

## United Methodist Women

Tuesday, March 8, the United Methodist Women meeting will begin with fellowship and coffee in MacMurdo Hall at 9:43am. The program and luncheon will follow. *Understanding Immigration in California* will be the program topic presented by Francisca Garcia, an organizer with Sacramento Area Congregations Together (ACT). Immigration is the United Methodist Women's focus issue this year in the California-Nevada Annual Conference. The United States has spent billions on border security since 1996, and yet no plan has been put forth to provide a pathway to legal status for undocumented immigrants or to reunify families separated for decades. How are churches and organizations helping all those who are now making California their home? Ms. Garcia, herself from Chile and now a U.S. citizen, will bring us into the lives of these new Californians.

As part of our business meeting we will have the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial service, which includes a special offering to support retired UMW deaconesses and missionaries. We invite and encourage all church women to come for this enlightening program and stay for lunch. Luncheon reservation can be made by calling Sally J. Weinland at 489-1039. Sally will also arrange for child care if needed.

The executive committee and activity group leaders meet prior to the unit meeting at 9 AM in Rm. E-5 (Library).



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### TODAY at St. Mark's

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8:45am	Chancel Choir-CR
9:30am	Faith Pilgrimage-E25
9:30am	<b>Worship Service-SA</b>
9:30am	Youth Sunday School-GC
9:30am	Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23
9:45am	Worship Band Rehearsal-E26
10:15am	Blood Pressure Check-PR
11:00am	Quest Class-E24
11:00am	<b>Worship Service-SA</b>
11:00am	Jesus Seminar Class-E25
11:00am	Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23
12:00pm	GLBTI Lunch-MH
12:15pm	Congregational Meeting-SA
2:00pm	Seasoned Companions-E24
4:00pm	Youth Night-E26
5:00pm	Family Promise-GC
6:00pm	Spiritual Companions-E24

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### Congregational Meeting Today

There will be a Congregation Meeting after the 11:00am worship service in the Sanctuary **today**. All are invited to attend.

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### First Sunday Table

**Today** we can join in celebrating our community connection at the First Sunday Table as we show our support for organizations which reach out to those in need. Loaves & Fishes, River City Food Bank, Wellspring Women's Center, Francis House, and the Central Downtown Food Basket can be supported with checks which can be left at the table and which will be mailed as a group to show St. Mark's support. Join Family Promise in welcoming guests to St. Mark's this week. Travel-size toiletries for Loaves & Fishes guests, paperback books for county jail inmates and food for St. Mark's own food closet may also be left at the table. The First Sunday Table is sponsored by the Ministry in Action Commission.

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### Second Sunday Artist for March

Ann Weise, of Lindsay, CA, is the next artist being exhibited in the *2nd Sunday Art Show*, beginning March 13.

Ann was born in Hazelton, PA, in 1939. Her father was a chaplain in the U.S. Navy and the family moved around to Maryland, California, Alaska, and back to California. She began painting in 1946 at the age of 7, using materials her dad brought back from Japan and continued through her high school years. At *College of the Pacific* (now *University of the Pacific*) in Stockton, CA, she majored in art, with a minor in literature. At the *University of Chicago*, she received her Master of Arts degree and also completed course work for the Ph.D.

Overall, Ann considers herself an illustrator. One of her regular jobs in college was to draw covers for the chapel programs. At Christmas time, she created a drawing for the dorm room door: "Scop," an Old English singer of songs and heroic poems at banquets. For a time, she worked at the *Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia*, returning to California in 1977.



## This Week at St. Mark's

### Monday, March 7

#### Office Closed

7:30pm Home Bible Study-Off Site

### Tuesday, March 8

9:00am UMW Executive Committee-E5

9:43am United Methodist Women-MH

12:00pm Preschool Board Meeting-E5

7:00pm Gifts Memorials Bequests-SR

7:00pm Trustees-E25

7:00pm Bell Choir-CR

7:00pm Disciple 2-E24

### Ash Wednesday, March 9

9:00am UMW Sewing & Craft Circle-E5

9:30am Hilton Group-E25

6:30pm **Ash Wednesday Service-SA**

7:30pm United Methodist Men-MH

7:30pm Family Ministries-E25

7:30pm Grace in Motion-SA

### Thursday, March 10

12:30pm Super Seniors-MH

7:00pm Education Commission-E5

7:00pm Chancel Choir-CR

7:00pm Underground Circle-E21

### Friday, March 11

9:30am Scrabble-E24

### Saturday, March 12

8:00am All-Church Workday

4:00pm Dominoes Group-E26

### Sunday, March 13

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 St. Mark's Singers-CR

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## Remember In Prayer

Susanna Aaltonen

(Blythe's friend)

Nancy Aldrich

Andy (Beth Shoemaker's grandson)

Sue Bailey

Lorin Brown

(Cath's brother)

Maurice Brown

Jean Fish

Jennine & Olivia Jones

Tommy Jovalis

Mary Kasai

Kimberly

(Linda Short's friend)

Agnes Lappia

Henry McCormack

Jimmie Poxon

Phyllis Pratt

Dick Smith

(Anne's husband)

Trisha St. Clair

## Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 9, is *Ash Wednesday*. St. Mark's will have a worship service at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. All are invited.

## Just Cup Café

Please come over to the *Just Cup Café* following the service for refreshments and fellowship. We offer regular and decaf coffee as well as tea and juice.

## Blood Pressure

Health Ministries will be providing free blood pressure screening **today** in the Prayer Room. All are invited to attend.

## Bach-a-thon

Jack Miller joins nine area organists in a drop-in-concert to benefit the American Guild of Organists Scholarship fund which encourages young people to learn to play the organ. The Bach-a-thon will take place at St. John's Lutheran, located at 17th and L Streets, Sacramento, **today** from 2:00pm until 6:00pm.

## Family Promise Returns

St. Mark's will again be hosting the Family Promise guests from March 6 through March 13. We will be asking for help with food, evening hosting, overnight hosting, and laundry. Monetary donations are always helpful. Watch for your chance to sign up to help this worthy project. Call Sharon Meyers at 961-0229, Sally Weinland at 483-0548, or Joyce Estes at 481-0418. We do help families break the homeless cycle.



## Empty Bowls

River City Food Bank is proud to present the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Empty Bowls & Potters' Market. There will be two dates for this event. On March 7, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, there will be wine, hors d'oeuvres and soup. The cost is \$60. On March 8, from 11:00am to 2:00pm, there will be a traditional soup lunch. The cost is \$30. Each ticket includes a gourmet soup meal and a hand-crafted bowl as a reminder of hunger in our community. This event will take place at the Sacramento Masonic Temple, located at 1123 J Street, Sacramento. For more information please call 446-2627 or visit [www.rivercityfoodbank.org](http://www.rivercityfoodbank.org).

Can't attend Empty Bowls? Support River City Food Bank by purchasing an empty bowl on the patio today! 100% of the purchase will go to River City Food Bank. Minimum \$5 donation suggested.



## United Methodist Men Ash Wednesday Meal

The United Methodist Men and youth group invite everyone to a soup dinner in MacMurdo Hall immediately following the Ash Wednesday service on March 9, at 6:30pm. A variety of soups will be served along with salad and dinner rolls. A \$10 donation is requested and all proceeds will support youth mission trips and Sierra Service Project.

