

## All-Church Work Day Update

Nine individuals contributed 40 hours during the All-Church Work Day on Saturday, December 11. We raked leaves, replaced 13 light bulbs and a door handle, repaired damaged ceilings and a roof leak, and cleaned gutters, the kitchen floor, a fountain, and a rest room. At the same time, a group of preschool parents continued working on the playground, while other church members prepared for Family Promise guests and for Sunday morning. Our campus often bustles on Saturdays. When the spirit moves you, ask Kevin Jenkins what's in the job jar. He can find a helpful task that fits your skills. Thank you to all who volunteer to keep St. Mark's running smoothly.



## UMW Sewing & Craft Group

There will be no more meetings of the UMW Sewing & Craft Group this year. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 5, in Room E-5 (Library).



## Sacramento Entertainment Books

This is the last Sunday the 2011 Sacramento Books will be available on the Patio. Call John White, 487-8714, if you want a book.

***“As you have done it to the least of these,  
so you have done unto me.”*** Matthew 25:40

To those of you who have turned in an “Estimate of Giving” for 2011, **Thank You!** If you haven't yet responded, it would be great if you could do that this week as every single contribution helps. St. Mark's wants to do everything it can to bring faith, hope and relief during these tough times—and **You** can be a big part of that.

Ways that you can help before the end of the year:

- Fill out an “Estimate of Giving” commitment card (which you can find in the pew holders)
- Make a special year- end contribution to help us end 2010 with all commitments paid in full
- Postmark your contributions by December 31 and you will receive tax credit for this year.

If you'd like to pay on-line in order to earn points on your credit card (one time or automatically each month) you can do that by going to [www.stmarksumc.com](http://www.stmarksumc.com) and click on the link which says “Donate” in the upper menu bar on the right.



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## TODAY at St. Mark's

8:45am	Chancel Choir-CR
9:30am	<b>Worship Service-SA</b>
9:30am	Faith Pilgrimage-E25
9:30am	Sunday School-E3-4, 22
9:30am	Youth Sunday School-GC
9:30am	St. Mark's Singers-CR
9:45am	Worship Band Rehearsal-E26
11:00am	<b>Worship Service-SA</b>
11:00am	Jesus Seminar Class-E25
11:00am	Quest Class-E24
11:00am	Sunday School-E1-4
12:00pm	Grace in Motion-MH
1:00pm	Advent Small Group-PR
2:00pm	Seasoned Companions-E24
4:00pm	Youth Group-GC

## Cookie Exchange Today

**Today** is the day of this year's annual *St. Mark's Cookie Exchange*. This is the perfect opportunity for all who want to have a variety of sweets to serve to family, friends and drop in guests without baking dozens of recipes. The exchange table will be on the Patio, weather permitting. If there is rain today, the table will be in the coffee room. Take advantage of this opportunity to downsize one of your holiday tasks. Exchanges can be made before, between and after Sunday services.



## Give the Gift of Music

Gift Certificates will be on sale between worship services at the Welcome Center for Bravo Bach. Prices start at \$12 per ticket/concert. The 2011 Bravo Bach Festival will be held March 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27. All performances start at 7:00pm.

## This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, December 20

### Office Closed

7:00pm Women's Spirituality-E24  
7:30pm Home Bible Study-Off Site

Tuesday, December 21

10:00am UMW Bible Study-E5  
7:00pm NSP Groups-E24

Wednesday, December 22

9:30am Hilton Group-E25  
7:00pm Grace in Motion-GC

Thursday, December 23

10:00am La Paz Circle-E5  
7:00pm Chancel Choir-CR

Saturday, December 25

10:00am Community Breakfast-GC

Sunday, December 26

8:45am Chancel Choir-CR  
9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25  
10:00am **Worship Service-SA**  
11:00am Jesus Seminar Class-E25  
11:00am Quest Class-E24  
12:00pm Grace in Motion-MH  
2:00pm Seasoned Companions-E24

**Remember: The church office will be closed from December 27 through December 31.**

### New Baby

You may be wondering why there is a rose on the altar today. We would like to proudly announce the December 11 arrival of Andrea Romo. Daughter of Julie and Monte Romo and granddaughter of Dick and Margie Shunk. Andrea was born weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces, is 20 3/4 inches long and was born in Eureka, CA.



### Remember In Prayer

Paul Allen  
Andy (Beth Shoemaker's grandson)  
Joy Bailey  
Sue Bailey  
Jo Biasi  
Lorin Brown (Cath's brother)  
Maurice Brown  
Margaret Ann Dukleth  
Richard Ewen  
Jill Fernino  
Don Fado  
Jackie Henin  
Twila Humiston  
Jennine & Olivia Jones  
Tommy Jovalis  
Doris Muramatsu  
Gaylon Palmer  
Tim Rowe  
Marvin Short (DeeAnn Schmucker's father)  
Dick Smith (Anne's husband)  
Betty Wright



### Pick Up Your Scones Today

**Today** is the last day to pick up scone orders. Thank you for your support of *St. Mark's Youth Fellowship*. The proceeds from scone sales will go toward Youth Fellowship summer mission trips.

### Second Sunday Art Show Continues Today

Judy LewLoose is a unique artist with over 20 years of career experience. Her unique blend of color, light and shadow shimmer with a splash of pointillism. This is a method of using tiny dots of pure color to create an image. Her paintings are absolutely stunning! We are also honored to share with you Judy's paintings of the homeless. She



expresses a message to those who do not know, and those who will never know what it is like to be in this situation. These are individuals much like you and me, who have succumbed to a life of day to day existence in the most poverty stricken conditions imaginable. The impact of LewLoose's paintings should educate and inform us all. Be sure to stop by the gallery; Judy will be there to talk to you and answer questions!

### Christmas Offering

The apportionment for *California-Nevada Annual Conference Ministries* supports various missions of our conference, some of which are: local youth work, pastoral support, church development, and ethnic minority congregations.

An apportionment is less a claim on the local congregation, a tax on their resources, and more a mechanism of enabling our shared stewardship, of under girding our connectional mission and ministry.

Please be generous **today**, and put your contribution in the offering plate using your Christmas Offering envelope or a pew envelope clearly marked, "Christmas Offering." Your offering will go to help provide funds for the *California-Nevada Annual Conference Ministries*, one of our apportionments. Please make checks payable to St. Mark's UMC. We live in a global village, and the world is our parish. When we give generously, our gifts do wonderful, life-changing things in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you.

### Fair Trade Today

Fair Trade coffees, teas, hot cocoa, spicy hot cocoa and chocolate bars are gifts with heart. A new crop of Sindyanna of Galilee olive oil has arrived. The Surri olives are famous throughout the world for their special flavor and aroma. When you buy and gift this olive oil to friends you are supporting the efforts of Arab and Jewish women striving for social change. Purchase your gifts today on the Patio near the Art Gallery (Room A-2).

