT THAT LIFE, AND CHANGE OURSELVES SO THAT THOSE COMING NEXT WILL ALSO EXPERIENCE ITS BEAUTY AND ABUNDANCE. IMAGINE IF OUR COLLECTIVE ASPIRATION FOR THE FUTURE WAS TO BE GOOD ANCESTORS."

Kristin Ohlson, Soil Centric

<https://bit.ly/3GMmSOs>



Outreach



Blood Drive, January 19

The next blood drive will be held on Friday, January 19 from 11:00AM to 5:00PM

Please schedule an appointment online by visiting www.redcrossblood.org and enter code: stmarks or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets on Saturdays from 9-10:30 AM.



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.

Stewardship for 2024 and Pledge Reminder

We are 20 pledges away from meeting our goal for 2024. In honor of the season, bright green pledge cards are available on each pew. They can be turned in during the offertory. You can also contact Rose in the church office at (909) 920-5565 or parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org about how to submit or mail a pledge. Your pledge represents your giving estimate for 2024 and assists in planning our church budget. We will be distributing acknowledgement letters between now and the end of 2023. Thank you for your support of St. Mark's.

How to Give Stocks or Mutual Fund Shares to St. Mark's

We have a brokerage account through Charles Schwab to accept stock and mutual fund gifts to St. Mark's. Donors are not assessed capital gains if the stock is transferred to St. Mark's. Please contact Rose in the church office at (909) 920-5565 or parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org for a handout on the specific codes and steps that you need to take. You will also need to let us know the amount and type of donation so that we can appropriately track the donation. Our policy is to sell any stock upon receipt. Donations completed before December 31 will count as 2023 donations. Donations beginning in January will count toward 2024.

We kindly remind you that all donations for the year 2023 should be submitted by December 31.

Thank you for your generous gift.
No matter how, how much, or how often you give,
you make a difference. Your contribution is appreciated.

Give to St. Mark's



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