

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.

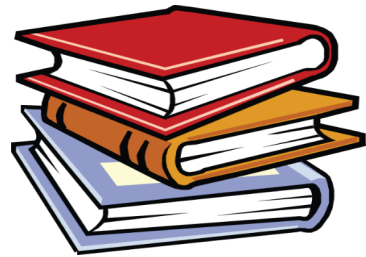


St. Mark's Book Club - April 5

St. Mark's Book Club meets once a month on the first Friday of the month. This Friday, April 5th, we will discuss "The Bookshop" by Penelope Fitzgerald at 4904 Mt Hay Drive at 10:00 am.

Next month's book selection is "Song of the Morning," a compilation of stories and poems for Easter. If you'd like a book, please contact Joy Lewis at joylewis1@hotmail.com

Please join us for discussion and/or just fellowship. All are invited.



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

NEXT MEETING: APRIL 15

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

Where? Room 10



Border Ministry Sunday – April 7

April 7 is Border Ministry Sunday in the California Pacific Annual Conference. The funds collected for this outreach support the El Faro: Border Church which brings together a bi-national community at the U.S./Mexico border fence just south of us, celebrating that there is nothing that separates us from God's love. This is just one of the worshipping communities along the border that are supported by the Border Ministry special offering. Funds are also used to support advocacy for all immigrants and refugees crossing our border to the south. Please consider making a donation to help St. Mark's do its part in supporting these special worshipping communities and our immigrant/refugee brothers and sisters.

New! Early Blessing Service for Rolling Hills Mission Team

The Rolling Hills Mission Team from northern California will be staying overnight at St. Mark's on Saturday, April 13, as they travel to Mexico for a week of hands-on service. This year, the team of 275 youth and chaperones will visit our sanctuary **at 8:15 a.m.** on Palm Sunday for a special blessing service by our pastors. The team hopes to be on the road by 9 a.m. **Our complete Palm Sunday service will continue to be at 9:30 a.m.**

Why the early departure? They bring five 16' trucks loaded with construction supplies into Mexico. Increased inspections means a much longer wait at the border. (Last year, they ended up setting up camp in the dark!)

You can still help us welcome Rolling Hills by contributing cookies for their Saturday, April 13 meal. More information on that dinner to follow.

Karleen Mainland Deceased

Long-time church member Karleen Mainland passed away last week. Services are being planned here at St. Mark's for early June. Details will be shared in the Messenger and the Sunday bulletin once solidified.

St. Mark's offers prayers of comfort for her family, especially her husband, Dick.

Maundy Thursday

This Maundy Thursday, we'll be commemorating Jesus' final supper with his disciples with our own supper. The service and communion will happen around a shared meal. This is a potluck dinner. You are invited to 1) bring a homemade soup in a crockpot, 2) bring bread 3) bring dessert or 4) help clean up afterwards. People of all ages from 0 to 107 are welcome **Thursday, April 18th from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Social Hall.**

Sunday School Lenten Giving Project: New SHOES n' SOCKS for Kids

Yahoo, did you happen to see the wonderful start to our kids' shoe and sock collection for CCSA? A bag full of new colorful socks and its giver expressed more joy than some kid might have to receive them! Join the joy, won't you, please? Simply purchase a pair of new kid shoes and/or socks and bring them to church, now through Easter Sunday. Any size, style, color for children of any age will please a child you will likely never know. But Jesus does. *Matthew 25:40-45*

TIME TO VOTE

The art show has been up for several weeks. Does one of the painting really "speak" to you? It time for you to vote for your favorite painting. The winning artist will win a cash prize. The ballot box is in the narthex near the south exit door. Be sure and vote (but only once) before 11am on Easter Sunday.

GriefShare Support Group Offered in May



Lindsey Van Gorder will once again facilitate a weekly support group for anyone experiencing grief or loss. It is a warm, caring environment that serves as an oasis during the long journey of grief.

GriefShare will meet in the New Room weekly from Tuesday, May 7 through July 30 at 6:30 p.m. To sign up, call the office at 858-273-1480 or email office @stmarksumcsd.org. Open to all.

Easter Bunny at St. Mark's!

All are invited to St. Mark's to say "Hi" to the Easter Bunny on **Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m.- 11 a.m.** He will be hopping in to shake paws and take pictures. There will be a "*Bunny Pancake Breakfast*" served at 9 a.m. to hungry humans and then the Egg Hunts begin. Don't miss the Spatter Art workshop where anyone can make a beautiful work of art to take home. Cake walk dancing and singing, egg decorating, face painting and other high jinx will keep everyone super egg-cited. Flyers are located on-line and in the office to sign up for the pancake breakfast. A \$3.00 per person recommended donation payable at the door will go towards the scholarship fund for the UMC Summer Camp program. It will be a super fun-filled morning with the Easter Bunny so please invite neighbors and friends too.



