



THE GOOD NEWS

For the Week beginning November 22, 2020

WORSHIP

November In-Person Worship Now In-Spirit

The November in-person worship has been cancelled due to the serious and widespread rise in COVID cases. Our prayers continue for those feeling isolated, not able to join us for in-spirit worship, children and the elderly, the vulnerable and at risk, the sick and their families, health care workers, and anyone affected by COVID.

The work of the Worship committee and the Readiness Planning Taskforce continue. Our top priority is the health and safety of all our participants. We are making short-term sacrifices so that we can all be together on the other side of this.

Thanksgiving Eve Prayer In-Spirit Services, Wed, Nov 25: 8:15 AM and 6 PM

Join us on Zoom for In-Spirit Thanksgiving Eve Morning Prayer on Wednesday, Nov 25

8:15 AM Meeting ID: 996 8031 1119

6 PM Meeting ID: 933 3265 2980

Worship this Sunday 10AM on Facebook Live

<https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland/posts/3581430231924302>

Call in option: +1.888.958.7272 - wait for prompt to enter code- #146163551

In-Spirit Worship Readers

Our schedule has moved to our website, www.stmarks-upland.org. Please check the schedule and use the readings and psalms on the lectionary pages found [here](#).

Watch Last Sunday's Service on YouTube:

HYPERLINK "<https://youtu.be/39fIFhWS800>" Please subscribe to the St. Mark's YouTube page so that we can have access to more editing tools from YouTube. We need 100 subscribers! Many thanks to Landon Abernathy who posts and adds the time markers and credits.

Office Hours: Check-In, Bible Study & Prayer (Suspended 11/26&27)

Join us Monday through Thursday from 8:15 to 8:50 am for Prayer and Bible Study - prayer

sheets available on the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/>

Meeting ID: 996 8031 1119 <https://zoom.us/j/99680311119>

Wednesday Evening Taizé Services at 7:30 pm

No Taizé November 25, Thanksgiving Eve

Taizé Worship resumes Wednesdays, at 7:30 pm on Zoom - join via computer, tablet, or smartphone with this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/98723305020?pwd=U1NFY0JlOFJmL2pMenVheUdTQlBaQT09>

Meeting ID: 987 2330 5020. Password: taize

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer is the one prayer in every Episcopal service. It can be presented in many different meaningful ways, forms, and languages. Please be an evangelist and consider inviting individual and groups, members and non-members, Episcopalians, and Christians to present the Lord's Prayer. Please be sure that the presentation is done with authenticity, integrity, and reverence. Please also consider the safety guidelines of our diocesan, medical and civic leaders. Please contact Andrea Griffin for more information.

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."

We are Praying for You – The Daughters of the King

Please send your prayer requests to prayer@stmarks-upland.org. Or contact the clergy or a member of the Daughters of the King who pray both daily individually and together every Sunday before the morning service.

FAITH-FILLED GENEROSITY: PLEDGE BLESSINGS NOV 22

Our 2021 Stewardship Pledge Drive culminates on November 22 with the blessing of pledges. It's not too late to turn in a pledge. The pledge card can be filled out and submitted online. Please click on the link [here](#) and complete the form. If you do not have access to email, please contact the church office and your pledge card will be mailed to you via the USPS. Please know that you can change your pledge at any time. If you have any questions, please contact Vicki Levario.

FELLOWSHIP & WELLNESS

Online Advent Quiet Day, Saturday December 5

Something new?! Yes! We are having this year's Advent Quiet Day on Zoom—on Saturday, December 5, from 9:00 to 12:00 pm. During these three one-hour online sessions, we will offer brief presentations on Advent topics, time for individual exploration of these themes through journaling or doing art or physical activities, then some follow-up through sharing in small breakout rooms. All are invited to join for any of the three one-hour sessions. Please request more information or register for this free event by sending an email to stillpoint@stmarks-upland.org.

Decorate your walls this Christmas with a Holiday Painting created by you!!

