

Happy 100th Birthday, Eloise! Eloise Means will be celebrating her 100th birthday on February 28. She does not feel up to a party celebration, but we can celebrate with a birthday card shower! Please mail cards to Eloise Means, 3159 Driscoll Dr., San Diego, CA 92117. Thank you!



Dinner & Love Songs

Sunday, February 24
4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
St. Mark's UMC
Social Hall

Catered dinner
by Tricia, Roger & chefs!
Live music!

Tickets:
\$20 for adults 15+
\$10 for children 14 & under
\$60 family of four or more
Available on patio after church.

Our Luscious Menu.....

- Garden Salad with Fresh Lemon & Herb Vinaigrette. Rolls & Butter.
- Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs served with Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Fresh Green Beans, and Baby Carrots with Tops
- New York Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce.

New City Sinfonia-French Flair

New City Sinfonia, a 40-member orchestra under the direction of Dan Ratelle, will perform at St. Mark's on **Sunday, March 3, at 4:30 p.m.** They will feature music with a French flair by Saint-Saëns, Offenbach and Fauré.

Please invite your family and friends. There will be a reception following the concert to meet and greet members of the orchestra and their director.



Look Who's New on Our Staff!

We're pleased to welcome two new faces to the St. Mark's staff:

Connie Eitzen has been the awesome unofficial accompanist for the Children's choir for some time and now has accepted the position on a permanent basis.

David Fuller brings his experience in facility maintenance to join the staff as our part-time maintenance engineer, filling a long-time need we've had at St. Mark's.

Connie and David, thank you for your commitment to making St. Mark's a better place for everyone. We're glad you're here!

2019 Women's Retreat

The **Annual St. Mark's Women's Retreat** is set for the weekend of March 22-24th, and we are looking forward to having **YOU** join us.

The Theme this year is **Elevate Your Joy and Purpose** and our leader will be Rev. Lydia. Sign-ups and more info are available on the patio after Church. You may also register by emailing Rev. Lydia at Lydia@stmarksumcsd.org.



RISE AGAINST HUNGER (RAH) March 10, 2019

St. Mark's is partnering with RAH to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-changing aid to the world's most vulnerable and creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.

On Sunday, March 10, you are invited to help package 10,152 meals in about 2 hours here in our Social Hall. This event is joyful, intergenerational, and each meal costs about \$2.95 for a total of \$3,450. St. Mark's will also be accepting financial donations towards this project.

Lilyn FitzMaurice will be taking sign-ups on the patio starting Feb. 17. This will be a great way to begin the Lenten season.

Check out <https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>

Free Workshop Thurs. Mar. 7, 11:30am-1pm How to Thrive in Retirement

Lunch provided - RSVP to Rev. Jeri at Jeri@stmarksumcsd.org or 858-273-1480.

Join Certified Financial Planners, Tony Truong and Guy Ellison as they turn anticipation into action by assessing your retirement income sources and help you discover tips to maximize



your Social Security benefits. This session is offered as part of two-part series offered to the community. The second event is Thurs, March 21, 11:30am – 1pm: Covering your legacy to family, church, and charity.

Celebrating 65 Years of St. Mark's: Flights of Faith

Well, this celebration won't break the bank, so bring your cash: Sloppy Joes, slaw, chips, and dessert all at 1950s prices. This is not a fundraiser, it's a ruckus-raiser and you're invited.

Meet at the airport cafe after church, **Sunday, March 17**. Then make your way to the airport control tower, planes on the runway. Balsa flyers for everyone. Make your reservation in the courtyard on Sundays or in the church office through the week. Don't miss the flyin' fun!

Beauty Revealed: March 10-April 20

The 56th annual Lenten Art Show is March 10-April 21, 2019 on the theme of Beauty Revealed. Artists may enter up to 3 works on Friday, March 8, 5:30-7:00pm or Saturday, March 9, 9:00am-noon. Juror Thia Nevius will select the works to be in the show and award 3 cash prizes.

Find complete details of the show or download the prospectus at www.stmarksumcsd.org/current-events/art-shows.

The awards ceremony will be Saturday, March 16, at 3pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow. The show is open for free public viewing 1:00-5:00pm on Saturdays March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13, 20. To see the show outside these hours call the church office, 858-273-1480.

Habitat for Humanity: March 1-2, 2019



Habitat for Humanity and the South District are partnering for the second year for a United Methodist Coalition Build. You are invited to join Rev. Jeri and register to help work on Habitat's Faith Coalition House on March 1st and 2nd. Spaces are limited and participants need to register online. <https://www.sandiegohabitat.org/>

If you are unable to join the build but want to help, you are invited to help provide building supplies. St. Mark's is providing 4 buckets of materials for the home builds. Financial donations in any amount are appreciated. Make checks out to St. Mark's UMC. Put HFH in the memo line.

Lay Servant BASIC Course Offered at St. Mark's March 1 & 2

The Lay Servant BASIC Course is the first step to lay servant, lay speaker, and lay minister. Advance courses follow. But why take courses when you are already serving the church? Education keeps our brains revving and brings new insight to the work we're doing now.

