



### **June 6-12 at St. Mark's**

- Welcome Home Sunday 10AM In-Person & In-Spirit Worship. Bulletin available in church, e-mail, and online. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/saintmarksepiscopalparishupland/posts/4123464604387526> or on our Website: [In-Spirit Worship \(stmarks-upland.org\)](https://www.stmarks-upland.org)
- Sunday Coffee Hour following the service on the outside patio & on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/99408492838?pwd=MVNESG9zek9VOUsrSIJ0M2JKOVowZz09> Password: decaf
- Monday – Friday 9AM – Zoom Morning Prayer & Bible Study Download prayer sheets from the website: <https://www.stmarks-upland.org/morning-prayer/> <https://zoom.us/j/93780545256>
- Tuesday 6:30PM – Page Turners contact Andrea Flasher [racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:racialjustice@stmarks-upland.org)
- Wednesday 9AM, St. Peter's Guild, card games and other activities in person.
- Wednesday - 7:30 PM Taizé **In-Person & online! See article below.**
- Friday – 11AM Women's Fellowship & Prayer Breakfast email [womensbreakfast@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:womensbreakfast@stmarks-upland.org) final meeting for the year June 25.

Did you know that Facebook will automatically add closed caption to our services? Simply click on the settings “gear” ⚙ at the lower right of the screen, and turn Captions on!

Don't see your event? Email [parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:parishadmin@stmarks-upland.org) with information.

### **SPIRITUAL GROWTH & FELLOWSHIP**

#### **GFS September Weekend Camp for Girls and their 'Mama Bears'**

Girls Friendly Society Los Angeles invites girls ages 6 and up and their mothers, grandmothers, aunts or female mentors to register for "Me and My Mama Bear" Camp Sept. 17 - 19 at Camp Wrightwood. Registration opens June 15. Girls do not have to be members of GFS to attend. A flyer with complete cost, safety and registration information is [here](#).

#### **My Work To Do: New Sessions Specifically for Men, and for Youth and Young Adults**

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.

WHERE DO I BEGIN? FOR MEN AND MALE-IDENTIFYING PARTICIPANTS

Mondays, June 7 / June 14 / June 21 at 5pm Pacific Register [here](#).

WHERE DO I BEGIN? FOR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

Wednesdays, June 16 / June 23 / June 30 at 5pm Pacific Register [here](#).

### **New Training Programs for Lay Chaplains, Pastoral Care Providers**

The Center for Lay Chaplaincy in the Diocese of Los Angeles has several upcoming trainings for lay ministers.

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) for **Lay Pastoral Care Providers** is designed to provoke, encourage, and instill the practice of self-reflection in order to support the exploration of how one's beliefs, attitudes, assumptions, and theological heritage shape one's pastoral presence. Two sessions of CPE for Lay Pastoral Care Providers are being offered, one beginning the week of June 6, and the second the week of Sept. 26. More information is [here](#).

Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) for **Youth Ministry** is designed to be an introduction to the practice of pastoral care within the context of youth ministry beginning Aug. 20. To sign up for the course, click [here](#).

The Rev. Jana Milhon-Martin is director of the Center for Lay Chaplaincy.

### **Page Turners: Reflections on the Book and Discussion Caste by Isabel Wilkerson**

"Reading *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson taught me that the oppression of people of color was a deliberate economic decision that was made long before we became a nation, that this oppression continued in varied and vicious forms well beyond slavery into the 20th century, and that those of us in the dominant white caste continue to benefit economically from the variety of ways in which our institutions continue to put barriers to progression by people of color."

"This book and the discussion group has shown me how much work I still need to do to become the Ally I wish to become."

"I am beginning to see each person as an individual and not as a member of some group - one of them."

"I am learning to be more careful about unintentional microaggression comments."

"I am seeing how white supremacy creates systems that explain away chattel slavery and genocide."

"One way to dismantle the caste system is through 'radical empathy' and to start listening to other people's stories."

