

Bereavement Group



St. Mark's Bereavement Group will be meeting on Saturday morning, June 18, at 10:00am in the Prayer Room. The group meets every third Saturday of the month from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Some of you have experienced your losses very recently (spouses, children, parents, family members...), and for others, it has been awhile. But there is no timeline on the grief experience. Ruth Reynolds, a trained Spiritual Director, is the coordinator of this group, and she offers a great deal of experience and compassion. If you are able to attend or if you have questions regarding the group; please e-mail her at ruthbranch@sbcglobal.net.

Fireworks Sales Coming Up

It's that season again! We are looking for a few good people to volunteer a few hours to work our Fireworks Booth for the 2011 season. Sales start June 28 through July 4.

If you are looking for a little fun, good conversation, meeting new friends, or just connecting with the community at large, sign-up to work a three-hour shift in our booth located at the corner of El Camino and Watt Avenue (Wal-Mart Parking Lot). It will be an experience you will never forget. Sign-up's will take place in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings. Look for Uncle Sam.

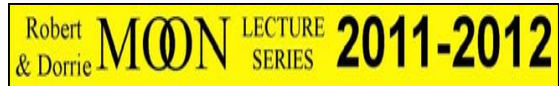


Summer Brunches

Summer Brunches will begin on Sunday, July 10, and continue through Sunday, August 28. We are looking for individuals or groups to host on these dates: July 10, 17, 24 and August 21, 28. If you would like to host or help at a brunch, please call Sandy Allen at 784-9376. It's a great time for all!

All-Church Workday

St. Mark's Trustees will host an All-Church Workday on Saturday, June 18, from 8:00am to 12:00noon. The major tasks are to ensure all our sprinkler systems are working for the summer irrigation season and to start work on the new picnic area south of Grace Cafe. For the picnic area, we will move a chain-link fence, build a low retaining wall, and add fill dirt to level the space. You are invited to join the work team for any part or all of the morning. We have productive work for anyone who can attend, as several smaller tasks also are on the list. Questions? Call Jim Eychaner 481-7062.



Season tickets for the 2011-2012 Moon Lecture Series are now available in the Narthex for \$150 for all seven lecturers. See Brent today! Below is the list of lecturers.

Bishop Gene Robinson & Jennifer Knapp

Friday, August 12, 2011, 7:30pm

Daniel Ellsberg

Friday, September 9, 2011, 7:30pm

Dr. Obery Hendricks & Henry Robinett

Friday, October 7, 2011, 7:30pm

Charlie Peacock

Friday, November 11, 2011, 7:30pm

Amy Goodman

Friday, January 13, 2012, 7:30pm

Rabbi Michael Lerner

Sunday, February 12, 2012, 7:30pm

Naomi Tutu

Friday, March 9, 2012, 7:30pm

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TODAY at St. Mark's

Sunday, June 12

- SSP Training on campus
- 9:00am Second Sunday Art Show Opens
- 9:00am Combined Choir-CR
- 9:00am Faith Pilgrimage-E25
- 9:15am Worship Band Rehearsal-E26
- 10:00am **Combined Worship Service-SA**
- 11:00pm Farewell Lunch for Faith-MH
- 2:00pm Seasoned Companions-E24
- 4:00pm Youth Group-GC
- 6:00pm Spiritual Companions-E24

Celebrating 10 Years of Ministry

Today, Pastor Faith Whitmore will give her farewell sermon to the community here at St. Mark's, which she has served for the past 10 years. She faces a wonderful opportunity to impact the lives of those we who are needy in this area as she steps into the role of Executive Director of Francis House. Though we will miss her presence, her leadership, her warmth and caring, her inspiring spirit and her pastor's heart, we wish her well in the next part of her journey.

Following the service, please come to the reception in MacMurdo Hall to continue the celebration of Pastor Faith's ministry to our community. This will be a great time of fellowship, memories, gifts and sharing of well wishes.



If you were planning to be part of the love offering for Faith, contributions can still be made payable to St. Mark's with a note designating this offering for Faith's farewell.

From This Month's Artist

It is an honor to be invited to show my artwork here at St. Mark's Church. My wife and I are new members and have been made to feel very welcome. When I started my art hobby, I had no idea that in a short 3-1/2 years I would be having a one-person show. But here I am and for this I thank you. This is my debut so to speak. Up until today, I have been primarily showing my paintings at the Sacramento Fine Arts Center in Carmichael.



I was told by one of my teachers, Jack, you must sell your paintings or one day you will have a barn full of them. I said, "but I love my paintings and can't sell them." He said keep painting and as you continue to paint you will want to share them and that is what is happening now. Recently, I sold my first painting at the Effie Yeaw Nature Center auction. It was a painting of the American River Pump Station near Ancil Hoffman Park.

This painting journey is one continuous learning process. In preparing my paintings to be shown, I made many of the frames and recycled others. So I apologize for any flaws in their appearance. These paintings are developed from painting *plein air*, "from nature," or from photographs and as you can see I paint this and then I paint that. For any flaws or inadequacies you may see I apologize.

Perhaps St. Mark's will invite me back again next year and those of you who saw this show hopefully will see artistic growth. Again, my wife Laura and I thank you and God Bless.

