

Jesus Seminar

The Jesus Seminar, which meets Sundays at 11:00am in Room E-25, will be using the same book as the Lenten Small Groups, Brian McLaren's *Naked Spirituality: A Life with God in 12 Simple Words*. The class will begin using this book on March 20. All are invited to attend and participate. Facilitated by Don Duncan.

Apportionments: Ministerial Education Fund

As a portion of our Apportionment giving during March, we have the opportunity to support the Ministerial Education Fund for 2011. This is a very important fund for the United Methodist Church. It provides for the recruitment and education of quality pastors. This fund helps to defray the expensive costs for seminary education. This fund supports the persons who are called into ministry and also equips our annual conference with courses of study and continuing education for local pastors. It also helps in many other efforts to recruit, educate and support people called to ordained and licensed ministry.

Bach Festival Help Needed

Our second annual Bravo! Bach festival is rapidly approaching with two concert-filled weekends on March 18, 19 & 20 and March 25, 26 & 27. If you are able to help usher, take tickets, greet, sell CD's, serve refreshments, or whatever needs to be done, please let Jack Miller know in the church office.

The Festival Committee needs a congregation member or friend who has a van who could return the harpsichord at the end of the festival. We also need someone with a van who can pick up the timpani's that *Christ Community Church* is lending to the festival on March 25 for rehearsal and return. Also, pick up on March 27 and return. Please let Jack Miller know if you have or know someone who has a van who might provide this wonderful donation.



Help with Worship

Would you like to help with the production of Worship? Want to learn how things work behind the scenes? Contact Kevin W in the church office at 483-7848 if you would like to learn more.

Food Closet News

If you are able, please bring in the following items: mac & cheese, Ramen, canned soups, canned tuna and meat, peanut butter & jelly, crackers, canned chili, beans & rice, pasta & sauce, fruit cups/cans or cereal. Thank you for your support.



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TODAY at St. Mark's

8:45am	Chancel Choir-CR
9:30am	Faith Pilgrimage-E25
9:30am	Worship Service-SA
9:30am	Youth Sunday School-GC
9:30am	Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23
9:30am	St. Mark's Singers-CR
9:45am	Worship Band Rehearsal-E26
11:00am	Quest Class-E24
11:00am	Worship Service-SA
11:00am	Jesus Seminar Class-E25
11:00am	Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23
12:00pm	OWL-GC
2:00pm	Seasoned Companions-E24
4:00pm	Youth Night-GC
6:00pm	Spiritual Companions-E24

Second Sunday Artist for March

Ann Weise, of Lindsay, CA, is the next artist being exhibited in the *2nd Sunday Art Show*, beginning **today**.

Ann was born in Hazelton, PA, in 1939. Her father was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy and the family moved around to Maryland, California, Alaska, and back to California. She began painting in 1946 at the age of 7, using materials her dad brought back from Japan and continued through her high school years. At *College of the Pacific* (now *University of the Pacific*) in Stockton, CA, she majored in art, with a minor in literature. At the *University of Chicago*, she received her Master of Arts degree and also completed course work for the Ph.D.

Overall, Ann considers herself an illustrator. One of her regular jobs in college was to draw covers for the chapel programs. For a time, she worked at the *Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia*, returning to California in 1977.

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, March 14

Office Closed

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Off Site

Tuesday, March 15

10:00am UMW Bible Study-E5

7:00pm NSP Groups-E24

7:00pm Finance Committee-SR

7:00pm Bell Choir-CR

Wednesday, March 16

9:00am UMW Sewing & Craft Circle-E5

9:30am Hilton Group-E25

7:00pm ACT Board Meeting-E24

7:00pm Grace in Motion

7:30pm Moon Lecture-Sr. Prejean-SA

Thursday, March 17

9:30am Men's Group-GC

7:00pm Chancel Choir-CR

Friday, March 18

11:00am Membership Care Team-GC

7:00pm Bach Festival-SA

Saturday, March 19

10:00am Bereavement Group-PR

5:45pm Mark Twains-GC

7:00pm Bach Festival-SA

Sunday, March 20

8:45am Chancel Choir-CR

9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25

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

9:30am Youth Sunday School-GC

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Remember In Prayer

Susanna Aaltonen

(Blythe's friend)

Nancy Aldrich

Paul Allen

Andy (Beth Shoemaker's

grandson)

Sue Bailey

Lorin Brown

(Cath's brother)

Jean Fish

Jennine & Olivia Jones

Tommy Jovalis

Mary Kasai

Kimberly

(Linda Short's friend)

Agnes Lappia

Joyce Liggett

Henry McCormack

Jimmie Poxon

Phyllis Pratt

Dick Smith

(Anne's husband)

Trisha St. Clair

In Memoriam

We extend our love and sympathy to friends and family of member Jim Liggett, who died on February 28. A memorial reception was held last Saturday. Please keep Joyce and the rest of the family in your prayers.

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.

Moon Lecture: Sister Helen Prejean

Sister Helen began her prison ministry in 1981. She became pen pals with Patrick Sonnier, the convicted killer of two teenagers, sentenced to die in the electric chair of Louisiana's Angola State Prison.

In doing so, her eyes were opened to the Louisiana execution process. Sister Helen turned her experiences into a book that not only made the 1994 American Library Associates Notable Book List, it was also nominated for a 1993 Pulitzer Prize. *Dead Man Walking: An Eyewitness Account of the Death Penalty in the United States* was number one on the New York Times Best Seller List for 31 weeks. It also was an international best seller and has been translated into ten different languages. (Edited from www.prejean.org)

Sister Helen will be speaking, as part of the Moon Lecture Series, at St. Mark's United Methodist Church on Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Tickets are still available for \$25 and may be purchased online at www.stmarksumc.com/upcoming-moon, at St. Mark's church office and at the door the night of the event. Sister Helen's books will be for sale at the event. There will be a reception, with refreshments, after the lecture.



Bereavement Group: This Saturday at 10:00am



The grief experienced following the loss of someone we love has no timeline. If you would appreciate support by others who know what you're going through, with the guidance of a facilitator who is also a Spiritual Director, then you are invited this Saturday morning at 10:00am in the Prayer Room. "How long do I wear my wedding ring? How long until you sleep through the night? Tips on eating alone, or how to do it more often with others..." are just a few of the topics that have come up in discussion.

Leaders Wanted for Lenten Book Study

We are looking for a few good people who would be willing to lead a small group, for four weeks beginning the week of March 20, as we gather to study Brian McLaren's soon to be released book, *Naked Spirituality*. In this book you'll get an overview of spiritual life in a framework of four stages: simplicity, complexity, perplexity and harmony. In each stage, you'll be introduced to three practices, moves, or soul-postures that will help you deepen your life with God.

If you are able to lead a weekly book group, from March 20 through April 17, please contact the church office. Pastor Faith will meet with all Lenten Leaders on Tuesday, March 22, at 7:00pm, at her home before each leader begins meeting with his/her group.