

Tee Shirts Still Available

The GLBTI community has designed a tee shirt in commemoration of our 5th Anniversary as a Reconciling Congregation. A limited supply are still available for sale for \$20, in adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL. Purchase yours today at the table on the Patio.



It's Here!

Summer Sunday School is here. We are still looking for volunteers to join us in our one room multi-age classroom as a teacher or a helper. Please contact Lily Andrews.

Wednesday Night Prayer Group

St. Mark's is starting a weekly prayer and praise group to pray for and with each other. The format will be informal and no one is required to "pray out loud!" This group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Prayer Room, and is led by Rev. Pat Pitzer. You can come every week, once a month, or drop in as you are able.

If you have concerns for which you would like the group to pray, please stop by the Prayer Room and write them on the pad provided.



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TODAY at St. Mark's

Sunday, July 3

- 9:30am **Worship Service-SA**
- 9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25
- 9:30am Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23
- 9:30am Youth Sunday School-GC
- 9:45am Worship Band Rehearsal-E26
- 11:00am **Worship Service-SA**
- 11:00am Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23
- 11:00am Science and Religion-E21
- 12:00pm GLBTI Lunch-MH
- 4:00pm Youth Group-GC

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.



Robert & Dorrie MOON LECTURE SERIES 2011-2012

First lecture of this series:

Friday, August 12, 2011 7:30pm

Bishop Gene Robinson & Singer Jennifer Knapp

\$25—General admission \$15—students



Bishop Gene Robinson is widely known for being the first openly gay, non-celibate priest to be ordained a bishop in a major Christian denomination. His story has appeared in print and film, including in *The Bible Tells Me So*.

Jennifer Knapp is best known for her first hit single *Undo Me*. Knapp, who recently "came out," says that she not only still holds to her Christian faith, but feels that by being honest about her sexuality, her faith is actually enhanced.



Today's Guest Preacher: Rev. Kristen Preston

Our guest preacher today, Rev. Kristen Preston, is no stranger to most of us. Kristen has been attending St. Mark's for a number of years and preached from this pulpit on several occasions. Kristen was ordained in the American Baptist tradition, and is a practicing attorney in corporate law. She serves as secretary on the Board of Trustees for American Baptist Seminary of the West, and loves to sneak in a few rounds of golf whenever possible. We're grateful for your ministry among us, Kristen!

Welcoming Our New Pastor on Sunday, July 10



Rev. Alan H. Jones will begin his ministry with us next Sunday, July 10. The Staff Parish Relations Committee is planning for welcoming receptions after each service so that Pastor Alan and his wife, Linda, will begin to get to know the congregation. Please note that we will also share in Communion that Sunday with Pastor Alan, instead of at our usual first Sunday of the month.

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, July 4

Office Closed—Happy Independence Day!

Tuesday, July 5

10:00am NOW Circle-E24/25

6:30pm SPRC Meeting-SR

7:00pm NSP Group-E24

Wednesday, July 6

9:00am UMW Sewing & Craft Circle-E5

7:00pm Church Conference/Council-E26

7:30pm Prayer Group-PR

Friday, July 8

9:30am Scrabble-E24

Saturday, July 9

4:00pm Dominoes-E-26

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HELP!!!

Sierra Service Project is around the corner and we still need to raise more money to cover the cost of transportation, gas and lodging for the extended drive to and from the project. Please consider

sponsoring a youth for this fabulous and meaningful trip to SSP at Fort Hall, Idaho. The youth will be on the patio before and after both services for the next couple of weeks. Please help us make this trip a reality for this great group of kids. Thank you!



Remember in Prayer

Susanna Aaltonen

(Blythe's friend)

Nancy Aldrich

Paul Allen

Sue Bailey

Ginny Baldauf

Maurice Brown

Carolynn Goetze

Jennine Jones

Olivia Jones

Mary Kasai

Bob Kelgord

Agnes Lappia

Dave MacMurdo

Dorothy MacMurdo

Dorrie Moon

Bill Moore

Deanna Paulo's sister

Jimmie Poxon

Dick Smith

(Anne's husband)

Tiffani Spencer

The Whitmore Family

Fireworks Sales

Today and tomorrow are the last days of sales at our booth in the Walmart Parking lot (at the corner of El Camino and Watt Avenue). Sales are running from Tuesday, June 28 through Monday, July 4. The booth opens at 9:00am and closes at 9:00pm tonight.

Discount coupons are available in the Narthex today. Take advantage of these last minute savings!



First Sunday Table

Today you can make your community connection at the First Sunday Table in the Narthex. At the table you may leave paperback books for county jail inmates, cloth shopping bags for Central Downtown Food Basket clients, travel size toiletries and toilet paper for guests at Loaves & Fishes. You may leave checks for Wellspring Women's Center, River City Food Bank, Francis House, Central Downtown Food Basket, and Loaves & Fishes at the table, and they will be sent to show our congregation's support of their work in our community. You may also leave items for families at Family Promise or St. Mark's own food closet. The table is sponsored by the Ministry in Action Commission.



Church Conference

The first part of the monthly Church Council meeting will be devoted to a Church Conference for the purpose of setting compensation for our new pastor. The meeting will be on Wednesday, July 6, at 7:00pm, in Room E-26 (Fireside) All members of the St. Mark's community are invited to attend. Voting, however, is limited to church members in accordance with the UMC Book of Discipline.

Summer Brunches

Our annual Summer Brunches will begin on Sunday, July 17, and are served from 10:15-11:00am in MacMurdo Hall. The cost is \$4 per adult; \$1.50 per child. Come for great food and super company.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is just around the corner: July 25-29 from 9:00am to 12:00pm. This year's theme is *Island Odyssey*. Registration forms are available in the July issue of *Markings* or in the church office.

There is still a need for teachers and helpers. If you're available, please contact Lily Andrews or Boni Fields. It will be a great week for all who are here. Aloha!!



Blood Pressure Screening

Due to the holiday weekend, Health Ministries has rescheduled the free blood pressure screening to next Sunday, July 10, from 10:15 to 11:00am in the Prayer Room. All are invited to attend.