

Sharing Table Benefits Heifer Project

The first three weeks of the Heifer Sharing Table earned just under \$350 towards the goal of a Heifer Ark (\$5000). The Sharing Table will continue through August 28th during the Summer Brunches from 10:15 to 11:00am in MacMurdo Hall. Canned and baked goods (deserts, breads, pies, etc.), fresh vegetables and fruits and used books and other media, will be for sale. But in order for this to occur, we need donors for these items. All proceeds will go to support Heifer



International www.heifer.org, which offers hope worldwide to families who are poor and hungry. Bringing offerings of items to the Sharing Table and buying them, helps families start on a journey to fulfill a seemingly impossible dream—to secure food and a source of dependable income. Please bring your fresh produce, homemade goods and books to share with others AND purchase items at the Sharing Table to help meet our goal of buying an Ark this year.

Also, Jane Henderson really needs help during the remaining five weeks, either working at the table a time or two OR finding people who could/would work with her committee. If you are able to work one (or two) of the Sundays between now and August 28 (specific dates or just anytime), please let Jane know at 688-5355 or e-mail peeweepride@comcast.net. She will get back to you with a schedule.

John McCormack, Ministry in Action Commission

12 Days in August to Meet & Greet

Please come to a **Meet & Greet** with Pastor Alan Jones and his wife, Linda Pickens-Jones, at the homes of these in St. Mark's Community who have graciously made their homes available for a morning or evening of telling your stories and sharing your experiences. Come, join the conversation and give Pastor Alan and Linda a warm, heartfelt, St. Mark's welcome!



Day	Date	Time	Host Name	Address
Mon.	Aug. 15	7:00pm	Richard & Margie Shunk	1729 Pinion Dr., Roseville 95747
Tue.	Aug. 16	7:00pm	John & Carol Klein	3220 Bonita Dr., Sacramento 95821
Wed.	Aug. 17	7:00pm	Barry White & Simon Vu	4506 Bantam Way, Elk Grove 95758
Fri.	Aug. 19	10:00am	Marion Dodd	4210 Zephyr Way, Sacramento 95821
Sat.	Aug. 20	3:00pm	Kris & Monica Jackson-Russo	2714 Silvertrail Lane, Elk Grove 95624
Thu.	Aug. 25	10:00am	Joanna Ballard	6236 Valor Way, Carmichael 95608
Sat.	Aug. 27	10:00am	Jeanine Perry & Lily Andrews	4743 Hixon Circle, Carmichael 95608
Mon.	Aug. 29	7:00pm	Doug & Nancy Nos	3124 Clairidge Way, Sacramento 95821
Tue.	Aug. 30	7:00pm	Rex Bennett & Otto DeLeon	14 Ardea Place, Sacramento 95835

Please sign-up in the Lobby this morning.

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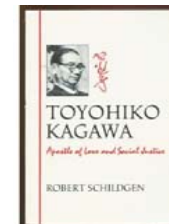
TODAY at St. Mark's

Sunday, August 7

- 9:30am **Worship Service-SA**
- 9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25
- 9:30am Summer Movie Class-E26
- 9:30am Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23
- 9:30am Youth Sunday School-GC
- 9:45am Worship Band Rehearsal-E21
- 10:15am Summer Brunch
- 11:00am **Worship Service-SA**
- 11:00am Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23
- 12:00pm GLBTI Lunch-MH
- 12:00pm Exploring Membership Class-E26
- 4:00pm Youth Group-GC

Summer Worship Series

Today is the fifth Sunday of our Summer Worship Series, *Extraordinary People in Ordinary Time*, and features Johann Sebastian Bach. Please consult the brochure in the pews for future Scripture studies and individuals that will be highlighted.



Books related to Pastor Alan's sermon topics, including some from his personal library, are available for check-out on the kiosk in the Lobby. Included are books by or about Georgia Harkness, Harriet Tubman, Toyohiko Kagawa, and others. Check one out and learn more about these extraordinary Christians.

Just Cup Café



Please come over to the *Just Cup Café* following the service for refreshments and fellowship. We offer regular and decaf coffee as well as tea and juice.

Exploring Membership Class Begins

Today, from 12noon until 2:00pm, will be the first of five weekly meetings of our Explorers Class for new members. If you're interested in either exploring, or becoming a member of the church, please plan to come. Even if you are already a member of the church, you may wish to use this as a "refresher" course. A light lunch will be provided for minimal cost. Please come to Room E-26 (Fireside).



Summer Brunches in Full Swing



Summer Brunches are being served from 10:15 to 11:00am in MacMurdo Hall each Sunday through August 28. The cost is \$4 per adult; \$1.50 per child. Come for great food and super company.

