

Pictorial Church Directory Portrait Sitzings This Month

Plans are already in place for our new Pictorial Directory. Many have asked for it, and soon it will be in your hands.

This is always an exciting venture for St. Mark's and we want everyone who considers this their church home to be pictured in the directory.

This year, our directory will also be available online, giving access to immediate updates for information, and periodic additions of pictures for those new to St. Mark's.



Starting next Sunday, we will be signing up for portrait sittings at the tables provided. Online signups will be available tomorrow through a link on the website.

November is our portrait month. Dates and times are on the posters around the campus, and will be at the both signup sites.

Each family group photographed will receive a coupon for a free 8x10 portrait or credit towards another portrait size. All photos will arrive before Christmas, and our online directory should be accessible by mid-December. Be sure to signup soon!

Bereavement Support Group Adds Tuesday Meeting

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4

Did you know that St. Mark's offers bereavement counseling and small group support? Sessions are available on the fourth Saturday of each month at from 10:00am until noon. Starting on Tuesday, October 18, sessions will also be offered on

the third Tuesdays of each month from 7:00 until 9:00pm. Both sessions are in the Prayer Room and they are facilitated by Ruth Reynolds. For more information call the church office, 483-7848.

Fall Festival Just Around the Corner

It's almost time for the **Third Annual Halloween Fall Festival**. This year's festival will be held Saturday, October 29, from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. We will have carnival games and prizes, a bounce house, food, cake walk, haunted house and the very popular trunk-or-treat! Last year we welcomed hundreds of young people on to our campus for a safe celebration.

This year we are sure to continue that success and we need your help! Volunteers are needed for several shifts including set up (2:00pm until 4:00pm), supervising a carnival game booth (4:00pm until 6:00pm), and clean up (6:00pm until 8:00pm).

If you are unable to volunteer, consider donating a few bags of Halloween candy, small toy game prizes or a baked good for the cake walk. Families are also needed to sign up to decorate their car for the trunk-or-treat, the main event of the night. Dress your car in a costume and hand out candy or other appropriate items as kids parade by in their costumes. Sign up for a volunteer shift by calling the office or on the Patio on Sundays between services on October 9, 16 or 23. It will be a fun night for the whole family.



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TODAY at St. Mark's

Sunday, October 9

- 9:30am **Worship Service-SA**
Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23
Faith Pilgrimage-E25
- 9:45am **Worship Band Rehearsal-E21**
- 11:00am **Worship Service-SA**
Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23
Jesus Seminar-E25
Quest Class-E24
- 2:00pm **Seasoned Companions-E24**
- 2:30pm **Grace in Motion-GC**
- 4:00pm **Youth Group-GC**
- 6:00pm **Family Promise Concert-SA**

United Methodist Women Sunday

One Sunday a year is selected to uplift this group of women in the church who serve the congregation and world in their outreach, service and mission work. Come to the table on the Patio for information about study groups, circles and other opportunities in United Methodist Women (UMW). Women who are already committed to be a part of UMW are wearing red today.



Fair Trade Products are available in the Courtyard today. Stop by to see the expanded line of organic small farmer teas.

Fall Series Continues



This is the fifth Sunday of the fall series, *St. Mark's Way*, a community exploration of the gospel of Mark, which will continue through November 20. In addition to the Sunday sermons, individuals are invited to read through the book on their own. The church has provided a pamphlet to assist you with the readings and prepare you for worship on Sundays.

Everyone is invited to attend one of the small study groups using the book, *Mark's Message: Good News for the New Millenium* by Justo Gonzalez. The books are available at the table in the lobby. A donation of \$8 is requested, but not expected. Some of the groups are in full swing, but the Thursday group begins this week. Please sign up for the group on the insert enclosed in today's bulletin, and leave it at the table when you get your book.

Exploring Membership at St. Mark's

A five-part class on Exploring Membership at St. Mark's begins **today**. Pastor Alan will lead the first discussion on Living Faith and Worship. We will also explore the Methodist Quadrilateral and Prevenient Grace; Methodist History and Tradition; the Social Principles; and Membership Commitments. The class will meet at 12:15pm, in Room E-26, and a light lunch will be offered. If you are thinking of joining the church or need a refresher, think of this as St. Mark's 101.

