



June 2025

Our Purpose

Jesus Christ calls us to be a joyful community that celebrates God's love, transforms lives, and is a force for justice in the world.

We Welcome All

St. Mark's is a community of believers and seekers committed to being queer-affirming and anti-racist, reflecting the love and justice of Jesus Christ. We are a place where people of all ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, and abilities are welcomed, celebrated for their gifts, and invited to share in God's embrace.

Office Hours

Monday – Thursday | 9am–12pm

Office closed and staff observe Sabbath on Fridays



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DOVES ARE FLYING

DOVES ARE FLYING in the sanctuary!

Well . . . not *real* doves, but rather lovely, soaring paper doves. To celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, the Worship Team is assembling a giant mobile of flying paper doves to hang over our heads in the sanctuary.

The dove is used in Christianity as a symbol of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus rose up from the waters of his baptism, we are told that the Holy Spirit descended upon him “like a dove.” The dove is an apt symbol for the Spirit which is always moving, soaring, and flying through our lives and our communities. Like a bird on the wing, it cannot be confined. And we just never

know where and when and how it will make itself known to us.

Pentecost provides us an opportunity to consider the presence and power of the Spirit in our lives and in our church. Sometimes the Spirit is as gentle and comforting as a dove, but other times it is forceful in what it calls us to do and to be. Consider that beloved charge our congregation recites at the conclusion of every service with its list of imperative statements: go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, etc. It is only through the empowering presence of the Spirit that we have any hope and prayer of fulfilling this charge.



REV. TRACY DAUB (SHE/HER)
Transition Pastor
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In the weeks to come, may the sight of the doves over our heads in worship help us recall that God’s Spirit is among us, bringing us comfort, courage, and commitment to our walk of faith.

Blessings,
Tracy

Cover photo:

The view of Tucson from the St. Mark's cabin on Mt. Lemmon

JUNE WORSHIP

The Sanctuary Art group of the Worship Team is grateful to all who supported the **Doves for Pentecost** project, and remind all who made doves to return them to church on June 1. **We will assemble and hang them on Saturday, June 7 at 11:30AM after the grief workshop (page 4), ahead of Pentecost, June 8th.**

Join in the fun!



Children's Church Summer Hiatus

Children's Church will take a break during June and July. In the meantime, there will be coloring pages and activities during worship for children on clipboards. The clipboards are located in the chapel at the eastside of the sanctuary, also known as the 'pray-ground'.

Children's Church will resume on August 10.

GRIEF WORKSHOP

Congregational Care Grief Workshop

All of St. Mark's is welcome to join a workshop planned by the Congregational Care Committee on **Saturday, June 7 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM in Geneva Hall** where we will learn a bit about assisting others in their times of grief.

The Rev. David Fife of Roots & Roads Foundation (formerly Casa de la Luz Foundation) will be leading this workshop. He has experience in both hospice care and pastoral care. We look forward to understanding how we can assist others and care for ourselves while grieving.

Light refreshments will be served. Please join us!



Thank you from Congregational Care Committee

Many thanks for visiting our tables after church May 18 and learning about our/your committee's three areas of service: Hospitality, Pastoral Care, and Membership.

We met each other, and several of you volunteered to help in one of the areas. You may jump in and help us any time. And watch the worship bulletins and online newsletters for an upcoming workshop (*above!*) open to all of St. Mark's where we all will learn more about assisting others in times of grief.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Call to a Congregational Meeting (June 15)

The Session of St. Mark's calls a **Congregational Meeting for Sunday, June 15 following the worship service.** The purpose of this meeting is to elect the church nominees to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).

The nominees for the PNC, put forth by the church's Nominating Committee, are as follows:

- Lynne Davies
- Ellen Dunscomb
- Tom Guard
- Kevin Hainline
- Stephanie Mitchell
- Kay Orzech
- Janet Prinz

All members of St. Mark's are strongly encouraged to make every effort to attend this meeting.



