



The Good News

Sunday, May 15, 2022

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

We spread God's word, love like Jesus, enjoy worshipping together, and help our neighbors.

Because We Love Our Neighbor: Health & Community Protocols for Worship

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (on health and community measures) "We are committed to gathering in the safest and healthiest way possible. Love of neighbor is not simply a good idea. It is a commandment of Jesus based on the teaching of Moses to always seek the good and the well-being of each other."

Because St. Mark's cares for the young, the elderly, and the immuno-compromised... because vaccinations are essential to creating a safer/healthier workplace and worship space... because our health and strength are intertwined with one another... and because health is not an individual endeavor... All those 12 years and up show proof of vaccination, and those ages 2 years and up wear masks for in-the-building services. Masks may be removed by readers at the pulpit, altar, or presider chairs (when reading but not singing). We make available disposable masks for any who need them. We are respectful of those around us and adjust for healthy spaces between households. Direct physical contact with young children is avoided; elbow bumps are fine, but no hugs or handshakes. Please consider getting a booster and social distancing. State and health officials allow churches to determine their own mask/vaccination policies. Thank you for your continued support.

Week at a Glance at St. Mark's

Office Hours: Monday–Friday 9AM to 3PM; Closed for lunch 12:30-1PM

Sunday 8AM and 10AM Holy Eucharist. Both in-person and streaming online on YouTube and Facebook. Go to <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/services/in-spirit-worship/>. Bulletins are available at church, by e-mail, and on the website. Hymnals are available for home use.

Sunday 9:50AM Sunday School. "Children of the Good Shepherd" for little ones ages 3-6, in the Chapel. "Journey with God," for children ages 7-10, in the Curriculum Room off the Parish Hall (Room 18). All children welcome!

Monday–Friday 9AM Zoom Morning Prayer and Bible Study.

Go to <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/93780545256>. Download prayer sheets from the website at <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer>.

Tuesday 3:30PM Choristers. See Blane Abernathy for more information.

Wednesday 9AM St. Peter's Guild. Card games and other activities in person. Email stpeters@stmarks-upland.org for more information.

Wednesday 10:30AM Men's Coffee Fellowship. Meet at Bad Ass Coffee in Rancho Cucamonga. For info email menscoffee@stmarks-upland.org.

Wednesday 5:00PM Handbell Rehearsal. See Blane Abernathy for more information.

Wednesday 7:30PM Taizé Service. In person and streaming online on Facebook. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland>.

Thursday 7:30PM Adult Choir Rehearsal. See Blane Abernathy for more information.

Church Calendar: All meetings/events must be scheduled through the church office. If you don't see your event, email parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org. Or call the church office at 909-920-5565 to schedule a date and time to reserve the rooms that are available.

Into Eternal Life: Bill Byles, Cousin of John Flasher

It is with care that we inform you of the passing of Bill Byles, 73 years old, cousin of John Flasher. Bill passed away on April 29, 2022, at Kaiser Woodland Hills. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Rest eternal grant to Bill, 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.

WORSHIP

Health & Community Protocols for Worship & Coffee Hour

Please note that the proposed changes for the Sunday Worship beginning at Pentecost are under review. Please continue to wash hands. Physical distancing is encouraged. Outside seating will always be an option. And congregational singing will be limited. Proof of vaccination and masking are still required. To quote Presiding Bishop Michael Curry commenting on mitigation procedures for General Convention which include proof of vaccination and masking: **"We are committed to gathering in the safest and healthiest way possible. Love of neighbor is not simply a good idea. It is a commandment of Jesus based on the teaching of Moses to always seek the good and the well-being of each other."**

Offertory Plates

For your convenience, the offertory plates are located by the baptismal font as you enter and also by the front pews as you approach the altar for communion.

Pentecost Day, June 5

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter.

Red is the color for this day and recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples. In the early church Pentecost was a time to baptize converts to the faith. The newly baptized would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday." We will include the dove in our processions, renew our baptismal vows, and hear the prayers and readings in another language. Please sign up in the narthex to read for the service. All are invited to wear red.

COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Preschool Art Show and Performance, Premieres May 13

Immerse yourself in this inspirational exhibition. The preschool art show and performance premieres Friday, May 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the parish hall.

Forum for Transition to Head Start Program, May 15

Join us this Sunday, May 15, after one or both services to learn about the transition from St. Mark's Preschool to the County Head Start program. Two sessions: 9:00 AM in Room 16 and 11:15 AM in the Sunday School room (old Art Room). We will answer your questions about how we are continuing our long history of ministry to children, how negotiations are progressing with the county, and how St. Mark's will benefit from this partnership with Head Start.

