

## LIVING FULLY / DYING WELL

You are invited to St. Mark's on May 12, 9-11:30 AM to hear from a variety of professionals about how to manage life's aging challenges. Planning for the future while living life to its fullest can be very complicated.

Come to ask questions about a variety of topics that come with aging. More information is available in the office or contact Rev. Jeri at [jeri@stmarksumcsd.org](mailto:jeri@stmarksumcsd.org).

HOW TO LIVE LIFE TO ITS  
FULLEST WHILE PLANNING FOR  
YOUR FUTURE

*Living Fully,  
Dying Well*

SATURDAY, MAY 12TH

9:00 - 11:30 AM

ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

Professionally-led topics include:

- Helpful Legal Documents
- Financial Stewardship
- Transportation Independence
- Long-term Care & Living Transitions
- Hospice Care

RSVP

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

858-273-1480

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

by *Kris Nieder, Director of Youth  
and Intergen Ministries*

Please let me extend a heartfelt thank you for your generous support of our Sierra Service Project Team. The special offering for SSP raised \$2,400! Thank you so much for making sure that St. Mark's can send an SSP team to Oregon this summer. Our youth Kai, Livia, Diana, Joliee, and Charlee will be traveling under the capable leadership of former SSP counselor Christina Peer. Personally, I am so grateful for your support. It benefits all of our youth. In addition to SSP, it allows me to focus on our innovative after-school programs, Confirmation, youth Sunday School, and youth-directed volunteer opportunities (such as the Living Nativity Market and dinner, and the Mad Hatter Tea Party.) Thank you!

## COME TO 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 readings for this week:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-119

## A JOYOUS OCCASION: CONFIRMATION ON MAY 20

by *Kris Nieder,  
Director of Youth  
and Intergen Ministries*

On Sunday, May 20, we will celebrate Confirmation during worship. Frankie, Livia, Christian, Kai, Joey, and Diana all participated in our Confirmation program. Thanks to the strong support of their mentors and parents, our confirmands were able to accomplish quite a lot in five months! Confirmands attended the Bishop's Confirmation Retreat. They volunteered at the Rolling Hills Dinner, Mad Hatter Tea Party benefitting Meals on Wheels, and the Preschool Carnival. They attended four classes to learn more about the United Methodist Church. And, they made interfaith visits to the Dharma Bum Buddhist Temple, the Islamic Center of San Diego, and the synagogue of Congregation Beth Israel. After the service, stop by the patio to enjoy cake in celebration of this truly joyous occasion at St. Mark's!

## SPRING RING CONCERT

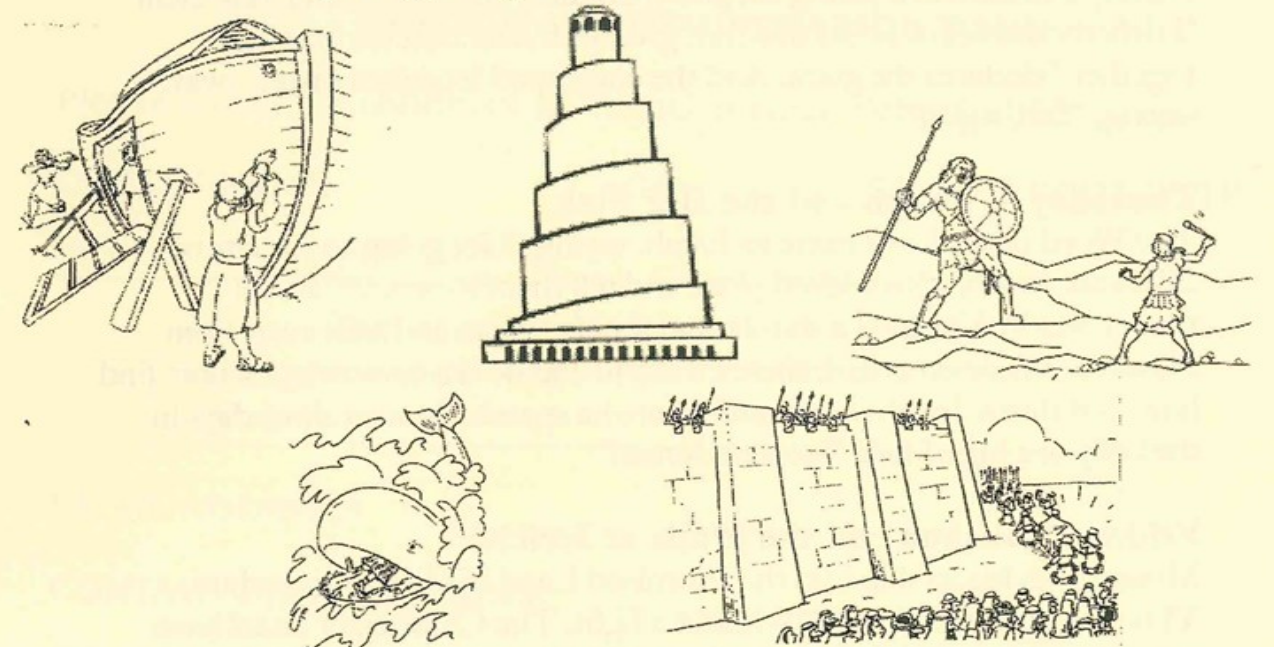
Hallelujah Chimes, Peace Ringers, Glory Ringers and Carillon Choir will fill the air with music during their annual Spring Ring Concert on Sunday, May 20 at 4:30PM. A reception will be held in the Social Hall to greet choir members and their directors. All are invited!

