

St. Mark's Messenger

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Rev. Jeri will be preaching and leading worship this Sunday. Due to the fact she is attending the North American Interfaith Network Conference for a few days, she asked me to write a brief Pastor's Letter. (In the photo below fellow NAIN attendees from St. Mark's, Rebecca Dickerson and Dominique Santos, are welcomed to the conference by Rev. Cheri Metier of the Pioneer Ocean View UCC.)

Remember that during August we also have church at the beach, each Sunday morning at 8:30. It is an informal time to think, sing, pray, and share communion in the beautiful natural surroundings of Mission Bay. All are always invited to stop by, just south of the Hilton Hotel on East Mission Bay Drive. Look for the signs.

Also, if you are dealing with grief or loss in your life--even if the loss was long ago--I commend to you our GriefShare study and support group, which is meeting for the next 13 weeks on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 in the New Room, near the church office. This is an excellent program, led by St. Mark's member Lindsay Van Gorder, MSW, who is unusually sensitive and skilled for this work.

Whatever your situation, we hope to see you at St. Mark's! All are always invited.

Craig



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

7:45 AM Pancake Breakfast/SH
8:30 AM Church at the Beach/Tec. Shores
Pastor's Sunday School/NR
Summer Choir/CR
9:30 AM Church /Sanc
11:00 AM VBS Mtg/SH
12:00 PM Tongan Fellowship /Sanc

PASTOR'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Begins at 8:30 a.m. in the New Room. Everyone is invited. Child care is available.

Below are the lectionary readings for this week:

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalms 105:1-6, 45b
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-23

BRING A FRIEND TO THE BEACH

St. Mark's will have church at the beach each Sunday in August which includes a time for music, prayer, scripture, a message and fellowship beginning every Sunday, August. Church at the beach starts at 8:30 a.m. Come and enjoy one of the many benefits of living in beautiful San Diego and being part of St. Mark's community! And bring a friend!

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

Interested in an authentic faith for the 21st century? **"Living the Questions"** is a video-based discussion series that moves beyond dogmatic, either-or answers to challenging questions of spirituality and meaning. Instead, it encourages a more-authentic and more-dynamic approach to the mystery of God. It continues on Mondays August 21, and 28 from 1 to 2:15 p.m. in the New Room, near the church office. Come for a refreshing and eye-opening experience! All are always invited--no previous attendance is required.

STRENGTH FOR THE JOURNEY SUNDAY - AUGUST 13

Sunday, August 13 is Strength for the Journey Sunday. This special offering is a request of the California Pacific Annual Conference. The funds collected are used to support retreats for persons living with HIV/Aids, providing an opportunity for spiritual and emotional growth in a supportive and nurturing environment. The 5 day retreat provides a safe, caring and healing community, and includes activities to nourish the mind, body, and soul, so that participants may return home with a renewed strength and spirit. Please consider supporting these worthwhile retreats with a donation.

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Please be sure to come by the Social Hall this Sunday, August 13, between 7:45 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to share a delicious pancake breakfast with your friends and family. All are invited!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: MARKETPLACE 29 A.D.

There is still a place for you!

Shopkeepers are at work gathering goods for the marketplace (some wonderful finds at the yard sale). Registration is on-going, and shop assistants, storytellers, and musicians are in place. But we need a few more willing 'Hebrew' helpers, please.

Gentlemen of St. Mark's we'd love to have a couple of you portray Roman soldiers. Costumes and script are provided and it's only a time commitment of about 30 minutes two mornings the week of VBS, August 21 - 25.

Registration forms are available in the church office, or participants may register online at <http://www.stmarksumcsd.org>. There is a place in the marketplace for you. For more information please connect with either Renee Anderson at the.renee.anderson@gmail.com or Karen Scanlon kwscanlon@gmail.com or 858 583-4992. *Shalom!*

GRIEFSHARE SUPPORT

GriefShare groups meet weekly at 6:30 p.m. in the New Room to help people face the challenges and move toward rebuilding life after the death of a loved one. Each GriefShare sessions have three distinct elements: videos, group support, personal study and reflection. The next 13-week session began Tuesday, August 8. Lindsey VanGorder, MSW, will be leading the class. Sign-ups are in the church office.

PLEASE REGISTER SUNDAY SCHOOLERS

Sunday School Registration for the fall will begin soon! All children and youth, Pre-K through Senior High are invited to join with friends to learn about and share in the love of Jesus. *Sunday school classes will begin in a few weeks!*

HALLELUJAH CHIMES

Has your child ever want to play with the Hallelujah chimes when they play in church? Well we are calling all kids in grades 3rd through 6th grade who want to learn how to play. The Hallelujah Chimes will be starting in September for the school year. We meet Thursday nights from 5:20 to 6 p.m., after Hallelujah choir in the Social Hall. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Christina Peer at christina.mugg@gmail.com or (858)-722-3618.