Attempted Hack on St. Mark's Network Server

There was an attempted hack on St. Mark's server on Saturday, May 7, 2022. Fortunately, no sensitive data was stolen or accessed but as a precaution you may want to check your credit reports.

The 40 Anniversary of the Ordination of Rev. Clark, May 29

St. Mark's celebrates the 40-year anniversary of the Rev. C. Robbins "Robbin" Clark, the first chaplain to the school and preschool and Curate for three years. She went on to serve as Rector of St. Bede's, Santa Fe, NM and as Rector of St. Mark's, Berkeley. Most recently she served at the Cathedral in Gloucester, England for five years working with ordained women's ministries. The Rev. Canon Melissa McCarthy, Canon to the Ordinary of the Diocese, will be the special guest preacher. Please join us on Sunday, May 29 at the 10 AM service to celebrate 40 years of ordained ministry.

The Rev. C. Robbins "Robbin" Clark

The Rev. C. Robbins "Robbin" Clark attended seminary in England before they admitted women. She has always used her middle name, Robbin (actually shortened from Robbins) instead of her first name, Caroline. When she applied to the British seminary (Cuddeston College, Oxford) she used Robbins and that sounded like a guy to them, so they accepted her. When she showed up they were a little taken aback but seem to have accepted the inevitable, probably some with more grace than others!

Same thing happened in Santa Fe. The bishop a couple of bishops ago was violently anti-women. This would have been the mid-late 80s, as I recall. Clergy Deployment Office profiles didn't even have gender on them, so Robbins passed notice. Again, when Robbin showed up, it was a little too late for him to do anything about it!

Box Donations

Packing/storage boxes needed to pack up St Mark's Preschool. They can be dropped off at the school or at the Parish Office.

Celebrating the Life of Gus Sjöholm, May 14 at St. Mark's

Attention breakfast baggers, men's breakfast group, card players, Daughters of the King, greeters, and book club members—please join us for our celebration of the life of Gus Sjöholm on Saturday, May 14, 2022, at 2:30 PM with Holy Eucharist. Immediately following the service, the family will have his remains join those of his wife, Nancy, in the Memorial Garden. A catered dinner will follow in the Parish Hall.

(DATE CORRECTION) Celebrating the Life of Virginia Granger, June 10 at Bellevue in Ontario

Join us for our celebration of the life of Virginia Granger on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 10:30 AM, at Bellevue Memorial Park, 1240 W. G St., Ontario, CA 91762. Share a memory or message here: <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/ontario-ca/virginia-granger-10605305#remembering>

Welcoming Guests and Keeping the Community Healthy

Please allow guests with mobility issues the option to park in the north/front parking lot. Please be aware of strong/distracting colognes. If you feel ill or are presenting any symptoms, please stay home and join us online. And let us know if we can bring Holy Communion to you. Please wash your hands, wear your mask, mind your space, and get boosted.

Congratulations Class of 2022! Collecting Graduate Announcements by June 6

The June 12, 2022, edition of the Church's newsletter, The Good News, will acknowledge graduates of all ages and levels: preschool, elementary, middle school, high school, community college, trade school, college, and grad school. Please submit the following information as appropriate to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org: name of graduate; name of current school; awards, activities, or research; major field of study; degree received; title of dissertation; name of future school or college; intended major, degree, job or career plans. Please tell us how the graduate is related to you and name any proud family members.

If we may we post your graduates' image to the church's electronic newsletter, social media, and the electronic marquee/sign on 16th Street, then please send us their image.

Please submit images and information by Monday, June 6, 2022.

Updating Your Contact Information

Did you know that you can update your contact information? Both Breeze and Constant Contact allow you to update your own information. Please note that they are two separate and independent systems, so updating one does not change the information with the other. The e-mail addresses in Constant Contact determine who gets the church newsletter the Good News. The mailing addresses in Breeze determine who gets the seasonal letters from the church e.g. Christmas, Easter, Stewardship, and special announcements. Please feel free to call the church office if you have any questions.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Prayer Requests

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org. Or complete the prayer request form at <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/saint-marks-prayer-list/>

Confirmation 2023

St. Mark's is scheduled for a bishop's visit next year, 2023. (Exact Sunday to be determined.) Please let the office/clergy know if you are interested in making a mature affirmation of the baptismal vows made on your behalf by parents and godparents. This is also the time to be received into the Episcopal denomination from another faith tradition. And finally, a person may re-affirm their baptismal vows as an adult.

Confirmation is one of the requirements to serve on the vestry.

Find Out about Haiti Partnership, May 22

Join us on Sunday, May 22 to learn about the St. Mark's Haiti Partnership. At 9AM we will have a presentation by coordinators Canon Serena Beeks and Guen Vinnedge. At 11AM there will be an information table and crafts for donations for the partnership.

