**LGBTQIA Questions?**

Generate of stewards of St. Mark’s. Come fly with us into the next am. Get your sloppy Joe lunch with all its fixings at miss the celebration on Sunday, March 17 at 11:00 who called St. Mark’s “my church” since 1954. Don’t see how it resembles a place of worship? And it Have you ever really looked at the Social Hall to Fly into the future generation of stewards of St. Mark’s.**

**Celebrating 65 Years of St. Mark’s: Flights of Faith**

Have you ever really looked at the Social Hall to see how it resembles a place of worship? And it was our sanctuary when we left the airport cafe. Where? Our community is loving for all. Compassion, and empathy for LGBTQIA folks so why? To increase the understanding, compassion, and empathy for LGBTQIA folks so our community is loving for all. Why? Room 10

Young People’s Ministry Offering February 10

This special offering is a request of the California Pacific Annual Conference. The funds collected are used for programs and projects throughout the Conference that support youth and young adults in their Christian walk, to nurture their faith development, to equip young leaders, and to empower young people as world-changing disciples of Jesus Christ.

LGBTQIA Questions?

Join Dr. Colette Lord and Rev. Jeri Who? Anyone wanting to understand the LGBTQIA community What? Dr. Colette Lord will answer questions about gender identity and what it means to be transgender or non-binary. When? Third Monday of each month, 6-7 PM January 21 –June 17, 2019

NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 18

Why? To increase the understanding, compassion, and empathy for LGBTQIA folks so our community is loving for all.

Where? Room. 10

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!

**St. Mark’s Book Club**

The January book selection for St. Mark’s Book Club is “Can’t Wait To Get To Heaven” by Fanny Flagg. We’ll meet on Friday, Feb 8th, 10:00 a.m. for fellowship and discussion at Joy Lewis’ home: 4904 Mt. Hay Dr, San Diego. Everyone welcome.

**Landscape Plan:**

**Presentation on Feb. 10**

As you probably know the Coral trees in the front of the church are damaging their planters and must be replaced. Since the removal of the trees will damage the surrounding plantings in front of the Sanctuary, the Trustees have elected to re-landscape the entire front of the church. This will be funded by your Capital Campaign.

We have retained the services of Landscape Architect David McCullough to design our new landscape plan. This will make an important change to the appearance of our Church.

You won’t want to miss the Presentation in the Social Hall at 11:00 AM Sunday the 10th of February.

**Beauty Revealed: March 10-April 20**

St. Mark’s will hold their 56th annual Lenten Art Show March 10-April 21, 2019 on the theme of “Beauty Revealed.” Artists may enter up to 3 works in the show Friday, March 8, 5:30-7:00pm or Saturday, March 9, 9:00am-noon. Juror Thia Nevis will select the works that will be in the show and award 3 cash prizes of $500, $350, and $200.

To receive complete details of the show, download the prospectus at www.stmarksucsd.org/current-events/art-shows or call the church office at 858-273-1480.

The awards ceremony will be Saturday, March 16, at 3pm in the sanctuary with a reception to follow in the social hall. The show will be 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.

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

This BASIC course is being offered through the South District for all people looking to serve the church as a Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, or Lay Minister. And this is the first step. You may register on line for the BASIC Lay Servant course that takes place Friday evening, March 1 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm and all day Saturday, March 2. For more information connect with Karen Scanlon at kwsclanlon@gmail.com or by calling 858 583-4992.

You may ask, why take courses when I’m already serving my church? To this, Karen says, “Education is a gift to ourselves. This is a playful way to broaden our scope of service and keep our brains revving. I like learning and spending time with new people who bring new perspectives on faith.”

**2019 Women’s Retreat**

The Annual St. Mark’s Women’s Retreat is set for the weekend of March 22-24*, 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 will begin and more information about the event will available on the patio after Church starting on 2/17/19. Questions, please reach out to Millie McKibbin or Jan Hess.

