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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, October 22, 2023 Holy Eucharist (Communion) Services held at 8 and 10 AM

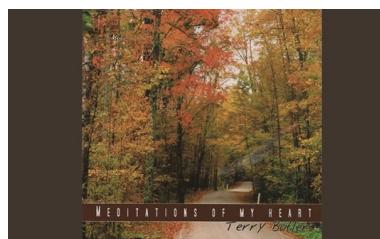
10 AM services can be viewed live or on demand via the church's website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel.

Please note: There will be no Sunday School this Sunday. Thank you for your flexibility.

[Click HERE for Sunday Worship Information](#)



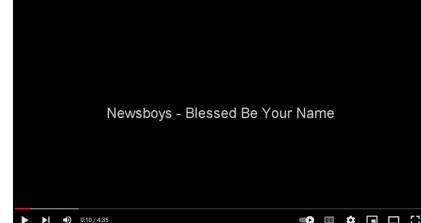
Praise Music



Psalm 19 (May The Words Of My Mouth)



Great Mystery



Community & Fellowship

What We Can Do as an Interfaith Community

From the Upland Interfaith Council

Sending Cards

Please consider sending cards and prayers to our friends in the Jewish and Muslim communities.

It would mean so much to them to hear that you are praying for peace and are concerned during this painful time of violent conflict.



The Chino Mosque
11941 Ramona Avenue
Chino, CA 91710



Middle Ground Mosque
870 N Mountain Avenue
Upland, CA 91786

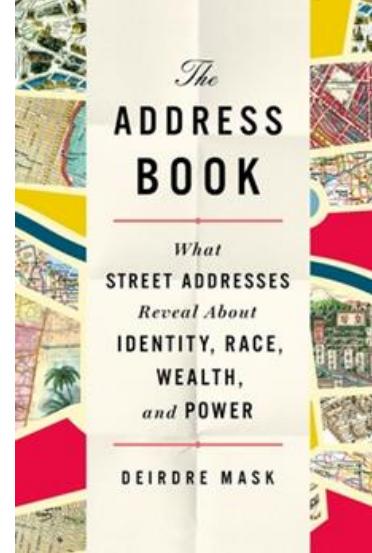


Temple Beth Israel
3033 N Towne Avenue
Pomona, CA 91767

St. Mark's Book Club, October 21

St. Mark's Book Club will meet on Saturday, October 21st from 10am to noon at the Rectory. Email bookclub@stmarks-upland.org for the address and directions. Our book this month is "The Address Book: What Street Addresses Reveal About Identity, Race, Wealth, and Power," by Deirdre Mask. It appeared on Time Magazine's "100 Must-Read Books of 2020." One reviewer raves it is "Filled with fascinating people and histories...illuminates the complex and sometimes hidden stories behind street

names and their power to name, to hide, to decide who counts, who doesn't--and why." Come, join us for what is always lively discussion and fellowship.



Ministry Leaders' Forum

We have many parishioners who faithfully serve as leaders for one or more of our ministries at St. Mark's. We truly appreciate your service, and we want to support your work for the parish.

This month, we will be holding two Ministry Leaders' Forums to bring together our leaders to consider several things—the ups and downs of your ministries, wellness in our ministry groups, and how to recruit new volunteers. We believe that these forums will be important to your health and the health of St. Mark's.

We are asking you to attend one of the meetings listed below. If you are not able to attend one of these two meetings, please ask one of your group members to attend in your place.

Ministry Leaders' Forums

Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

We sent out an email invitation to all ministry leaders this past week. If you did NOT receive an email, please RSVP to seniorwarden@stmarks-upland.org by Thursday, October 12, and let us know which meeting you will attend. An agenda and Zoom link will follow after you RSVP.



ST. MARK'S TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCT. 21, 2023
4:00 -7:00 P.M.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
330 E. 16TH STREET
UPLAND, CA 91784

FOR MORE INFO
(909) 920-5565

ST. MARK'S SOUTH PARKING LOT
FREE HOT DOGS TO THE FIRST 300

SOUNDS BY DJ PROFESSOR



Red Cross Blood Drive, October 26

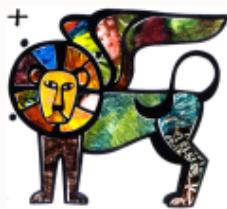
The next blood drive is October 26, Thursday from 1-7 PM. We have 13 donors already signed up. There are 40 slot times available. To sign up, go to redcrossblood.org, the code word is stmarks.

