

This Saturday: Treats Needed for Rolling Hills Mission Team

The Rolling Hills Mission Team arrives this Saturday for their annual overnight stay. You are invited to donate cookies and brownies to help give them a sweet welcome! Please drop off treats in the Social Hall kitchen this Friday during regular business hours, or on Saturday from 4-5 pm. Volunteers are also needed to help serve a delicious spaghetti dinner to the 275 team members on Saturday night, April 13, from 5-8 pm. Your help is appreciated. And a huge thank you to Roger Shogan and Tricia Elliott for coordinating the meal!

This year, the team of 275 youth and chaperones will visit our sanctuary at **8:15 a.m. on Palm Sunday for a special service and blessing by our pastors.** All are welcome!

Please note: The blessing service is in addition to the usual 9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday service.

Maundy Thursday Potluck & Service in Social Hall

This Maundy Thursday, we'll be doing something special by 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 bring a homemade soup in a crockpot and/or help clean up afterwards. A sign-up sheet for bringing a soup will be in the front office so you can stop by any time to sign up. Or just email Rev. Lydia at lydia@stmarksumcsd.org. People of all ages from 0 to 107 are welcome to this special meal and service. Thursday, April 18th from 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. in the Social Hall.

Time to Vote

The art show has been up for several weeks. Does one of the paintings really "speak" to you? It's 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.

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, etc. delivered to the church office before April 16. PLEASE NO CHOCOLATE (IT MELTS IN THE SUN) AND NO NUTS.

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

Have You Seen All the Kid Shoes and Happy Socks?

The Sunday School Lenten Giving Project is well underway. Last Sunday, we walked the kids into the Narthex to see what you, St. Mark'sers, have brought in our sock n' shoe drive. Kids counted pairs of footwear and said to one another, "Wow, that's a lot!" Thank you for your contributions.

Donations of NEW socks n' shoes for children (any size, color, style) will be collected through Easter Sunday, then delivered to CCSA by wagon train the Sunday after Easter. Giddy up!

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.



CCSA HUNGER WALK

The event will be on Saturday, April 27th at Crown Point in Mission Bay. It starts at 8am. Phyllis Drewertt will be taking sign ups on Sunday on the patio. If you are unable to walk, we ask that you consider sponsoring a walker!

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. 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. Invite your friends!



Welcome Two New Groups

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) will be in the Social Hall every Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. Monthly dues are only \$4 with a \$32 ANNUAL registration fee. New members welcome: <https://www.tops.org>

Also, Renee Anderson will be teaching yoga in the Social Hall most Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. for a \$5 donation. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfy clothes.

**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.

Earth Day Lunch & Learn at La Jolla UMC

La Jolla United Methodist Church invites St. Mark's for a "lunch and learn" event on plastic waste and climate change in celebration of Earth Day. The event is on **Sunday, April 28th** at La Jolla United Methodist Church (6063 La Jolla Blvd, La Jolla, CA 92037). The event will begin with lunch at 11:15 a.m. There will be a documentary screening afterwards, a Q&A time and finally, a time to brainstorm action plans. Please rsvp to Pastor Lea at lbooth@lajollaumc.org by 4/24 if you would like to attend.

Special Petition

The granddaughter of a former St. Mark's members, Ralph & Edna Ellis (1961-1972) and daughter of Trinity UMC Pastor Robert D. Ellis (deceased), Carol Castle, is reaching out to the UMC community for financial assistance for an individual that has received a liver transplant and is required to stay in San Diego within 30 minutes of the hospital for 2 months. They are well situated but struggling to pay for their local lodging while maintaining their home and other costs while not working. If anyone feels called to offer financial assistance, please contact office for more information.



Interfaith National Day of Prayer—May 2

This year we come together to pray for our nation and all our neighbors at The Metropolitan Community Church at 2633 Denver, SD 92110. The theme is *Voices of the Silenced*. More info soon.

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Through the connection with Roger Shogun and his friend, Andrew Huth, St. Mark's received a donation of \$1000 towards our next Tijuana Home Build with Project Mercy.

Eric Robinson will be announcing the upcoming build information. We are grateful to all our partners in faith and love who give to the home building projects. You do make a difference in the lives of our neighbors.

