

ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN-UPS

Summer is nearing and that means St. Mark's Education crew will be asking for volunteers to teach One-Room Sunday School beginning June 3. There are 12 opportunities to share your knowledge with our youngest church members. Please stop by our table in the courtyard after church on Sundays to sign up and pick up your easy-to-use lesson plan. The lesson plan format includes songs (words and music provided), stories to read, and crafts and activities to use. Education team members can assist in answering any questions.

Jesus calls us to share our faith. What a wonderful way for you to follow his example. Please sign up for one Sunday (or more) to teach this summer, and enjoy the children in our congregation. You will discover its joys, and perhaps desire to become a regular teacher come autumn. Thanks.

CELEBRATING THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2018 THIS SUNDAY IN CHURCH

Each year, St. Mark's likes to recognize this year's college or high school graduates with a small gift. Please be sure to be in church this Sunday, June 10, at 9:30AM as we celebrate the following graduates:

High School Graduates

Max Higgins The Rock Academy Virginia Military Institute

Sheila Martin University City High School San Diego Miramar College

Zoë Currigan Clairemont High School San Francisco State University

College Graduates

Tyler Culp University of Missouri Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Emily Culp Metropolitan State University at Denver Masters of Science in Social Work

Nicole Gongora California State University, Fullerton BS in Child & Adolescent Development

Elizabeth Watson National University Masters of Arts in Education

Jon Watson National University Bachelors of Science in Computer Science.

Nils Olsson San Diego Mesa College Associate of Arts: Music Studies and Liberal Arts and Sciences: Mathematics and Pre-Engineering Studies - Computer Science

Doug Presnell SDSU Bachelor of Music in Music Education

FLAPJACKS AND FELLOWSHIP

Please be sure to come by the Social Hall this Sunday, June 10, between 7:45 and 9:15AM to share a delicious pancake breakfast. Come, bring a friend and make a friend. All are invited!

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:

1 Samuel 8:4-20

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Mark 3:20-35

SUMMER CAMP AT CEDAR GLEN

An incredibly fun, transformative and fulfilling experience, youth summer camps are registering youth for their summer programs. Four different camps for younger elementary, older elementary, middle school and high school students are available in June and July of this year at Camp Cedar Glen. A beautiful place in Julian full of green trees and where there are more stars than open sky at night. Learn more and sign up your youth at campcedarglen.org. Camp costs \$445 for the three older groups. Scholarships (camperships) are available through the conference on the registration form and through St. Mark's so don't let cost prevent you from experiencing the joy of camp!

THIS SUNDAY JUNE 10 ST. MARK'S CHANCEL CHOIR IN CONCERT

St. Mark's is excited to showcase St. Mark's Chancel Choir, St. Mark's Singers and soloist for a wonderful evening of music this Sunday at 4:30PM. The Chancel Choir will sing their favorite anthems and soloists will perform their favorite selections. This is a concert that will appeal to every age. There will also be some selections especially for children. This is a concert you do not want to miss. Bring your family and friends for an evening of enjoyable music. Be sure to invite your friends in family to this wonderful event.

BIBLE GIANTS NEED YOU

by Karen Scanlon

You're not too old, too decrepit, too healthy, or too busy, too slow, or too fast. We need an assortment of volunteers to help us in prep and execution of Vacation Bible School ahead of and during the week of August 20 - 24. This is a community adventure and we hope you'll be with us, too. Go back to your own childhood, did you attend Vacation Bible School or some such?

I've been reading and rereading a book Rev. Jeri gave me titled *Being United Methodist: What it means and why it matters*. I keep it as close to me as my Bible. In short, author J. Ellsworth Kalas says that we must remain close to our Methodist roots. And I can think of many roots to tend, certainly you can, too. Vacation Bible School is one of them--giving our children the experiences of the Bible.

We need you for a few hours, a single job in prep, or attending one (or more) of our two-and-a-half hour sessions in August. Please let us know how you'll help, won't you? This is living our United Methodist faith.

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BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ST. MARK'S ANNUAL YARD SALE

St. Mark's Yard Sale Committee has started planning the Annual Yard Sale and hopes that you have too! Please start planning what you would like to contribute to the sale as well as when you would like to volunteer to help during the sorting/pricing work times: Saturday July 28 and July 30 - August 2 and sale day August 3 - 4.

You might think that the yard sale sounds like a lot of work - and it is! But it's a lot of fun, too! And remember, if you help get ready for the sale, you get to shop early!

COME TO THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

You are always invited to the on-going group that meets in the New Room on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 6:45PM.