The results for the August 30 blood drive were 24 units of blood collected, 8% of these donors were 1st timers, and the total donors was 26.

"The Philadelphia 11" at The Laemmle, Nov 4

Join us for the screening of "The Philadelphia Eleven" at the Laemmle Theater in Claremont on Saturday, November 4 at

10AM. This is the documentary of the eleven women who were ordained priests at the Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia, on the feast of St. Mary and St. Martha, July 29, 1974, two years before General Convention authorized the ordination of women. Watch the trailer here. This event is sponsored by Deanery 6.



ST. MARK'S OUTBACK STEAKHOUSE DINE-OUT FUNDRAISER

IN SUPPORT OF ST. MARK'S FELLOWSHIP



**ENTREE CHOICE OF: 5OZ SIRLOIN, 5OZ CHICKEN,
OUTBACK BURGER, OR CHICKEN SANDWICH
TWO SIDES: HOUSE SALAD, CAESAR SALAD, POTATO SOUP,
MASHED POTATOES, BROCCOLI, RICE, FRIES
AND ONE SOFT DRINK**



530 N. MOUNTAIN
UPLAND, CA

**NOVEMBER 13, 2023
11:30AM-10PM
TAKE OUT AVAILABLE**

**TICKETS ARE \$25 EACH AND MUST BE
PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**

EMAIL STEWARDSHIP@STMARKS-UPLAND.ORG TO PURCHASE TICKETS

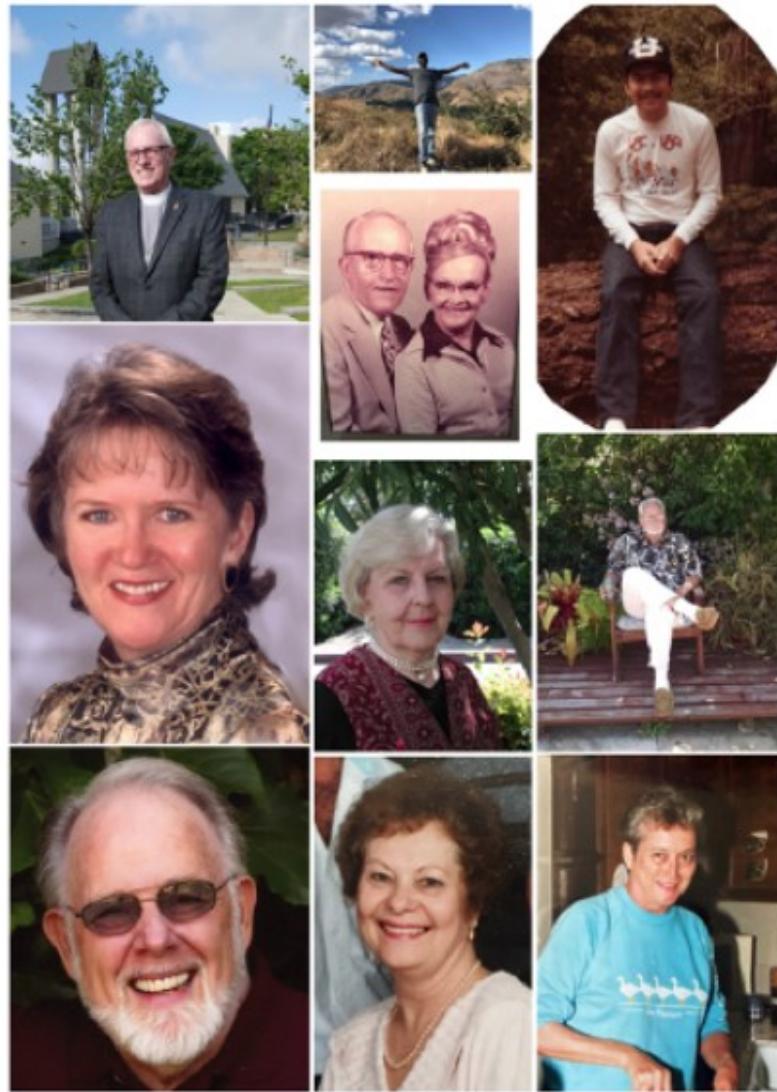
Venue Rental Taskforce Underway

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



Worship

All Saints Day, Nov 6



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 5, 2023

Tributes to Our Loved Ones

- 1) **Litany of Names during Sunday Worship lead by The Daughters of the King** - Please complete the sign-up form in the narthex by October 29.
- 2) **Good News Collage** - Please e-mail an image to the office - Please note that names will not be included. Color images ok. Please contact the church office or rector if you need to convert a picture to a digital image.

