

## *Sunday Worship Schedule*

**8:15 / 9:45 AM** - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary accompanied by an organ/piano.

**11:15 AM** - *The Gathering*, a Modern Service.

## *Sunday School for All Ages*

**(8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 AM)**

Infants & Toddlers Rm. 15

**(9:45 AM)**

Preschool Rm. 2  
Kindergarten Rm. 1  
First Grade Rm. 3  
Second & Third Grades Rm. 6  
Fourth & Fifth Grades Rm. 9  
Middle School & High School Wesley House

*Fear of the Other: No Fear in Love* Rm. 17  
(hosted by Sharing and Family Life classes)

**(11:00 AM)**

Common Grounds (25-45 age group) Rm. 20  
Bible Divers Sunday School Rm. 6/7

**(11:15 AM)**

Seekers *Gospel of Mark* Rm. 17/18

*All adults are invited to join any of our adult classes at any time.*

*Please come as the Spirit leads you.*

# *Thanks for the Gifts You Bring Today*

## *Greeters*

Sandra Rush & Claudia Noller (8:15)  
Bob & Joan Drake (9:45)

## *Liturgists*

Martha Lundgren (8:15)  
Jon Schladweiler (9:45)

## *Ushers*

The Third Sunday Team

## *Organist / Accompanist*

Sondra Franks  
Lira Makarova

## *Special Music*

Bells of St. Mark's, directed by JoAnn Luther  
Chancel Choir, directed by Elizabeth Schauer  
Celebration Singers, directed by Sondra Franks

## *Sound*

Paul Simpson (8:15)  
Pat Alcivar (9:45)

## *Refreshment Hosts*

Gary & Barb Abbott (9:15)  
Amy Gosla, Linda Smallwood (10:45)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

St Mark's Agua Prieta Task Force will be **in the courtyard this morning** to sell one-pound bags of 100% **Arabica, fair-trade, organic coffee** for \$10 each. All proceeds go to Cafe la Colonia, who produces this wonderful coffee. Cafe la Colonia is a small business run by members of the Fuente de Vida Methodist Church in Agua Prieta, Mexico (across the border from Douglas, AZ). Fuente de Vida has been a long-standing mission project of St Mark's. If you have questions, contact Jay Suchland (see directory).

The next **Chronic Illness/Chronic Pain Support Group** will meet this Wednesday, Jan. 24th from 10:30-Noon in the Library. The group is open to all men and women. We help each other through prayer, study, and fellowship in Christ. Bring what you need for comfort, and bring a friend!

**The Open Minds Book Study** will meet this **Friday, Jan. 26, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Library. The book for this month's discussion will be **Churchless by the Barna Group**. You do not need to sign up—just come for conversation on a very relevant topic and enjoy coffee and refreshments as well. Call the Pensons (see directory) if you have any questions.

Would you like to give yourself a gift? **Consider the Walk to Emmaus**, a three-day retreat with great food, great fellowship, and great spiritual rewards. Drop in our information sessions in Room 23: Sunday, Jan. 28, between each of the services, or Thursday evening, Feb. 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet on Saturday, Jan. 27, at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 17/18. **If you knit or crochet, you are invited** the last Saturday of each month. This ministry makes numerous items to be given to those in need of comforting within the St. Mark's community and beyond.

HeartWorks Ministry makes cloth bags to be given to Aviva Children's Services. They are **in need of fabric**, new or gently used. (No upholstery fabrics, please.) For more information, please contact Gale Wenger (see directory).

On FEB. 3, St. Mark's is proud that we will be a new location for *Market on the Move* through Borderlands Food Bank, who disperses fresh produce. ANYONE can donate \$10 and shop for 60# of produce, to use, share with family, friends and neighbors. Waste not, want not. **We need volunteers**, starting at 6:30 a.m. for set up and organizing the produce, aiding shoppers from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. with cleanup to follow. Get involved! Sign up now on the opposite side of Adult Spiritual Growth message board, or call or text Lenna Burnham (see directory).

For many years Nash Neighbors Ministry has provided needed and meaningful assistance to teachers, staff, and families at Nash Elementary School. One way we help is to provide committed volunteers in the classrooms. We currently have a dozen or more members volunteering with teachers. Two more teachers have just requested a volunteer for their

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

class. Could one be you? **If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Sue Pierce (see directory) right away.**

We have another opportunity to **help at the Community Food Bank** packing food bags on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 9:00 - Noon, and would love to have ten volunteers. We'll meet in the north parking lot at the church to carpool at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers need to be at least sixteen and wear closed-toe shoes to work in the warehouse. If you can help, please email Nancy Jackson (see directory).

St. Mark's HIV/AIDS Ministry will be **collecting boxes of tissues** during the months of January and February. All of the donated items are received by women and men living with HIV/AIDS in the Tucson area. Mark your calendar for the first **Sunday Dinner Sale** in 2018... Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 4th!

