



# The Good News

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## Sunday, September 25, 2022

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

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

#### **Blessing of Teachers**

Join us as we celebrate the ministry of teachers. We will bless our Sunday School teachers at both the 8 and 10AM services. We will bless our Preschool Teachers at the 10AM services. All teachers will be invited to come forward for a blessing. Charitable contributions will be accepted to benefit these ministries – indicate "Sunday School" or "Preschool" in the memo line.

#### **Prayer Stations**

Please engage with the prayer stations that surround the nave/pews by writing the names of people you are thankful for on the prayers stations themselves. Please write in the wide margins. Please avoid writing on the walls. Colorful pens and markers are available in the narthex.

#### **Week at a Glance at St. Mark's**

Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9 AM to 3 PM (closed for lunch 12:30-1 PM); Friday 9 AM to 12 PM

Sunday 8 AM and 10 AM 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.

Monday–Friday 9 AM 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>.

Wednesday 9 AM St. Peter's Guild. Card games and other activities in person. For info, email [stpeters@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:stpeters@stmarks-upland.org).

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

Church Calendar: All meetings/events must be scheduled through the church office. If you don't see your event, email [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto: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.

### **WORSHIP**

#### **New Covid Policy Begins**

Beginning Sept 25, masks will be strongly encouraged. That is, masks will no longer be required for those 2 and up. Masks will continue to be worn by those serving people face-to-face in close proximity - for example, hospitality, ushers, greeters, Sunday School teachers, and Eucharistic ministers. Masks may be taken off at the lectern, altar, or presider chairs. Unvaccinated persons and

those immunocompromised are especially encouraged to wear masks indoors - particularly when in a small room with minimal air circulation.

### **Blessing of Pets, Sunday, October 2 at Both Services**

Pets will be blessed at both the 8 and 10 AM services. Appropriately leashed, boxed, and caged animals will be allowed in the sanctuary. Persons allergic to animals are encouraged to join us online. At communion, 3 stations will be set up. Parishioners will proceed with their live pet, stuffed animal, or a photo of their pet down the center aisle to station 1 (consecrated communion bread), station 2 (optional) (wine) and then station 3 (at side aisles) for pets to receive a blessing by the clergy.

## **COMMUNITY & FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

### **Trunk or Treat Volunteers Desperately Needed!**

**Volunteers needed** to help carry, and set up tables/chairs, BBQ, portable lights, and parking cones, down to the lower south parking lot on Saturday morning, October, 22nd at 9:00 am.

**Parking Lot Guild Volunteers** are needed to help safely guide the public cars into and out of the parking lot during the Trunk or Treat from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm during the Trunk or Treat on October 22nd.

**Clean-up Volunteers** will be needed after 8:00 pm on October 22nd to clean up the area and help carry items to room 30.

**Volunteers** will be needed Sunday, October 23rd after

The 10:00 am service to put items that were used during the event back where they belong on the campus.

**Please** see Susan Mackall and Betty Farrell in the Parish Hall near the Fellowship Info Board to sign up to volunteer. Or you may call the St. Mark's Church Office at 909- 920-5565.

**Please seriously consider volunteering to make**

**St. Mark's Trunk or Treat a safe, and fun family event!**

### **Family Movie Night**

St. Mark's will be hosting a community movie night here on our campus on Friday evening, September 30. This event is being put on by the Newcomer Ministry to reach out to our local community and invite our neighbors to visit St. Mark's. This will be a family event and we encourage all parishioners to bring their children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends, or neighbors for an outdoor screening of Disney's Encanto.

We want to take this opportunity to show our guests what a great place St. Mark's is, and we cannot do that without the support of our parishioners. We want our guests to know who we are and that we are a place where people can find peace and joy. That means we need you to participate in some fellowship with our neighbors.

We need St. Mark's to be welcoming to the younger generations, and we want to provide events that support the youth in our community. We cannot do this without the efforts of a multitude of adults to help set up tables, direct parking, sell snow cones, run kiddie bingo, and take out the trash, among other things.

The movie showing will begin at sundown, which will be approximately 6:30pm, but we encourage everyone to get here early to find their spot on our grass terraces. We encourage you to bring blankets, chairs, a flashlight, and any stuffed animals you need to feel comfy. We will be selling a small variety of snacks and movie treats to raise money to fund the next movie night. Games for kids, a piñata, and festivities will begin at 5pm.

There are flyers available in the narthex with details and reminders. There is also a signup sheet for volunteer helpers. Please take this opportunity to bring someone new to St. Mark's to enjoy our outdoor movie and hospitality!

### **Candy Needed**

Fellowship is asking for donated bags of wrapped candy to supplement the Trunk participants for St. Mark's Trunk or Treat. Please bring a bag of wrapped candy and place it in the container near the Fellowship Info Board. Will be accepting the candy up to Saturday, Oct 22nd.

The Fellowship Team appreciates all the support you are giving us to make this fun family event happen once again.