My Work to Do

"My Work To Do" is an online affinity group designed to help white people build stamina for discussing racism, systemic injustice, racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in their everyday lives.

New sessions always around the corner. For more information and to register:

<https://www.myworktodo.com/>

OUTREACH

Red Cross Blood Drive, June 3

At St. Mark's we have hosted a total of 9 blood drives. Our last blood drive was on April 8th. We were well above our goal for units collected. Our goal was to collect 26 units and we collected 40. We had a total of 37 donors.

Total drives held: 9; Total units collected: 267; Total donors: 281; Total average: 30 per drive

Thank you to all the donors and to the volunteers. Our next blood drive will be held on Friday, June 3rd from 1-7pm. Sign up to donate at redcrossblood.org. Other blood drives to be held at St. Mark's, July 29, October 29 and December 2nd all held on Fridays from 1-7pm

Episcopal Relief & Development Supports ACT Alliance Response to Crisis in Ukraine

Donations to Episcopal Relief & Development's Ukraine Crisis Response Fund will help the organization and its partners continue to provide assistance to people displaced by the crisis in Ukraine. Donate here: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/product/ukraine-crisis-response/>

Love Grows Here: Circle of Virtual Gala & Fundraiser, May 11 – 21, 2022

Support the ministry of the Holy Family Services: Adoption and Foster Care. Their mission: "HFS strongly embraces the values of diversity & inclusion as we strive to provide caring, non-judgmental support for birth parents considering adoption, to unite children and infants in need of a home with hopeful adoptive parents, and to create strong, loving families of all shapes and sizes." Did you know that the Executive Director Julie Brown has a St. Mark's connection?

<https://www.hfs.org/circle-of-hope/>

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries

T.O.U.C.H. Ministries provides clothes, food, and bedding, and welcomes your donations. Especially needed at this time of year are tarps, socks, gloves, beanies, and always Walmart or fast-food gift cards. For more information, contact Dave Nalbach or Cheryl Hunley. Email touch@stmarks-upland.org.

Foothill Family Shelter Gala, May 19 in Claremont

The Foothill Family Shelter will hold their annual gala fundraiser on May 19, 6:00pm, at Padua Hills Theatre in Claremont. Please contact Rosalyn Foster or the Shelter office for details and reservations. Foothill Family Shelter (FFS) was originally founded by St. Mark's Episcopal Church in 1984. It is now a thriving independent non-profit organization in Upland that provides housing to homeless adults and children, distributes food, diapers, and clothing to those in need. Volunteer and donation opportunities are available at the shelter's administrative center.

Foothill Family Shelter

There is always a need for nonperishable packaged food, diapers, wipes, and gently used clothing. Bring to the shelter Tuesday through Friday, 9am-5pm, (closed for lunch from 12-1pm), 1501 W. 9th St, Suite D, Upland. For more information or current needs, contact Yelitza Banuelos at yelitza@foothillfamilyshelter.org.

Mark Your Calendars

The 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church, July 7-14 in Baltimore, Maryland.
Cursillo, a four-day spiritual renewal retreat, October 2022.

FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP

Building Fund Update: Donating for an Actual Rainy Day

We are planning a burn-the-mortgage celebration when our building loan becomes due, thanks in large part to a generous, anonymous donation. The Building Fund will continue in order to pay for facility needs. We literally need rainy day funds! We have experienced new leaks with each shower, however small. These are mainly flat-roof sections where the roofing has worn out. Please consider donating to the Building Fund as well as to our regular church coffers for this and other projects. You'll be glad when it will no longer rain on our parade...or the acoustical ceiling tiles. Thank you!

Breeze for Contributions

With our new church software come some changes in our contribution recording. If you are splitting your donation between funds, please state that in the memo line of your check or note it in the memo in PayPal. All unmarked funds will be placed in the Operating Fund Account.

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Poor People's Campaign March, Rally in Los Angeles, May 16

The Poor People's Campaign will lead a march and rally on Monday, May 16, at 5PM at Los Angeles City Hall. National co-chairs, Bishop William J. Barber II and Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, will join poor and impacted testifiers. The Episcopal Church has partnered with the Poor People's Campaign in advocating for truth-telling and social change within the systems of racism, poverty, ecological devastation, and the war economy. For more information:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/06xl1vss04op67u/PPC_CA-MobilizationTour_May2022.pdf?dl=0

Ascension Day at Christ Church Ontario, May 26

Christ Church invites you to their liturgy on Ascension Day, May 26, at 6PM, followed by a spaghetti dinner. Meet new friends and keep the momentum among Episcopalians in the area.

For more information: <http://evite.me/EUC533drtp>