9-WEEK BOOK STUDY STARTING JULY 1

What would it mean to engage in responsible contemporary theological activity that is also authentically Wesleyan? What would be the potential benefit of doing so? Pursuit of these questions led Rev. Dr. Randy L. Maddox to write *Responsible Grace, John Wesley's Practical Theology*. Rev. Dr. Maddox is currently the institute secretary of the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies and Professor of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies at Duke Divinity School.

Rev. Jeri will lead a 9-week book study beginning on Sunday, July 1, from 4 - 5:30PM at St. Mark's, in the New Room. Light refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited, no matter how new or seasoned you are in Methodist doctrine. Together, let's journey and learn John Wesley's practical theology.

Sign-up in the office. Books can be ordered on-line or purchased through St. Mark's for \$28.

IN OUR PRAYERS

♥ Kelly Hopkins
♥ Rose Marie Pierce
♥ Phyllis Drewett
♥ Sherry Forrest
♥ Vera Morrison
♥ Hope Coleman
♥ Al Johannesen
♥ Dolores Hall
♥ Jim Hill
♥ 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.

SAVE YOUR BOXES PLEASE

We are building the wall of Jericho at Vacation Bible School in August. You will get to experience this, too, on VBS Sunday following our week of constructing Bible giants. WE NEED BOXES OF EVERY SIZE, SHAPE, COLOR. Will you, please, save every box you meet? Hang on to them for early August. Just wait til you see what we can do with your boxes! Thank you very much.

39ERS TO VISIT THE SALVATION ARMY FOR LUNCH

If you are or ever were 39 or ever were, you are invited to come for lunch on Monday, June 11 at 11AM at the Salvation Army in their Social Hall at Balboa and Clairemont Drive. The 39er social group of St. Mark's will be making a visit and enjoying lunch and fellowship that day. Rumor has it that their lunches are very good and everyone is welcomed. Also, there is a chair excise class after lunch for anyone who is interested.

Please call Mary Ness at 858 - 455-9665 to let her know you are coming.



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NEXT WEEK @ A GLANCE

Sunday, June 10, 2018

7:45AM Pancake Breakfast/SH
8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
9:30AM Church Service/Sanc
4:30PM St. Mark's Chancel Choir/Sanc

Monday, June 11, 2018

6:45PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

9:30AM Friendship Circle/NR
5:30PM Weekly Bible Study/NR

Thursday, June 14, 2018

4:15PM Children's Choir Rehearsal/CR
7:00PM Choir Rehearsal/CR
Boy Scouts/SH
7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Saturday, June 16, 2018

7:00PM BSA Troop Event/Sanc&SH

Sunday, June 17, 2018

8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
Summer Family Choir/CR
9:30AM Church Service/Sanc
12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/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.*

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Rev. Craig Dorval
Senior Minister



Sunday, June 10
9:30AM Service
Rev. Craig Dorval

Child Care, Rooms 1&2

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
Sunday, June 3: 145



858-273-1480

Dear Friends,

*"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."
Mark 10:14*

We know this is true. And the more we are around children, and watch children, the more we know this is true.

The wisdom of children. We have heard about it in so many ways—through the sayings of Jesus, the books of Robert Fulghum, and videos and quotes circulating online. We also hear stories from friends or family members who are teachers or child-care workers. We may remember Art Linkletter's old TV feature "Kids Say the Darndest Things," or we're a fan of *Peanuts*, *Spanky and Our Gang* or *Stranger Things*.

It's a standard premise of many science-fiction films that kids know more than adults—or, more precisely, they "get it" more quickly than adults. We know this is true for much of what is really important about this life. Most especially, children appreciate or understand very unconventional ideas, things, or people more-quickly than we adults.

If we're feeling slightly cynical, we may respond that they're too innocent to know any "better." And that's a very revealing statement. Is it really "better"?

This Sunday we will celebrate children, as we mark (early) the annual *Children's Sabbath*. We are early because the traditional weekend for Children's Sabbath is in October. It was created 27 years ago by the Children's Defense Fund as an ecumenically celebrated weekend to educate congregations about the state of today's children and families in America. This year's theme is "Realizing Dr. King's Vision: Ending Child Poverty."

Children and families from St. Mark's School have been invited to join us on Sunday morning, and our Cherub and Hallelujah choirs will present a musical entitled *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego: The Hands of God*. This musical will have a very special, unusual twist, and you will want to see it!

I hope you and your family can be here for this joyful service. And, if you can, invite some friends and neighbors! There's a lot to celebrate!

See you in church!

Craig