

A St. Mark's Thank You Note

The Messenger received a thank you note in the mail last week all of the way from Bauan, Bafangas, Philippines! It reads:

To St. Mark's Messenger.
Thank you. I'm Sis. Siony Magboo, the Auntie of Stephanie Ignacio. I give thanks for your kindness and open heart to help and support my niece in your community. I was really glad when I knew that my niece was in good hands. God bless, God is always with you. Thankfully yours,
Siony Magboo

Beginning Chimes For Children

The Hallelujah Chimes has started, but we are still looking for kids in grades 2nd through 5th grade who want to learn how to play. We meet Thursday nights from 5:20 to 6 pm, right after Hallelujah choir, in the Social Hall. We hope that you join this wonderful and fun music learning experience. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Christina Peer at christina.mugg@gmail.com or (858) 722-3618.

Announcement for Fresh Expressions Class

Correction on the time for the TNT September pot luck dinner on Friday September 14. Set up begins at 4:00 with the dinner at 6:00 PM. Contact the church office if you have any questions. 858-273-1480 or office@stmarksumcsd.org

Never Miss a Sermon

Missed Sunday's sermon? You can watch Sunday morning sermons on video by visiting: stmarksumcsd.org/sermons. They can also be found on the St. Mark's Facebook Page.

Dr. Gordon Martin's Honor Flight

Dr. Gordon Martin, age 93, charter member of St. Mark's and a veteran of World War II and Korean War, will be on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. from September 28-30.

AS A SURPRISE:

There will be a Mail Call on his outgoing flight which will include letters from family & friends. If you would like to send him a letter, please send it to: Jim St. Martin, 29845 Hiddenwood, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677 before Thursday, September 20.

For his return flight, you are welcome to be at the San Diego airport, Terminal 2, on Sunday, September 30, at 1:30 (plane is due to arrive at 2:30). There has been an average of 1,000 people at these homecomings.

Digital Art Show

St. Mark's UMC will hold their 15th annual Photography and Digital Art Show September 30 - October 28, 2018.

Everyone is welcome to enter up to three works; there are separate youth and adult divisions. Entries on the theme "Beauty Revealed" will be received Friday, September 28, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 29, 9:00 a.m. - noon. To learn about cash awards, entry fees, and other details, obtain a show prospectus at: www.stmarkssd.org/current-events/art-shows, or call the church office (858-273-1480) to have a prospectus mailed to you.

Artists, their friends, and the general public are welcome to attend the awards ceremony on Saturday, October 6, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary, 3502 Clairemont Drive, San Diego. Admission is free. A reception will follow in the Social Hall.

The show is open for free public viewing 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays during the show (October 6, 13, 20, and 27). To see the show outside these hours, call the church office (858-273-1480).

Border Ministry Sunday September 23

Last September members of St. Mark's, along with our youth, attended the El Faro: Border Church Service. It was a moving experience for all who attended. El Faro: The Border Church brings together a bi-national community at the U.S./Mexico border fence celebrating that there is nothing that separates us from God's love.

This is just one of the worshipping communities along the border that are supported by the Border Ministry special offering requested by the California Pacific Annual Conference. Funds are also used to support advocacy for all immigrants and refugees crossing our border from the south.

Please consider making a donation to help St. Mark's do it's part in supporting these special worshipping communities and our immigrant/refugee brothers and sisters.

FALL REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN

As we begin the new fall semester in Sunday school, all parents who would like their children to attend Sunday school should fill out a new registration form located in the church office and pew pockets, and turn it into the teacher or the church office at their earliest convenience. The teachers will also have blank forms in the classrooms.

The information on these forms will be used to update contact numbers in case of an emergency and for curricular planning. Thanks for taking time to update this very important information.

Renee Anderson, Education Chairperson

Commission on a Way Forward September 16

Bishop Grant Hagiya will be in San Diego on September 16 to present the newly released report by the Commission on a Way Forward and explain the possible impacts of the report on the United Methodist Church, including changes which could restructure the very framework of the denomination.

