

# *St. Mark's Messenger*

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## **DEAR FRIENDS OF ST. MARK'S,**

The Sunday of the Super Bowl is the first holiday in February (not counting Groundhogs' Day, which doesn't have much celebration attached, especially for groundhogs).

Super Bowl Sunday is not formal or official, but it is very much a holiday. Even people who don't care for football anticipate the day. Perhaps they make plans for parties and activities around the afternoon game. They may have family members who are devoted to the game, and they are going along for the ride. Also, it's no secret that it's an especially good time to shop, eat out, or go to the movies. Or go to church! There are fewer crowds and less hassle.

There are many reasons we need these big events and holidays in our lives. Some are practical—we just need something different to do or think about or simply as a break in our routine or to provide perspective or to mark the passage of time—another year has gone by!

On this first Sunday in February, when the playing of the football championship dominates the culture, we will first gather to share communion, remembering who we are as a community—a community that lives into the power, promises, and protection of God. If you wonder what that means, read the poetic portrait in Isaiah 40:21-31 (“Have you not known, have you not heard?”).

After church, we will look out and reach out as Jack Carpenter and Brad Cannon lead a conversation on the issue of homelessness in San Diego.

As an architect and active participant in community planning, Jack brings significant experience and deep knowledge of housing issues.

Brad is president of the Community Christian Service Agency and has years of practical, hands-on experience in dealing with the needs of homeless persons, and those who just can't make ends meet without help. The number of persons coming to CCSA for help continues to grow, and one reason is the fast-increasing cost of housing.

This will be an informative and important conversation—if you can spend a little extra time at church this Sunday, you'll be glad you did! Also, this will be a special opportunity to contribute to CCSA—we call it “Souper Bowl Sunday,” and invite you to bring to church one or more cans of soup to donate.

We are less than two weeks from the start of Lent, leading to Holy Week and Easter. The dates for Lent are interesting this year—the season begins on on Ash Wednesday, February 14, which is also Valentine's Day, and ends on Easter Sunday, April 1, which is also April Fools' Day. This is just a coincidence, but it provides great fodder for inspiring conversation!

During Lent, you're invited to join Rev. Jeanette for a weekly prayer exercise, on Wednesday mornings at 10. Also, on Thursdays at 1 p.m., I will be leading a discussion group about the most-prolific writer in the New Testament entitled “The Challenge of Paul.” Plan to participate in a small group!

See you in church!

*Craig*

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

8:30 AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR  
9:30 AM Church /Sanc  
11:00 AM Homeless Discussion/SH  
12:00 PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc

### PASTOR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Begins at 8:30 a.m. in the New Room. Everyone is invited. Child care is available.* Below are the lectionary readings for this week:

*Isaiah 40:21-31*

*Psalms 14:1-111*

*1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

*Mark 1:29-39*

### CONVERSATION ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

You are invited to a conversation after church this Sunday, February 4, at 11 a.m. in the Social Hall. This will be an open discussion on homelessness. Brad Cannon will share insight on how the Christian Community Service Agency is responding to homelessness particularly in Pacific Beach. Topics included are: How is homelessness affecting our community? The impact of the housing crisis; People living in cars; What progress has the City made? Everyone is invited to this open discussion. Please come and share in the conversation with your concerns and ideas.

### SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

This Sunday, February 4, you can help Community Christian Service Agency restock their shelves by bringing canned food to church. Just drop an extra can or two in your cart when you do your weekly shopping, then bring them with you to church and drop them off at the table on the patio before church. We need everyone's help to meet the needs of our neighbors.

### SERMON VIDEO AVAILABLE

Video of each Sunday's sermon is available via St. Mark's website. Please visit: [stmarksumcsd.org/sermons](http://stmarksumcsd.org/sermons) or our YouTube channel: [stmarksumcsd.org/youtube](http://stmarksumcsd.org/youtube).

## SAVE THE DATE: FEB. 18 POTLUCK & BIRTHDAY-IN-A-BOX VOLUNTEER EVENT

Please save the date of Sunday, February 18, from 11- noon, for a Mad Hatter Tea Party potluck and youth-led service project in the Social Hall. Hats encouraged! St. Mark's teens Diana and Livia invite you to help decorate cards and assemble birthday items into boxes. Meals on Wheels volunteers will then take the boxes to our homebound San Diego neighbors on their birthdays. Supplies provided. If you'd like to sponsor a box, donations of \$10 gladly accepted at the event.

