

Emergency Contact Forms

Please fill out and return your Emergency Contact Forms to the office. Please 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.

Family Promise

Family Promise will be returning to St. Mark's Sunday, May 15 through May 22. We will be asking for help with food, evening hosting, overnight hosting. Monetary donations are always helpful. Watch for your chance to sign up to help this worthy project. Contact Sharon Meyer at 961-0229 or Joyce Estes at 481-0418.



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. When you've been on the receiving end of prayer, you realize just how important and profound it can be.

Reconciling Anniversary

This year is the fifth year of St. Mark's being a reconciling (inclusive) congregation. The GLBTI community is very grateful to be part of a church that is so accepting and supportive. We will be celebrating and thanking you on Sunday, June 5, as a part of the Sacramento Gay Pride Weekend. Two committees have been formed to plan the celebration and our presence at Pride. Volunteers are needed to: serve in worship, prepare/serve brunch, man the booth at Pride, and many other tasks. The GLBTI community welcomes support from our straight allies. There are many things to do and funds needed to complete them. If you're interested in being involved, either physical or financial, please contact Cath in the church office, 483-7848 or cbrown@stmarksumc.com. We love you and are very happy to be a part of the family at St. Mark's.



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A Reconciling Congregation
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TODAY at St. Mark's its Mothers Day!

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
2:00pm	Seasoned Companions-E24
4:00pm	Youth Group-GC
6:00pm	Spiritual Companions-E24

Free Trade Products

Treat your friends and family to a box of delicate tea, delicious Peace coffees or a tempting chocolate bar! Fair Trade Products available on the Patio **today**.

Celebrating 2011 Graduates

Our 2011 High School graduates will be commissioned Sunday, May 15. Everyone is invited to join us for a reception and celebration in MacMurdo Hall at 12:30pm following the second service. Come and help us celebrate these young people as they go out into the world.



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.

Volunteers!

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, May 9

Office Closed

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Off Site

Tuesday, May 10

9:00am UMW Executive Committee-E5

9:43am United Methodist Women-MH

12:00pm Preschool Board Meeting-E26

7:00pm Gifts Memorials Bequests-SR

7:00pm Trustees-E25

7:00pm Bell Choir-CR

Wednesday, May 11

9:00am UMW Sewing & Craft Circle-E5

9:30am Hilton Group-E25

6:30pm United Methodist Men-GC

7:00pm Family Ministries Cte-E25

7:00pm Grace in Motion-SA

Thursday, May 12

12:30pm Super Seniors-MH

7:00pm Chancel Choir-CR

7:00pm Underground Circle-Off Site

Friday, May 13

9:30am Scrabble-E24

Saturday, May 14

4:00pm Dominoes Group-E26

Sunday, May 15

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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11:00am Science and God-E21

2:00pm Seasoned Companions-E24

4:00pm Youth Group-GC

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Remember In Prayer

Susanna Aaltonen

(Blythe's friend)

Nancy Aldrich

Paul Allen

Sue Bailey

Ginny Baldauf

Mable Czech

(Mary's mom)

Maxine Iiams

Jennine & Olivia Jones

Mary Kasai

Kimberly

(Linda Short's friend)

Agnes Lappia

Jimmie Poxon

Tim Rowe

Dick Smith

(Anne's husband)

Darrell Walker

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.



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.



Join us for An Evening with Vittoria

Vittoria Penalba, a vibrant young woman from Habitat for Humanity's Nicaraguan affiliate, will share what is being done through Habitat to help families in under-developed areas of her country; how Sacramento Habitat has been a part of the lives of these people and what projects the future holds. She will also discuss "Global Village Tours to Nicaragua" and how you can become involved. A Global Village Tour is made up of a group of volunteers from all walks of life who generously give of their time (usually a week), talent (skill and labor) and financial resources (donated funds) to help eliminate poverty housing by building homes in a Habitat partner country, such as Nicaragua.



Join us for a 5:30pm reception and a 6:00pm presentation on Tuesday, May 10, in Grace Café. Please RSVP at 440-1215 Ext. 1108 or email lhimmelman@shfh.org by May 9.

United Methodist Men

St. Mark's United Methodist Men's dinner meeting will be on Wednesday May 11, at 6:30pm in Grace Café. Doors open at 6:00pm with a dinner at 6:30pm served by the St. Mark's Youth Fellowship to support summer mission trips. After the meal, Bill Borah will talk about his recent construction trip to Haiti in February as part of The United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.



If you are not on our calling list, please make dinner reservations by contacting Noel Neuburger at 944-0186 by Sunday May 8. Cost for the dinner is \$10.00.

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 will feature a DVD by award winning Professor Lawrence M. Principe of Johns Hopkins University. This class will be moderated by Roger Stoughton, who is a retired civil engineer with 26 years spent in applied research, and a 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. We will hear two lectures each class period and have a ten or fifteen minute discussion after each lecture. All are invited.