Prayer Requests

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



Creation Care

Farmers Market

Shop local and meet your farmers. Certified Farmers Market, the produce is brought to the market straight from the farm, either by the farmer, a family member or an employee. Only California grown produce may be certified.

Chino Hills Farmers Mkt
13920 City Center Dr
Chino Hills
Wed 3:30 – 7:30 PM

Claremont Farmers Mkt
Harvard Ave
Claremont Village
Sun 8 – 1

Kaiser Hospital
2295 S Vineyard
Ontario
Wed 10 – 2

Ontario Town Square
124 E "C" St
Ontario
Fri & Sat 12 – 10 PM

Terra Vista Farmers Mkt
Terra Vista Town Ctr
On Aspen Ave, Upland
Rancho Cucamonga Sat 9 – 2
Sat 9 – 2

Upland Farmers Mkt
305 N 2nd Ave



Outreach

Help Save Lives in the Holy Land

For statements from faith leaders, partner resources, social media, the latest news updates, and prayers visit the [Office of Government Relations](#) of the Episcopal Church

The Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem wrote on October 17, "Our prayers and support remain steadfast, and our collective voices rise as an impassioned chorus, calling for justice, peace, and the cessation of the suffering that has descended upon the people of Gaza"

We echo their call from the October 13th statement to "allow humanitarian supplies to enter Gaza so that the thousands of innocent civilians may receive medical treatment and basic supplies. Moreover, we call upon all parties to deescalate this war in order to save innocent lives while still serving the cause of justice."

O God of all justice and peace we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all the people are treated with dignity and honor as your children for, to all of us, you are our Heavenly Father.

Support Foothill Family Shelter Thanksgiving Baskets Donation

The Daughters of the King are coordinating St. Mark's donations to Thanksgiving baskets for families in the Foothill Family Shelter program as well as needy families

throughout our region. Last year area churches and civic organizations provided enough baskets to serve over 1,000 families. The need is even greater this year. The needed items are listed in the attached flier. You can help by:

- Bringing your completed basket to the narthex or church office by Sunday, November 5, and the Daughters will transport it to the FFS office for you.
- Using the clipboards in the Parish Hall to sign up for items that you will bring to help fill a basket. Bring your items by Sunday, November 5, and leave them in the baskets in the narthex set aside for FFS collections. The Daughters of the King will purchase any missing items, make complete baskets and transport them to the FFS office.
- Donating \$25 grocery gift cards for the purchase of a turkey. For security, enclose these in an envelope marked FFS Thanksgiving and put them in the offering plate.
- Donating money to the drive by writing a check made out to St. Mark's Episcopal Church and writing FFS Thanksgiving in the memo line. \$50 will buy a complete basket, but all donations will help. St. Mark's will send one check to FFS by November 8.

If you prefer to mail your check directly to the Foothill Family Shelter office or take your completed basket to the office yourself, the instructions for doing so are on the flier. Thank you for your help!



Thanksgiving BASKETS

Provide a family in need with a delicious Thanksgiving meal!

Help Foothill Family Shelter prepare to distribute baskets to 1,000 families by emailing savannah@foothillfamilyshelter.org with the number of baskets you plan on providing.

Can't donate a basket? Consider a \$50 donation and we will do the work for you! Scan the QR code to donate or mail a check to our drop-off address below. Excess funds will go towards general pantry items.

Basket Ingredients

• \$25 grocery gift card	• 2 cans of corn
• 1 box of stuffing	• 1 can of turkey gravy
• 1 can of cranberry sauce	• 1 oven roasting pan
• 1 box of instant potatoes	• Oven roasting bag
• 1 can of candied yams	• 1 cake, cookie, or
• 2 cans of green beans	brownie mix

Place all items in a box, basket, or bag and include the gift card activation slip.