Jack Calvin Warren -- Artist

This Week at St. Mark's

SSP Training on campus all week

Monday, June 13

Office Closed

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Off Site

Tuesday, June 14

9:30am UMW Executive Committee-Off Site

10:00am UMW Garden Party-Off Site

1:30pm Bob Moon Memorial Service-SA

7:00pm GMB Committee-SR

7:00pm Trustees Meeting-E25

7:00pm UMM Board Meeting-E5

Wednesday, June 15

9:00am UMW Sewing & Craft Circle-E5

7:00pm ACT Board Meeting-E5

7:00pm Adult Ed. Cte-E25

7:30pm Prayer Group-PR

Thursday, June 16

9:30am Men's Group-GC

7:00pm MIA Meeting-E5

Friday, June 17

9:00am Pew Cushion Crew-SA

11:00am Membership Care-SR

7:00pm UMVIM Training-GC

Saturday, June 18

8:00am All Church Work Day

10:00am Bereavement Support Group-PR

1:00pm Bruce Scarborough Memorial-SA

7:00pm Mark Twains Group-Off Site

Sunday, June 19

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 St. Mark's Singers-CR

9:45am Worship Band Rehearsal-E26

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 Science and Religion-E21

4:00pm Youth Group-GC

Remember In Prayer

Susanna Aaltonen (Blythe's friend)	Bob Kelgord
Nancy Aldrich	Agnes Lappia
Paul Allen	Mary Jane Linn (Pam Kepler's mom)
Sue Bailey	Bill Moore
Ginny Baldauf	Jimmie Poxon
Maurice Brown	Tim Rowe
Jennine Jones	Tammy Scott
Olivia Jones	Dick Smith
Mary Kasai	(Anne's husband)

In Memoriam

We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of these who have died:



....Rev. Bob Moon, beloved former-pastor of St. Mark's and founder of the Moon Lectures, passed away on June 2. His memorial service will be here on Tuesday, June 14, at 1:30pm. Please keep Dorrie and the family in your prayers.

....Bruce Scarborough, long-time St. Mark's member and our friend, passed away on May 28. A memorial service will be held here on Saturday, June 18, at 1:00pm, with a reception to follow. Please pray for Bruce's family in this time of bereavement.

.....Chuck Scott, Tammy Scott's father, who passed away on June 4. Please pray for Tammy and the family during this time.

Welcome, Little One

We are celebrating the arrival of Thomas Hans Hagen, 9 lbs, 21 inches; born June 8 to Ben and Emily (Jaske) Hagen. All are doing well. Congratulations also to grandparents, Mike and Marsha Jaske



United Methodist Women Annual Garden Party



The United Methodist Women will meet on Tuesday, June 14, for our annual Spring Garden Party at the home of Boni Fields, 3512 Bausell St., Sacramento. The party begins at 10:00am for refreshments and mingling in Boni's beautiful garden followed by a program entitled *Summer: Season of Memory and Delight*, which will include music and small group sharing. Come and enjoy a relaxed time with the wonderful women of St. Mark's. Guests are welcome; reservations are not required.

The UMW Executive Board will have a short meeting at Boni's at 9:30am before the Garden Party.

UMVIM Training

Are you interested in being part of the UMVIM (United Methodists Volunteers In Mission) Team going to Haiti for Oct. 16 - 26, 2011, in support of the disaster recovery effort or interested in future missions to other parts of the world? You are invited to attend an orientation meeting Friday, June 17, at 7:00pm in Grace Cafe. Bill Borah, Team Leader, will be conducting the meeting which will give everyone an overview of what the Volunteers in Mission experience is like. Information to be covered will include: Brief background of UMVIM and UMCOR, the Haiti mission experience, health concerns, living conditions, travel, project/job assignments and cost estimates. Please contact Bill for more information.

Emergency Contact Forms

Please fill out and return your Emergency Contact Forms to the office. Include any allergies you may have as well. There are blank forms in the Narthex and on the website.

Second Sunday Art Show Opens

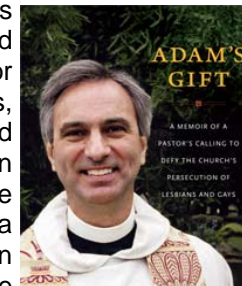
The June Art Show opens today in the Art Gallery, featuring the work of our new member, Jack Warren. Please note his letter on the front page and stop in to see his paintings.

Chat with Jimmy Creech

Join in a discussion with Jimmy Creech on his new book, *Adam's Gift: A Memoir of a Pastor's Calling to Defy the Church's Persecution of Lesbians and Gays*, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 2620 Capitol Ave., Sacramento, on Tuesday, June 14, at 7:00pm. There is no charge. His talk and discussion will be followed by book signing reception.

Jimmy Creech was tried twice by The United Methodist Church for performing holy unions, and, after the second trial, his ordination credentials were revoked. *Adam's Gift* is a moving story and an important chapter in the unfinished struggle for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil and human rights.

As co-hosts of this event, we've been asked to provide cookies for the reception. If you're able to donate homemade cookies, please call the church office, 483-7848.



Wednesday Night Prayer Group

St. Mark's is starting a weekly prayer and praise group to pray for and with each other.

The format will be informal and no one is required to "pray out loud!" This group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Prayer Room. You can come every week, once a month, or drop in as you are able.

