



## 60 years of ministry—that's something to celebrate!

On Sunday, October 16, St. Mark's United Methodist Church will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. You are invited to the party. The campus will be feted for the event. Special recognitions of charter members and former pastors will be made in each service. All are welcome to MacMurdo Hall after either worship service to enjoy light refreshments. Take a walk

down memory lane in pictures and memorabilia. Then, look ahead to the future and help put together a time capsule to be opened on St. Mark's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

If you have pictures, memorabilia or a short story about an experience you've had at St. Mark's to loan for the display, please contact Margie Shunk, rashunk@quiknet.com.



## Pictorial Church Directory Portrait Sittings This Month

Plans are already in place for our new Pictorial Directory. Many have asked for it, and soon it will be in your hands.

This is always an exciting venture for St. Mark's and we want everyone who considers this their church home to be pictured in the directory.

This year, our directory will also be available online, giving access to immediate updates for information, and periodic additions of pictures for those new to St. Mark's.



During the month of October, we will be signing up for portrait sittings. You may do this on Sundays, at the tables provided, or online through a link on the website.

November is our portrait month. Each family group photographed will receive a coupon for a free 8x10 portrait or credit towards another portrait size. All photos will arrive before Christmas, and our online directory should be accessible by mid-December.

Be watching for more announcements with the actual dates for your portrait!

## Fall Festival Just Around the Corner

It's almost time for the **Third Annual Halloween Fall Festival**. This year's festival will be held Saturday, October 29, from 4:00pm until 7:00pm. We will have carnival games and prizes, a bounce house, food, cake walk, haunted house and the very popular trunk-or-treat! Last year we welcomed hundreds of young people on to our campus for a safe celebration.

This year we are sure to continue that success and we need your help! Volunteers are needed for several shifts including set up (2:00pm until 4:00pm), supervising a carnival game booth (4:00pm until 6:00pm), and clean up (6:00pm until 8:00pm).

If you are unable to volunteer, consider donating a few bags of Halloween candy, small toy game prizes or a baked good for the cake walk. Families are also needed to sign up to decorate their car for the trunk-or-treat, the main event of the night. Dress your car in a costume and hand out candy or other appropriate items as kids parade by in their costumes. Sign up for a volunteer shift by calling the office or on the Patio on Sundays between services on October 9, 16 or 23. It will be a fun night for the whole family.



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### TODAY at St. Mark's

#### Sunday, October 2

- 9:30am **Worship Service-SA**  
Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23  
Faith Pilgrimage-E25
- 9:45am Worship Band Rehearsal-E21
- 10:15 Blood Pressure Screening-PR
- 11:00am **Worship Service-SA**  
Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23  
Jesus Seminar-E25  
Quest Class-E24
- 12:00pm GLBTI Lunch-GC
- 2:00pm Seasoned Companions-E24
- 2:30pm Grace in Motion-GC
- 4:00pm Youth Group-GC

### Fellowship Opportunities TODAY

Please note that our Coffee Fellowship has relocated to the east side of the courtyard, near the Administration Building. Please come to enjoy coffee and fellowship after each service. If you're interested in helping, contact Joanna Ballard.



The monthly potluck of the GLBTI Community and supporters is after the 11:00 service today in Grace Café. ALL are welcome!

*Blood Pressure Screenings available today, 10:15-11:00am in Prayer Room*

### Fall Series Continues



We are in our fourth Sunday of our fall series, *St. Mark's Way*, a community exploration of the gospel of Mark, which will continue through November 20. In addition to the Sunday sermons, individuals are invited to read through the book on their own. The church has provided a pamphlet to assist you with the readings and prepare you for worship on Sundays.

Everyone is invited to attend one of the several small study groups using the book, *Mark's Message: Good News for the New Millennium* by Justo Gonzalez. The books are available at the table in the lobby. A donation of \$8 is requested, but not expected. Some of the groups began this past week, but there's still time to join. Please sign up for a group on the insert enclosed in today's bulletin, and leave it at the table when you get your book.

