

Second Sunday Art Show Continues

Judy LewLoose is a unique artist with over 20 years of career experience. Her unique blend of color, light and shadow shimmer with a splash of pointillism. This is a method of using tiny dots of pure color to create an image. Her paintings are absolutely stunning! We are also honored to share with you Judy's paintings of the homeless. She



expresses a message to those who do not know, and those who will never know what it is like to be in this situation. These are individuals much like you and me, who have succumbed to a life of day to day existence in the most poverty stricken conditions imaginable. The impact of LewLoose's paintings should educate and inform us all. Be sure to stop by the gallery; Judy will be there to talk to you and answer questions!

Sacramento Entertainment Books

A few 2011 Sacramento Entertainment Books are still available. Please call John White, 487-8714, if you would like to purchase a book.



“As you have done it to the least of these, so you have done unto me.” Matthew 25:40

To those of you who have turned in an “Estimate of Giving” for 2011, **Thank You!** If you haven't yet responded, it would be great if you could do that this week as every single contribution helps. St. Mark's wants to do everything it can to bring faith, hope and relief during these tough times—and **You** can be a big part of that.

Ways that you can help before the end of the year:

- Fill out an “Estimate of Giving” commitment card (which you can find in the pew holders)
- Make a special year- end contribution to help us end 2010 with all commitments paid in full
- Postmark your contributions by December 31 and you will receive tax credit for this year.



If you'd like to pay on-line in order to earn points on your credit card (one time or automatically each month) you can do that by going to www.stmarksumc.com and click on the link which says “Donate” in the upper menu bar on the right.



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TODAY at St. Mark's

8:45am	Chancel Choir-CR
9:30am	Faith Pilgrimage-E25
10:00am	Worship Service-SA
11:00am	Jesus Seminar Class-E25
11:00am	Quest Class-E24
12:00pm	Grace in Motion-MH
2:00pm	Seasoned Companions-E24

Remember: The church office will be closed from December 27 through December 31.



This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, December 27

Office Closed

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Off Site

Tuesday, December 28

Office Closed

9:45am Calexico Circle-Off Site

Wednesday, December 29

Office Closed

7:00pm Grace in Motion-GC

Thursday, December 30

Office Closed

7:00pm Chancel Choir-CR

Friday, December 31

Office Closed

Sunday, January 2

8:45am Chancel Choir-CR

9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25

10:00am **Worship Service-SA**

11:30am MacMurdo 70th Anniversary-MH

12:00pm Grace in Motion-MH

2:00pm Seasoned Companions-E24

UMW Sewing & Craft Group

There will be no more meetings of the UMW Sewing & Craft Group this year. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 5, in Room E-5 (Library).



Give the Gift of Music



Gift Certificates will be on sale between worship services at the Welcome Center for Bravo Bach. Prices start at \$12 per ticket/concert. The 2011 Bravo Bach Festival will be held March 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27. All performances start at 7:00pm.

Remember In Prayer

Nancy Aldrich

Paul Allen

Andy (Beth Shoemaker's grandson)

Sue Bailey

Jo Biasi

Lorin Brown (Cath's brother)

Maurice Brown

Margaret Ann Dukleth

Jill Fernino

Don Fado

Jackie Henin

Twila Humiston

Jennine & Olivia Jones

Tommy Jovalis

Mary Kasai

Doris Muramatsu

Gaylon Palmer

Tim Rowe

Marvin Short (DeeAnn Schmucker's father)

Dick Smith

(Anne's husband)

Betty Wright



Flowers

The flowers in front of the pulpit are given in memory of Lucille Christian from her children and grandchildren.



St. Mark's Steps Forward:

By John McCormack, Ministry in Action Commission



SACRAMENTO
STEPS FORWARD

St. Mark's UMC has agreed to be a host church for the Winter Shelter Program, coordinated by Sacramento Steps Forward. This program houses 65 homeless persons per night in various churches in the Sacramento community. Without this program, many more homeless adults and children would be on the streets in the coldest months of the winter. St. Mark's will host people for six continuous nights. These nights are Sunday, December 26, through New Years Eve, December 31.

Food for that week is being provided by other churches and cafes with the coordination of Volunteers of America (VOA), so St. Mark's doesn't have to worry about that element.

We are now only looking for some good St. Mark's people to come in from roughly 5:00pm to 7:00pm on any of those nights and share a meal and conversation with our guests in MacMurdo Hall. By being with these folks for a meal, we honor them as human beings and children of God.

Donations of new socks and footwear are also needed for the guests. If you can donate any of your time for two hours on any of those evenings, help provide foot baths or donate new socks and foot gear, please let Kevin Jenkins in the church office know.

Christmas Offering

The apportionment for *California-Nevada Annual Conference Ministries* supports various missions of our conference, some of which are: local youth work, pastoral support, church development, and ethnic minority congregations.

An apportionment is less a claim on the local congregation, a tax on their resources, and more a mechanism of enabling our shared stewardship, of under girding our connectional mission and ministry.

Please be generous **today**, and put your contribution in the offering plate using your Christmas Offering envelope or a pew envelope clearly marked, "Christmas Offering." Your offering will go to help provide funds for the *California-Nevada Annual Conference Ministries*, one of our apportionments. Please make checks payable to St. Mark's UMC. We live in a global village, and the world is our parish. When we give generously, our gifts do wonderful, life-changing things in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank you.

