

## *Sunday Worship Schedule*

- 8:15 / 9:45 AM** - Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary accompanied by an organ/piano.
- 11:15 AM** - *The Gathering*— Modern worship in the Sanctuary, accompanied by a band.

## *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

*Moses DVD series* 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 1 & 2 Kings Rm. 17/18

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

*Please come as the Spirit leads you.*

## *Wednesday Night Worship Schedule*

- 5:45 PM** - Community Meal - Fellowship Hall  
**6:15 PM** - Children's Ministry - Rm. 8/9  
**6:20 PM** - Casual Worship - Fellowship Hall

# *Thanks for the Gifts You Bring Today*

## *Flowers on the Altar*

Given by Rich and Jeanette Seals,  
in memory of loved ones.

## *Flowers in the Narthex*

Given by Lucy Custodio and family, in memory of Jose Custodio, husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

## *Greeters*

Anita Winslow, Jean Liska (8:15)  
Scott Bauman, Pam Kytola (9:45)

## *Liturgists*

Dave Schmidt (8:15)  
Marge Sogn (9:45)

## *Ushers*

The Third Sunday Team

## *Organist / Accompanist*

Sondra Franks  
Lira Makarova

## *Special Music*

Bells of St. Marks, directed by JoAnn Luther  
Chancel Choir, directed by Elizabeth Schauer  
Temple Emanu-El Choir, directed by Robert Hanshaw  
Celebration Singers, directed by Sondra Franks

## *Sound*

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

## *Refreshment Hosts*

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

As you try some new fall recipes, please keep in mind the Christmas Eve Soup and Bread Luncheon. A delicious new recipe or an old family favorite are all wonderful things. Please consider making a crock-pot of it to contribute to our meal. We are also seeking home-made or bakery-made bread, rolls and muffins. **Call or e-mail Renee Carrasco to join the list of pots!** (235-5711 or rencarrasco80@gmail.com) Thanks!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is **Stewardship Commitment Sunday**. You may bring your commitment cards forward during the Opening Hymn, which is noted in your bulletin.

The **church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23, 24**, in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov.27. In the event of emergency need of a pastor, please phone the office (297-2062) and follow the prompts to leave an urgent message which will be forwarded. In addition, the **deadlines for bulletin announcements and Messenger articles has been moved up** to Tuesday and Wednesday of the week. (*See calendar on back page.*)

**United Methodist Women's Grace Circle will meet** in the Church Library at 9:15 on Tuesday, November 21. We will be carpooling to the Marana Food Bank to help this month. Remember to wear closed toed shoes. Donations of canned or dry food goods will be appreciated. Peanut butter is always needed. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Winslow at (see directory).

**CHRISTMAS JARS**, by Jason F. Wright will be the Friday, Dec.15 selection for the **Open Minds Book Study**. This 122 page novel, a *New York Times* Bestseller, is bound to affect you. If possible, you may also bring a dozen Christmas cookies to the 9:30 a.m. gathering to share for conversation and Christmas friendship. New folks are always welcome! See you there!

Advent is a time of preparation for Christ's coming at Christmas. This year's Advent study will be based on the book, *Five Questions of Christmas*, by Rob Burkhart. The sermons will be based on chapters of the book, and there will be several discussion groups available. **Sign up begins today in the courtyard**, or online at [www.umcstmarks.org](http://www.umcstmarks.org).

Today starts the beginning of the Sidewalk Sunday School program. **Bags with directions and tags are available to be picked up** at the 4' Christmas tree on the East patio. Filled bags need to be returned to the tree on Sundays or to the office by Dec. 15. Thank you all for your generosity and your participation. Questions? Call Ellen Beene (see directory).

The next **Chronic Pain/Chronic Illness Support Group meets on Wednesday**, Nov. 22 from 10 30-Noon in the Library. This will be a speaker meeting. Come for all or part. If you have questions, contact April DuBoce (see directory).

**Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet again on Saturday, Nov. 25**, at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 17/18. If you knit or crochet, you are invited to join this group the last Saturday of each month. Shawls are created to be shared with those who need comforting within our congregation and beyond.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

**Come to Understand the Situation in Israel-Palestine:** The final session, led by Jim Nibbelink, former conference Lay Leader, will be held Wednesday evening November 29, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., in Rooms 17/18. Jim will share facts from the history of the area, the relevant political realities, and human rights issues. Sponsored by Adult Spiritual Growth and Church and Society, You can come to Soul Station at 5:45, share a meal, and then attend the presentation.

The holidays are drawing near, and the **Tucson Interfaith HIV/AIDS Network (TIHAN) Christmas Tree** will be decorated with ornaments today, with a **due date of November 26** for gift donations. The ornaments are marked for girls and boys with age ranges. Information and gift ideas will be available. The tree will be in the courtyard.

**The next Blood Drive will be held Sunday, Dec. 3**, from 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. To make appointments for donation, contact Marilyn Vaughn (see directory) or Martha Lundgren (see directory).

**Fair-Trade Coffee will be for sale again** in the courtyard on Sunday, Dec. 3. All proceeds go to Café la Colonia, who produces this wonderful coffee.

Mark your calendars for the **United Methodist Women's Cookies and Crafts sale** on Sunday, Dec. 3, in the church Library between services. All proceeds support mission projects in Tucson and throughout the world.

### Thoughts & Prayers Go Out To...

Jared Bowman  
Gail Blevins  
Donald Chester  
Deb Cushman  
Judy Drescher  
MaryAnn Glazier  
Breanne Hallam  
Carolyn Hanna  
David & Floretta  
Harrington

Harmon & Mary  
Harrison  
Patricia Keele  
Megan Krzmarzick  
Karen Linebarier  
Dell Long  
Ruth Machtley  
Ann Martin  
Judy Mitzimberg  
Betty Myers

Hazel Roberts  
Howard Russell  
Earlene Schock  
Roger Shuma  
Tom Walker  
Donald Watt  
Jim Ward  
Dave Webster  
Connie White  
Yvonne Yare



Sharon Thomas  
(see directory)

Lona Stauffacher  
(see directory)

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S ~ November 19 - 25, 2017

### 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  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
11:00 AM Common Grounds Bible Study—Rm. 20  
11:00 AM Bible Divers—Rm. 6/7  
11:00 AM Celebration Singers Luncheon—  
Fellowship Hall  
11:15 AM Adult Sunday School  
11:15 AM The Gathering—Sanctuary  
12:30 PM Music Committee—Conf. Rm.  
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  
4:00 PM Disciple I—Rm. 20  
4:00 PM \*Grief Support—Counselors Office  
6:00 PM YODO—Fellowship Hall  
6:00 PM Experiencing God—Library  
6:30 PM Bells Rehearsal—Sanctuary  
7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous—Rm. 20  
7:00 PM Gam-Anon—Rm. 23

### TUESDAY

9:30 AM Grace Circle—Library  
12:00 PM BULLETIN DEADLINE  
6:00 PM Sacred Rhythms—Rm. 8/9  
7:00 PM AI-Anon—Library

### WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM Bible Study—Rm. 17/18  
10:30 AM Chronic Pain Support Group—Library  
12:00 PM **MESSENGER DEADLINE**  
5:00 PM Way of the Cross—Med. Gardens  
5:45 PM Community Meal—Fellowship Hall  
6:15 PM Common Grounds Chat—Library  
6:15 PM Children's Ministry—Rm. 8/9  
6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service—Sanctuary  
7:30 PM Chancel Choir—Sanctuary

### THURSDAY

**OFFICE CLOSED**



### FRIDAY

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8:30 AM Bulletin Folders—Rm. 20  
7:00 PM Gamblers Anonymous—Rm. 20

### SATURDAY

9:00 AM Worship Committee—Sanctuary  
10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry—Rm. 17/18

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

Upcoming Sunday, November 25th:

Message: *The Difference  
the Act-ion Figures Made*

### This Week at Soul Station

Soul Station is our Wednesday night casual service. Join us on November 22, as we move into the Sanctuary to give thanks for our blessings. As always, we will be starting with a community meal at 5:45 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

  
*Soul Station*  
Digging Deeper

**All are welcome!**