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, October 10

Office Closed

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Offsite

Tuesday, October 11

9:30am UMW Executive Board-E5

7:00pm Bell Choir-CR

Gifts, Memorials & Bequests-SR

NSP Group-E24

Mark Study Group-Kohatsus

Trustees-E25

Wednesday, October 12

9:00am UMW Sew & Craft Group-E5

9:30am Hilton Group-E25

5:00pm Mark Study Group-E24

6:30pm Men's Club-GC

7:00pm Family Ministries-E25

Thursday, October 13

9:30am UMW Program Committee-E5

12:30pm Super Seniors-MH

7:00pm Area Congregations Together-E5

Chancel Choir-CR

Underground Circle-A2

Friday, October 14

9:30am Scrabble Group-E24

Saturday, October 15

9:00am CPR & First Aid-E26

7:00pm Mark Twains-E26

Sunday, October 16

St. Mark's 60th Anniversary Celebration

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

Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23

Faith Pilgrimage-E25

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2:30pm Grace in Motion-GC

4:00pm Youth Group-GC

Remember in Prayer

Recent Requests:

Ginny Baldauf

Cath Brown

Esther Huston

Mary Kasai

Sarah Kelly

Sarro Family

Iris Schindhelm

Marcy Steele

Marvin Tanner

Doris White



On-going Needs:

Susanna Aaltonen

Nancy Aldrich

Sue Bailey

Sharon Britt-Richmond

Maurice Brown

Celina Davin

Frank Davin

Jennine Jones

Olivia Jones

Agnes Lappia

Dave MacMurdo

Bob McKibben

Dorrie Moon

Bill Moore

Jimmie Poxon

George Roehr

Dick Smith

Whitmore Family

In Memory

Please extend your love and sympathy to the family and friends of Ann Thisby, 93, who recently joined St. Mark's. Ann died on September 28. Her memorial service will be next month. Please keep Marcy Steele, her daughter and their friends and family in your prayers.



Entertainment Books



The 2012 Sacramento Entertainment Books are available for \$30 in the Church Office. Proceeds from the book sales support St. Mark's Youth.

Today

Second Sunday Art Show: Jack Warren

Be sure to stop to see the Second Sunday Art Show, which opens in the gallery today. Our artist is new member, Jack Warren. His personal notes follow:

It is an honor to be invited to show my artwork again here at St. Mark's. Since my last show I have painted and studied other painters with the intent to push my style toward a more impressionist flavor. Alas, as you view my work, you may see and say he is kind of lost somewhere in between.

But at almost 76 years of age I again remember the artist Mr. Hokusai who began painting at 72, at 82 he felt he was just getting the hang of it, then at 92 he felt there was hope and when he reached 100, he had it figured out.

I must say it is challenging and when I paint something that my wonderful wife likes I get a little thrill and cannot wait to start another one. So again my wife Laura and I thank you and God bless.

Jack Calvin Warren - artist

Next Sunday, October 16

60 years of ministry—that's something to celebrate!

On Sunday, October 16, St. Mark's United Methodist Church will be celebrating its 60th birthday. You are invited to the party. The campus will be feted for the event. Special recognitions of charter members and former pastors will be made in each service. All are welcome to MacMurdo Hall after either worship service to enjoy light refreshments. Take a walk down memory lane in pictures and memorabilia. Then, look ahead to the future and help put together a time capsule to be opened on St. Mark's 70th birthday.

You might be thinking about how you could help celebrate. Gifts are always appreciated for birthdays. Consider something with a 6 and 0, like 60, 600, 6000. It could be cents, or smiles, or dollars, or prayers—all to celebrate St. Mark's ministry in Sacramento! If your gift is monetary, please place it in an envelope marked 60th birthday

If you have pictures, memorabilia or a short story about an experience you've had at St. Mark's to loan for the display, please contact Margie Shunk, rashunk@quiknet.com.

Sacramento United Methodist Union Celebrates 100 years

The Sacramento United Methodist Union formed in 1911 to help create new churches in the Sacramento area. Over the years, funds were loaned for renovating churches and for grants to youth and adults. The funds come from churches which wanted to help others and from loan repayments. St. Mark's used a SUMU loan in 1951 to help purchase our property. St. Mark's has always been grateful for that assistance and through SUMU has given a helping hand to other churches.

On Sunday, October 16, SUMU will celebrate its anniversary at Wesley UMC at 2:00pm with a program and a reception. Wesley is located at 5015 15th Ave. Cynthia Lawrence is serving as St. Mark's representative to SUMU. Please let her know at 481-3592 or celaw3592@aol.com if you plan to attend or just want to learn more about SUMU.