

St. Mark's Messenger

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

This past weekend I was talking with a clergy friend who asked me what good things happened at St. Mark's this past year. I paused for a moment and reflected on so many things we celebrated: working with International Relief Teams to build a school in Tijuana, our Youth and Adult art shows, the Preschool Annual Carnival, our annual Yard Sale, the expanded Living Nativity and Marketplace, hiring our Minister of Visitation, and so many more exciting events. But after giving it more thought I realized that there were a lot of behind the scene events that occurred and are of great significance; events that may have gone unnoticed by some.

Each of these projects required the organization of time and contractors by our trustees, office staff, and the Capital Campaign committee. I'd like to thank the Trustees, ministry leaders, and the Capital Campaign Committee, especially Jack Carpenter, Bill Williams, and Bob Hout, who spent long hours planning, communicating, tracking, and overseeing the work to fabricate and replace the education building stairs, replace the glass in the Social Hall doors, hang new gutters on the Social Hall, upgrade the heating and AC in the church office, expand our campus security cameras, provide a new system for the hearing impaired in our Sanctuary, repair and improve the organ console, as well as provide additional handrails and an automatic door opener for the office. Each of these, as well as other smaller projects, involved making accommodations for our staff and various community ministries to continue their work during the many construction phases.

This past year we have witnessed the fact that in our giving we receive as we continue to preserve our heritage and prepare for our future through many projects. I invite you to take a moment and give thanks for all we have accomplished and the people who helped to bring each event and project to fruition. Every project and act of ministry was done because of the vision, faithful work, and financial giving of many people. But we are not done; 2018 brings another year of offering wonderful community events and coordinated changes to our campus as we move forward with upgrades to our landscaping and our buildings. More information on the changes and ministry opportunities will be shared as they begin to emerge.

Happy New Year!

Jeri

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. The office will re-open Tuesday, January 16.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018

7:30 AM Pancake Breakfast/SH
8:30 AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
9:30 AM Church /Sanc
12:00 PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc
4:30 PM Concert/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:

*1 Samuel 3:1-10
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51*

SPECIAL OFFERING THIS SUNDAY

Human Relations Day is this Sunday January 14, a day to support the ministry of Christ among those on the margins. Thousands of United Methodist communities will come together to receive a special offering that will be used to nurture at-risk youth, strengthen communities' self-improvement efforts and advocate for the oppressed. Over and over Jesus served those on the margins, embracing them. And that's what we want to model as the people of The United Methodist Church. This special offering calls on all of us to continue the ministry of Jesus by helping all God's children to realize their potential. Please give as generously as you are able.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR JANUARY 2018

The deadline for scholarship applications has been extended to this Sunday, January 14. College scholarship applications are available now in the church office. Please complete and return your scholarship applications soon. The committee will meet in January to award scholarships for the 2018 year.

FREE PANCAKES, FREE FELLOWSHIP

This Sunday bring your family and friends and enjoy free delicious pancakes with all the trimmings before church. Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m., in the Social Hall. Come for the food, stay for the fellowship. All are invited!

CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir will sing in concert this Sunday, January 14, at 4:30 p.m. The choir carries on the tradition of music that played an important role in America's Civil Rights Movement. Through their talents the choir fulfills their mission to raise funds for educational grants to give to San Diego County high school seniors pursuing a college degree in visual or performing arts. Following the concert a reception will be held in the Social Hall to meet and greet members of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Choir. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK: MINDFUL COMMUNICATION FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

All 6th-12th graders are invited to a free five-week course introducing mindful communication skills for stronger, calmer connections with family and friends. Classes are Wednesdays, from 6-7:30 p.m., January 17-February 14, in Rms. 9 and 10 at St. Mark's. Please register with Kris Nieder at Kris@StMarksUMCSD.org or by calling the church office at 858-273-1480.

TNT OUTING JANUARY 24 AT 10 A.M.

The TNT social group is planning to visit the Old Town Model Railroad Depot located at 2415 San Diego Ave Ste 107 on January 24. A docent will lead the group. There is a five dollar requested donation. Following the visit the group will go next door for lunch at The Cafe Coyote at 11 a.m. Please RSVP to Dorothy Kay by January 19 by calling 619-994-0865.