### WHAT WOULD JESUS BREW?

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 4 PM AT DEFT BREWING

You are invited to a casual St. Mark's outreach gathering at Deft Brewing on Sunday, February 18 at 4 p.m. Dos Bandidos, a gourmet food truck serving upscale Mexican food, will be there if you'd like to order an early dinner. Deft Brewing is owned and operated by St. Mark's member Morris Nuspl, with the support of his wife, Robin, and son, Elias. Deft is located at 5328 Banks St. (off of Sherman Street.) Join Rev. Craig, Rev. Jeri, Kris Nieder, and Kirk Hinkleman. Kids are welcome, and we will provide juice boxes. Let's take the spirit of St. Mark's into the community, with some good beer, good fellowship, and good times.

### LENTEN ART SHOW ANNOUNCED

St. Mark's UMC, San Diego invites all artists to enter its 55th annual Lenten Art Show, which has the theme "In the Beginning." Art work will be accepted for judging on Friday, February 16, 5-7 p.m. and Saturday, February 17, 9 a.m. to noon. Judging by artist and teacher Elaine Harvey will occur Saturday afternoon. To ask questions or to receive the prospectus with entry fees and complete show details, please email [judyedel8@gmail.com](mailto:judyedel8@gmail.com).

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, January 28, was 141.

## IN OUR PRAYERS

When we became part of the United Methodist Church, we made a commitment to ourselves to support the Church by “our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.” **Please keep the following people and their loved ones in prayer:**

- ♥ *Dave & Sandy Plutchak*
- ♥ *Jim and Linda Hill*
- ♥ *Vera Thaxton*
- ♥ *Tina Guevara*
- ♥ *Don Hess*
- ♥ *Ken Murphy*
- ♥ *Manual Guevara*
- ♥ *Al Johannesen*
- ♥ *Sylvia Dismukes*
- ♥ *Jackie Chamberlain*
- ♥ *John Fletcher*
- ♥ *Floyd Murphy*
- ♥ *Erin Riechman*
- ♥ *Dolores Hall*
- ♥ *Mitch and Marisa Boyer*
- ♥ *Gordon & Tricia Martin*  
*and our military personnel, including:*
- ♡ *Kris Brendal, Army*
- ♡ *Robert S. Chisholm, Navy*
- ♡ *Craig Clemans, Marines*
- ♡ *Paul Clemans, Air Force*
- ♡ *Blake Cross, Navy*
- ♡ *Samuel England, Navy*
- ♡ *Lenny Hezelett, Navy*
- ♡ *Amanda Hoadley, Navy*
- ♡ *Michael Hunter, Navy*
- ♡ *Brady Jackson, Army*
- ♡ *Jeremy Munson, Navy*

## YOUTH SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION OPEN!

An incredibly fun, transformative and fulfilling experience, youth summer camps are ready for registration. Four different camps for younger elementary, older elementary, middle school and high school students are available in June and July of this year at Camp Cedar Glen. A beautiful place in Julian full of green trees and where there are more stars than open sky at night. Learn more and sign up your youth at [campcedarglen.org](http://campcedarglen.org). Camp costs \$445 for the three older groups. Scholarships (camperships) are available through the conference on the registration form and through St. Mark's so don't let cost prevent you from experiencing the joy of camp!

## SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 17

“Rail Fence,” “Log Cabin,” and “Churn Dash” are names of quilt patterns which represent a time in our history when these were very familiar things. Quilters still use these patterns today, plus a lot of new ones. On Saturday, March 17 you will have an opportunity to view many quilts, both old and new, as St. Mark's United Methodist Women present their ninth biannual quilt show in the Social Hall.

If you have quilted items you are willing to share for the show, you will find entry forms in the library for you to use to inform the planning committee about those items. In addition to beautiful quilts, many made by St. Mark's people, there will be vendors on the patio offering a variety of craft items for sale. More information about the show will be printed in coming issues of *The Messenger*.

## UPDATE: CAL-PAC RESPONDING TO FIRES AND MUDSLIDE

Representatives of the California-Pacific Conference have been present at meetings in different locations near disaster areas for the past few weeks, organizing to respond with a number of different organizations inside and outside of the church. These meetings have resulted in the following updates:

Donations can be made to the [Cal-Pac Disaster Response Advance #24000](http://www.calpacumc.org/news/update-cal-pac-responding-fires-mudslide/) by check or online at: (<http://www.calpacumc.org/news/update-cal-pac-responding-fires-mudslide/>).

Housing – A local church in the North District and another in the South District have volunteered to house Early Response Team and UMVIM Team members during their work

Office Space – A local church in the South District has offered their church facility as office space for volunteer management and case management.

Translators – Spanish speaking persons might be needed for assisting persons in completing forms for assistance from FEMA.

For questions or concerns regarding the calendar, please contact Malinda Whiteley, 858-273-1480

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