Communion Bread Makers at the May Event

NO KINGS: NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION



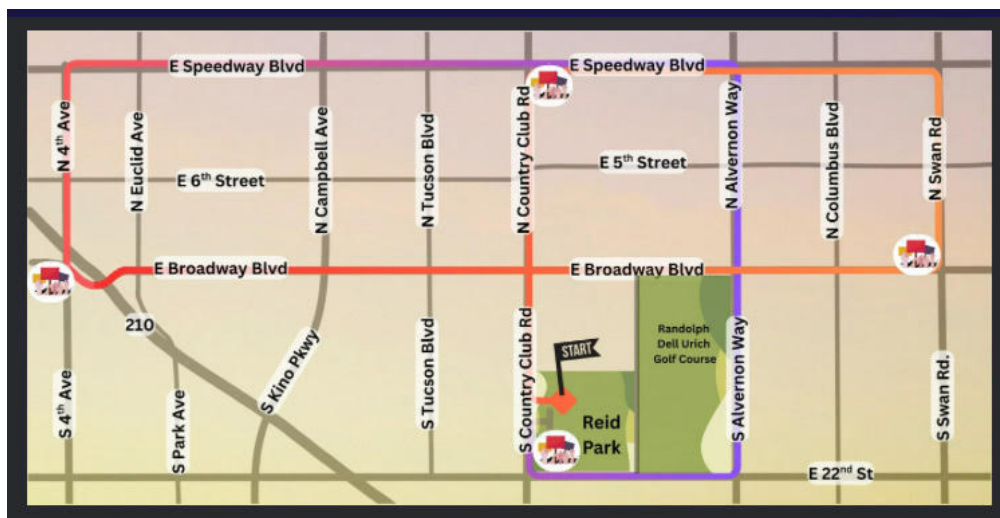
**No Kings Day Protest, Day of National Action Saturday, June 14
2:00-5:00PM**

Organizers: Democracy Unites Us, 50501AZ, Supported By: ITAA and Indivisible (National)

Jan and Martha invite all St Mark's folks and friends to gather for sign-making at church (2nd St parking lot) at 2:00PM, or join to walk over to Speedway on Dodge at 3:00PM with the group.

We will carry the St Mark's banner and our signs to stand along Speedway cheering as the caravan drives by.

Bring your own water, sunscreen, hat, umbrellas to beat the heat!
Please contact [Martha](#) or [Jan](#) with any questions.



OPPORTUNITIES

Second Sunday Supper will be in the **Knox Room on 3rd Street** this month, **June 8 at 5:00PM!** Salads of all kinds (greens, pasta, potato) will be served as the main dish. Bring a side dish to share if you can. All are welcome!

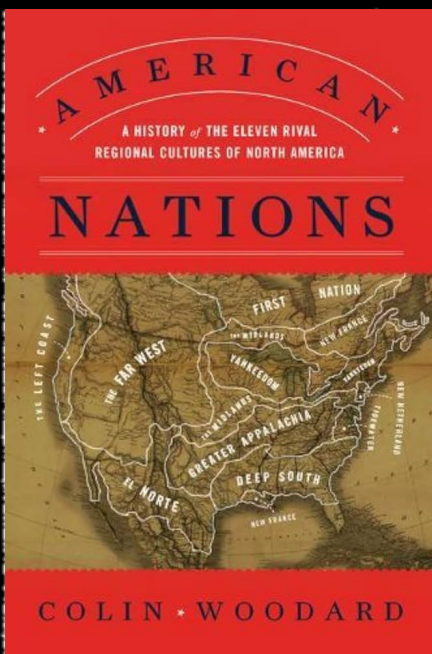
2ND SUNDAY SUPPER ON 2ND STREET!



Contact **Gianina**
(gianina@stmarksaz.org)
or call
(520) 325-1001 ext. 205
to reserve the Mt.
Lemmon cabin this
summer to escape the
heat!

Book Club Continues

The Book Club will meet **2 Thursdays in June**. The **12th and the 29th, 11:00AM to 12:30PM** in Calvin Hall. We are continuing to read *American Nations* by Colin Woodard. Reading and discussing this book helps to understand how the different cultural regions of the United States are anything but united, and why we continue to be a divided in our politics, life styles, and values. You don't need the book to participate, and all are welcome.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

May 2025 Session Highlights Margaret Wilkie, Clerk of Session

Session met on **May 20, 2025** for its monthly stated meeting. The Session opened with a discussion of the charge and benediction recited at the end of each worship service. Rev. Tracy and the Elders had interesting and engaging comments on how they have been impacted by the charge and benediction.

Pastor's Report:

Rev. Daub provided a summary of her activities and administrative meetings between April 15 and May 18, 2025. On June 1, Paul Osborne and Rev. Daub will offer a special "Service of Joyful Resistance."

Congregational Nominating Committee:

Jan Prinz of the Congregational Nominating Committee presented a list of proposed members for the Pastor Nominating Committee: Lynne Davies, Ellen Dunscomb, Tom Guard, Kevin Hainline, Stephanie Mitchell, Kay Orzech, and Jan Prinz. A motion was approved to call a congregational meeting for June 15, 2025, for the purpose of electing these seven to the Pastor Nominating Committee.

*Joe, Lou, & Terry on their self
proclaimed
"3rd Annual Suspenders Day"*



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Ministry Teams Highlights/Action Items:

Administration - Charles Ambrose

Mt Lemmon Cabin is open. Reservations can be made with Gianina Scavone, Church Administrator.