St. Mark's Social/Fellowship Events, will be hosting an afternoon of creativity via Zoom

When: November 21, 2020 Time: 2:00 pm

Where: Via Zoom ID: 980 6225 3589 Password: Fellowship

The supplies needed by participants can be obtained by ordering from the link below: The painting title is Letters to Santa.

<https://paintingparties./video-category/supplies/>

You may also order supplies on Amazon or another online retailer.

- Canvas: 16×20
- Acrylic Paints: Black, Brown, White, Yellow, Red, Blue, Phthalo Green (Optional).
- Paint Brushes: Large Flat, Small Flat, Small Round, Detail/Liner.

- Easel, palette (you can use a foam paper plate), paper towels, a jar of water for rinsing brushes, and an optional painting apron.

Make sure to order in time for your painting supplies to arrive at your home before Saturday, November 21st. Hope to see you on Zoom!!

Helping Hands Needed

This is to let all know that Marion Steese is back at home continuing to recover. Her spirits are high, and her attitude is positive. She could use a little help with meals and groceries. No need to cook or shop, just dial your favorite delivery service. (Unless you want to.) In order to coordinate the service just contact Jennifer Stone helpinghands@stmarks-upland.org and let her know what you'll be doing. Everything is helpful.

St. Mark's Book Club meets Third Saturdays from 10 to 12 noon

The St. Mark's Book Club will be gathering on the third Saturday of the month from 10-12 noon. Please contact any member or Sue Andrews, Coordinator, at BookClub@stmarks-upland.org for more information.

Women's Prayer Breakfast Meets Fridays at 11am

The women's prayer breakfast meets every Friday at 11 am via Zoom. All women are invited to join us. Please contact Kathryn Barbour at womensprayerbreakfast@stmarks-upland.org

Pinochle Group meeting Wednesdays 9am to 12noon

Want to know how to play cards via zoom? Join the Pinochle group. They now play on Wednesdays from 9am to 12 noon. For more information, please contact Chris Watson at stpeter@stmarks-upland.org.

Calling all Puzzlers

Have you completed your puzzle? Are you ready to bring it to the church for inclusion in the World's Largest Puzzle? Please note, the church is open Monday through Thursday from 8AM to 2PM. Please call the church office before coming to make sure someone is there to help.

Bishop's Curry's "Love is the Way": A 5-week Church-wide Book Study: 11/18 & 25; 12/2, 9 & 16

Bishop Curry offers an inspirational road map for living the way of love. Through the prism of his faith, ancestry, and personal journey, *Love is the Way* shows how America came this far and, more importantly, how it can go a whole lot farther. In the words of reviewer Jon Meacham, "Michael Curry draws on his own remarkable life to show us the way we might make our own lives, and the live of nations, warmer, better and nobler."

Beginning on **Wed, Nov 18** at 7 p.m., the online "Love is the Way" program will offer participants the opportunity to engage across geographical and congregational differences that challenge us and reflect on the love that binds us together; God's love and the reflection of that love in human lives. Sessions will continue on **Wednesdays, Nov. 25 and Dec. 2, 9 and 16**. Each session will include a reflection on a segment of the book followed by conversation in community using a listening and learning circle model.

To take part in the book study series, click [here](#) to register in advance.

OUTREACH

November Outreach Haiti Partnership

Please continue to support St. Andre's Church and School in Haiti as our November highlighted Outreach Program. Thank you to Serena and Guen for your great videos on how to support them through prayer and donations.

TOUCH Update

Thanks to all who contributed to the November food collection for TOUCH. Seventeen pounds of food, 4 items of clothing, 16 hygiene items, and \$175 in fast food gift cards were donated. The next collection will be on Dec. 19th, 2020. For more info, call Dave Nalbach, (909)635-4297.

FUN-raiser Covid-19 Emergency Appeal

Join us in giving generously to the One Body & One Spirit Emergency Appeal to help our congregations and ministries most at risk during this crisis. The mailing address for checks made payable to "Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles" is: Bishop John Harvey Taylor c/o the Rev. Michele Racusin, CFO; 840 Echo Park Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90026.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Choristers Return!