Betty Farrell

### **Fellowship Meeting, September 25**

**Fellowship** is holding a meeting for **all** who are participating in St. Mark's Trunk or Treat, **Sunday, September 25th at 11:15 in room 18.**

Please make sure to attend if you are decorating a trunk or volunteering to help in any way during the event. If you are unable to attend, please contact Betty Farrell or Susan Mackall.

It's important that you receive the information needed to be a part of this fun event.

Thank you,

Betty Ferrell

### **Rummage Fundrive Update on Rules**

Let's remember that the purpose of this fundraiser is to raise enough money to buy a new refrigerator/freezer for the kitchen. The Company rules are:

1. Use the TALL white kitchen plastic bags only for clothing and household textiles items, NOT the black garbage bags.
2. For the small household goods, use medium boxes that can be closed.
3. Detail items list is on the Fundrive flyer located in the Narthex and Parish Hall.
4. Please also remember that clothing has to be clean and still wearable. Please DO NOT drop off items that smell, are torn, and dirty. Also, no undergarments.
5. The company will NOT accept any LARGE items such as chairs, couches etc. The items must be able to fit in the containers listed in lines one and two.

Working together and following the company rules, I know we will meet our goal.

### **Preschool Enrollment Continues**

Fall Enrollment for St. Mark's Episcopal Preschool continues. Because of later than anticipated starting dates for renovations at both St. Mark's and at the new location and because a four-month gap for families would be a hardship the preschool will continue at St. Mark's through the end of the 2022 calendar year. Contact Jackie Wilds at (909)565-9285 for more information.

Your continued support of the preschool and St. Mark's is appreciated.

### **Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 22**

Join us for a Trunk or Treat Halloween event. If you are interested in decorating your car's trunk for this event, please contact Susan Mackall at [fellowship@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:fellowship@stmarks-upland.org) with your name and contact information. If you are able to help decorate, set up or clean up, please click here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4CAFA92AA2FCC16-halloween>

### **Calendar of Events**

We will be adding our events calendar to the Good News at the end of each month for the following month. In addition, we will add a hard copy in the parish hall. If you would like to add or edit an event, please submit to [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org).

## **SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

### **Prayer Requests**

Please send your prayer requests to [prayer@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:prayer@stmarks-upland.org). Or complete the prayer request form at <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/prayer-requests>

## **OUTREACH**

### **Red Cross Blood Drive, October 7**

Our next blood drive will be held on Friday, October 7 from 1-7pm. Sign up to donate at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). The 12/2 drive is being rescheduled.

### **Recovery Ministries at St. Mark's**

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous meets in room 30 on Saturdays, 9-10:30am.  
Al-Anon meets in room 30 on Tuesdays, 6:30-8pm.

### **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/>.

### **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](mailto:touch@stmarks-upland.org).

## **FINANCE & STEWARDSHIP**

### **Finances and Contribution Update**

St. Mark's church income was \$155,851.82 and expenses were \$253,475.28, for a deficit of \$97,623.46 for the period of January 1 through July 31, 2022. We had a cushion at the beginning of the year due to our 2021 PPP loan and are working to reduce expenses. The building fund received donations of \$13,075, not including a previous anonymous donation that helped us to pay off the building loan in June. We are in the midst of the summer season when donations typically dip but expenses do not! Please prayerfully consider your donations to St. Mark's. We need your pledges and donations! We will be distributing and mailing contribution statements this week. Contributors can also check their donation history at any time in Breeze.



### **Your Generous Contributions are Appreciated**

Thank you for keeping current with your pledge or donating to St. Mark's. Please send in your contribution to St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 330 E. 16th Street, Upland, CA 91784. Alternatively, you may wish to set up automatic "bill pay" or "online banking" through your financial institution. You may also 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.

### **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.

## **DEANERY, DIOCESE, AND BEYOND**

### **2022 Diocesan Convention: “Back to the Holy City: The Hope of Christ in Our Time”**

Diocesan Convention 2022 will be a hybrid day-and-a-half Convention on Friday and Saturday, November 11 and 12, at the Riverside Convention Center, with an option to attend virtually by Zoom webinar. On Saturday morning convention will begin with Holy Eucharist. The literal Holy City of Jerusalem will be represented in the person of its archbishop, the Most Rev. Hosam Naoum. For more information: <https://diocesela.org/convention/>

### **A Pastoral Letter from Bishop John Harvey Taylor**

Please click on the link to read his letter: [Letter from Bishop John Harvey Taylor](#).

### **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/>

### **Sunday Bible Readings Discussion, Saturdays**

Rev. Dr. Gianluigi Gugliermetto, Christ Church Ontario Rector & Director of Center for Spirituality, hosts an online meeting to explain, comment, and discuss the biblical readings assigned for the Eucharist on the next day. This is a free and open recurring event. The link is here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85742278997>

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

The deadline for article submissions is every Tuesday and must be emailed to [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org).

Please do not send them via Constant Contact.

Good News articles will be published every Thursday afternoon.