Charlie is making a list of all the duties required to lockup the church after Sunday services. Berms were installed on May 19 in the eastside alley to prevent the flooding that has occurred in the past.

Community and Global Engagement - Martha Osborne and Jan Prinz

Jan is working with Sister Jose to plan an event in the future. The Supper Club held on April 28 was a great success. The Board of Frontera de Cristo/Café Justo are trying to retain Mark Adams and Miriam Maldonado Escobar as "Mission Co-workers." They are asking churches to financially help support them in this effort.

Congregational Care – Jim Cullum and Lynne Davies

The team was able to recruit volunteers to help with all aspects of Congregational Care at their meet/greet on May 18 th . David Fife will present a workshop on grief and how we can help people going through grieving on Saturday, June 7, 10-11:30am. All are welcome.

Faith Formation – Rachael Eggebeen

This team did a great job celebrating all our graduates from every level on May 11. They are now working on the Advent curriculum.

Personnel – Beth Carroll and Rebecca Cook

The team is focused on training for those working with children and vulnerable adults. This will be in place by September 1, 2025.

Worship – Kevin Hainline, Gwyn Roske, and Robin Staples

Communion bread baking will be on Saturday, May 24. The team is busy preparing the dove displays for Pentecost Sunday on June 8.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3| 1:00PM- 3:00PM

The weekly **Bridge group** meets in Calvin. All are welcome, beginners or experienced players.

June 4| 8:00AM -11:00AM

Join Iskashitaa for their monthly **drum circle**, as part of their weekly **Refugee Garden Arts Program**. The drum circle is held in the playground on the north side of the church. All are welcome

June 4| 8:30AM-9:30AM

Join us for **Midweek Manna**, a gathering for prayer and Bible study on the upcoming Sunday's preaching text, held in the office conference room (2nd Street side). All are welcome.

June 4| 6:00PM-8:00PM

Join the **Contemplative Community of Tucson** in Calvin Hall every Wednesday for prayer, a 20 minute moment of silence, and short biblical reflection.

June 4| 6:45PM-7:45PM

Restorative Yoga. All are welcome to stretch and connect with your body every Thursday in Room F (2nd Street side).

June 5| 11:00AM-12:30PM

Book Club. Meet in Calvin Hall. Currently reading American nations by Colin Woodard.

June 7| 10:30AM-11:30PM

Grief Workshop. David Fife will lead for St. Mark's. All are encouraged to attend in Geneva Hall.

June 7| 11:30AM-1:30PM

The Hanging of the Doves. Help the Sanctuary Arts Team after the Grief Workshop to decorate the Sanctuary for Pentecost!

June 8| 5:00PM- 6:00PM

Second Sunday Supper. Join our Miramonte Neighborhood community in the Knox Room for salads (lettuce, pasta, potato, etc). Bring a side dish if you wish. All are welcome, bring a friend!

June 9|10:30AM-12:00PM

The **Admin Committee** will meet in the office conference room this month. All are welcome to attend.

June 10| 1:00PM-3:00PM

Bridge Group.

June 10| 4:00PM- 5:00PM

Personnel Committee. Office Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

June 11| 8:30AM-9:30AM

Midweek Manna.

June 11| 4:30PM- 5:30PM

Worship Committee. Office Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

June 11| 6:00PM-8:00PM

Contemplative Community of Tucson.

June 11| 6:45PM-7:45PM

Restorative Yoga.

June 12| 3:00PM- 4:00PM

Faith Formation Committee. Office conference room. All are welcome to attend.

June 14| 2:00PM-5:00PM

No Kings National Day of Action. Meet on 2nd St. side of Church.

June 15| After Worship Congregational Meeting to Install PNC.

June 17| 1:00PM-3:00PM

Bridge Group.

June 17| 7:00PM- 9:00PM

St. Mark's Session. Office Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

June 18| 8:30AM- 9:30AM

Midweek Manna.

June 18| 6:00PM-8:00PM

Contemplative Community of Tucson.

June 18| 6:45PM-7:45PM

Restorative Yoga.

June 19| 11:00AM-12:30PM

Book Club.

June 24| 1:00PM-3:00PM

Bridge Group.

June 24| 4:00PM- 5:00PM

Community & Global Engagement Committee. Office Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

June 25| 8:30AM- 9:30AM

Midweek Manna.

June 25| 6:00PM-8:00PM

Contemplative Community of Tucson.

June 25| 6:45PM-7:45PM

Restorative Yoga.

June 29| After Worship

Big Coffee.

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Sunday Schedule

In-Person Worship: 10:30am

Livestream: www.YouTube.com/StMarksAZ

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