No choristers November 22, Thanksgiving week.

Children in grades 3-6, are invited to join Choristers on Tuesday afternoons at 4PM via Zoom for a half hour. If you have a young singer who would like to participate, please email me at music@stmarks-upland.org for the link.

God bless everyone,

Blane Abernathy, Organist and Director of Music

A Covid Christmas Crèche: Announcing the Cast

Announcing the Covid Christmas Crèche Cast! Holy Family: A. LaMunyon Pod; Angels: C. Morgan Pod; Shepherds: J. Chok Pod; Magi: M. May Pod; Elizabeth & Company: B. Harris Pod; Star/Gabriel: S. Mackall Pod. If you want to be involved or if you thought you were already involved but do not see your pod listed above, please contact the rector. Photoshoot has been rescheduled for Saturday, November 21st. Character call 12 noon.

Youth Group News During our time away, we have been meeting online using Zoom and in messages. We are currently meeting via Zoom, please check your messages for dates and times. If you would like to be added to the group, please message Rob Garretson at youth@stmarks-upland.org. Also, please note that all our in-person activities with other groups such as the Deanery, TOUCH, etc. are on hold until further notice. Thanks, and stay safe and healthy,

Rob Garretson  Director of Youth Ministries

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church office to be closed for Thanksgiving week, November 23rd through the 27th

Preschool News

Preschool will be closed for Thanksgiving week, November 23rd through the 27th

Pilgrim Place Silent Auction



Dear Supporters of the Annual Pilgrim Place Festival, The Silent Auction has begun! The launch began 11:00 a.m., Saturday, November 14 and will run through midnight, Sunday, November 22nd. [Click here to go to the auction site](#). Links will also be available on the Pilgrim Place website home page and Festival pages. While there, check out the [Etsy Store](#) and our [Virtual Festival](#). Please share with your family and friends! Although we cannot ship the baskets, we can deliver within a 10-mile radius of the campus or arrange for a contactless pick-up at Pilgrim Place.

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](#). Donations are being accepted through our email address, contributions@stmarks-upland.org.

Donate through Amazon Smile®

Did you know that you can donate painlessly to Saint Mark's every time you shop on Amazon? Click on this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-2074628> and sign up to support Saint Mark's. Each time you shop you will automatically designate a portion of your total will go to Saint Mark's to assist with our programs.

Submissions for the Church Newsletter

Please send articles and news for "The Good News" to parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org by Tuesday.

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

E-mail: parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org

Web: www.stmarks-upland.org

Facebook: Saint Mark's Episcopal Parish Upland, CA

Instagram: @stmarksupland

YouTube: Saint Mark's Episcopal Church Upland, CA
330 E. 16th St., Upland, CA 91784 + (909) 920-5565

We are Eucharistically centered and rejoice in the tradition of a strong preaching ministry. We welcome all people into the worship and life of St. Mark's and celebrate the diverse needs and gifts of individuals. We seek and foster opportunities for spiritual growth and nurture. We offer a network of support which encourages pastoral care by parish members. We participate in a consistent stewardship effort to tend and beautify the church, to strengthen education and to struggle for social justice. We are a community of grace feeding hungry hearts in the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement.

Grant Christmas Wishes for Foothill Family Shelter



Make Christmas wishes come true!

- Each wish is under \$25.00
- Wishes for children and adults are available
- Wishes need to be unwrapped and delivered to our office by Tuesday, December 8th



Other Ways to Make a Difference:

- * Give gift cards for wishes not granted
- * Donate rolls of wrapping paper, tape, tags, & bows

Any surplus of holiday donations will be used for other shelter activities such as Christmas in July



If you are interested in granting a wish, please contact us:

Deanna | deanna@foothillfamilyshelter.org
Megan | megan@foothillfamilyshelter.org
(909) 920-0453

Christmas wishes go fast! If you have any other Christmas ideas, please contact Deanna or Megan.



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Office open Tuesday-Friday from 9am-12pm and 1-5pm

