

CHELSEA CHEN AND JOSEPH LEE IN CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

Acclaimed organist Chelsea Chen and New York City Ballet cellist Joseph Lee bring their unique artistry to a concert of organ and cello music to St. Mark's at 4:30PM this Sunday, April 15. One of the most celebrated organists of her generation, Chelsea Chen has electrified audiences throughout the world. Joseph Lee is a beloved member of the New York City Ballet Orchestra and currently teaches at the Geneva Conservatory in Manhattan. Both Ms. Chen and Mr. Lee earned degrees at The Juilliard School in New York City.

Please invite your families and friends to hear these two performers. After the concert a reception will be held in the Social Hall to meet and greet Ms. Chan and Mr. Lee. All are invited.

APRIL 15: ST. MARK'S IN MISSION AND SERVICE

St. Mark's is involved in a number of missions and service projects, including:

- We work to improve the living conditions of thousands of homeless persons in our area. We are a chartering partner of the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA), providing food, clothing, and resources to more than 28,000 people in need each year, from locations in Pacific Beach and Clairemont (just one-half block north of St. Mark's).
- We help provide for the needs of refugee communities both here in San Diego and around the world.
- We help provide housing and relief to those who are the victims of hurricanes, fires, and floods worldwide.
- We have built homes and are currently helping to complete a school nearby in Tijuana.
- We provide support to those in need in our neighboring Linda Vista Vietnamese community, to seminaries in Fiji, and to the United Methodist Church on Saipan.

If you would like to be part of these or any other projects, you're invited to an open meeting of our missions team at **11AM on April 15 in the Social Hall**. Come hear what we have been doing, what we plan to do, and what you can do to advance God's work in the world. All are invited, just come on by!

SUPPORT SSP: THIS SUNDAY

You are invited to make a special offering to support our Sierra Service Project team on Sunday, April 15! Come that Sunday to hear Christina Peer share about her experiences as an SSP team member, counselor, and chaperone. Where is our team going this summer? Come on the 15th to find out! Your support for our youth mission work is greatly appreciated!

SUPPORT YOUTH MISSION WORK: BUTTER BRAIDS, POT PIES, AND GIFTS!

Butter Braids and Pot Pies are coming back to St. Mark's! Order Butter Braids on the patio after church on April 8 and 15. Your order will be ready for pick up on Sunday, April 22. Pot Pies will be available for sale on April 15. The pot pies come in a package of four for \$22, which have been cooked, frozen, and are ready to reheat.

AN HONOR By Mary Ness

St. Mark's is truly proud of a recent accomplishment of one of our church family. Since her arrival in the United States, Thien Do's daughter, Truc, became a lawyer, gained over 20 years of extensive experience, and has recently been honored by her appointment as a Superior Court Judge in San Diego.

Judge Do is a model of American citizenship, as are all of Thien Do's outstanding family. Many of us listened to Truc herself speak at St. Mark's in 2015.

Some of our newer members may not know of St. Mark's events in 1975 when Thien Do, his wife, 6 children and his wife's sister risked everything and fled through the jungles for hundreds of miles to achieve safety from Vietnamese communists. The Do family lived in a small tent at Camp Pendleton until they were sponsored by St. Mark's

Congratulations, prayers and blessings to the entire Do family.

THE CARNIVAL IS COMING!

St. Mark's friends and families are all invited to join the fun on **Saturday, April 29th, when St. Mark's School hosts their Annual Spring Carnival and Silent Auction**. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the church grounds will be filled with "Under the Big Top" carnival games and entertainment inspired by the sights and sounds of the circus!

Whether playing carnival games & winning prizes, sitting in the fire truck with some of our local firefighters or watching the stilt walker walk by, it will be a fun filled day for all ages, guaranteed!!

To top it all off, we'll have authentic handmade tacos, quesadillas, popcorn, nachos, sweet treats and more!

The Silent Auction is not to be missed. It's NOT just for kids. You can count on gift baskets for that special someone, luxury items, activities/lessons and a wide selection of gift cards to restaurants around town to name a few.. Our auction items always go for less than full value, so this is bargain shopping for a great cause.