**Come sneak a peak at a real Model T Ford this Thursday, February 7 at noon.**

A friend of St. Mark’s is bringing his for photographs and preschool show & tell as part of the 65th Anniversary fun!
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 Clemens, Marines
- Paul Clemens, Air Force
- Blake Cross, Navy
- Samuel England, Navy
- Lenny Hazelton, Navy
- Amanda Hoadley, Navy
- Michael Hunter, Navy
- Brady Jackson, Army
- Jeremy Munson, Navy
- Milo Riegel, Marines
- Casper Stalnaker
- Milo Riegle, Navy
- Jeremy Munson, Navy
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Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Next Week @ A Glance

**Sunday, February 10, 2019**
- 8:00AM Young People’s Ministries Offering
- 8:30AM Pastor’s Sunday School/NR
- 9:30AM Service/Sanc
- 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc
- 4:30PM Concert Series/Sanc & SH

**Monday, February 11, 2019**
- 6:00PM Carillon Bells/SH
- 6:45PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

**Tuesday, February 12, 2019**
- 6:30PM School Board Mtg/CH
- 6:30PM Discover Your Calling/NR
- 7:00PM Faith Circle/NR
- 7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019**
- 9:00AM Preschool Chapel Time/Sanc
- 9:30AM Friendship Circle/NR
- 2:00PM Harmony Circle/NR
- 5:30PM Biblis Study/NR
- 6:00PM Glory Ringers/SH

**Thursday, February 14, 2019**
- 9:00AM Preschool Chapel Time/Sanc
- 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 & NR
- 7:15PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

**Sunday, February 17, 2019**
- 8:30AM Pastor’s Sunday School/NR
- 9:30AM Service/Sanc
- 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc

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.

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Keeping In Touch

This week is the 15th birthday of Facebook. The Economist, in noting this milestone, said this: “Few companies have exerted such a strong influence on society, changing people’s communication habits, reuniting lost contacts, shaping their perception of word events and redefining the meaning of the word ‘friend.’ Around two-thirds of American adults use its original social network. At its peak, the average user spent nearly an hour a day on Facebook’s platforms.”

There are those who are obsessed with Facebook, constantly posting, liking, commenting and sharing, with the goal of looking good to their friends, and generally improving their status in the world. On the other hand, a lot of people love to hate Facebook. It is criticized and even demonized—held to account for the decline of civilization, among other things.

There are certainly real concerns about the effect of online-media use on our personal and collective health and well-being. There have been similar concerns about TV viewing over the last 50 years, though those concerns have faded into the background with the rise in online communications.

There were also similar concerns about books in the generations after the invention of the printing press in the 16th century. The concern was very serious and went something like this: “with all these people reading books, we’re losing our ability to talk to each other.”

The reality is that Facebook is neither scourge nor salvation. And, whatever our view of its effects, it is with us and in some form will stay with us.

Whether to use social media or not, how to use it, and what to pay attention to as we use it are all matters of taste or preference. Tastes and preferences are very personal, and we often feel very strongly about our own.

When we feel strongly about what we like, it can be hard to understand why someone else would like something different. Yet this understanding is vital.

The practice of marketing is about trying to develop this understanding. When a marketer is interested in communicating with (or selling to) a particular social demographic, he or she will “walk in the shoes” of that demographic.

The goal is to put aside our personal taste or preferences in order to appreciate the taste and preferences of someone else. We don’t naturally do this—we have to work at it. That’s why the science of marketing has become such a huge business.

This assumes that we have an interest in someone different than we are—that we want to understand them, maybe get to know them, and maybe even invite them into our lives. And we don’t invite people into our lives (or our church) because we expect them to be like us. We invite them because we love them.

There’s something in the Bible about this.

See you in church!

Craig Dorval
Senior Minister

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Rev. Craig Dorval
Senior Minister

Sunday, February 10, 2019
9:30 AM Service
Rev. Craig
Child Care, Room 1
Sunday School Rooms 6, 8 & 10

**February 5, 2019**

**Rev. Craig Dorval**
Senior Minister

November 3, 2019

3:00 PM. For more

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

- 7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Friday, February 8, 2019

- 5:30PM Biblis Study/NR
- 6:00PM Glory Ringers/SH

Monday, February 11, 2019

- 5:30PM Biblis Study/NR
- 6:00PM Glory Ringers/SH

March 5, 2019

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