

All-Church Camp:



Registration materials, contained in the brochures available in the Office and at the All-Church Camp table on the patio, will confirm your place at Capital Mountain Camp in Weimar, CA on Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 3-5.

Highlighted in the brochures is Linda Kelly-Baker, our featured speaker for the weekend. In part, the highlight tells you she recently administered a congregation numbering 600-800 poor and homeless persons in Friendship Park at Loaves and Fishes. Given her compassion for the poor, Rev. Linda, in 2001 at the invitation of Loaves and Fishes and as an affiliate of the United Methodist Church, founded Side-By Side Ministries. Rev. Linda has served the homeless community for more than 10 years and offers workshops and experiences to faith based groups, conducting immersion experiences, workshops, listening companion training and preaching for interested people of faith. Rev. Linda is certainly someone who can handle the introductions as we Meet God on the Mountain.

So register now for All-Church Camp. You don't want to miss it.

Have You Scheduled a Time to Meet & Greet Pastor Alan?

Join us for a **Meet & Greet** with Pastor Alan Jones and his wife, Linda Pickens-Jones, at the homes of these in St. Mark's Community who have graciously made their homes available for a morning or evening of telling your stories and sharing your experiences. Come, join the conversation and give Pastor Alan and Linda a warm, heartfelt, St. Mark's welcome!



Day	Date	Time	Host Name Address
Thu.	Aug. 25	10:00am	Joanna Ballard 6236 Valor Way, Carmichael 95608
Sat.	Aug. 27	10:00am	Jeanine Perry & Lily Andrews 4743 Hixon Circle, Carmichael 95608
Mon.	Aug. 29	7:00pm	Doug & Nancy Nos 3124 Clairidge Way, Sacramento 95821
Tue.	Aug. 30	7:00pm	Rex Bennett & Otto DeLeon 14 Ardea Place, Sacramento 95835

Please sign-up in the Lobby this morning.



TODAY at St. Mark's

Sunday, August 21

- 9:30am **Worship Service**-SA
- 9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25
- 9:30am St. Mark's Singers-CR
- 9:30am Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23
- 9:30am Youth Sunday School-GC
- 9:45am Worship Band Rehearsal-E21
- 10:15am Summer Brunch
- 11:00am **Worship Service**-SA
- 11:00am Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23
- 12:00pm Exploring Membership-E26
- 12:30pm Seasoned Companions-E24
- 4:00pm Youth Group-GC

Summer Brunch

Today is the last Summer Brunch, served from 10:15 to 11:00am in MacMurdo Hall. The cost is \$4.00 per adult; \$1.50 per child. Come for great food and super company.



While you're there, be sure to stop at the Sharing Table to pick up fresh produce and other goods.

Summer Worship Series

Today is the seventh Sunday of our Summer Worship Series, *Extraordinary People in Ordinary Time*, and features John Newton. Please consult the brochure in the pews for future Scripture studies and individuals that will be highlighted.

Books related to Pastor Alan's sermon topics are available for check-out on the kiosk in the Lobby. Included are books by or about Georgia Harkness, Harriet Tubman, Toyohiko Kagawa, and others. Check one out and learn more about these extraordinary Christians.

I'm Sorry, I Don't Remember Your Name



It has been suggested that we all wear our St. Mark's name tags to help each other in learning and remembering names. If you don't have a name tag, ask for one in the comment line of the teal pew pad as you register your attendance, and pick it up in the Lobby next Sunday!

Remember in Prayer

Recent Requests:

Travis Amick
Virginia Jones
Kimberly Webster Sternalt
Marvin Tanner

On-going Needs:

Susanna Aaltonen
Nancy Aldrich
Sue Bailey
Maurice Brown
Bob Curran
Celina Davin
Frank Davin
Jennine Jones
Olivia Jones
Mary Kasai
Agnes Lappia
Dave MacMurdo
Bob McKibben
Dorrie Moon
Bill Moore
Jimmie Poxon
Sharon Richmond
George Roehr
Dick Smith
Whitmore Family



Phone Volunteers Needed

We are looking for people willing to commit to one morning or afternoon a week to answer phones in the church office. The office is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00am to 4:00pm. If you have a couple of hours to volunteer each week, we have the job for you! We're hoping that people can commit to the same time/day every week so that there is consistent coverage. Please call the church office, 483-7848, and talk with Cath about your availability. Even one hour a week makes a difference!