Egg Hunt Donations, Please!

Donations of small goodies to put inside plastic Easter eggs for the annual St. Mark's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 are requested. We prefer small individually wrapped candy like Starburst and Tootsie Rolls, stickers, erasers, tattoos, and other small treasures delivered to the church office before April 16. **PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE (IT MELTS IN THE SUN) AND NO NUTS.** Thank you from the Inviting, Welcoming & Engagement Committee!

Guatemalan Project Coming!



On April 28, Ruth O'Neil will come and share the good news of the Guatemalan Project in our church service. This mission ministry began after the

1980's civil war to help the women and children rebuild their lives. There will also be an opportunity to purchase handmade goods from the various Guatemalan tradespeople after church.

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



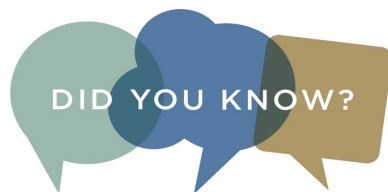
You are invited to participate in the St Mark's prayer chain via email. Prayer requests will be sent to you via an email account you provide; you will not be asked to do anything other than offer your private prayers for requests you receive. To participate, please email Donna Newby at donewby@san.rr.com.

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Volunteer Opportunities

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, April 7:

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8

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



Next Week @ A Glance

Saturday, April 6, 2019

1:00PM Lenten Art Show/Sanc

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
9:30AM Service & Communion/Sanc
12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc
4:30PM Fauré Requiem/Sanc & SH

Monday, April 8, 2019

8:00AM TOPS/SH
6:00PM Carillon Bells/SH
6:45PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

10:00AM Yoga with Renee/SH
6:30PM School Board Mtg/Lib
7:00PM Faith Circle/Off-site
7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

9:00AM Preschool Chapel w/ Rev. Jeri
9:30AM Friendship Circle/NR
2:00PM Harmony Circle/NR
5:30PM Bible Study/NR
6:00PM Glory Ringers/SH

Thursday, April 11, 2019

9:00AM Preschool Chapel w/ Rev. Jeri
12:00PM Midday Mindfulness/TBD
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 & Lib
7:15PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

Saturday, April 13, 2019

1:00PM Lenten Art Show/Sanc
5:00PM Boy Scout Court of Honor/Sanc
5:00PM Rolling Hills Dinner/SH

Sunday, April 14, 2019

PALM SUNDAY
8:15AM Rolling Hills Blessing/Sanc
8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
9:30AM Service & Communion/Sanc
12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc
4:30PM Fauré Requiem/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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Keeping In Touch

Dear Friends,

Charles Dickens wrote, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair..." We are in the middle of Lent and I know for some this paradox of joy and despair is real. How can so many emotions be tangled up into one season, one week, one day, one hour? I'd like to say our Scripture this coming week from the Gospel of John will answer your questions, but I suspect it may leave you with even more, and perhaps that is a good place to start – being open to asking questions and seeking answers.

This past week my husband Tom and I shared in the joy of our guest, Humu, regarding her asylum seeking process. The Dept. of Justice and the judge accepted her petition and will hear her case in court in February 2020. This was the outcome we all were hoping for. Within minutes of sending the news to Rev. Bill Jenkins, at Safe Harbors, he contacted me about a student at UCSD who was at Christ Ministry Center needing assistance because she is now homeless and needed food. He was sending her to St. Mark's to meet with me because we were closer to her school and ultimate 'home base'. When the young woman arrived, dragging her suitcase with all her belongings, I fed her a hot bowl of soup and some crackers. I also gave her some fresh fruit and other items from CCSA to tide her over until she could meet with Connie to get additional resources. In just a few hours, the joy of one woman seeking her home was overshadowed with the sorrow of another woman doing the same.

This week's Gospel of John passage begins with Jesus at the home of Lazarus, who has been raised from the dead. What a celebration! Friends, food, and the homecoming of one who was dead. However, within minutes the conversation changes as Jesus defends the act of generosity by Mary to Judas, his betrayer. Judas is thinking about his expectations of Jesus' ministry. Jesus is thinking of her holy and extravagant act of grace.

With the constant streaming of news, sometimes it is easy to get caught up in the worst of times and lose focus on the best of times. It can be easy to forget the large and small acts of grace that each of us do. Whether you donate food or shoes for others, sit or walk with someone in crisis, or hear the varied stories of people in our church and surrounding community, these are all holy and extravagant act of grace. I am grateful for the people of St. Mark's as they continue to share acts of grace, in big and small ways, to help people find the season of Light and the spring of hope.

See you in church,

Jeri



Rev. Jeri Newell-Davis
Associate Minister

Sunday, April 7, 2019
9:30 AM Service
Rev. Jeri

Child Care, Room 1

Sunday School
Rooms 6, 8 & 10



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, MARCH 24
143

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
123

