



**Free Workshop
Thurs. March 7
at 11:30 a.m.
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.



**RISE AGAINST HUNGER (RAH)
March 10, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.**

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 29 cents for a total of \$3,450. St. Mark's will also be accepting financial donations towards this project.

What a great way to begin the Lenten season!

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

**Sloppy Joes at the Airport Café:
Sunday, March 17**

The R.S.V.P. sheet is floating the courtyard Sunday mornings, and in the church office through the week. Is your name on the list? Join us in the celebration of 65 Years A Church: *Flights of Faith* (remembering our early start at San Diego Airpark). Sloppy Joes, slaw, chips, and ice cream at the Airport Cafe. It'll be the best lunch deal in town, at 1950s prices: Grab your dollar bills n' small change and raise a ruckus with the rest of us. Balsa fliers for everyone.



**UMCOR—United Methodist
Committee on Relief
Sun. March 10**

UMCOR Sunday, formerly known as One Great Hour of Sharing, is an offering requested by the general church (the United Methodist Churches in the United States) during Lent and provides major support for immediate assistance in the wake of natural and human-caused disasters worldwide and helps support ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health and peace. Your gift this Sunday allows 100 percent of designated gifts to be used for the specified disaster response or other ministry. Your generosity ensures that UMCOR is prepared for a rapid response in time of crisis.

Art Show Invitation

All St. Mark's friends are invited to the Art Awards and Reception for the Lenten Art Show on Sat. March 16 at 3pm in the sanctuary. Special music will be provided by our organist, Craig McIlwain. Our special guests will be members of the Clairemont Art Guild.

Their president, Mae Crauder-Davis, will give a tour of selected entries in the show at 2pm that day. You are invited to join members of the Guild for the tour. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the awards ceremony.

More help is needed this year for receiving art early on Friday evening and on Saturday morning, as well as hanging art on Saturday afternoon. If you can help, contact Judy Edelblute at 858-278-0255

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: MARCH 18

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

Where? Room 10



Lenten Services

- Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.
Ash Wednesday
- Sunday, April 14 at 9:30 a.m.
Palm and Passion Sunday
- Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m.
Holy Thursday
- Friday, April 19 at 6:30 p.m.
Good Friday
- Sunday, April 21 at 8 & 9:30 a.m.
Easter

For evening services, childcare will be offered in the Social Hall with dinner for the kids. Please email Rev. Lydia for meal counts: Lydia@stmarksumcsd.org

Several books studies are happening during the season of Lent. Visit our website or contact the church office for more information.

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.

**Sunday School
Lenten Giving Project:
Let's do it again!
By Karen Scanlon**

You may remember that two years ago we collected NEW shoes for children through CCSA. As had happened, I was dropping off clothing at CCSA and noticed a young mom wrestling a baby and a bag of groceries. Nearby was her four-year old son crying his heart out over wanting shoes, a pile of them at his feet.

"Just pick out some that you like," Mom scolded in frustration.

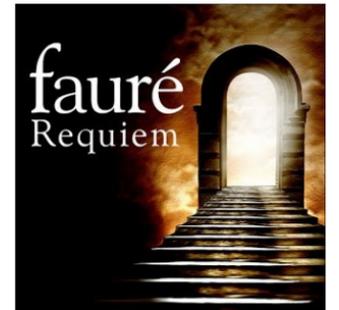
"I don't want those shoes. I want the kind in the boxes!" And he cried louder and harder.

It dawned on me, after a quick chat with the child, that NEW shoes come in boxes. He wanted NEW shoes. And this prompted the people of St. Mark's to collect new shoes for kids during Lent in 2017.

Let's do it again! New shoes and/or socks for children. Any size, style, and color will thrill some kid. Ahh, the joy of it! Will you provide a pair of shoes, please? St. Mark's Sunday School kids will deliver the new shoes by 'wagon train' at Easter. Be blessed for your thoughtfulness.

Fauré Requiem

The St. Mark's Chancel Choir, soloists, and orchestra ensemble, under the direction of Frank Williams, will present the Fauré Requiem on April 7, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. as part of the Lenten season.