Are you interested in learning more about Christian Persecution? This four week class will give you the knowledge you need to understand how critical an issue this problem is throughout the world. Beginning Monday, March 5, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. **Register in the courtyard at the Adult Spiritual Growth board** or online at [www.umcstmarks.org](http://www.umcstmarks.org)

Altar flowers are donated each week with a dedication in the bulletin announcements. Dates to place flowers this month are still available! **If you are interested in honoring a special occasion or remembering a loved one**, please take this opportunity to get on the 2018 calendar in the narthex; please look for the board labeled *Volunteer Opportunities*. Contact Pat Adams (see directory) with questions.

Marlene Anderson  
(see directory)

Ray Loughney  
(see directory)



Keith & Mary Ann Glazier  
(see directory)

Thoughts & Prayers Go Out To...

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|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Gail Blevins     | Patricia Keele        | Roger Shuma      |
| Jared Bowman     | Megan Krzmarzick      | Lona Stauffacher |
| Donald Chester   | Karen Linebarier      | Sharon Thomas    |
| Judy Drescher    | Dell Long             | Carol Underwood  |
| Lori Grimsey     | Ruth Machtley         | Louise Voelker   |
| Breanne Hallam-  | Ann Martin            | Tom & Linda      |
| Carolyn Hanna    | Judy Mitzimberg       | Walker           |
| David & Floretta | Betty Myers           | Donald Watt      |
| Harrington       | Hazel Roberts         | Dave Webster     |
| Harmon & Mary    | Howard & Gina Russell | Connie White     |
| Harrison         | Earlene Schock        | Yvonne Yare      |

**MESSENGER ARTICLES**  
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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S ~ January 21 - 27, 2018

### SUNDAY

8:15 AM Traditional Worship— Sanctuary  
 9:00 AM Grace Notes—Rm. 18  
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class —Rm. 20  
 9:45 AM Traditional Worship— Sanctuary  
 11:00 AM Bible Divers— Rm. 6/7  
 11:00 AM Common Grounds Bible Study —Rm. 20  
 11:00 AM Exploring Membership—Library/17/18  
 11:15 AM The Gathering —Sanctuary  
 11:15 AM Seekers—Rm. 17/18  
 12:30 PM Family Ministries—Rm. 8/9  
 4:00 PM Youth Group —Wesley House  
 4:00 PM Preteens — Rm. 8/9  
 4:00 PM Christian Believer—Rm. 20  
 6:30 PM Narcotics Anonymous—Library

### MONDAY

9:15 AM Holy Yoga—Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 AM AI-Anon—Library  
 10:30 AM Bible Study—Mtn View Retirement  
 4:00 PM Disciple I—Rm. 20  
 4:00 PM \*Grief Support—Counselors Office  
 6:30 PM Bells Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM Holy Land—Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous—Rm. 20  
 7:00 PM Gam-Anon—Rm. 23

### TUESDAY

9:00 AM Coffee Chat—Old Times Kafe  
 9:30 AM Lectio Divina—Rm. 23  
 1:00 PM Made to Crave—Rm. 17/18  
 1:30 PM Genesis —Library  
 5:30 PM Leadership Training—Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 PM Covenant Council—Fellowship Hall  
 7:00 PM AI-Anon—Library

\*If planning to attend for the first time, please contact Lane Harmon at 297-6228.

### Upcoming Sunday, January 28, 2018

Connecting to God and One Another  
*God's Creatures As Gifts*  
 Psalm 104:24-31; Mark 11:1-11

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Bible Study—Rm. 17/18  
 10:30 AM Chronic Illness/Pain Support—Library  
 12:00 PM BULLETIN DEADLINE  
 5:45 Pm Community Meal—Fellowship Hall  
 6:15 PM Common Grounds Chat—Library  
 6:15 PM Celebration Singers—Choir Rm.  
 6:20 PM Soul Station—Fellowship Hall  
 7:30 PM Chancel Choir —Sanctuary

### THURSDAY

9:00 AM Quilters—Rm. 17/18  
 12:00 PM MESSENGER DEADLINE  
 12:30 PM UMW Card Recyclers—Rm. 17/18  
 1:30 PM Disciple Old Testament -- Rm. 20  
 6:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
 6:30 PM Praying the Psalms--Rm. 8/9  
 6:00 PM Technology Committee—Library  
 6:30 PM God's Creation--Rm. 18

### FRIDAY

8:30 AM Bulletin Folders—Rm. 20  
 9:00 AM Unveiling Mary Magdalene—Rm. 17/18  
 9:30 AM Bits-n-Pieces—Wesley House Patio  
 9:30 AM Open Minds Book Study—Library  
 5:00 PM Kids Movie Night—Rm. 17/18  
 7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous—Rm. 20

### SATURDAY

7:00 AM ECC Rummage Sale—Fellowship Hall  
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry—Rm. 17/18

## This Week at Soul Station

Soul Station is our Wednesday night casual service. Join us on January 24 as Emerge! Center Against Domestic Abuse will share how our support helps families gain a new future. We will start with a meal at 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall and end with Communion.

**All are welcome!**

*Soul Station*  
 Digging Deeper