

United Methodist Men

St. Mark's United Methodist Men will meet on Wednesday, November 9, at 6:30pm, in Grace Café. A presentation on the current issues confronting the Sacramento Loaves & Fishes will be provided by Janet Green, Outreach Development Director and Steve Waters. A desert will be served. All men and women of the church are welcome to join us. no reservations are needed but are preferred. For more information or to make reservations please call Eric Anderson at 481-9468.



New Reading Group Forms

Are you an omnivorous, compulsive, dedicated, or casual reader? If so, the newly formed reading group (sponsored by UMW) invites you to join them for stimulating discussion, exchange of ideas, and lots of fun. Our next meeting will be Thursday, November 10, at 10:00am, in room E-24.

Members are asked (and visitors invited) to read a book of their choice in October and be ready to comment on it in November. Since the group is newly formed, our guidelines are few. However, we welcome input and hope you will find time to come and share with us.

For further information, please contact Johanna Brownell at 359-4652 or 488-4833 (leave a message).

November Blood Drive

The Blood Mobile returns next Sunday, November 6. This time they are giving a tee shirt as an incentive for donating! Call Joyce Estes, 481-0418, to reserve your spot!



United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women (UMW) will be meeting on Tuesday, November 9, in MacMurdo Hall. Come at 9:43am, to begin with coffee and fellowship, followed by our program. This month we will focus on the UMW study topics of *Joy to the World in the Age of Global Christianity*, *Haiti* and *The Journey: Forgiveness, Restorative Justice and Reconciliation*. The speakers will be UMW members who attended the School of Missions classes. There will also be Election of Officers, Special Mission Recognition and a luncheon provided by Shalom Circle. For lunch reservations call Sally J. Weinland at 489-1039. Child care is available upon request through Sally J. All church women are invited to attend.

The Executive Committee and activity group leaders meet prior to the unit meeting at 9:00 am in Room #E-5 (Library).

Do You Need a Computer Guru?

Greg Lusson, a young St. Mark's attender, will be offering free assistance to folks in our church community who have computer issues. He will offer two sessions to:

- help you create and manage e-mail accounts
- understand the "internet" and how to effectively use it
- explore Facebook
- become computer confident
- answer your questions



Sessions are: Tuesday, November 15, at 7:00pm; or Saturday, November 19, at 9:30am. Both sessions will be in Room E-25. It is suggested you bring your pc with you. Space is limited. Please call the church office, 483-7848 to reserve a time at either session.

The header for the newsletter "re: Mark's" from St. Mark's United Methodist Church. It features a background image of a city skyline. The church logo is in the top left. The title "re: Mark's" is in large white letters. Below the title, it says "Volume 5, Issue 44" and "October 30, 2011". At the bottom, it provides the church's address, phone number, and website, along with the tagline "a reconciling congregation".

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re: Mark's

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TODAY at St. Mark's

Sunday, October 30

- 9:30am **Worship Service-SA**
Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23
Faith Pilgrimage-E25
- 9:45am **Worship Band-E21**
- 11:00am **Worship Service-SA**
Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23
Jesus Seminar-E25
Quest Class-E24
Write Now-E21
- 12:30pm **Mark Study Group-PR**
Membership Class-Grace Café
- 2:00pm **Seasoned Companions-E24**
- 2:30pm **Grace in Motion-GC**
- 4:00pm **Youth Group-GC**

October Art Show: Jack Warren

Today is the last Sunday for the October Art Show. Be sure to stop to see the art of new member, Jack Warren, who says:

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.

Fall Series Continues

Today is the seventh Sunday of the fall series, *St. Mark's Way*, a community exploration of the gospel of Mark, which will continue through November 20. Have you been able to keep up with reading through the gospel of Mark? Pamphlets, with the readings and themes to assist you as you prepare for worship on Sundays, are still available in the lobby.



Peace and Justice Task Force

The Peace-Justice Task Force of St. Mark's is inviting all interested persons to discussion for possible investigation and action on the topic of large amounts of money influencing elections of state candidates. It will meet **today** from 5:00 to about 6:30pm in Room E-24. Initiating discussion will be the letter of Robert Reich, now chair of Common Cause, who has written on the subject of state elections. The Peace-Justice Task Force of St. Mark's is particularly concerned about our faith in relationship to Christian citizenship and the quality of democratic elections on behalf of the people of our nation in their states as we hear the outcry across the country.

Please note that our Coffee Fellowship has relocated to the east side of the Courtyard. Please come to enjoy coffee and fellowship after each service.



