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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 15, 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](#)



Community & Fellowship

Into Eternal Life: Linda Thompson, Sister of Rev. Sally Monastiere

It is with care that we inform you that Linda Thompson passed away on Thursday, October 5, 2023. Linda is survived by two daughters, Beverly and Kathy, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren, and her sister Rev. Sally Monastiere. Please keep Rev. Sally and family in your prayers.

Into Eternal Life: Alice Wilson Lichti; Service, October 19 at 1PM

A long and fruitful life spanning 92 years came to an end as Alice passed away suddenly on September 29, 2023. Alice leaves behind her step-daughter Ann Lichti Huston, step-son Donovan Lichti, three grandchildren Roderick Huston, Jennifer Huston, and Dylan Lichti, and nephews Jeffrey Wilson, Scott Wilson, and David Wilson, and the nieces and nephews of her extended family. Alice was preceded

in death by her husband Albert (1993).

Alice was born in Galveston, Texas in 1931. Her father was an Episcopal Priest and the family moved to several locations during Alice's childhood, including Tennessee and Chariton, Iowa. Alice graduated from Chariton High School in 1949, and soon after graduation, enlisted in the Women's Army Corps, where she was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany. She moved to California in 1959 where she met and subsequently married Albert Lichti in 1964.

Alice was a Certified Public Accountant and worked for the Chino Basin Municipal Water District. She was the District's Controller and was a member of the Municipal Finance Officers of America.

Alice was an active member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and the First Mennonite Church. She enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially fishing in Big Bear Lake. She loved to sing and participated in several choirs. She was quick to join her many friends in various social activities and to spend quiet times enjoying the company of her cat Angie.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Friends of Upland Animal Shelter.

Rest eternal grant to Linda and Alice, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Needed Trunk or Treat Donations

In preparation for the upcoming St. Mark's Trunk or Treat event, the Fellowship Ministry kindly requests your support to ensure a delightful experience for our 300 visitors and participants. We are seeking donations of the following items to make this event a resounding success: packaged hot dogs, fresh hot dog buns, small bags of chips, bottled water, ketchup, mustard, and relish. In addition, we are in need of bags filled with wrapped candy to enhance the treats given out by our trunk participants.

Your contributions are greatly appreciated, and your generosity will help us create a memorable occasion for everyone involved. Please consider making a donation of any of these essential items and bring them to the church by Sunday, October 14th.

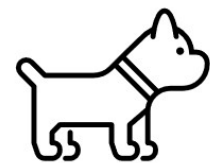
We extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support and generosity in making our community events truly special.

With gratitude,

Betty Farrell and Susan Mackall

Anyone interested in an Airedale Terrier puppy?

We have one female available, and would love for her to go to a family we know. Contact Annie Hewgill at 909-268-3581 for details.



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

Sunday, October 15, at 11:30 AM in Room 16

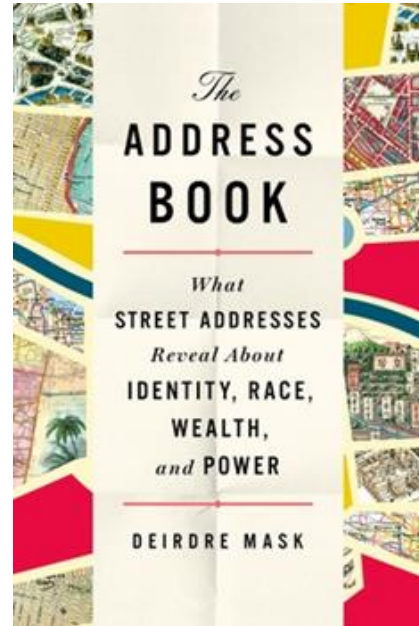
Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 PM on Zoom

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 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.



Trunk or Treat, October 21

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.

God, Grace & Horses: Life Lessons from the Saddle

5 Stars! Written by the Rev. Laurie M. Brock. Check out the chapter "Bumps, Bruises & Broken Bones" for an embarrassing story about the rector.

Baptism, Confirmation, Inquiry, and Membership Class, Sundays at 9:15 AM, Rector's office

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.

Facility 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

Climate and environment bills in the State Legislature

A pair of bills aim to address transparency around corporate emissions. One bill, SB 253, requires companies in California making more than \$1 billion annually to report their emissions. The other, SB 261, requires companies making more than \$500 million annually to report financial risks related to climate change. Lawmakers

approved both.

AB 631 (Hart): Community Safety and Protection Act

Spills, leaks air pollution, and contaminated water sources are just some of the public health problems posed by oil and gas operations. AB 631 holds them accountable: *Passed the legislature, now onto the governor's desk!*

SB 49 – Putting solar along highways and over parking lots can provide gigawatts of clean energy that can help the state build the needed capacity to reach our renewable energy future. – *going to Governor's desk.*

Use this simple portal to email Governor Newsom:

Click here: [Contact the Governor | California Governor](#)

SB 674 would have built on existing law requiring community air monitoring systems to be installed near petroleum refineries that meet certain requirements. The bill would have expanded on the areas in which these air monitoring systems must be installed, including areas around refineries that are transitioning to producing biofuels. It also would have required that the data gathered by these systems be made more easily accessible to the public. The bill did not get the necessary votes to move to the governor's desk by the Legislature's deadline.



Outreach

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
- 1 box of stuffing
- 1 can of cranberry sauce
- 1 box of instant potatoes
- 1 can of candied yams
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of corn
- 1 can of turkey gravy
- 1 oven roasting pan
- Oven roasting bag
- 1 cake, cookie, or 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.





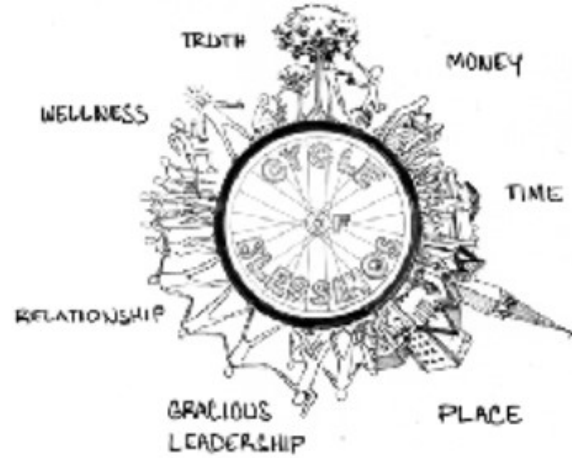
They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.
It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.
Jeremiah 17:8

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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