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
- ♥ Nathan Streeter, Army
- ♥ Robert Tarango, Navy
- ♥ Dylan Weitzman, Army



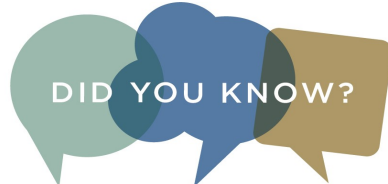
You are invited to participate in the St Mark's prayer chain via email. Prayer requests will be sent to you via an email account you provide; you will not be asked to do anything other than offer your private prayers for requests you receive. To participate, please email Donna Newby at donewby@san.rr.com.

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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.



- Laura McHugh will be back in the St. Mark's office during Holy Week! Welcome and THANK Laura for covering for Michelle while she recovers from a medical procedure. Thanks, Laura, and Speedy Recovery, Michelle!
- **EASTER LILY** orders must be in by **THIS SUNDAY, Palm Sunday**. They are \$8 each. You make pick up your plants after the 9:30 a.m. service or on Easter Monday. See the envelopes in the bulletin or call the office with your order!

Pastor's Sunday School

In Pastor's Sunday School we study the lectionary texts which follow the church calendar. For Sunday, April 14:

- Luke 19:28-40
- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Isaiah 50:4-9a
- Psalm 31:9-16
- Philippians 2:5-11

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

Next Week @ A Glance

Saturday, April 13, 2019

1:00PM Lenten Art Show/Sanc
5:00PM Rolling Hills Dinner/SH

Sunday, April 14 2019

Palm Sunday

8:00AM Pancake Breakfast/SH
8:15AM Rolling Hills Blessing/Sanc
8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
9:30AM Service/Sanc
12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc

Monday, April 15, 2019

8:00AM TOPS/SH
4:30PM CCSA Board Mtg/CR
6:00PM Carillon Bells/SH
6:00PM LGBTQIA Group/Rm 10
6:00PM Finance Mtg/NR
6:45PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

Tuesday, April 16, 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 17, 2019

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

Thursday, April 18, 2019

Maundy Thursday

10:00AM Yoga w/ Renee/SH
12:00PM Midday Mindfulness/TBD
4:15PM Cherub Choir/CR
5:20PM Hallelujah Chimes/SH
6:30PM Maundy Thur Serv & Soup/SH
7:00PM Boy Scouts/SH & Lib
7:15PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

Friday, April 19, 2019

Good Friday

6:30PM Good Friday Service/Sanc

Saturday, April 20, 2019

9:00AM Bunny Breakfast/SH
9:30AM Easter Egg Hunt/Patio
1:00PM Lenten Art Show/Sanc

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Easter

8:00AM Easter Service #1/Sanc
9:30AM Easter Service #2/Sanc
12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc

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

**If 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.*

St. Mark's Messenger

April 9, 2019

3502 CLAIREMONT DRIVE, SAN DIEGO, CA 92117



Rev. Lydia Sohn
Senior Minister in Transition

Sunday, April 14, 2019
9:30 AM Service
Rev. Lydia

Child Care, Room 1

Sunday School
Rooms 6, 8 & 10



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY, APRIL 7
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Keeping In Touch

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Dear St. Mark's,

This upcoming Sunday marks the beginning of the end of the Lenten Season, launching us into Holy Week.

I hope you've seen by now the numerous Holy Week events taking place at St. Mark's. Easter, like Christmas, is a busy season and it's easy to get swept up in the business of it all. Join us for our services to slow down the week and make it more meaningful and sacred.

While it has been tradition for the Rolling Hills Church to join us for Palm Sunday, this year will be different as they have to get on the road to arrive at the border by a certain time. As such, we will be holding a special early morning blessing service for them at 8:15 a.m. All are invited to join.

Pancake Sunday will still go on but it will begin a bit later, at 8 a.m. and run until its usual 9:15 a.m.

And finally, I will be preaching on a message close to my heart this Sunday. Palm Sunday is typically a celebratory Sunday but it has a dark overcast to it. Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly, with people waving palms as in a royal procession. But we readers, as well as Jesus, know the dramatic irony of this scene as Jesus is marching towards his eventual death.

He knows what is coming but he presses on with intention and commitment. He openly asks God to "take this cup of suffering away" but surrenders to the natural outcome of events.

How many of us face difficulties in our lives and long to run away, resist or distract ourselves? What would it look like for us to surrender in the same way Jesus did, willing to be changed? Could we also, like Jesus, be transformed? Could the darkness be turned into light as we go through the darkness?

As Easter people, the answer is an obvious yes. And yet...and yet...we still resist. Come out on Sunday to explore this idea and invitation together.

In this together,
Rev. Lydia