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Lead Pastor



Sunday, October 4, 2020
9:30 a.m. Streaming at
vimeo.com/stmarkssandiego
and on our
Facebook page.

St. Mark's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
858-273-1480

Keeping In Touch

This Sunday, we join with churches across several traditions in celebrating the Table that unites us. Beyond races, beyond cultures, beyond national borders and even across oceans, we, who gather for Holy Communion, are connected as members of one body through Christ.

This can be hard enough for us to conceptualize when we are within the walls of our own church, but it is even more difficult to remember when we are isolated in our own homes. This is one reason that we, at St. Mark's, now gather for Communion via Zoom. It is critical that when we share in the prayer of Great Thanksgiving, and call upon the Holy Spirit to be present in and with us, that we see or hear one another; that we are present together to experience the holy mystery of God with us. Because, while this sacrament is certainly a great gift to each of us individually, it also shapes us and strengthens us as a community, too.

So, we will still be preparing the altar for Holy Communion this World Communion Sunday, but we invite you to join us at 10:45 a.m. or 7 p.m. via Zoom, where together we proclaim that, in remembrance of Christ's mighty acts "we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us."

Check the Messenger for more information about how to connect in (or even join a tutorial on Zoom before Sunday!). I look forward to seeing you then.

In hope,
Pastor Darin

Join the Zoom Tutorial This Thurs. 10/1 at 10 a.m.

If you are not on our e-mail list, but would like to join in the Zoom tutorial, please call or email the office to be sent the Zoom log on information: (858) 273-1480; office@stmarksumcsd.org.

Zoom Tutorial with Pastor Darin This Thursday, October 1 at 10a.m.

The learning curve for using new technologies has been rather steep over the past several months, and it is perfectly normal to feel anxious or frustrated when having to connect to each other in new ways. So, join us on Thursday at 10 a.m. for a *pressure-free* opportunity to test your new or developing Zoom skills.

You can call in using your telephone, or test the “app” on your smart-phone, or anything in between. Once logged-in, you can ask questions, test any functions you like, practice logging out and in again, share your experience and wisdom, or just enjoy the playful chaos as we all learn together.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call the office prior to Thursday. We hope that all who desire to connect will get the guidance they need, and that we will “see” you soon.

And if you do not receive our automated emails and would like to join this tutorial, a quick call or email would be appreciated so we can get you what you need! office@stmarksumcsd.org; (858) 273-1480.



zoom



Blessing of the Animals

HAVE YOU SENT IN YOUR PHOTO?
All people n' pets welcome.
Deadline is Sunday, October 4

Sunday, October 11, 2020
Virtual Worship at 9:30 a.m.
Drive-by Blessings from 11:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m.

A drive-by blessing by St. Mark's clergy in the north parking lot of the church. But first, enjoy the animal-themed virtual worship service at 9:30 that morning. Photos of you and your pet/s will be part of the service, so don't miss the fun. **Deadline is October 4.**

For the cat people: "A cat isn't fussy--just so long as you remember he likes his milk in the shallow, rose-patterned saucer and his fish on the blue plate. From which he will take it, and eat it off the floor." Meow!

World Communion Sunday October 4

One of the most hallowed special Sundays of the year, this World Communion Sunday will be “the pandemic one.”

St. Mark’s will be offering 2 communion services at 10:45 a.m. or 7 p.m. via Zoom, where together we proclaim that, in remembrance of Christ’s mighty acts “we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us.”

The Zoom information will be the same for both services and will be provided with the Worship Service email that arrives at 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Place Your Orders!

The UMW is having a virtual bake sale.

Please place your orders with Pat Comer (858-279-3011) or Sandi Johnson (858-278-8833) by **October 10.**

- **Brownies, frosted or not - 1/2 dozen for \$3**
- **Lemon squares—1/2 dozen for \$3**
- **All cookies \$4 a dozen (chocolate chip, peanut butter, snickerdoodles, shortbread w/ choc. chips)**
- **1/2 lb. peanut brittle—\$4**
- **Banana bread with nuts—\$4 for a medium loaf; \$6 for a large loaf**
- **Pumpkin nut bread-\$6 for a large loaf**
- **Cranberry nut bread-\$6 for a large loaf**

Orders will be delivered Saturday, October 17.
Thank you for your support of UMW missions.