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, August 8

Office Closed

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Offsite

Tuesday, August 9

7:00pm Gifts, Memorials & Bequests-SR

7:00pm Trustees Meeting-E21

Wednesday, August 10

9:00am UMW Sew & Craft Group-E5

7:00pm Family Ministries-E25

7:30pm Prayer Group-PR

Thursday, August 11

6:00pm Worship Brainstorming-CR

7:00pm Underground Circle-A2

Friday, August 12

7:30pm Moon Lecture-SA

Saturday, August 13

1:00pm Ralph Joyner Memorial-SA

4:00pm Dominoes Group-E26

Sunday, August 14

9:30am **Worship Service-SA**

9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25

9:30am Summer Movie Class-E26

9:30am Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23

9:30am Youth Sunday School-GC

9:45am Worship Band Rehearsal-E21

10:00am Blood Pressure Screening-PR

10:15am Summer Brunch

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12:00pm GLBTI Lunch-MH

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In Memoriam

We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of June Chrysler, long-time member of St. Mark's, who passed on August 3. June was very active in many St. Mark's ministries until these past few years that she has been homebound. Services have not yet been scheduled.



Remember in Prayer

On-going Needs:

Susanna Aaltonen

Nancy Aldrich

Sue Bailey

Maurice Brown

Jennine Jones

Olivia Jones

Mary Kasai

Bob Keldgord

Agnes Lappia

Bob McKibben

Dorrie Moon

Bill Moore

Jimmie Poxon

Sharon Richmond

George Roehr

Florence Rudig

Dick Smith

Tiffani Spencer



Recent Requests:

Ginny Baldauf

Joanna Ballard

June Chrysler Family

Bob Curran

Bill Gugeler

Joyner Family

Sarah Kelly & Beth Treat

Caesar Llorente family

Dave MacMurdo family

Phyllis Pratt

Iris Schindhelm

Betty Youngren

Gently Used Items Needed

St. Mark's Presents

Bravo Bach will be holding a "white elephant" sale on Saturday, August 20, 7:00am-12:00noon at Central United Methodist Church at 5265 H St., Sacramento.

If you have gently used items, kitchen items, etc. and collectables that you would like to donate, please contact Jack Miller at jacvoice@aol.com. Items can be dropped off at the sale location on Friday, August 19, from 5:00-7:00pm or you may arrange with Jack to bring them to St. Mark's a few days before the sale. No clothing items, please. This is a fund-raiser for our Bravo Bach Festival.



Blood Pressure Screening Postponed to Sunday, August 14

Worship Planning Meeting

On Thursday, August 11, at 6:00pm, Pastor Alan will convene a gathering for anyone interested in planning worship services for the fall. Wondering if this is you? If you have an interest in music, visual art, interpreting the Bible, prayer or any aspect of worship, please plan to come to the Choir Room that evening.

Building Community Together

On Sunday, September 11, at 4:30pm, we are inviting members of the Sacramento Muslim community and other interfaith guests to come and join us for prayer, conversations and a light dinner. Please plan to be there as we offer hospitality to interfaith guests.



Summer Movie of the Week Class

There are only two more showings for the Summer Movie of the Week class. This class meets in Room E-26 (Fireside) at 9:30am on Sunday mornings. View the movie at home in advance of the class session and note any moral, ethical or religious issues and come prepared to discuss your favorite scenes or big beefs. Check the church website for a review of each movie. Below is the schedule of the upcoming movies so that you can prepare for class.



Date	Leader	Title
8/7	Linda Bond	<i>The Shawshank Redemption</i>
8/14	Paul Trauger	<i>Black Swan</i>

St. Mark's Blood Drive Needs You



Blood Source will have their bloodmobile at St. Mark's on Sunday, August 21, 8:30 am-12:30 pm. To make an appointment, please contact Joyce Estes, 481-0418. Doughnuts will be your reward (and a coupon for a free Applebee's appetizer or dessert).

UMW Collecting for Layette Kits

The United Methodist Women are sponsoring the collection of layette kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). We are pleased with the response! Because of your generosity and the items given through Vacation Bible School, our little cradle and basket in the Lobby is beginning to fill up. In addition, we've received some much appreciated checks, which will be used to purchase items to complete the kits.

Presently, we need the following items to complete the layettes:

- **diaper pins** must have protective plastic closures, no regular safety pins
- **gowns or sleepers**
- **sweater or jacket** must open from the front; may be hand knitted, crocheted or sewn; hooded sweatshirts are acceptable
- **receiving blankets** no crib blankets please; 30" x 30" or 30" x 32" sizes only

Important Note: All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used.

We'll be collecting new baby's basic supplies throughout the month of August. If you wish to donate, please make your check payable to St. Mark's UMW and designate it: *Layette Kit*. As we continue to gather these necessary items for newborns, we say in advance, thank you for your support.