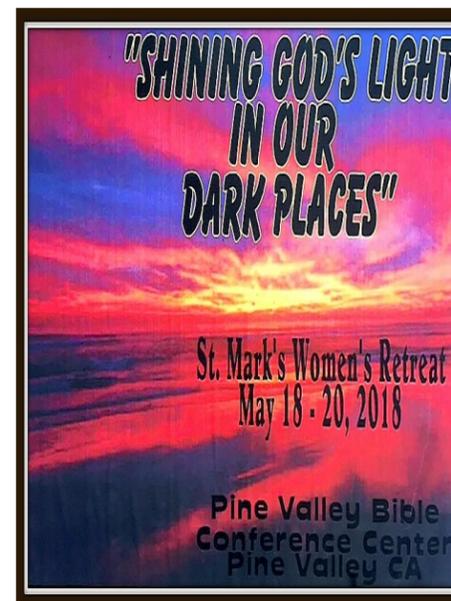
When you look around at the grounds and classrooms of St. Mark's, you know the carnival is important. Cabinets have been refurbished, carpets replaced, playgrounds improved, interiors painted, fencing upgraded, added shade, updated bathrooms. Carnival proceeds also add to our Financial Aid Fund as well, so it's terribly important to our children who need an extra helping hand.

We hope you will come. And if you can't, please tell a friend or two.

If you want to help, another pair of hands is always needed. If you have a student 13 or over who needs Community Service Points, we would LOVE to provide them the opportunity to help at the carnival. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring the carnival or providing an item or service to the silent auction, let us know! For

17TH ANNUAL ST. MARK'S WOMEN'S RETREAT IS COMING SOON!

May 18, 19, 20 at the Pine Valley Bible Conference Center, located 45 minutes east of San Diego off Interstate 8. Rev. Virginia Brown will be the speaking on the theme "Shining God's light in Our Dark Places"; we will be looking at the biblical perspective of how God's love shines in those dark places so that nothing can overpower you except His goodness.



PASTOR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

In Pastor's Sunday School we study the lectionary texts which follow the church calendar. It's an informal study, **always open to all**, at 8:30AM in the New Room, just behind the church office.

Below are the lectionary reading for this week:

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE

All Church Conference on Tuesday, April 17 at 7PM in the Social Hall. Everyone is invited. This conversation will include a proposal on how St. Mark's and our community can grow together.

HELP WANTED!!! PIANO PLAYER NEEDED!!!

The 17th Annual St. Mark's Women's Retreat is set for May 18 thru May 20. We are looking for a female who would be interested in attending the retreat and who would be willing to be our Accompanist for the singing times. If you are a pianist or know one, please contact Millie McKibbin at 619-407-0256 (cell) or by email at: millie.mckibbin@bannerbank.com. Full cost for the weekend will be complimentary for the person who provides this service.

IN OUR PRAYERS

- ♥ Family of Don Hess
 - ♥ Family of Tricia Martin
 - ♥ Pat Timpano
 - ♥ Phyllis Drewett
 - ♥ Venita & Charles Ballinger
 - ♥ Al Johannesen
 - ♥ Dolores Hall
 - ♥ Jim Hill
 - ♥ Marion Deitzler
 - ♥ Tammy Christian
 - ♥ Barbara Workman
 - ♥ Stephanie Ignacio
 - ♥ Lloyd Scot
- our military personnel:**
- ♥ 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

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: donewby@san.rr.com.

NEVER MISS A SERMON

Missed Sunday's sermon? You can watch Sunday morning sermons on video via **St. Mark's website: stmarksumcsd.org/sermons**. They can also be found on **St. Mark's YouTube channel: stmarksumcsd.org/youtube**.

HUNGER WALK UPDATE

Community Christian Service Agency relies on the Hunger Walk (Saturday, April 28, at 8 AM at CROWN POINT) to fund much of its daily operation. For many years the need has been rising, while CCSA struggle's to meet it. This year a special donor has come forward from St. Mark's, and has agreed to match the donations made by individuals in the Church, up to a total of \$3,000. Donate \$25, and have it do the work of \$50. Don't miss this opportunity to double the impact of your contribution! Sign up in the Court Yard after church to make your contribution.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Are you interested in engaging, friendly and lively study of the Bible? You are always invited to drop in on Wednesday Night Bible Study, which meets weekly from 5:30 to 6:45PM in the New Room near the church office.

COFFEE SERVERS

Do you enjoy meeting new people? If so, you may like hosting the coffee table on Sunday mornings after church. You are welcome to sign up anytime in the church office. **No baking required.** However, if you like to bake but don't want to host coffee table, please call the church office and we can get you details on how to do that as well!