## This Week at St. Mark's

### Monday, October 3

#### Office Closed

7:00pm Haiti Team-E25  
7:00pm Women's Spirituality-Offsite  
7:30pm Home Bible Study-Offsite

### Tuesday, October 4

10:00am NOW Circle-E24/25  
6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Cte-SR  
7:00pm Bell Choir-CR  
NSP Group-E24  
Mark Study Group-Kohatsus

### Wednesday, October 5

9:00am UMW Sew & Craft Group-E5  
5:00pm Mark Study Group-E24  
7:00pm Council on Ministry-E26

### Thursday, October 6

10:00am New UMW Book Group-E24  
12:00pm Knife & Fork Group-E5  
7:00pm Chancel Choir-CR

### Friday, October 7

7:00pm Scrabble Group-E24  
7:30pm Moon Lecture-SA

### Saturday, October 8

9:00am Family Promise Choir-MH  
9:30am United Methodist Women-GC  
4:00pm Dominoes Group-E26

### Sunday, October 9

9:30am **Worship Service-SA**  
Sunday School-E1-4, 21-23  
Faith Pilgrimage-E25  
9:45am Worship Band Rehearsal-E21  
11:00am **Worship Service-SA**  
Sunday School-E1-4, 22-23  
Jesus Seminar-E25  
Quest Class-E24  
2:00pm Seasoned Companions-E24  
2:30pm Grace in Motion-GC  
4:00pm Youth Group-GC  
6:00pm Family Promise Concert-SA

## Remember in Prayer

### Recent Requests:

Ginny Baldauf  
Lorin Brown  
Esther Huston  
Virginia Jones  
Mary Kasai  
Sarah Kelly  
Sarro Family  
Iris Schindhelm  
Marcy Steele  
Marvin Tanner



### On-going Needs:

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

## In Memoriam

We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of our recent new member, Ann Thisby, 93, who died on Wednesday. Services are not yet planned. Please keep Marcy Steele, her daughter and their friends and family in your prayers.



## Entertainment Books



The 2012 Sacramento Entertainment Books are available for \$30 in the Church Office. Proceeds from the book sales support St. Mark's Youth.

## This Week

### Your Special Invitations:

What: New book group sponsored by the United Methodist Women  
Who: **All** are invited—not just women or UMW members  
When: Thursday, October 6, 10:00am  
Where: Room E-24

Bring your own refreshments and a list of books you recommend for others to read. For more information, contact Johanna Brownell at 359-4652. Hope to see you there.

The Chinese United Methodist Church, 2470 28<sup>th</sup> Ave., Sacramento; 452-3708 is hosting a *Health and Wellness Day* on Saturday, October 8, from 10:00am-1:00pm. They have invited St. Mark's to this FREE event, and benefit from the Health Screening and Resource Sharing, which will be provided by our members and many volunteers in the Community. FREE services include: Blood Pressure Check, Glucose Check, Hearing Tests, Massage Therapy, Medication Review, Memory Testing, Vision Screening, and More!

### October UMW Meeting

Just a friendly reminder that United Methodist Women will meet next Saturday, Oct. 8, at 9:30am, in Grace Café. The meeting begins with fellowship and a continental breakfast. Our program will be presented by Rev. Carol Estes, who is a Kaiser Hospital Chaplain and coordinator of Spiritual Healing Workshops. Several members heard Rev. Estes speak last



year and report she's an inspiring woman who delivers a powerful message. If child care is needed, please call Sally J. Weinland, 489-1039. All are welcome. We especially invite newcomers to UMW.

The executive board and activity group leaders will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 11, 9:30-11:00am in Rm. E-5 (Library).

## Next Sunday, October 9

### UMW Sunday

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, has been designated as United Methodist Women Sunday and women will be leading in the worship service and recognized. One Sunday a year is selected to uplift this group of women in the church who serve the congregation and world in their outreach, service and mission work. There will be a table on the patio where information will be available about study groups, circles and other opportunities in UMW. Women who are already a part of UMW are reminded to wear red that Sunday.



### Exploring Membership at St. Mark's

Beginning Sunday, October 9, a five-part class on Exploring Membership at St. Mark's will be offered. Pastor Alan will lead the first discussion on Living Faith and Worship. We will also explore the Methodist Quadrilateral and Prevenient Grace; Methodist History and Tradition; the Social Principles; and Membership Commitments. The class will meet at 12:15pm and a light lunch will be offered. If you are thinking of joining the church or need a refresher, think of this as St. Mark's 101. Call the church office, 483-7848, to register.