UMW News

I want to thank everyone who has made pledge payments and extra donations. We now have enough to finish paying our pledge to Missions Undesignated. The virtual bake sale will go a long way toward paying the final seven Mission Outreach Fund projects that we choose to support. We also thank everyone who has volunteered to bake or deliver goods for the virtual bake sale.

I hope you are keeping in touch with each other by phone and email until we can meet at the church again. The officers had two Zoom meetings to plan the virtual bake sale. They will not meet again until we are ready to plan United Methodist Women Sunday in January.

The Conference UMW will hold a Zoom annual meeting on Saturday, October 24, 2:00-4:00pm. The guest speaker is Rev. Sandra Olewine, First UMC of Pasadena. Register online at <http://www.calpacumc.org/wmwcelebration2020>. Registration is due by Saturday, October 3.

Until we meet again, stay safe and stay healthy!
Judy Edelblute, President, St. Mark's UMW

Your Favorite Equal Exchange Chocolate, Nuts and Coffee Items Available in the Church Office

The COVID-19 quarantine does not mean you have to be without all of life’s pleasures like coffee, chocolate and nuts! Feel free to call or email the office with your Equal Exchange request which can be picked up curbside.

Pastor's Bible School Wednesdays @ 1 p.m.

Join Rev. Jeri on Wednesday 10/7 at 1 p.m. via Zoom as we explore the Lectionary Passages of the week. A Zoom link will be sent by email each Wednesday morning. Here are the passages for

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

- Exodus 32:1-14
- Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Philippians 4:1-9
- Matthew 22:1-14

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.

Our military personnel:

- ♡ Brook Bossen, Coast Guard
- ♡ Kris Brendal, Army
- ♡ Robert S. Chisholm, Navy
- ♡ Craig Clemans, Marines
- ♡ Paul Clemans, Air Force
- ♡ Blake Cross, Navy
- ♡ Nathan Streeter, Navy
- ♡ Lenny Hezelett, Navy
- ♡ Henry Hoadley, Navy
- ♡ Milo Riegle, Marines
- ♡ Robert Tarango, Navy
- ♡ Dylan Weitzman, Army

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 Carol Brown at carol.brown@cst.edu.**

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Additional Bible Study Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m.

If you would like to be added to Bill Galante's Wednesday late afternoon Bible Study, please contact Charles Ballinger who arranges the Zoom link (619-275-2245 or cballin1@san.rr.com).

In addition, Ed Deitzler hosts a biblical scavenger hunt to deepen exploration of the scripture which is real fun!

Zoom Communion Update for October

Since we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday on October 4, the only weekday Zoom communion service will be Monday, October 19 at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Darin.

The Monday *From the Pastor* email will have a reminder and you will receive the Zoom details in your email 30 minutes before start time.

Next Week @ A Glance

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

- 1:00PM Bible School w/ Rev. Darin/Zoom
- 4:00PM Bible Study with Bill Galante/Zoom

Thursday, October 1, 2020

- 10:00AM Zoom Tutorial/Zoom
- 3:30PM Cherub Hallelujah Choir/Zoom

Sunday, October 4, 2020

- World Communion Sunday
- 9:30AM Worship broadcast from St. Mark's
- 10:45AM Communion Service/Zoom
- 11:00AM Sunday School/Zoom
- 7:00PM Communion Service/Zoom

Wednesday, October 7, 2020

- 9:00AM Rev. Jeri's Preschool Chapel/Facebook
- 1:00PM Bible Study w/ Rev. Jeri/Zoom

Thursday, October 8, 2020

- 3:30PM Cherub Hallelujah Choir/Zoom

Sunday, October 11, 2020

- Blessing of the Animals
- 9:30AM Worship broadcast from St. Mark's
- 11:00AM Drive-by Animal Blessings till 1 PM
- 11:00AM Youth Group/Zoom