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NEXT WEEK @ A GLANCE

Sunday, April 15, 2018

- 8:00AM Pastor Sunday School/NR
- 9:30AM Church Service/Sanc
- 11:00AM Missions/SH
- 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/SH
- 4:30 PM Concert/Sanc

Monday, April 16, 2018

- 4:00PM Mindfulness Kids Class/SH
- 4:30PM CCSA Board Mtg/CR
- 6:00PM Carillon Bells Rehearsal/SH
- 6:45PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

- 7:00PM Church Conference/SH

Wednesday, April 18, 2018

- 5:00PM Peace Ringers Rehearsal/SH
- 5:30PM Weekly Bible Study/NR
- 6:00PM Glory Ringers Rehearsal/SH

Thursday, April 19, 2018

- 9:30AM Ties of Love/SH
- 1:00PM Interfaith Disaster Council/NR
- 4:15PM Children's Choir Rehearsal/CR
- 5:20PM Children's Chimes Rehearsal/SH
- 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal/CR
- Boy Scouts/SH
- 7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Friday, April 20, 2018

- 11:00AM VBS Planning/NR

Sunday, April 22, 2018

- 8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
- 9:30AM Church Service/Sanc
- 11:00AM Blood Pressure Screening/NR
- Confirmation/Lib
- 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/SH

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



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Keeping In Touch

Dear Friends,

In his book *Strength for the Journey*, theologian Peter Gomes said, "The greatest argument for the validity of the Christian life is the life of a Christian: we are the arguments for the resurrection; we are the living roots for the existence of God." It's the Easter season, and we're thinking again what it means to be a "resurrection people." It's a wonder-filled and descriptive phrase, and it's a bit of a puzzle. If we are a "resurrection people," who are we, really?

In practical terms—for each of us in our daily lives—resurrection is a sort of injection of new life, a new vitality. We know this is true, but what does it look like, sound like, and feel like?

Rev. Dr. Jerry S. Maneker gives us a hint in the online magazine *Whosoever*: "By 'resurrection' I mean transcendence from worshipping the many idols that this world offers us and that separate us from the knowledge that God has given each of his children a work to do."

The resurrection stories in the Bible are specific, saying that resurrection is present with us in a real, tangible way—we can see it, hear it, feel it and even taste it. This Sunday's reading, Luke 24:36b-48, talks about Jesus appearing to the disciples and having some broiled fish with them.

If our resurrection is one we see, hear, feel, and taste daily, we can use a little of that right now. Life easily gets away from us because we have so many daily, urgent concerns. We have to be somewhere, and we're in a rush to get ready. We have a project we have to finish, and we can't sleep until it's done. Our child is sick needs to go to the doctor. We have bills to pay and not enough money to pay them. Someone we care deeply about is having a rough time.

Put simply, we have lots to do, and even more to think about doing. And if we ever get finished, we may have a list of all-purpose worries to get started on.

In this Easter season, devoting a few minutes each day to reflective thought, prayer, and study can guide us back to the daily peace-filled reality of the resurrection. The more we listen with our hearts, the better our world becomes. And the more realized is God's vision.

Last Sunday many of us watched an interesting presentation about the history of the Clairemont area, thanks to long-time St. Mark's member Jack Carpenter. We saw that St. Mark's is an integral part of that history, and we talked about what might be ahead for our area and for the church.

I believe the best days of St. Marks are ahead, and that we are extraordinarily blessed and well-equipped to strengthen our leadership role in the years to come. It will take vision, courage, and hard work, but it will also be a joyful time of living as a "resurrection people."

With this in mind, I have proposed that we undertake a significant one- or two-year project to start something big and new for St. Mark's to reach people we are not currently reaching, with the ultimate goal of growing participation and attendance.

The one- or two-year period would involve the appointment of an additional ordained minister whose sole charge would be to start something new—to research and become familiar with our community and then create a worship or ministry experience that will meet its changing preferences.

Finance and Foundation committees are discussing the funding for this project, and a proposal will be introduced at the Church Conference on Tuesday, April 17 at 7PM in the Social Hall. All are invited, and all members of the church can vote on the proposal.

See you in church!

Craig

April 11, 2018



Rev. Craig Dorval
Senior Minister



Sunday, April 15
9:30AM Service
Rev. Craig Dorval
Peace Be With You

Child Care, Rooms 1&2

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
Sunday, April 8: 160



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