Drop Off At:

Foothill Family Shelter
1501 W. Ninth St. Suite D, Upland, CA 91786
Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9am-12pm & 1-5pm
Due by November 8th, 2023





TOUCH Ministries

It's time again to look to the coming winter months and those who are making their home on the streets. TOUCH is asking for donations of t-shirts, socks, underwear (men and women's), lightly used sweatshirts, jackets, sweaters, beanies, scarves, blankets, and hygiene products for men and women (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lip balm, combs), and pop top canned items such as Vienna sausage, spam, fruit, beans, etc. If you're closet cleaning, please, give thought to putting together a bag for those less fortunate. If you're out and about, a \$5-10 gift card to fast food restaurants is always appreciated, especially for the Christmas backpacks. TOUCH will be putting together 200 backpacks for Christmas, date to be decided, and would like help in putting them together. Many thanks and may the upcoming Holiday season bring good health to you and yours. Questions? See Cheryl Hunley/call 909.920.5565

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



They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

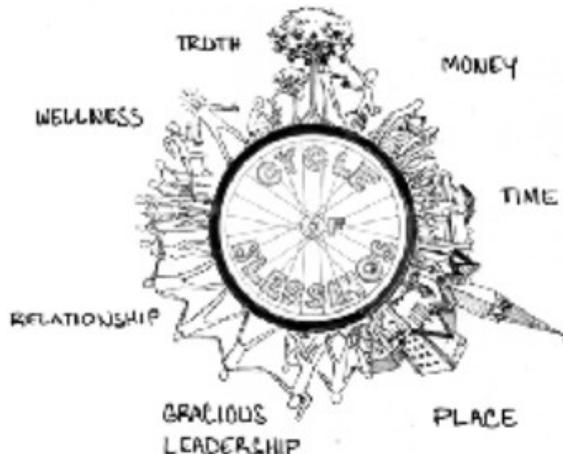
Jeremiah 17:8

Please prayerfully consider how God is blessing your life. Then complete an Estimate of giving card (aka Pledge card) for 2024. They will be gathered along with the Holy Currencies post its and blessed on Sunday, November 19 as part of our offering.

Holy Currencies

Holy Currencies only have value when flowing. Share them, don't bury them. A community/ministry is sustainable and missional when all six currencies are flowing. We need one another; no one does it alone.

With the Holy Currency posters please add your post-it response: What **examples** have you seen from others? What helpful **suggestions** and **gifts** do you have to share?



The currency of **Time and Place** takes into consideration use of physical space, as well as the ways communities prioritize staff and volunteer time.

The currency of **Gracious Leadership** invites leaders to practice leadership characterized by compassion, empowerment, community, and innovation. Looking to Jesus as a model, Law writes, "Gracious leadership is not about holding power over others; it is about knowing how to empower others."

The currency of **Relationship** encourages congregations to engage both their internal and external networks.

The currency of **Truth** guides communities into a space of authentic and sometimes difficult perspective sharing and truth-telling. This currency unleashes the power of respectful conversation around divisive issues, revisiting historical narratives, or seeking to understand how ministries might better support those on the margins.

The currency of **Wellness** illuminates the importance of caring for all dimensions of community health. Observing Sabbath, creating community covenants, and tending to economic wellness and justice, sustainability, and social/community wellness are all crucial to the overall health of the community and ministry.

Finally, the currency of **Money** flows from and back into each of the above currencies.

Update on Library Building Repairs

We'd like everyone to know the status of repairs to our Library Building. As many of you may know, the two classrooms and storage room on the ground floor of the building adjacent to the parking lot have suffered water damage over the years and especially last winter. Water seeped through the outer block walls, damaging the carpet and drywall in room 29 and the storage room.

We contracted with a professional restoration company to inspect these areas. This company determined that there is a small amount of a commonly occurring non-toxic soil mold that can create a musty or earthy smell, and its presence is within an acceptable safe range that can be cleaned up. That is good news! However, the Vestry and Buildings & Grounds Committee are concerned about doing extensive repairs inside the lower classrooms before identifying and dealing

with the causes of the leakage. Considering the forecast of another wet winter for our area, we might continue to have water leaking into this building. We will be obtaining quotes from water intrusion specialists that can fully identify the drainage issues and scope of the needed work. We wish to permanently solve the problem, but also recognize that we do not have the funds at this time for the excavation, drainage, and sealing work that is likely to be needed.

This report was presented to the Vestry in September. The Vestry approved the following plan: 1) remove damaged drywall in Room 29, 2) remove the broken handicap ramp outside the library, and 3) consider using sandbags to direct rainwater from around the library down to the parking lot.

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.

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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Friday Closed



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