

ST MARK'S PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to join the 95 families who participate in the St Mark's prayer chain via email. Prayer requests will be sent to you via an email account you provide; you will not be asked to do anything other than offer your private prayers for requests you receive. To participate, please send your email address to Donna Newby, donewby@san.rr.com.

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:**

- ♥ *Marge Suess*
- ♥ *Ron Hess*
- ♥ *Becky Frank*
- ♥ *Darwin Longenecker*
- ♥ *Rebena Land*
- ♥ *Carlyn Djie*
- ♥ *Al Johannesen*
- ♥ *John Jennings*
- ♥ *Sylvia Dismukes*
- ♥ *Jackie Chamberlain*
- ♥ *John Fletcher*
- ♥ *Floyd Murphy*
- ♥ *Erin Riechman*
- ♥ *Dolores Hall*
- ♥ *Mitch and Marisa Boyer*
- ♥ *Gordon & Tricia Martin*
- ♥ *Forrest Sedgwick*

and our military personnel, including:

- ♡ *Kris Brendal, Army*
- ♡ *Robert S. Chisholm, Navy*
- ♡ *Craig Clemans, Marines*
- ♡ *Paul Clemans, Air Force*
- ♡ *Blake Cross, Navy*
- ♡ *Brandon (Dempster) Lewis, 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*

DO YOU ENJOY COFFEE TIME AT CHURCH?

Coffee time is a wonderful time to gather and fellowship after church. St. Mark's provides the coffee and condiments and volunteers provide the service. There is a need for coffee servers during October, November and December. There are many benefits to serving coffee on Sunday mornings. Not only is it fun but you get to meet and greet people as you serve. If you would like to get more information about this opportunity, please contact Sandi Johnson at 858-278-8833 or you can sign up in the church office.

DIGITAL ART SHOW

The 14th annual St. Mark's Digital Art and Photography Show will receive printed entries that have a wire and are ready to hang on Friday, October 13, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday October 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Each artist may submit up to three works on the theme "In the Beginning," Entries should be viewable by persons of all ages, and they will hang in the sanctuary of St. Mark's United Methodist Church. There will be three cash prizes of \$125, \$100, and \$75 awarded by the judge Randall Cornish. The show will be open to the general public Saturdays, October 21, 28, November 4 and 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. Awards Ceremony will be Saturday, October 21, at 3 p.m. in the St. Mark's sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Social Hall. To receive a prospectus with complete show details, please visit the church website at stmarksumcsd.org.

SERMON VIDEO AVAILABLE

Video of each Sunday's sermon is available online via St. Mark's website stmarksumcsd.org/sermons or on YouTube.

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.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

As I write this, the tragic shooting on Sunday night in Las Vegas is dominating conversations in the media and online. This event is very disturbing to many of us, because we see the capacity of one man to kill or wound hundreds of people in just minutes. It is reported that among the weapons he used was at least one fully automatic rifle. But whatever the exact nature of his weapons, their murderous and destructive power was made very clear for all the world to see. Fifty-nine people were killed and 500 were hurt. It is called the most-deadly mass shooting in American history.

Thanks to technological advances, we have developed many extremely effective and efficient ways of killing each other. Narjas Zata, writing in *The Independent* several months ago, noted that if all the 14,000 nuclear warheads in the world were detonated at once, between 50 and 90 per cent of the world's population would die either instantly or from radiation sickness in the months following. Those who were left would face years of thick cloud cover that would likely stop photosynthesis thus causing plants to die off. And that break in the food chain could mean the end of human life.

Just as we have the power to indulge the sin of escalatory violence, we also have the power to resist it. One person can make a saving difference--no matter who they are or where they are. A Soviet military officer once resisted this sin and may have saved millions of lives.

The Christian Science Monitor reported in its October 2 issue that in the early hours of September 26, 1983, Stanislav Petrov was on duty when "a Soviet early warning system indicated that five Minuteman missiles had been launched by the United States toward the USSR. Knowing that if he reported the news up the chain of command his superiors would almost certainly follow protocol and launch a counterstrike, Mr. Petrov chose to treat it as a false alarm.

"Both his training and his intuition told him that something was not right, he said. For one thing, a US attack would be overwhelming, not five missiles. He was right. The alarm had been tripped by a satellite mistaking the sun's reflection off the clouds for missile launches.

"Mr. Petrov, who retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel, died May 19 in a Moscow suburb. His death, and his significance, were not widely reported at the time."

Technology continues to get better in all aspects of our lives, including how efficiently and effectively we can kill each other. This means it is virtually certain that we will see a killing spree more deadly than the one in Las Vegas. It might be days, months, or years from now, but we will see one.

For those of us who follow a non-violent Jesus who said, "blessed are the peacemakers," what are we to do? Can we stop the never-ending escalation of violence? If we are in prayer following the Las Vegas tragedy, what is God telling us to do? Nothing?

Craig

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

8:30 AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
9:30 AM Church /Sanc
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:

Exodus 21:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalms 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, October 1 was 179 in church.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

All are invited to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast this Sunday in the Social Hall before church (7:45 to 9:15). Be sure to invite a friend, neighbor or a complete stranger to come and enjoy one of the many benefits of being a part of St. Mark's.



It's a full youth room at St. Mark's on Wednesday nights! Fourteen students from eight schools are signed up for our first class series on personal wellness.

TIJUANA BUILD

Feeling frustrated about all the needs for hurricane relief? You can make a lasting difference in children's lives right here in our sister city Tijuana. A team from St. Mark's is heading back to build another school room in Tijuana on October 21. We will be building walls, some roofing, some painting, and some insulation and drywall--there will be plenty to do. Passport cards are not required but those with passport cards will be able to carpool in the faster lanes coming back--so it is strongly suggested that we have them. If you'd like to find out more, make a note on your Sunday attendance card or email (smumcsdoffice@gmail.com) or call (858-273-1480) the church office.

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

In response to hurricanes Irma, Maria, and the earthquake in Mexico, St. Mark's will be collecting donations for relief kits for UMCOR. These kits will include cleaning materials and hygiene kits. For information on what the kits contain please go on the UMCOR website <http://www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies/Kits>.

To donate please look for the orange Home Depot buckets in the church and on the patio. Or you can make your tax deductible check payable to St. Mark's and identify it with UMCOR on the bottom.

We will be packing these supplies at St. Mark's on Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. Everyone is invited to participate.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please be sure to complete an attendance card on Sunday morning with your complete contact information for you and your entire household members so the church office can update the church directory. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

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

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