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, August 22

Office Closed
7:30pm Home Bible Study-Offsite

Tuesday, August 23

9:45am Calexico Circle-Offsite
7:00pm Ankh Circle-Offsite

Wednesday, August 24

9:00am UMW Sew & Craft Group-E5
7:00pm Shalom Circle-E26
7:30pm Prayer Group-PR

Thursday, August 25

2:00pm Friendly Visitors-E25
6:00pm Scrap 'N' Craft Group-E5

Friday, August 25

1:00pm June Chrysler Memorial-SA
6:00pm Scrap 'N' Craft Group-E5

Saturday, August 27

10:00am Community Breakfast-GC
10:00pm Meet & Greet at Perry/Andrews

Sunday, August 28

9:30am **Worship Service-SA**
9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25
9:30am St. Mark's Singers-CR
9:30am Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23
9:30am Youth Sunday School-GC
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Building Community Together

On Sunday, September 11, at 4:30pm, we are inviting members of the Sacramento Muslim community and other interfaith guests to come and join us for conversations, prayer and a light dinner. Please plan to be there as we offer hospitality to interfaith guests.



Family Promise Hosts

We will be hosting Family Promise guests September 18 to 25. Watch for sign-ups to help with evening meals, hosting and overnight stays. Call Sharon Meyers, 961-0229 or Joyce Estes, 481-0418, for more information.

Blood Drive TODAY

Blood Source will have their bloodmobile at St. Mark's today from 8:30am to 12:30pm. There is an urgent need for blood from our community. Stop in and donate today.



2012 Entertainment Books

The 2012 Sacramento Entertainment Books are available on the Patio today. Book sales provide additional support for our Youth Program. Sacramento Books are available in the office during the week. Out of area Books can be special ordered on Sundays. Check with John White on Sundays or call 487-8714 for more information about the Books.

Second Sunday Art Gallery

St. Mark's Second Sunday Art Gallery opens today, featuring the art of Paul Matthew Dessau. Paul grew up in Carmichael, currently lives in the Sierra foothills, and has created art since childhood. He is an artist who creates mostly collage portraits from archival magazine scrap. Often, the magazine relates to the person depicted. He has worked from life and photographs. He will create collages of people chosen by patrons. The initial design for these collages is hand drawn.

Much emphasis is placed nowadays on mechanical and electronic means of art production and many have lost sight of the reward of applying observation coupled with hand-eye coordination. Paul works "gadget free." Paul has taken studio art classes in college and has a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. Check his website: www.pauldessaufineart.com



HORN OF AFRICA CRISIS

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UMCOR is working with partners ACT Alliance, Church World Service, and GlobalMedic in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia to provide food, clean water, and shelter for those who have been displaced and are living in refugee camps because of drought and hunger in the Horn of Africa.

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By Offering: For local church and annual conference credit, put your gift in the offering plate on Sunday and indicate Horn of Africa, Advance #982450

By Check: Make your check to UMCOR and mail to: UMCOR, PO Box 9068, New York, NY 10087

By Credit Card: Call toll-free (800) 554-8583

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Habiba Nuno, 25, with one of her children as she pauses to rest while trekking across eastern Kenya near the Somali border. The Somali women left her home a month earlier, fleeing drought and conflict, and heading to the Dadaab refugee complex. Already the world's largest refugee settlement, Dadaab has swelled in recent weeks with tens of thousands of recent arrivals from Somalia.

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It's Time to Celebrate!

After serving 15 years as our Finance Director, **Patti Evans** will be retiring on August 31. Please join the celebrating, as we express our appreciation for her hard work and send her off into this new phase of life, by attending one or both of these events:



Sunday, August 28

10:30am Cake Reception

12:30pm Barbecue Celebration

If you would like express your appreciation in a love offering for Patti, you can make your check payable to the church, with "Patti" on the memo line and place it in the offering plate or mail it to the office.
(She also really enjoys dark chocolate and lighthouses!)