

Opportunity to Volunteer

Sacramento LEED (Linking Education and Economic Development) has asked me to recruit a few volunteers to help serve lunch to students attending their Career Fair event next month. For your information, LEED is a arm of the Metro Chamber of Commerce and Sacramento ACT has worked closely with LEED on a number of educational issues.

They expect to have over 10,000 students attend what they are calling the Career GPS event at Cal Expo on October 13 and 14. Volunteers are needed from 11:00am to 1:00pm to help put pizza on plates, distribute water, take tickets etc. The work will not be hard, but the service is large.

This is a good opportunity to serve and help our young people begin to get a leg up on future employment opportunities.

If any one is interested in helping out either day. Please contact Howard Lawrence. Thank you.

Celebrating 4 year Church Anniversary!
Sunday September 25, 2011

Imani Community UCC

THE BEST IS YET TO COME

"Eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, nor has it entered into the hearts of men — the wonderful things God has prepared for they that love Him!" 1 Cor. 2:9, NKJV

*Have you ever thought about taking theology classes, being a Minister, or Christian Education teacher, or a youth Pastor? Come with your questions and curious minds to "Ministry as Vocation"-Informational Meeting and Reception, Sunday, September 25th, 4:30-5:45PM, room 201.
Rev. Ann Jefferson and Rev. Nicole Naffua will share information about the exciting journey into ministry!*

SUNDAY CELEBRATION @6PM
Special Guest: City of Refuge Gospel Choir
Minister Gene Viale and Michaela Rhone, Praise Dancer



*All Events are held at Imani Community United Church of Christ
2100 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95816 [Wwww.Imaninc.org]
Join us for dinner immediately after the worship service in the Terrace Room!*

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TODAY at St. Mark's

Sunday, September 25

- 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**

Coffee Fellowship

Please note that our Coffee Fellowship has relocated to the east side of the courtyard, near the Administration Building. Please come to enjoy coffee and fellowship after each service. If you're interested in helping, contact Joanna Ballard.

Fall Series Continues



Today is the third Sunday in our 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.

Pastor Alan has also requested that every group in the church take at least five minutes at every gathering for some reflection on the gospel—this includes every committee, every fellowship group and every activity group in the church.

Everyone is invited to attend one of the several 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. Please sign up for a group on the insert enclosed in today's bulletin, and leave it at the table when you get your book. Many of the groups begin this week!

Remember in Prayer

Recent Requests:

Ginny Baldauf
Sharon Britt-Richmond
Donna Ellis' relatives,
Jerry & Renee
Virginia Jones
Mary Kasai
Sarah Kelly
Iris Schindhelm
Marvin Tanner

On-going Needs:

Susanna Aaltonen
Nancy Aldrich
Sue Bailey
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

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, September 26

Office Closed

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Offsite

Tuesday, September 27

9:45am Callexico Circle-Offsite

7:00pm Bell Choir-CR

ANKH Circle-E26

Wednesday, September 28

9:00am UMW Sew & Craft Group-E5

9:30am Hilton Group-E25

7:00pm Shalom Circle-E26

Thursday, September 29

10:00am UMW Nominations Cte-E25

2:00pm Friendly Visitors-SR

7:00pm Chancel Choir-CR

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Exploring Membership at St. Mark's

Beginning Sunday, October 9, a five-part class on Exploring Membership at St. Mark's will be offered. Pastor Alan will lead the first discussion on Living Faith and Worship. We will also explore the Methodist Quadrilateral and Preventive Grace; Methodist History and Tradition; the Social Principles; and Membership Commitments. The class will meet at 12:15pm 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. Call the church office, 483-7848. to register.

Trustees Workday Summary

On Saturday September 17, at the all-church work day, 14 people contributed nearly 80 hours of effort. They cleaned Grace Café in preparation for our Family Promise guests, who arrived the next evening; they trimmed and pruned many of our landscape plants; and they placed a decomposed granite surface layer on the new picnic area south of Grace Café. Our campus covers more than three acres, so there are always things that need attention. Please put the next work day on your calendar for November 12, when we will "clean house" just before the Advent season.



October UMW Meeting

On Saturday, October 8, at 9:30am, the United Methodist Women will gather at the Grace Café for a continental breakfast followed by a program that promises to be one of inspiration and spiritual renewal. Our speaker will be Rev. Carol Estes, who is a Kaiser Hospital Chaplain, co founder C.B.C. Productions (Creating Better Circumstances), organizer and coordinator of Spiritual Healing Workshops. This is a program you don't want to miss. UMW members who have heard Rev. Estes speak describe her as dynamic. Saturday meetings are scheduled twice a year so that women unable to attend our weekday meeting will be able to join us. No reservations are necessary, all are welcome and we especially invite newcomers to this meeting. Child care can be provided if needed by calling Sally J. Weinland, 489-1039 one week in advance. The executive board and activity group leaders will meet on Tuesday, October 11, from 9:30-11:00am in Room E-5 (Library).



Callexico Circle

Callexico Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 27, at 9:45am, at Joann Bryan's home, 966-4420. Annabelle Kenward will have the program.

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.



What's in a Name?

It has been suggested that we all wear our St. Mark's name tags to help each other in learning and remembering names. Do you know where yours is? If you don't have a name tag, or can't find the one you had, ask for one in the comment line of the teal pew pad as you register your attendance, and pick it up in the Lobby the next Sunday!