Please join in on this dialog about LGBTQ+ inclusion and the future of our church, Sunday, September 16, at 2:00 p.m. at First UMC of San Diego, 211 Camino del Rio South.

Blessing of the Animals, October 7

It's time again to celebrate the animals that enrich our lives, pets of all kinds. Please mark your calendar and shout out to all the animal people in your life:

Blessing of the animals at St. Mark's, Sunday, October 7 at the 9:30 AM church service. All people and pets are welcome!!



In Our Prayers

- ♥ *Phil Currie*
- ♥ *Renee Pierce*
- ♥ *Lorraine Robinson*
- ♥ *Forrest Sedgwick*
- ♥ *Rose Marie Pierce*
- ♥ *Phyllis Drewett*
- ♥ *Sherry Forrest*
- ♥ *Vera Morrison*
- ♥ *Al Johannesen*

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 Riegler, 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.

Pastor's Sunday School

In Pastor's Sunday School we study the lectionary texts which follow the church calendar. For Sunday, September 16:

- Proverbs 1:20-33
- Psalm 19
- James 3:1-12
- Mark 8:27-38

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

Office Volunteer Needed

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer your time and talents to the church? Do you have some free time during the week? If so, please consider becoming an office volunteer. We currently have a need for help on Monday mornings from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. For more information contact the office at 858-273-1480

Next Week @ A Glance

Sunday, September 16, 2018

- 8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
- 9:30AM Nursery School Celebration/Sanc
- 10:30AM UMC Missions lunch/SH
- 12:00PM Tongan Fellowship/Sanc

Monday, September 17, 2018

- 1:00PM Book Study/NR
- 4:30 PM CCSA Board Meeting/CR
- 6:00 PM Carrillon Bells/SH
- 6:45PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

- 6:00PM Finance Committee/Lib
- 6:30PM Grief Share/NR
- 7:00PM Church Council Meeting/Lib
- 7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

- 5:15 PM Peace Ringers/Lib
- 5:30PM Bible Study/NR
- 6:00PM Glory Ringers

Thursday, September 20, 2018

- 9:30AM Ties of Love/SH
- 1:00PM Interfaith Disaster Council/NR
- 4:00PM Cherub Choir/NR
- 5:20PM Hallelujah Chimes/ SH
- 7:00PM Boy Scouts/SH
- 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal/CR
- 7:15PM AA Meeting/RM 9
- 7:30PM Coffee & Contemplation

Sunday, September 23, 2018

- 8:30AM Pastor's Sunday School/NR
- 9:30AM Special Offering/Sanc
- 11:00AM Worship Committee/Lib
- 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 smumcsdoffice@gmail.com.*

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Keeping In Touch

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Dear Friends,

Many exciting events and changes abound.

As you may have heard, we just hired three new people for open positions at St. Mark's. Michelle Herman will begin her position as the Church Office Administrator on Monday, September 17th, replacing our beloved temporary assistant Laura McHugh. Phoebe Currihan was just hired as our Sunday nursery caregiver so that parents of young children can enjoy the service by themselves if they choose, and the preschool hired a new teacher, Airyyus Wallace.

Speaking of the preschool, we are looking forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of St. Mark's School this upcoming Sunday! It will be a grand time with many alumni coming back to celebrate this amazing school and how it has shaped them. Afterwards will be a magnificent lunch. You can sign up through the church office by calling (858) 273-1480 or emailing office@stmarksumcsd.org.

As we commemorate this milestone year of the preschool, I will be preaching on education, learning and growth. I don't know about you but I love that we humans are growth seeking beings. No matter how old I get or how knowledgeable I get on certain subjects, God seems to always be challenging me to change my mind, gain new tools and constantly evolve into a better version of myself. I used to hate this about life. Why can't I just be perfect? The truth is though, stagnancy makes life boring. And nothing is more exciting than growing, changing and experiencing life anew.

I hope to see you this Sunday.

In the meantime, keep growing!
Lydia



Rev. Lydia Sohl
Senior Minister
in transition

Sunday, September 16
9:30 AM Service
Rev. Craig Dorval

Child Care, Rooms
1, 6, 8,&10



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9:
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