

### Kathy Martin Memorial on Sat. Sept. 14 at 1:00 p.m.

You are invited to Kathy Martin's memorial service on Saturday, September 14 at 1 p.m. at El Camino Memorial Park (5600 Carroll Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92121). Kathy Martin was a long-time member of St. Mark's. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be given to the St. Mark's music program in her name. Please send checks to St. Mark's United Methodist Church with Music Ministries in Honor of Kathy Martin in the memo line.

### Christian Education Sunday September 15

This Sunday, September 15, is Christian Education Sunday. This special offering is a request of the California Pacific Annual Conference and "calls the Church as the people of God to be open to growth and learning as disciples of Jesus Christ". The funds raised are kept within our Annual Conference and are used for teacher training events and other related needs within the Conference. Please consider supporting this fund as you are able.

### St. Mark's Fall Campout Sept. 20-22 Spots Almost Gone!

Come enjoy the beauty of Palomar Mountain with friends from St. Mark's!

The Fall Campout is September 20- 22, **Saturday arrivals welcome.** The group camp space includes a spacious deck with picnic tables and a fire ring. Cost is \$20 for a family and \$10 for an individual to save your tent spot. While food is not included, we'll plan a pot luck for Saturday and finish the evening with s'mores under the stars. Contact Clay Constable ([clayc858@mac.com](mailto:clayc858@mac.com)) to reserve your space.

### NEW Music Appreciation Class in the Choir Room Wednesdays 10-11:30 a.m.



Hosted by the San Diego Community College Continuing Education Program, this FREE course is open to everyone, so please invite your friends. The official class launch was Sept. 4, but one can enroll at anytime. Check it out!

### "It's Just a Phase: So Don't Miss it!" Child Development Workshop for Parents Sun. Sept. 15, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Whatever phase your child is in, there's something remarkable happening right now! Come learn about normal stages of child development from birth through teens in this two-hour class for parents and caregivers.

For this class our Youth Director Kris Nieder is collaborating with special guest speaker Sandra Schubert. Sandi will share her wisdom gained from over 30 years of experience in the Child Development field. She has taught and directed private, state and federal funded, and faith based programs. "My approach to directing programs is based on the Team foundation, and I serve children and their development with the core values that address each one as a child of God."

Cost is \$10, which includes lunch. To register, contact Kris Nieder by email at [kris@stmarksumcsd.org](mailto:kris@stmarksumcsd.org) or contact the church office. Free childcare for children ages 2 and up. Space in childcare is limited, so please register ASAP! Babies are welcome in the class.

### Monthly Finance Report

#### Pledge/Envelope Giving for Aug 2019

August	Year-to-Date
\$24,855.18	\$224,493.41

#### Required to Meet Budget

4 Sunday Month	Year-to-Date
\$29,230.76	\$248,461.52

If you would like to check to see if you are behind on your pledge, please call our wonderful finance secretary, Arlene Dempster, at 858-273-9938.

### Animate: Faith Sundays, Sept. 29 to Nov. 10

Join us for "Animate: Faith," a new series that explores the basic tenets of Christianity in seven sessions: God, Religion, Jesus, Salvation, Cross, Bible, and Church. This course will be taught by Dr. James Rogers, who holds a PhD in theology and is the husband of our minister, Rev. Lydia Sohn.

Together, we will explore these topics with curiosity, discussion and reflection. Join us on Sundays after church from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from September 29th to November 10th. The total cost is \$70 per person, which includes sandwiches and the Animate: Faith journal. There is an extra fee of \$10 for childcare during these sessions. The \$10 covers childcare for all 7 sessions. Please don't let the cost block you from joining the class. Please email Rev. Lydia for scholarships: [lydia@stmarksumcsd.org](mailto:lydia@stmarksumcsd.org). You can sign up at the church office front desk.

### Photography and Digital Art Show Set for Oct. 6 through Nov. 3

The next Photography and Digital Art Show will be October 6-November 3, 2019 on the theme "Surprised by Joy." If you want to enter the show or want to invite someone to enter, pick up a prospectus in the church office. If you want to help hang art or sit with the art on Saturday afternoons contact Judy Edelblute at [judyedel@san.rr.com](mailto:judyedel@san.rr.com) or 858-278-0255.

### Music Season is Here!

**Chancel Choir** (Adult Choir) begins Thurs, Sept 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Conductor: Frank Williams.

**Cherub Hallelujah Choir** (Children's Choir) begins Thurs, Sept 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Conductor: Frank Williams.

**Hallelujah Chimes** begin Thurs, Sept 12 at 5:05 p.m. in the Social Hall. Conductor: Christina Peer.

**Peace Ringers Handbell Choir** begins Wed, Sept 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Conductor: Robin Tripp.

**Glory Ringers Handbell Choir** begins Wed, Sept 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Conductor: Robin Tripp.

**Carillon Handbell Choir** begins Mon, Sept 9 at 6:45 p.m. in the Social Hall. Conductor: JoAnne Hammond.

### Mission Moment: Thank You Notes Received

St. Mark's was awash in thank you notes this week! One was received from the Cal-Pac Native American Ministries for all of the items collected for Sherman Indian High School and delivered at the Annual Conference.

Another was received from Global Ministries of the UMC for \$1250.00 received to support Carmen Scheuerman, missionary.

Yet another was received from UMCOR for \$100 for their general needs fund.

May you be reminded always that every little bit matters because each of us matter in God's eyes. Notes are posted in the church office.

