



This week at St. Mark's

- Monday – Friday 9AM - Morning Prayer & Bible Study Download prayer sheets from the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/> <https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>
- Monday 4PM – GFS grades 1-12. Contact gfs@stmarks-upland.org
- Tuesday 4PM – Choristers grades 3-6 email music@stmarks-upland.org for more information
- Tuesday 6:30 PM – Page Turners. We are currently reading *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. Please email racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org for more information.
- Wednesday - 7:30 PM Taizé
<https://zoom.us/j/98723305020?pwd=U1NFY0JlOFJML2pMenVheUdTQlBaQT09>
Meeting ID: 987 2330 5020. Password: taize
- Thursday 7:30PM Adult Choir via Zoom, contact music@stmarks-upland.org for additional information.
- Friday – 11AM Women's Fellowship & Prayer Breakfast email womensbreakfast@stmarks-upland.org
- Sunday 10AM In-Spirit Worship on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland/posts/4022365927830728>
or on our website: [Click here!](#)
Sunday 11AM Coffee Hour breakout at 11:20 for *This is My Story* with Dr. Jim Brown.
<https://zoom.us/j/99408492838?pwd=MVNESG9zek9VOUsrSIJ0M2JKOVowZz09> Password: decap

Don't see your event? Email parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org with information.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP

An Invitation to Further Reflection: A Sermon Appraisal

"An effective sermon offers one clear message of good news authentic to the preacher relevant to the audience holding attention and inviting transformation." from Backstory Preaching Please consider completing a sermon appraisal here:

<https://www.surveymz.com/s3/5820275/Mentorship2-0-2020>

The Episcopal Church's Tell Me Something Good web series launches second season

Tell Me Something Good, a web series from The Episcopal Church that launched in the fall of 2020, returns for a second season. This series highlights positive stories from around the church through conversations with a variety of guests. Watch [here](#) Read more:

<http://iam.ec/pa2021TellMeSomethingGoodS2>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note, with the increased movement on campus due to relaxed restrictions, scheduling your event at St. Marks's if more important than ever. Please contact Natalie Dunlap to reserve space for your event (909) 920-5565 or ndunlap@stmarks-upland.org

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](mailto: blessings@stmarks-upland.org)

Prayer requests

Please send your prayer requests to [prayer@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: prayer@stmarks-upland.org)

Calling parish photographers!

Do you have images capture the vibrancy of your parish community? Share your images with the National Church. Contact Julia Alling at [jalling@episcopalchurch.org](mailto: jalling@episcopalchurch.org).

OUTREACH

Foothill Family Shelter

URGENT NEED! Their pantry is getting bare. Below is a list of items most urgently needed.

- Boxed potato products (mashed, au gratin, etc.)
- Chef Boyardee
- Canned chili
- Rice-a-Roni
- Oatmeal (individual packets for easy distribution)
- Canned beans (pinto, black, garbanzo, kidney, etc.)

You may take them directly to the Shelter Office at 1501 West 9th Street, #D, Upland. Info contact Rosalyn [breakfasterbaggers@StMarks-upland.org](mailto: breakfasterbaggers@StMarks-upland.org)

STEWARDSHIP

St. Mark's Quarterly Financial Update

St. Mark's received donations of \$75,256 for the first quarter of 2021 (January through March), which is \$3,056 above budget. We also received \$9,956 for the Building Fund and \$750 for the endowment. Thank you to all who have given to support our ministry. In 2020, we received a Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) loan and will be applying for loan forgiveness in the coming months. With Vestry approval, we are applying for a second, forgivable PPP loan to support our 2021 budget. Your generous support is much appreciated and is vital to maintaining our ministries. Should you have any questions, please contact us at [stewardship@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: stewardship@stmarks-upland.org). On behalf of the Stewardship and Finance Committees, we will be continuing to provide regular updates.

- Marcia Godwin

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](https://www.paypal.com). Donations are being accepted through our email address, [contributions@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: contributions@stmarks-upland.org). Please consider remembering Saint Mark's in your estate planning.

1910 Legacy Society

More than 25 years ago, in order to provide for the future needs of Saint Mark's and its outreach programs, the 1910 Legacy Society was formed. The purpose of the society was to allow parishioners to include Saint Mark's in their estate planning. Participants are encouraged to discuss their wishes with their families, financial advisor and legal representation in order to ensure that their wishes are fulfilled. Legacy funds are deposited into the Episcopal Diocesan Investment Trust (DIT) for safekeeping and investment purposes. The vestry is responsible for allocation of funds to fulfill specific requests. Alternatively, the donor may specify "where needed most." To learn more about the 1910 Legacy Society please contact Dean Billman at [1910legacy@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: 1910legacy@stmarks-upland.org)

SOCIAL JUSTICE



VOICES FOR RECONCILIATION

The St. Mark's Commission for Racial Justice and Equity

Our **VISION** for Saint Mark's is that we will be an informed and engaged parish community, intentionally living out our Baptismal vows by working toward equity and justice for all persons and groups.

With God's help, we will make it our **MISSION** to "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." To this end, the Commission will promote the awareness of all parishioners about the inequities and injustices in our world and the needs for reconciliation within our parish and the larger community, with the goal of helping to correct these racial and socioeconomic disparities.

Our **OBJECTIVES** include the following:

- to conduct an audit of our parishioners' participation in and leadership of our ministries, so that we may welcome, nurture, and utilize the various gifts of all persons in our congregational life
- to present our vision clearly and consistently across all communication platforms, providing visitors as well as new and current parishioners with a range of materials and media that represent our commitment to reconciliation
- to raise our parishioners' awareness of and participation in Episcopal Church programs and projects, as well as those of other faith-based and community organizations, that are working to achieve reconciliation
- to incorporate into our worship services content and practices from a broad range of sources, styles, and traditions
- to provide parishioners of all ages with Christian formation programs and materials that promote reconciliation, equity, and racial justice in both our parish and the community.

The **ACTIVITIES** we sponsor will include the following:

- a twice-monthly book study group (called "Page Turners") that will make us aware of the social and racial injustices in our society and discover ways we can become involved to eradicate racism and social injustice
 - a twice-monthly story forum that will offer an alternative for coffee hour time to give individuals an opportunity to tell their stories of how racism has affected their lives and for listeners to consider what they've heard considering their own experiences and what they might do to work against racism (parishioners alternating with guests from other congregations, community, etc.)
 - a quarterly gathering that will... invite the entire parish to come together, perhaps over a meal, to learn about ongoing programs and resources, host guest presenters, and participate in small sharing groups that will continue the conversation about how to work against racism
 - a once-yearly fair highlighting the efforts of different area churches and faith-based organizations working against racism
- regular communications updates for the entire parish of activities, resources, articles, webinars, etc.*

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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Instagram: [@stmarksupland](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksupland)

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