

Congregational Meeting on September 19

On August 19, a letter was sent to members and constituents describing staff and facility changes that will be in effect as of September 1. (If you did not receive a copy of the letter and would like one, please contact the office.) These changes reflect the financial status of St. Mark's, and are necessary to allow our ministry to continue. The letter also announced a **Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, September 19, after the 11:00am service. This meeting will be an opportunity to share ideas, suggestions and prayer to see us through this difficult time. All those who consider St. Mark's their home are welcome to attend. In preparation for the meeting, we are encouraging every committee, group, study and circle to set aside time during their meeting for prayer for our congregation and leadership. We

also suggest that individuals be prayerfully considering how God is leading them to contribute time, talents and treasures to the ministry of St. Mark's. If you are looking for particular ways to serve, see the insert in the bulletin.



Save the Date for Sacramento Act

Sacramento ACT's (*Area Congregations Together*) Stand Together Luncheon, "Acting in Hope" is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22. The event is at the Radisson Hotel, Sacramento. For more information please visit www.stmarksumc.com/ACT.

An Evening of Fun for Everyone!

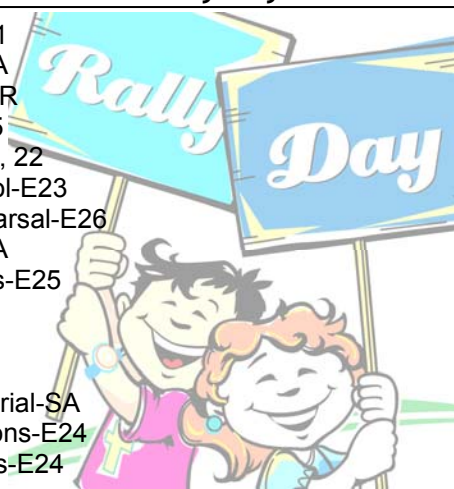
Comedysportz of Sacramento will be bringing their very talented show to St. Mark's on Saturday, October 9. A silent auction will also be part of the evening. Proceeds will support St. Mark's 2010 budget commitments. If you are interested in helping with the Silent Auction, please contact Margie Shunk at 771-3204 or rashunk@quiknet.com. For more information, and to learn how you may donate items for the auction, please visit www.stmarksumc.com/comedy.

Sacramento Entertainment Books

Besides the 2011 Sacramento Entertainment Book, please consider obtaining an out-of-area book. We have available every book Entertainment publishes in California, Oregon, Nevada, and Arizona. Take a look Sunday's on the Patio. Sacramento books are also available in the church office during the week. Proceeds provide additional support for our Youth Fellowship. The new Sacramento price is only \$30! Call John White, at 487-8714, for more information.

TODAY at St. Mark's: It's Rally Day!

9:00am	Art Show Opens-AS1
9:30am	Worship Service -SA
9:30am	St. Mark's Singers-CR
9:30am	Faith Pilgrimage-E25
9:30am	Sunday School-E3-4, 22
9:30am	Youth Sunday School-E23
9:45am	Worship Band Rehearsal-E26
11:00am	Worship Service -SA
11:00am	Jesus Seminar Class-E25
11:00am	Quest Class-E24
11:00am	Sunday School-E1-4
12:00pm	GLBTI Lunch-E26
2:00pm	Rose Bidinian Memorial-SA
2:00pm	Seasoned Companions-E24
6:00pm	Spiritual Companions-E24



Rally Day

Today is *Rally Sunday*. Join us as we kick off the new Sunday School Season. New classes at 9:30am and 11:00am for children ages 3–6th grade, and adults. Youth in grades 7–12 meet at 9:30am in Grace Café. This year the children will be *Growing in God* with the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum. We hope you are wearing green today as we celebrate the season after Pentecost that symbolizes new growth.

Our morning adult classes will begin new book studies **today**. Please read below for the time, place and book. This is a great time to join a new class.

- Quest meets at 11:00 in Room E-24, studying *Books That Have Made History: Books That Can Change your Life*, by J. Rufus Fears.
- Faith Pilgrimage meets at 9:30am in Room E-25, discussing Elaine Pagels' book, *The Origin of Satan*.
- Jesus Seminar Discussion meets at 11:00am in Room E-25, discussing Lloyd Geering's new book *Such is Life—an Imaginative Dialogue with Ecclesiastes*.