### Compassion in Practice: The Way of Jesus Hope UMC on Oct. 26

Hope United Methodist Church invites you to a retreat about cultivating compassion for ourselves and others. It will be led by Dr. Frank Rogers, Professor of Christian Spirituality of Claremont School of Theology. The retreat is called, "Compassion in Practice: The Way of Jesus" and it takes place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Hope United Methodist Church (16550 Bernardo Heights Parkway, San Diego, CA 92128). This retreat day will be the "how-to" we've been missing in our walk as Christians to be the examples of compassion in this crazy, polarized world. As we've been facing the uncertainties in the world, we cannot help but remember the life and heart of the One who demonstrated the ultimate act of compassion. Come for a day of nourishment for our souls and bodies! The cost is \$30 per person, which includes lunch and can be paid upon arrival. To register, email [bcnsandiego@gmail.com](mailto:bcnsandiego@gmail.com) or call (858)-485-5840.

### Annual Women's Retreat March 20 - 22, 2020

Please save the date!!! More information will be provided as the date gets closer.

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## 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.

## Instant Church Directory

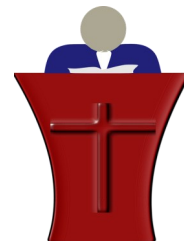


Want to access the church directory on your phone?

Go to your app store and search for "instant church directory" and look for this logo of a church. For more comprehensive help, just contact Michelle in the office. She is happy to help!

## Never Miss a Sermon

Missed Sunday's sermon? You can watch Sunday morning sermons on video at:



[stmarksumcsd.org/sermons](http://stmarksumcsd.org/sermons). They can also be found on the St. Mark's Facebook page.

## Pastor's Sunday School

In Pastor's Sunday School we study the lectionary texts which follow the church calendar. For Sunday, September 15:

- Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
- Psalm 14
- 1 Timothy 1:12-17
- Luke 15:1-10

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

## Next Week @ A Glance

### Sunday, September 15, 2019

8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR  
 9:30AM Church /Sanc  
 10:45AM Sunday School Brunch/SH  
 11:00AM Worship Committee Mtg/Lib  
 11:00AM Young Adult B'fast/NR  
 11:00AM Child Develop Class/SH  
 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc

### Monday, September 16, 2019

8:00AM TOPS/Narthex  
 4:30PM CCSA Board Mtg/CR  
 6:00PM Carillon Bells/SH  
 6:00PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

### Tuesday, September 17, 2019

10:00AM Yoga with Renee/Narthex  
 4:30PM Banding Together Parents/Sanc  
 6:00PM Band. Together Orient./Sanc  
 7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

### Wednesday, September 18, 2019

10:00AM Music Appreciation/CR  
 5:30PM Bible Study/NR  
 6:00PM Glory & Peace Ringers/SH

### Thursday, September 19, 2019

*Preschool Photos—Locale TBD*  
 9:30AM Ties of Love/TBD  
 10:00AM Yoga with Renee/Narthex  
 12:00PM Midday Mindfulness/NR  
 4:00PM Cherub Choir/CR  
 5:05PM Hallelujah Chimes/SH  
 7:00PM Boy Scouts/SH & Lib  
 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal/CR  
 7:15PM AA Meeting-Wmn/RM 9

### Friday, September 20, 2019

*Preschool Photos—Locale TBD*  
 Afternoon- Palomar Camp Out starts

### Sunday, September 22, 2019

8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR  
 9:30AM Church /Sanc  
 10:45AM Blood Pressure Clinic/NR  
 11:00AM Worship Committee Mtg/Lib  
 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc

**CR=Choir Room   Sanc=Sanctuary**  
**Lib=Library   SH=Social Hall**  
**NR=New Room   PO=Pastor's Office**

## September 10, 2019



Rev. Lydia Sohn  
Senior Minister

Sunday, September 15, 2019  
9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Child Care, Sr. Pastor's Office

Sunday School  
Room 6 & 7



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE  
SEPT 8, 2019  
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## Keeping In Touch

Dear Church,

What a beautiful weekend we had. Thank you all for hosting such a delightful and lovely baby shower for my family in preparation for our baby girl and for an awesome Welcome Back Sunday.

You make my work not feel like work. You make my work feel like non-stop fun.

And I feel honored to work with such fun-natured staff.

I was thinking about how special my baby girl must feel, my girl who hasn't yet been born, who hasn't even seen the light of day. And yet you showered her with blessings, gifts and love. She hasn't made any contributions to the world but she is already, so valued.

This upcoming Sunday's gospel lectionary passage animates this idea. Jesus is once again rebuked by the Pharisees for eating with the outcasts of society and Jesus responds to them by teaching them that God cares about every single person, not just the most important and valuable members of society. He provides this illuminating example: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after that one until he finds it?" A similar idea is expressed in the Psalms, where the psalmist says that God knows our every thought and formed us in our mother's womb (Psalm 139).

A dominant ethical theory in western philosophy, which made its way into our political system is a theory called "The Utilitarian Theory," which can roughly be described as the greatest good for the greatest number. This utilitarian calculus is what's often used when political leaders decide whether to go into war or commit egregious murders. Well, they reason, if we only kill a thousand people instead of one million, it's worth it.

God, however, offers a different ethical way of thinking: a way of thinking where every single person, even the least of these, are considered.

Let us consider this idea together on Sunday morning.

See you soon,  
Rev. Lydia



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 [dnewby@san.rr.com](mailto:dnewby@san.rr.com).

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