

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 on September 13, 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.

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.

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.

Save the Date! 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.

Gone

The sun is out, the water's refreshing, the stars are bright, the food, as always, nourishing, and the fellowship in full swing. The only thing missing is you. Sorry you weren't able to join us this year. Mark your calendar now for Labor Day weekend next year for **fun, food, fellowship** and **faith** at All-Church Camp.



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TODAY at St. Mark's

All-Church Camp-Off Site

9:30am	Worship Service-SA
9:30am	Faith Pilgrimage-E25
9:30am	Sunday School-E3-4, 22
9:30am	Youth Sunday School-E23
9:45am	Worship Band Rehearsal-E26
10:15am	Blood Pressure Check-PR
11:00am	Worship Service-SA
11:00am	Jesus Seminar Class-E25
11:00am	Quest Class-E24
11:00am	Sunday School-E1-4

Church Council Meeting Date Change

The September meeting of the Church Council has been changed to Wednesday, September 8, at 7:00pm, in Room E-26. These meetings are always open to the congregation for input or discussion.

First Sunday Table

Today the First Sunday Table will be in the Narthex to connect us to our community. You may leave checks made out to the community organizations St. Mark's supports: Loaves & Fishes, Francis House, Central Downtown Food Basket, Wellspring Women's Center, and the River City Food Bank. You may also leave items for St. Mark's own food closet, for guests at Loaves & Fishes and families at Family Promise as well as paperback books for county jail inmates. The table is sponsored by the Ministry in Action Commission.

Rally Day

Next Sunday is *Rally Sunday* is September 12. 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 for 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 and are invited to wear green on September 12 as we celebrate the season after Pentecost that symbolizes new growth.

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, September 6

All-Church Camp-Off Site

Tuesday, September 7

10:00am NOW Circle-E24

7:00pm NSP Group-E24

7:00pm SPRC Meeting-SR

7:00pm Disciple-E5

7:00pm Teacher Training-E26

Wednesday, September 8

7:00pm Family Ministries Cte-E25

7:00pm Church Council-E26

7:00pm Grace in Motion-GC

Thursday, September 9

7:00pm Underground Circle-Off Site

Friday, September 10

9:30am Scrabble-E2

Saturday, September 11

4:00pm Dominoes Group-E26

7:30pm Moon Lecture-SA

Sunday, September 12

Rally Day

9:00am Art Show Opens-A1

9:30am **Worship Service**-SA

9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25

9:30am Sunday School-E3-4, 22

9:30am Youth Sunday School-E23

9:30am St. Mark's Singers-CR

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

Remember In Prayer

Andy (Beth Shoemaker's grandson)

Sue Bailey

Maurice Brown

June Bryan

Verna Derheim

Margaret Ann Dukleth

Jennine & Olivia Jones

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 service will be on Sunday, September 12, at 2:00pm, here in the Sanctuary.

...Cristal Schoenfelder, in the death of her husband, Bob, on September 1. Services are pending.

Please continue to pray for these families.



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 on 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.

Thank You for the Summer Brunches

Thank you all who came to the brunches. We had great food and wonderful camaraderie.

A giant thank you to all who worked so hard to provide that great food: UMM - Eric Anderson, UMW - Ruth Ann Baker, GLBTI - Cath Brown, Family Ministries - Michael Mathews, Shirley Reese and friends, and Family Promise - Joyce Estes and Sharon Meyer. Thank you and all your workers. You did such a great job that you will be asked again next year.



The Hilton Group

The Hilton Group started out as a "small group" during Lent more than 10 years ago. The group engaged in such lively discussion that our leaders, Virginia and Bruce Hilton, agreed to continue leading the group as a Spiritual Growth Group.

Since their deaths, the group continues, honoring Virginia and Bruce, by changing the name to The Hilton Group. The 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.

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.