This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, October 31

Office Closed

7:00pm UMVIM Meeting-E26
7:30pm NO Home Bible Study

Tuesday, November 1

10:00am NOW Circle-E24
6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee-SR
7:00pm Bell Choir-CR
NSP Groups-E24

Wednesday, November 2

9:00am UMW Sew & Craft Group-E5
5:00pm Mark Study Group-E24
7:00pm Church Council-E26

Thursday, November 3

12:00pm Knife & Fork Group-E5
7:00pm Chancel Choir-CR
Mark Study Group-E24

Friday, November 4

7:00pm Scrabble-E24

Saturday, November 5

9:00am Friendly Visitor Training-E26
2:30pm Ruthe Henderson Memorial-SA

Sunday, November 6

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Memorial Service

The Memorial Service for Ruthe Henderson, who died on October 13, will be on Saturday, Nov. 5, at 2:30pm in the Sanctuary.

Remember in Prayer

Recent Requests:

Ginny Baldauf
Celina Davin
Frank Davin
Bill Gile
Henderson Family
Dave Hinshaw
Esther Huston
Mary Kasai
Shirley Mack
Doris Menez
Jeanette Moore
Shaney Morris
Lane Richmond
Iris Schindhelm
Marcy Steele
Trisha St. Clair
Doris White

On-going Needs:

Susanna Aaltonen
Nancy Aldrich
Sue Bailey
Maurice Brown
Jennine Jones
Olivia Jones
Agnes Lappia
Dave MacMurdo
Bob McKibben
Dorrie Moon
Jimmie Poxon
George Roehr
Dick Smith
Whitmore Family



Reaching Out in Love

Visiting the ill and the elderly has been a calling of thousands throughout the history of the Church. Have you felt that call to be a Disciple of Visitation, but worried that you lacked the knowledge or skills to be effective?

Join Pastor Alan, Faith Community Nurse Pam Taylor, and Kevin Jenkins on Saturday, Nov. 5, in Grace Café from 9:00am until 2:00pm for a workshop to help put aside those concerns. The day will include a look

at how St. Mark's tracks our shut-ins, a discussion of "confidentiality" issues, a review of church and community resources that can be tapped into, some things to note when you make a visit, and visitation safety. A lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by calling the church office, 483-7848.



Come Share in the Vision of St. Mark's

Your input is really needed!!!!

You are invited to come on Thursday, November 17, at 6:00pm to help chart the path for the year ahead. After a brief time for business, we will enjoy dinner together and a time to plan and dream, with lots of ideas, resources and round the table discussions. Please put it on your calendar and plan now to join in the vision-casting on Thursday, November 17, in MacMurdo Hall.



Sign-up for Your Church Directory Portrait!

Have you signed up for your directory portrait yet? Everyone who considers this their church home needs to be pictured in the directory.

November is the month for the portrait sittings. Several of the dates have already been filled. In fact, we've brought in an additional photographer to add more times to two of the dates. Here are the dates and times still available for portraits:

Friday,	Nov. 11,	12:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday,	Nov. 12,	9:00am-5:00pm
Friday,	Nov. 18,	8:00pm-9:00pm
Tuesday,	Nov. 22,	8:00pm-9:00pm

Each family group will receive a coupon for a free 8x10 portrait or credit towards another portrait size. All photos ordered will arrive before Christmas.

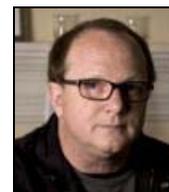


Please come to the table in the Courtyard today to schedule your appointment, or go to the church website, where you will be directed to a link to schedule online.

The directory company, Lifetouch, is partnering with us in a benevolent project, *Feed the Need*. Each family who brings a non-perishable food item in the assigned bag will receive \$5 off any portrait order. They are also donating \$1 per family photographed!

Do you have friends who would like to have a free 8 x 10 portrait? Have them sign up! Lifetouch will be happy to take their picture, and give them the complimentary 8 x 10, without being in the directory! What a great way to introduce your friends to St. Mark's! Pick up an invitation card from the table **today!**

Charlie Peacock, Master-of-all-trades: Friday, November 11, 7:30pm



Charlie Peacock, born and raised in Yuba City, spent his formative musical years in Sacramento, and now resides in Nashville. He has produced over fifty albums in the Christian and gospel music genre and founded the record company, re: think (EMI/Sparrow). He is the author of *At the Crossroads*, and *A New Way to Be Human*, as well as dozens of albums as an artist and dozens more as a music producer. He will be lecturing as well as sharing his music.

Entertainment Books

The 2012 Sacramento Entertainment Book is available on the Patio this Sunday. It also is available in the office during the week. The 2011 Book expires on November 1st so you will need the 2012 Book very soon. Books still \$30 and proceeds continue to support St. Mark's Youth Program. Call John White, 487-8714, if you have any questions.

