

Special Presentation on Immigration

Immigration, with its past and present problems and benefits, will be the topic of discussion on Sunday, January 9, at both 9:30am and 11:00am in Room E-26 (Fireside). Lola Acosta, president of the Sacramento League of Voters, will bring her own studies and personal experiences since childhood for understanding and discussion. All are invited.



United Methodist Men



Men and Women are invited to the United Methodist Men's meeting in Grace Café on Wednesday, January 12. Doors open at 6:00pm with a dinner at 6:30pm served by the St. Mark's Youth to support summer mission trips. After the meal the video of Randy Pauch's, "The Last Lecture: Achieving Your Childhood Dreams," will be played. All Men and women are invited; if you are not on our calling list please make dinner reservations by contacting Noel Neuburger at 944-0186 by Sunday, January 9. Cost for the dinner is \$10.00.

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.



Replenish! Rejoice! Renew!

Susan Goodman will be selling black, long sleeve shirts with the St. Mark's slogan "Replenish! Rejoice! Renew!" on Sunday, January 9. The shirts will be \$20 each and will be sold on the Patio. Come by and check them out!



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TODAY at St. Mark's

8:45am	Chancel Choir-CR
9:30am	Faith Pilgrimage-E25
10:00am	Worship Service-SA
11:30am	MacMurdo 70th Anniversary-MH
12:00pm	Grace in Motion-MH
2:00pm	Seasoned Companions-E24



This Week at St. Mark's

Monday, January 3

Office Closed

7:00pm Women's Spirituality-Off Site

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Off Site

Tuesday, January 4

10:00am NOW Circle-E24

7:00pm NSP Group-E24

7:15pm SPRC Meeting-Staff Room

Wednesday, January 5

9:00am UMW Sewing & Craft Circle-E5

7:00pm Church Council-E26

7:00pm Grace in Motion-GC

7:00pm ACT Board Meeting-E5

Thursday, January 6

12:00pm Knife & Fork-E5

7:00pm Chancel Choir-CR

Saturday, January 8

4:00pm Dominoes Group-E26

Sunday, January 9

8:45am Chancel Choir-CR

9:30am Faith Pilgrimage-E25

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

9:30am Youth Sunday School-GC

9:30am Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23

9:30am Immigration Speaker-E26

9:45am Worship Band Rehearsal-E21

10:15am Blood Pressure Check-PR

11:00am Quest Class-E24

11:00am **Worship Service-SA**

11:00am Jesus Seminar Class-E25

11:00am Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23

11:00am Immigration Speaker-E26

12:00pm Grace in Motion-MH

2:00pm Seasoned Companions-E24

6:00pm Spiritual 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).



Remember In Prayer

Nancy Aldrich

Paul Allen

Andy (Beth Shoemaker's grandson)

Sue Bailey

Lorin Brown (Cath's brother)

Maurice Brown

Margaret Ann Dukleth

Don Fado

Jill Fernino

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



Save The Date

On Wednesday, February 12, from 6:00pm until 8:00pm, church members are invited to attend a dance showcase, preformed by Grace in Motion, in MacMurdo Hall. This event will benefit the Invisible Children of Uganda and St. Mark's.

MacMurdo 70th Anniversary

Today, after the combined 10:00am worship service, the MacMurdo's will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary here at St. Mark's in MacMurdo Hall. Be sure to wish them a happy anniversary!

Ben Does It Again

Our very own Ben O'Brien has won the gold metal again! Ben competed in the Huntsman World Senior Games' 5 kilometer road race for men ages 95-99. His time was two minutes faster than last year, where he also took the gold. He beat out 11,000 competitors from across the United States and 26 other countries.

Christmas Offering Update

Thank you to the people of St. Mark's. The response was more than awesome for the Christmas Offering; a total of \$9746.38 was received. The money will be used to help provide funds for the **California-Nevada Annual Conference Ministries**, one of our apportionments. 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.

Food Closet News

In the last four months, the St. Mark's food closet has been visited 83 times, feeding over 270 people. We helped collect and supply food to the River City Food Closet after their fire, distributed 12 turkey dinner baskets and Thanksgiving and 12 turkey dinner baskets at Christmas. All of this was possible with the help of your kind donations and as a result, our food closet is very empty. Please help St. Mark's continue to continue this powerful ministry. If you are able, please bring in the following items: Mac & cheese, Ramen, canned soups, canned tuna and meat, peanut butter & jelly, crackers, canned chili, beans & rice, pasta & sauce, fruit cups or cereal. Thank you for your support.



Knife & Fork



The Knife & Fork group will have lunch at The Firebird Restaurant, 4715 Manzanita Ave in Carmichael, Thursday, January 6. Meet in the library to carpool to the restaurant. Join us as we try a new Russian restaurant. Please RSVP to 481-0418. All are welcome.