All churches in the South District are invited to participate and you may register at southdistrict@calpacumc.org. For more information, connect with the course instructor, Karen at kwscanlon@gmail.com or call 858 583-4992. The course meets in the St. Mark's social hall, Friday evening, March 1 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, and Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

In Our Prayers

- ♥ Forrest Sedgwick
- ♥ Phyllis Drewett
- ♥ Sherry Forrest
- ♥ Vera Morrison
- ♥ Al Johannesen

Our military personnel:

- ♥ Brook Bossen, Coast Guard
- ♥ 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
- ♥ Casper Stalnaker, Navy
- ♥ Nathan Streeter, Army
- ♥ Robert Tarango, Navy
- ♥ Dylan Weitzman, Army



You are invited to 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 email Donna Newby at donewby@san.rr.com.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Sunday Morning Hospitality

Help Needed: Volunteers needed for serving coffee on Sunday mornings. Please call Sandy Johnson at 858-278-8833 for details or sign up in the church office. Thank you!

Front Desk Help Needed:

Monday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and every other Wednesday from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM. For more information contact Michelle in the office at 858-273-1480.



There is more information on our website and in the email Messenger? If you don't want to miss a thing, subscribe to the email Messenger at www.stmarksumcsd.org.

Pastor's Sunday

In Pastor's Sunday School we study the lectionary texts which follow the church calendar. For Sunday, February 24:

- Genesis 45:3-11, 15
- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- Luke 6:27-38

It's an informal study, **always open to all**, at 8:30 AM in the New Room.



Next Week @ A Glance

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Lenten Art Show Offering

- 8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
- 9:30AM Service/Sanc
- 10:45AM Blood Pressure Scrn/NR
- 11:00AM Landscape Presentation/SH
- 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc
- 4:00PM Dinner & Love Songs/SH

Monday, February 25, 2019

- 1:00PM Almost Everything/NR
- 6:00PM Carillon Bells/SH
- 6:45PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

Tuesday, February 26, 2019

- 5:30PM Education Mtg./Lib
- 6:30PM Discover Your Calling/NR
- 7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9
- 7:30PM Trustees Mtg/Lib

Wednesday, February 27, 2019

- 3:30PM UMW Exec. Mtg./Lib
- 5:30PM Bible Study/NR
- 6:00PM Glory Ringers/SH

Thursday, February 28, 2019

- 12:00PM Midday Mindfulness/NR
- 4:15PM Cherub Choir/CR
- 5:20PM Hallelujah Chimes/SH
- 7:00PM Chancel Choir/CR
- 7:00PM Boy Scouts/SH
- 7:15PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

Friday, March 1, 2019

- 5:00PM Lay Servant Course/SH

Saturday, March 2, 2019

- 8:00AM Lay Servant Course/SH

Sunday, March 3, 2019

- 8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
- 9:30AM Service & Communion/Sanc
- 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc
- 4:30PM New City Sinfonia/Sanc & SH

CR=Choir Room **Sanc=Sanctuary**
Lib=Library **SH=Social Hall**
NR=New Room

***If you have any questions about or would like to add an event to the church calendar, please contact the church office at 858-273-1480 or by email at office@stmarksumcsd.org.**

St. Mark's Messenger

February 19, 2019



Rev. Craig Dorval
Senior Minister

Sunday, February 24, 2019

9:30 AM Service
Rev. Craig

Child Care, Room 1

Sunday School
Rooms 6, 8 & 10



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17
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Keeping In Touch

As most of you know, I am retiring from the active ministry at the end of June. At that time, Rev. Lydia Sohn will take over as your senior minister. I know those of you who have spent time with her have found her to be a gracious and fun pastoral presence and a creative and insightful leader with a clear-eyed understanding of the challenges facing the church.

Rev. Lydia has been focusing on developing relationships with young adults and parents in our church and in our community. Over the last several months, you may have noticed some new faces in church on Sunday morning. Many of our visitors are coming because of contact with Rev. Lydia. In addition to this, she has generated considerable interest in social groups and classes aimed at those under 40 years old.

Through the efforts of Rev. Lydia and our Director of Youth and Intergenerational Ministries Kris Nieder, we are now in regular contact with 110 young adults and parents of youth and children.

It is very gratifying to see this renewed interest in St. Mark's, and I fully expect it will continue to grow in coming months and years with Rev. Lydia at the helm. This is not just because of what she is doing, but also because of the example she sets for all of us of how to think about church in a new way. I am more hopeful for the future of the United Methodist Church than at any time since I was ordained 24 years ago.

If you're not already in a discussion or fellowship group at St. Mark's, now is a good time to sign up! I encourage you to take advantage of one of the small groups that are forming now, and meeting at various times through the season of Lent, which begins in two weeks. Information is in this edition of *The Messenger*.

The St. Mark's board of trustees has spent more than a year developing a very attractive and efficient landscaping plan for the church. A big thanks to trustee Jack Carpenter and to plant expert Tim Higgins who have worked with a landscape architect to carefully and thoughtfully review our entire church campus and come up with a comprehensive design.

The landscape architect will be sharing the details of the plan soon—most likely on a Sunday after church. Stay tuned.

This Sunday afternoon at 4, the choir invites you to a fundraising event in the social hall featuring two of our favorite things—food and music! In a belated nod to Valentine's Day, the event is called "Dinner and Love Songs." I hope to see you there!

See you in church!

Craig