

## Wednesday Night Prayer Group

Prayer is an essential element of Christian life. We pray every day, sometimes in a structured way, such as daily devotions or thanks before a meal; sometimes in random moments, such as on the way to a doctor's appointment or before a history exam. Prayer is always an appropriate response, no matter what the situation. We can all benefit



from prayer, whether we are doing the praying or we are the ones for whom prayer is being offered. 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. You can come every week, once a month, or drop in as you are able.

## Volunteer Opportunities



If you did not notice, there is a new page on the St. Mark's web site. This page shows some of the many volunteer opportunities here at St. Mark's. Go ahead and give it a look at [www.stmarksumc.com/volunteer](http://www.stmarksumc.com/volunteer).

## It's Almost Here!

Yep, Summer Sunday School is right around the corner and you are invited to join us in our one room multi-age classroom as a teacher or a helper. The curriculum and activities are preset and ready to go, so you just need to sign up and then show up on your scheduled day and time. Look for the bright yellow poster in the Patio on any Sunday and volunteer to join us.

## Fireworks Sales Coming Up Soon

It's that season again! We are looking for a few good men and women to volunteer a few hours of service to work our Fireworks Booth for the 2011 season. Sales start June 28 through July 4 (3-hour shifts available).

If you are looking for a little fun, good conversation, meeting new friends, or just connecting with the community at large on a nice summer day, sign-up to work a shift in our booth located at the corner of El Camino and Watt Avenue (Wal-Mart Parking Lot). It will be an experience you will never forget. Sign-up's will take place in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings. Look for Uncle Sam.



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## TODAY at St. Mark's

8:45am	Chancel Choir-CR
9:30am	Faith Pilgrimage-E25
9:30am	<b>Worship Service</b> -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	<b>Worship Service</b> -SA
11:00am	Jesus Seminar Class-E25
11:00am	Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23
11:00am	Science and Religion-E21
2:00pm	Seasoned Companions-E24
4:00pm	Youth Group-GC
6:00pm	Spiritual Companions-E24

## Reconciling Anniversary and Pride Weekend

In celebration of the five years that St. Mark has been a reconciling (inclusive) congregation, the GLBTI community is planning several events to happen on Sacramento Pride Weekend, June 4-5.

We want to have a strong presence at Pride to let the gay community know that there is a church where they are loved and accepted. We are looking for people who are willing to walk the parade route on June 4, as part of the faith community. If you're interested in being in the parade, meet at the corner of 7th & T at 9:30am.

The GLBTI community is very grateful to be part of a congregation that is so accepting and supportive. This thank you celebration will be on Sunday, June 5, both in the worship services, and at brunch after each service. Plan now to join the festivities with many guests from the community who will be invited at Pride.

To commemorate the celebration, we have a limited supply of tee shirts for sale for \$20. Available in adult sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL (as available). Order yours today at the table on the Patio.



## This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, May 30

**Office Closed**

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Off Site

Tuesday, May 31

7:00pm Bell Choir-CR

Wednesday, June 1

9:00am UMW Sewing & Craft Circle-E5

7:00pm Council on Ministry-E26

7:30pm Prayer Group-PR

Thursday, June 2

12:00pm Knife & Fork Group-E5

2:00pm Grace Face open-GC

7:00pm Combined Choir-CR

Friday, June 3

7:00pm Scrabble-E24

Saturday, June 4

9:30am Pride Parade-gather @ 7th & T

7:00pm Grace in Motion-SA

Sunday, June 5

8:45am Combined Choir-CR

9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25

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

9:30am Youth Sunday School-GC

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9:45am Worship Band Rehearsal-E26

10:30am 5th Anniversary Brunch-MH

11:00am Quest Class-E24

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## Summer Brunches

Summer Brunches will begin on Sunday, July 10, and continue through Sunday, August 28. We are looking for individuals or groups to host each of these events. If you would like to host or help at a brunch, please call Sandy Allen at 784-9376. It is always a good time for both those preparing and those eating.

## Remember In Prayer

Susanna Aaltonen

(Blythe's friend)

Nancy Aldrich

Paul Allen

Sue Bailey

Ginny Baldauf

Maurice Brown

Jennine & Olivia Jones

Mary Kasai

Bob Kelgord

Agnes Lappia

Mary Jane Linn

(Pam Kepler's mom)

Bob Moon

Bill Moore

Jimmie Poxon

Tim Rowe

Bruce Scarborough

Dick Smith

(Anne's husband)

## 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.



## Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry

On Sunday, June 12, Pastor Faith Whitmore will give her farewell sermon to the community here at St. Mark's, which she has served for the past 10 years. She faces a wonderful opportunity to impact the lives of those we who are needy in this area as she steps into the role of Executive Director of Francis House. Though we will miss her presence, her leadership, her warmth and caring, her inspiring spirit and her pastor's heart, we wish her well in the next part of her journey.



As we celebrate her ministry here on this special day, there will be one combined service beginning at 10:00am. Following the service, there will be a reception in MacMurdo Hall to continue the celebration of Pastor Faith's ministry to our community. This will be a great time of fellowship, memories, gifts and sharing of well wishes.

Some of you may wish to share your gratitude by offering a financial gift. Contributions can be made to St. Mark's with a note designating this offering for Faith's farewell.

Be sure to mark your calendars for this very special day. All are welcome! If you have any questions please contact Christopher Harris at 369-8329 or email at har1735@yahoo.com.

## Emergency Contact Forms

Please fill out and return your Emergency Contact Forms to the office. Include any allergies you may have as well. Need a form? There are blank forms in the Narthex and on the St. Mark's website.

## Science and Religion Class

For centuries, there have been intense conflicts between science and religion. These continue today both in this country, and worldwide. Popular opinion generally assumes an antagonistic relationship between science and religion, but modern scholarship increasingly reveals this is a one sided view "that is not only relatively recent, but also self-servingly propagated to this day by extremist voices in both the religion and science camps." Science and theology turn out to have more in common than is generally believed. This class features a DVD by award winning Professor Lawrence M. Principe of Johns Hopkins University and is moderated by Roger Stoughton, a retired civil engineer with 26 years spent in applied research, and 43-year member of St. Mark's. The class meets on Sunday mornings, at 11:00am, in Room E-21, from May 15 to June 19. The DVD includes 12 lectures, each one-half an hour long. Two lectures will be presented at each class followed by a ten or fifteen minute discussion. All are invited.

