



### Concert Series: Four Hands Jazz Piano

**Stephanie Trick and Paolo Alderighi**, pioneers in the use of four-hands jazz piano, will perform from the stride -- piano, ragtime and boogie-boogie repertoires along with the swing era at St. Mark's UMC on Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Invite your family and friends to the concert and to the reception following the concert to meet and greet the performers.

### 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. Some of the early Chancel is gone now, turned into the New Room on the other side of the wall.

We'll commemorate the gathering of all people who called St. Mark's "my church" since 1954. Don't miss the celebration on Sunday, March 17 at 11:00 am. Get your sloppy Joe lunch with all its fixings at the 'airport cafe' and come fly with us into the next generation of stewards of St. Mark's.

### 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 Nevius 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.stmarksumcsd.org/current-events/art-shows](http://www.stmarksumcsd.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 [kwscanlon@gmail.com](mailto:kwscanlon@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<sup>th</sup>, 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!**



### Mindful Money Management 1

Based on the University of California's "Money Talks! Are You Listening?" Series 6th-12th graders! Get helpful tools for your future! Explore how to budget, save, & spend in a way that matches your personal goals, and how emotions, advertising, and credit cards impact our buying choices.

**Tuesdays, Feb. 19 - March 19, from 6 pm to 7:30 pm**  
\$25 (non-refundable) Registration Fee for Entire Course  
Light Dinner Included  
Rooms 9 & 10, 2nd Floor of the Education/Preschool Bldg.  
St. Mark's UMC, 3502 Clairemont Drive

**Register Today- Space Limited!**  
Contact Instructor **Kris Nieder, M.Ed.**  
[Kris@StMarksUMCSD.org](mailto:Kris@StMarksUMCSD.org)  
**858-273-1480**

A secular (non-religious) class generously sponsored by St. Mark's UMC to help our community thrive!  
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## 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

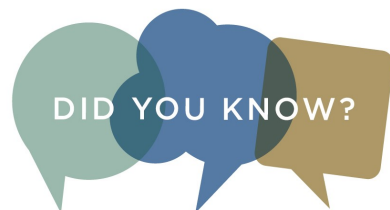


You are invited to participate in the St Mark's prayer chain via email. Prayer requests will be sent to you via an email account you provide; you will not be asked to do anything other than offer your private prayers for requests you receive. To participate, please email Donna Newby at donewby@san.rr.com.

## 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.



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](http://www.stmarksumcsd.org).

## Pastor's Sunday School

In Pastor's Sunday School we study the lectionary texts which follow the church calendar. For Sunday, February 10:

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 138
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- Luke 5:1-11

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



## Next Week @ A Glance

### Sunday, February 10, 2019

*Young People's Ministries Offering*  
8:00AM Pancake Breakfast/SH  
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/Lib  
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 Bible 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-**

# St. Mark's Messenger

February 5, 2019

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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



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3  
150



## 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 world 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 60 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 my 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