In Our Prayers

Please keep all those in prayer who are experiencing grief, chronic illness, addiction, loss of direction and disenfranchisement. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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 Riegler, Marines
- ♥ Casper Stalnaker, Navy
- ♥ Nathan Streeter, Army
- ♥ Robert Tarango, Navy
- ♥ Dylan Weitzman, Army



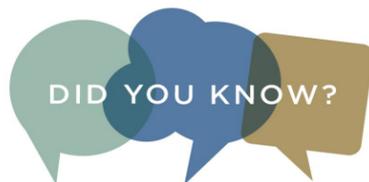
You are invited to participate in the St Mark's prayer chain via email. Prayer requests will be sent to you via an email account you provide; you will not be asked to do anything other than offer your private prayers for requests you receive. To participate, please email Donna Newby at donewby@san.rr.com.

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Volunteer Opportunities

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.



Did you know that there are ample opportunities to provide altar flowers? Flowers are a great way to celebrate a special occasion and you can keep them or donate them to Care Corp!



Pastor's Sunday

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

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10:8b-13
- Luke 4:1-13

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



Next Week @ A Glance

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Daylight Saving Time Starts
UMCOR Sunday

- 8:00AM Pancake Breakfast/SH
- 8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
- 9:30AM Service/Sanc
- 10:30AM Rise Against Hunger/SH
- 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc

Monday, March 11, 2019

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

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

- 6:00PM Teen Mindful Money/Rm10
- 6:30PM School Board Mtg/Lib
- 7:00PM Faith Circle/
- 7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

- 9:30AM Rev. Jeri Chapel Time/Sanc
- 9:30AM Friendship Circle/NR
- 10:00AM UMW Call to Prayer Lunch/SH
- 5:30PM Bible Study/NR
- 6:00PM Glory Ringers/SH

Thursday, March 14, 2019

- 9:30AM Rev. Jeri Chapel Time/Sanc
- 12:00PM Midday Mindfulness/NR
- 4:15PM Cherub Choir/CR
- 5:20PM Hallelujah Chimes/SH
- 6:00PM Falling Upward/NR
- 7:00PM Chancel Choir/CR
- 7:00PM Boy Scouts/SH & NR
- 7:15PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

Saturday, March 16, 2019

- 1:00PM Lenten Art Show/Sanc
- 3:00PM Art Show Awards & Reception/ 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.**

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3502 CLAIREMONT DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92117

March 5, 2019



Rev. Craig Dorval
Senior Minister

Sunday, March 10, 2019
9:30 AM Service
Rev. Craig

Child Care, Room 1

Sunday School
Rooms 6, 8 & 10



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
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Keeping In Touch

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*Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.*
—Psalm 30:5b

What a week it has been for the United Methodist Church. What began as an earnest effort to find a way forward to transcend our divisions instead became a wrenching exercise emphasizing them.

In the days since the meeting in St. Louis, I have seen and heard few expressions of relief and even joy (I'm not sure what that is about.) Mostly I have seen anger, sadness, confusion, and manifold other expressions of grief. Some people are understandably questioning their relationship with the church, and some are understandably questioning their faith.

At the root of this is a fundamental difference in life values—what, ultimately, determines our basic relationships with each other and with God. This is expressed in sharp differences in how we read and interpret the Bible, and the role that religious faith has in our lives. While right now feelings are raw, I hope that we can take time in the coming weeks and months to begin to better understand these differences, so that we can better understand each other.

Much has been spoken and written about the General Conference session, and there is a lot of inaccuracy about what actually happened there. What matters to us is this: nothing has changed. We remain an affirming and inviting congregation, open to all.

I urge you to watch two videos online that clearly express the position of all the bishops of our Western Jurisdiction of the church, and our Annual Conference. They are both available at calpacumc.org—one is a Sunday-evening presentation by Bishop Grant Hagiya (the main video on the page), the other is below, called "statement from the WJ College of Bishops."

With all this in our hearts and on our minds, we begin Lent, the season of self-inventory. The thing about Lent is that it's not about someone else. It's about us.

The other thing to keep in mind about Lent is that it's not about our search for God, it's about God's search for us. We move into the wilderness for 40 days, to assess ourselves and to learn in some practical ways how we might be more open to God's initiating love.

I do hope you will join with us in the Lenten journey, by coming to church, participating in a small group, or through personal devotion.

I'll see you in church! I'm glad you're here.

Craig