### **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.surveymzmo.com/s3/5820275/Mentorship2-0-2020>

### **Prayer requests**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Many Thanks to Natalie Dunlap for 25 Years of Service**

Natalie Dunlap has officially announced her retirement from the parish offices of Saint Mark's after 25 years of devoted and diligent service. As the executive administrative assistant to the Head of School or Rector, Natalie has coordinated the smooth operations of the campus and front offices of the parish dealing kindly with students, parents, teachers, staff, vendors, vestry, board members, and parishioners. She enriched the lives of students in the classroom, music room, stage, chapel, and playground. Natalie tirelessly supported the staff and families during the school closing and pandemic.

Natalie's last day in the office will be the end of August giving us time to plan next steps with care. Join us as we bless her on Sunday, August 15 at the 10 am service. If you would like to contribute towards a gift, please write "Natalie" in the memo. Natalie will continue with her church ministries including the bell choir - after some well-deserved time away with Charlie.

### **Blessings, Natalie!**

### **In-Person Worship**

Many thanks to all who are working so hard on making worship happen. St. Mark's has never stopped corporate worship. We went from in-person to in-spirit without missing a Sunday. Readers, musicians, and singers became recording artists. And Julia Warren is leading a team of engineers from the control room in the choir loft to keep everything flowing smoothly and safely.

### **Reservations**

Please let us know you are coming by making a reservation through the church office by Thursday. Reservations are for preparation purposes only and do not guarantee sanctuary seating. Please come early for accessible parking.

Please keep the following in mind.

- The goal is a safe in-person in church worship service that simultaneously includes the in-spirit congregation in a meaningful way.
- Because everyone is not vaccinated, all will wear a mask covering their nose and mouth.
- Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- Maintain safe physical distance.
- We will be flexible. We will need to find new ways to do old things. We will be doing new things. We may not be doing everything we used to do.

### **Praise Band News**

The band has decided to remove the word "praise" from the name. We will now be known as the St. Mark's Band ("the band") which aligns with the St. Mark's hand bells and choir. The music offerings by these three groups praise and glorify God. The Praise Band was started over 15 years ago by the vicar, Rev. David Rude, at St. Clare of Assisi in Rancho Cucamonga.

### **URGENT - SEEKING PROJECT MANAGER**

The Vestry and Rector see the benefits of Live Streaming our worship service as a vital part of St. Marks' resurrection. The desire is to invest in a permanent, professional live streaming set up in our Sanctuary. We are looking for someone to project manage this endeavor which would involve working with consultants to specify needed equipment, getting quotations to present to the Vestry, and overseeing the project through completion. If you are interested, please email [social-media@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:social-media@stmarks-upland.org) to learn more.

### **Ordination to Transitional Diaconate**

Great news! Our former seminarian Jose Luis Garcia will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Saturday, June 12. We were blessed with his presence assisting during church services as well as giving sermons. We can support Jose Luis by writing notes or letters of affirmation, support and encouragement. A basket has been placed in the narthex along with blank note cards for you to use to write your personal message to him. You can access the narthex during office hours or when you are on campus for your particular ministry (ex. hand bells, altar guild). If you can't make it to church, please mail your letter/note to the church - attention: Jose Luis Garcia. All letters must be received by Monday June 7. **We are not asking for monetary contributions at this time.** Later this year,

in the Fall, when Jose Luis will be ordained as a Priest, we will be collecting money to purchase a Priest's Stole for him and to offer a monetary gift as well.

Update: The in-person service will be invitational only to include presenters, friends, and family members of the ordinands due to COVID-19 restrictions.

### **Camp Stevens opens registrations for Summer 2021 sessions**

Camp Stevens, the diocesan facility in Julian, has been given the go-ahead by the state of California to open registration for Summer 2021 resident camps.

Adventure Sessions (6 days, Ages 8 – 15): July 11 – 16; July 18 – 23; July 25 – 30; & August 1 – 6

Register or learn more [here](#).