The group will meet in the North parking lot at St. Mark's at 9:30 a.m. for those who would like to carpool. There is 2 hr free parking in the restaurant. Or you can park on the street or there are a few \$5 parking lots available. Take I-5 south to Old Town Ave exit. Then turn left and go to Congress St. for parking.

MEALS FOR TEENS AT STOREFRONT

St. Mark's provides dinner on the fourth Monday of each month to Storefront, which supports homeless youth in the Hillcrest area. A meal is delivered to Storefront at 6 p.m. and the group delivering the meal can choose to stay and eat with the people there or set out the meal and leave. The sign-up sheet is on the announcement board in the church office. When signing up please be sure to provide the name of persons or group delivering the meal as well as a contact phone number. please contact Hope Coleman at 619-275-0603 for more information.

2018 Storefront dates are:

January 22	February 26
March 26	April 23
*May 28	*June 25
*July 23	*August 27
September 24	*October 22
*November 26	*December 24

Months with the * still need volunteers.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

As a caring community, St. Mark's has a confidential index of those people you would like to be contacted in case of an emergency. If you would like to have this information on file, please identify the person you would like us to contact, their phone number, and their email address. You may put this information on the back of your attendance card, come into the church office and update your information or email the information to smumcsdoffice@gmail.com.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

It is a new year and comes with it new resolutions to maintain a healthier lifestyle. Be sure to stop by the Social Hall on Sunday, January 28 after church to get your blood pressure checked. The monthly blood pressure screening usually happens in the New Room. You are encouraged to take advantage of this free, convenient, and ongoing Blood Pressure Screening Service! "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

BE ON THE LOOKOUT

2017 Giving Statements will be available on the church patio by the end of the month. Please be sure to stop by and pick yours up as soon as they become available.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers are a wonderful way to honor a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. There are several dates for the remainder of the year that no one has ordered flowers for the altar or lectern. Please be sure to stop by the church office to place an order

The cost for a basic arrangement is \$45, and a rose arrangement is \$50. It is preferable that payment for flowers be made at the time the order is placed. If you have any questions, please contact Malinda in the church office.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, IS UMW SUNDAY

UMW Sunday presents the opportunity for all the women of St. Mark's to become familiar with the purpose and program of the United Methodist Women (UMW). During the church service, at a time set aside, the 2017 Leadership Team will be installed. Information displays will be available on the patio to explain the work and mission of UMW. All women are invited to a potluck lunch in the Social Hall at 11 a.m. Look for women wearing red they will be happy to talk about this terrific group.

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:**

- ♥ *Marion Deitzler & Family*
- ♥ *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*
- ♡ *Milo Riegle, Marines*
- ♡ *Nathan Streeter, Army*

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, January 7, was 145.

HABITAT BUILD: FEBRUARY 9 & 10

The UMC Churches of the South District are partnering with Habitat for Humanity for a 2-day build and fundraiser. All churches are invited to participate in this connectional opportunity to serve those in need in San Diego. More information is available in the church office.

WOMEN BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATE

Please SAVE the date for the 2018 Annual Women's Retreat!! It will be held May 18 to 20, 2018 at Pine Valley Conference Center. Our leader will be Virginia Brown again this year. More to come and sign-ups will begin in late March.

HALLELUJAH CHIMES

Has your kid ever want to play with the Hallelujah chimes when they play in church? Well we are calling all kids in grades 2nd through 6th grade who want to learn how to play. The Hallelujah Chimes will be starting on January 18th for the rest of the school year. Chimes meet Thursday nights from 5:20 to 6 p.m., right after Hallelujah choir in the Social Hall. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Christina Peer at christina.mugg@gmail.com or (858) 722-3618.

COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED IN 2018

Do you enjoy meeting new people? If so, you may like hosting the coffee table on Sunday mornings after church. You are welcome to sign up anytime in the church office. For more information, please feel free to contact Sandi Johnson at 858-278-8833.

No baking required. *However, if you like to bake but don't want to host coffee table, please call the church office and we can get you details on how to do that as well!*

LET US KNOW!

Picture-taking and video recording are frequently done during church events. Some of those pictures may be published in our church publications, slideshows, on our website, or on our social media pages. If you do not wish to have your picture published, please let an usher know, or contact the church office by phone or email.

SERMON VIDEO AVAILABLE

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