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, September 13

Office Closed

9:00am UMW Sewing Craft Group-E5
9:30am Hilton Group-E25
12:30pm Super Seniors-MH
7:30pm Home Bible Study-Off Site

Tuesday, September 14

9:00am UMW Executive Meeting-E5
10:00am UMW Meeting-MH
12:00pm Preschool Board Meeting-E5
7:00pm Disciple-E5
7:00pm Trustees-E25
7:00pm Gifts Memorials Bequests-SR

Wednesday, September 15

7:00pm Adult Education Cte-E21
7:00pm Grace in Motion-GC

Thursday, September 16

7:00pm Ministry in Action-E5

Friday, September 17

6:30pm St. Mark's Veterans Grp-E22

Saturday, September 18

8:00am Church Work Day
10:00am Bereavement Group-PR
7:00pm Mark Twains Group-Off Site

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Remember In Prayer

Andy (Beth Shoemaker's grandson)
Sue Bailey
Maurice Brown
June Bryan
Verna Derheim
Margaret Ann Dukleth
Rosemary Erlewine
Jennine & Olivia Jones
Tim Rowe
Paul Samuels
Cristal Schoenfelder
Dick Smith
(Anne's husband)
Kimberly Thole
Stan Tinchner
Kathy Womack

In Memoriam

We extend our love and sympathy to:

...Tory Bidinian, death of his wife, our friend, Rose, on September 1, in Cool, CA. Her memorial reception will be **today**, at 2:00pm, here in the Sanctuary.

...Cristal Schoenfelder, in the death of her husband, Bob, on September 1. Services will be Saturday, October 2, at 2:00pm in our Sanctuary.

...the family of long-time member Wilbur "Flip" Finefrock, who passed away in Arizona on August 30. Services were held at Mt. Vernon Memorial Park on September 8.

Please continue to pray for these families.



Art Show Opens Today

Caitlin Bellah was first inspired to pick up photography at the age of 16 when her high school art teacher, seeing that painting was not her gift, handed her a stack of Camera Arts Magazines. She has photographed ad campaigns for Rocket Dog shoes and Project Runway winner Leanne Marshall's fall line. Her work has been recognized by the photography community as one of the best!

Seasoned Companions

Are you looking to add depth to your spiritual life? Join our Seasoned Companions class on Sunday afternoons from 2:00pm until 4:00pm in Room E-24. We will begin a new session **today**, September 12. Our first study will be *The Way of Prayer*. Interested? Contact Sally J. Weinland at 489-1039 or email her at sjweinland@yahoo.com.



The Hilton Group

The Hilton Group meets every other Monday, beginning September 13, at 9:30am in Room E-25. In preparation for Brian McLaren's visit in February as a Moon lecturer, we will be studying his book *A New Kind of Christianity*. Books are available in the church office for \$17. Please join us. Contact Ruth Ann Baker or Ken Fors if you would like further information.

Super Seniors

Super Seniors will have its "kick-off" luncheon for the coming year on Monday, September 13. This first meeting will be our annual *What I Did on My Summer Vacation* sharing time. We will also be discussing the change in the regular meeting time due to the change in church facility hours. If you haven't joined us in past years, come, get acquainted, and help decide on the new meeting time. The potluck lunch begins at 12:30pm, in MacMurdo Hall. Bring a potluck dish to share and your own table service. Come, share in the fun! For more information contact Ruth Ann Baker at 727-1774.



3rd Annual Amazin' gRace

St. Mark's youth ministry will host our *3rd Annual Amazin' gRace*, for grades 7-12, on Saturday, September 18. Teams of 4 (with one adult) are asked to bring \$20 per team to assist with costs.

More volunteers are needed!. Adults are needed to work the various stations and are asked to make a time commitment from 11:30am through 5:30pm and to stay and join us for the food and fun! If you are able to volunteer or have questions, please contact Susan Goodman or Scott Stiewig.