### **Rector out of Office**

Rev. Yamamoto will be out of office on the following dates: June 9 & 10 and again on June 12.

Please contact the Rev. Sally Monastiere with pastoral concerns and the Senior Warden with all other concerns.

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

## **OUTREACH**

### **Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Mark's**

Our next blood to be held at St. Mark's on **Friday, July 9, Friday from 8am to 2pm** in the parish hall.

Make your appointment at [Red Cross](#). If you receive a COVID-19 vaccine, knowing the name of the manufacturer is critical in determining your blood donation eligibility. In most cases, there is no deferral time if you receive a vaccine.

The American Red Cross is testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies. These results may provide valuable insight into a donor's potential past exposure to this coronavirus, or an antibody response developed after receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. Only those feeling healthy and well should present to donate and appointments are strongly encouraged. Test results will be available to donors via the American Red Cross Blood Donor App or at [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org) within one to two weeks.

### **Foothill Family Shelter**

There are many ways to support Foothill Family Shelter and the homeless families in our community. We serve over 8,000 individuals every year and we rely solely on our community to keep our pantry stocked. Donations are vital and no donation is ever too small or shop our [Amazon Wish List](#) using Amazon Smile®

#### **Non-perishable Food:**

Soup  
Beans  
Rice/Grains  
Oatmeal  
Canned Tomatoes  
Protein (canned tuna, chicken, salmon)  
Canned Fruits/Vegetables  
Boxed Dinners  
Dried Mashed Potatoes  
Peanut Butter  
MREs (Meals Ready-to-Eat)  
Bottled Water

#### **Household Supplies:**

Windex  
Disinfecting Wipes  
All Purpose Cleaner  
Dish Soap  
Paper Towels  
Toilet Cleaner  
Toilet Brushes  
Scrub Brushes  
Trash Cans  
Laundry Baskets  
Brooms  
Mops

#### **Toiletries (Travel & Regular Sized)**

Body Wash  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste  
Sunscreen  
Shampoo  
Conditioner

#### **Diapers/Wipes**

Diapers/Pull-ups - all sizes  
Baby Wipes  
Adult Wipes

**Baby Items** - All items brand new please!

Baby Clothes  
Toys  
Blankets  
Stuffed Animals  
Socks  
Bottles

Baby Shampoo/Body Wash  
Pacifiers  
**Gift Cards**  
Target  
Walmart

Ross, Marshall's, Home  
Goods, etc. (to stock our  
apartments!)  
Gas Cards  
Fast Food

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

### **Touch Ministries**

Next collection for TOUCH is Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to noon. Nonperishable food in easy open packages, clothing, toiletries, and \$10 gift cards for fast food, Target, and Walmart always welcome. For more information call Dave Nalbach at (909)635-4297.

### **Celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Life Hallmarks - First Sunday of the Month In Person**

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary next month? Please join us for a special blessing on the first Sunday of the month at 10 am in person.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

### **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.

### **St. Mark's Financial and PPP Loan Update**

Thank you for your continued generosity! Regular donations continue to be steady, which has greatly helped St. Mark's to pay its expenses and prepare for the safe return of in-person activities. We also received \$4,585 in Easter offerings through the end of April, which is 50% more than last year. We have benefited from Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans as well. This is a federal program for pandemic relief for small businesses, including faith-based organizations. We are preparing the forgiveness application for the 2020 loan of \$383,937 that largely went to school expenses. It will take several months to receive a determination. We received a second forgivable loan of \$238,400 during the third week of May. It will be used to pay for church and preschool salaries, utilities, and building loan interest for a 24-week period. This loan will allow us to close budget deficits and plan for the future. On behalf of the Finance and Stewardship Committees, we will continue to provide regular updates to the congregation on our finances and loan status. Contact [stewardship@stmarks-upland.org](mailto:stewardship@stmarks-upland.org) with any questions you may have.

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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