DIGITAL ART SHOW COMING UP

The 14th annual St. Mark's Digital Art and Photography Show is tentatively scheduled for October. Now is the time to prepare your entries. More information will be announced in the near future. Please direct all questions to Judy Edelblute.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Attendance on Sunday, August 6 was 44 at the beach and 153 in church.

MONTHLY MEN'S BREAKFAST MEETING

Did you know there are a group of St. Mark's men that gather for breakfast the first Tuesday of each month? They enjoy a meal and a time of fellowship at 7 a.m. at Country Waffles (5252 Balboa Ave). All men are invited to attend!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Ordering flowers for the altar is a wonderful way to honor a loved one or recognize a special occasion or celebration. If you would like to order flowers for the altar please be sure to stop by the church office and see what dates are still available for this year. The cost for a basic arrangement is \$45 and a rose arrangement is \$50. You are welcome to take your flower order home after church or you can donate the flowers to C.A.R.E. Corps and they will be shared with someone that is unable to attend church. Please note that if no flowers are ordered on a Sunday there will be a glorious artificial arrangement placed on the altar. If you notice an arrangement on the altar and do not see an announcement in the Sunday bulletin it is because the arrangement was artificial. All orders must be placed by Monday morning of the previous week. Please contact the church office with any questions at 858-273-1480.

CPR/FIRST AID COURSE

Saturday September 16 AmeriMed will be at St. Mark's offering CPR/First Aid training. The course will cover Adult, Child, and Infant CPR and Pediatric First Aid Certification. Everyone is welcome to sign up. The cost will be \$60 per person payable to AmeriMed. No Personal Checks will be accepted. (They do accept Visa, MasterCard, and Discover.) Class will begin at 9 am. and continue until approximately 5 p.m.. If you are interested in participating please RSVP to the Preschool at 858-273-1489.

ST MARK'S PRAYER CHAIN

You are invited to join the 95 families who 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 send your email address to Donna Newby, donewby@san.rr.com.

IN OUR PRAYERS

When we became part of the United Methodist Church, we made a commitment to ourselves to support the Church by "our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness." **Please keep the following people and their loved ones in prayer:**

- ♥ *Mary Alice McKinney*
- ♥ *Marlene Larson*
- ♥ *Kay Robinson*
- ♥ *Den (Doc) Hemingway*
- ♥ *John Fletcher*
- ♥ *Floyd Murphy*
- ♥ *Helen Fox*
- ♥ *Dorothy Radomsky*
- ♥ *Erin Riechman*
- ♥ *Christine Kay*
- ♥ *Ron Hess*
- ♥ *Dolores Hall*
- ♥ *Mitch and Marisa Boyer*
- ♥ *Tricia Martin*
- ♥ *Forrest Sedgwick*

and our military personnel, including:

- ♥ *Kris Brendal, Army*
- ♥ *Robert S. Chisholm, Navy*
- ♥ *Craig Clemans, Marines*
- ♥ *Paul Clemans, Air Force*
- ♥ *Blake Cross, Navy*
- ♥ *Brandon (Dempster) Lewis, 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*

NEXT WEEK @ A GLANCE

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

- 10:30 AM CCO Mtg/NR
- 6:00 PM Finance Mtg
- 6:30 PM Grief Share/NR
- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, August 16, 2017

- 5:30 PM Bible Study/NR

Thursday, August 17, 2017

- 8:00 AM Chair Yoga/SH
- 9:30 AM Ties of Love/SH
- 1:00 PM Interfaith Disaster Mtg/NR
- 6:15 PM BSA Planning Mtg/NR
- 7:00 PM Boy Scouts/SH

Sunday, August 20, 2017

- 8:30 AM Church at the Beach/Tec. Shores
Pastor's Sunday School/NR
Summer Choir/CR
- 9:30 AM Church /Sanc
- 11:00 AM Worship Committee/Lib
- 12:00 PM Tongan Fellowship /Sanc

YARD SALE THANKS

The Yard Sale Committee wants to thank the many persons who contributed to the recent Yard Sale. We had many donors, buyers and workers. You told your neighbors about the sale.

You enjoyed the fellowship of sorting and pricing, and you assisted our customers with efficiency and cheerfulness. Then you speedily bagged and boxed the leftovers and took them to the waiting trucks. Many workers made an extraordinary effort to help us be ready. Whether you worked a few hours or many, to all of you we say a rousing "Thanks!" We could not have done it without your help!

DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING

August 20 is the deadline for ordering Memorial Plaques for dedication this year on All Saints Sunday, November 5. Plaques may be ordered to memorialize former pastors, members, constituents, and their immediate families. It is appropriate for several persons to join together with their resources to order a plaque to remember someone who may no longer have family to do so. Order forms are included in the Memorial Garden brochures located in the church office. If you have questions, please call Ron or Donna Newby at 858-278-4482.