## Old Testament Tour of Bible Giants

August 20 - 24, 2018

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

And, a special VBS presentation by all children on  
Sunday, August 25 at 9:30 A.M. church service.



Venture with us as we plan for another fun and educational Vacation Bible School (VBS) program for ages 4 years and up. This year's theme will be "Giants of the Bible" beginning AUGUST 20-24, from 9AM until 11:30AM.

Every year we have been blessed with creative, and resourceful volunteers that make Scripture come alive for our VBS participants. If you would like to help with VBS please contact:

Renee Anderson: [the.renee.anderson@gmail.com](mailto:the.renee.anderson@gmail.com)

Karen Scanlon: [kwscanlon@gmail.com](mailto:kwscanlon@gmail.com)

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE 17TH ANNUAL ST. MARK'S WOMEN'S RETREAT?

It is not too late to register for the Women's Retreat happening 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 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.



## IN OUR PRAYERS

♥ RoseMarie Pierce  
♥ Loretta Tyler  
♥ Josie Naul  
♥ Jim and Linda Pierce  
♥ Leland Fletcher  
♥ Hope Coleman  
♥ Todd Threw  
♥ Pat Timpano  
♥ Venita & Charles Ballinger  
♥ Al Johannesen  
♥ Dolores Hall  
♥ Jim Hill  
♥ Marion Deitzler  
♥ 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

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](http://stmarksumcsd.org/sermons). They can also be found on St. Mark's YouTube channel: [stmarksumcsd.org/youtube](http://stmarksumcsd.org/youtube).

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Be sure to come and share a delicious pancake breakfast with friends, new and old, on Sunday, May 13 in the Social Hall. Breakfast is served from 7:45 to 9:15AM. All are invited and are encouraged to bring a friend along.

## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TRICIA MARTIN MAY 26

All are invited to remember the life of Tricia Martin Saturday, May 26 at 11AM at St. Mark's. A reception in the Social Hall will follow the service.

## 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!

## CALLING 2018 GRADUATES

Each year, St. Mark's likes to recognize this year's college or high school graduates with a small gift. If you are a 2018 graduate or know someone who will be graduating who would like to be honored, please submit their name and the school's name to the list to [smumcsdoffice@gmail.com](mailto:smumcsdoffice@gmail.com). For college graduates, we would like to include not only the name of their college or university but also the degree received.

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## NEXT WEEK @ A GLANCE

### Sunday, May 13, 2018

7:45AM Pancake Breakfast/SH  
8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR  
9:30AM Church Service/Sanc

### Monday, May 14, 2018

12:00PM School Event/SH  
4:00PM Youth Mindfulness/SH  
6:00PM Carillon Bells Rehearsal/SH  
6:30PM School Meeting/NR  
6:45PM AA Meeting/RM 9

### Tuesday, May 15, 2018

12:00PM School Event/SH  
6:00PM Finance Meeting/NR  
7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

### Wednesday, May 16, 2018

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

### Thursday, May 17, 2018

9:30AM Ties of Love/SH  
12:30PM School Event/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, May 18, 2018

12:30PM School Event/SH

### Sunday, May 20, 2018

8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR  
9:30AM Church Service/Sanc  
4:30PM Spring Ring Concert/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 858-273-1480 ext.10 or [smumcsdoffice@gmail.com](mailto:smumcsdoffice@gmail.com).**

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## Keeping In Touch

May 9, 2018



Rev. Craig Dorval  
Senior Minister



Sunday, May 13  
9:30AM Service  
Rev. Craig Dorval

Child Care, Rooms 1&2

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
Sunday, May 6: 160

  
858-273-1480

Dear Friends,

If you were in church on Sunday, you heard Andy Guevara, chair of the Staff-Parish Committee announce that, beginning July 1, an additional minister will join us at St. Mark's. He read this letter from District Superintendent John Farley:

*Dear Andy and the congregation of St. Mark's UMC,*

*On behalf of Bishop Grant Hagiya and his Cabinet I share with you that after much prayer and consultation, it is Bishop Grant Hagiya's intent to appoint the Rev. Lydia Sohn to serve on your pastoral team effective July 1, 2018. Rev. Lydia is a gifted pastor who has been a part of the life and ministry of the California-Pacific Conference for many years.*

*Rev. Lydia is a spirit filled leader and preacher with a rich experience in worship, outreach, innovative focused small group ministries, preaching, and stewardship. As a church leader and developer, she is uniquely gifted to help lead St Mark's UMC into an era of vibrant growth. Rev. Lydia will work together with Rev. Craig and Rev. Jeri along with your lay leadership over the coming year for a smooth and effective ministry transition.*

*On behalf of our Bishop, I thank you for your faithfulness and ask you to hold these fine pastors and their families in your prayers during this time of change.*

Uh-oh. "Time of change." What does THAT mean? It means two things.

Most important, it means that St. Mark's is making a significant and creative investment in its future. In the coming year, Rev. Lydia will be spending almost all of her time beginning a project or projects to reach people we are not currently reaching.

The second thing it means is that, if this coming year goes well, I plan to retire and Rev. Lydia will become Senior Minister, continuing the vital work of positioning St. Mark's for vibrant growth.

Rev. Lydia is a very personable, energetic, sensitive, strong, and inspiring young leader, and we will all be blessed by her work with us.

See you in church!

Craig