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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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SHINING A LIGHT ON ST MARK'S VOLUNTEERS

Let there be light! Fresh light floods our sanctuary thanks to the efforts of the Worship Team. In case you missed seeing it, a new curtain hangs behind the cross in our sanctuary. The former curtain had begun to disintegrate due to its age and the intensity of our Arizona sun.

For a while, the Worship Team attempted to expose the window without the benefit of any curtain. However, the glare from the sun was just too much for many of our worshipers' eyes. So, the Team launched an effort to find a replacement curtain which would allow in some measure of light while diminishing the glare. The journey toward this goal has involved a lot of deliberation and a good deal of effort, but at last, the Worship Team is pleased to bring to this matter to such a lovely conclusion.

This effort is a small example of the many ways our members volunteer their time and energy and talents toward our congregation's many ministries and needs. Members care for the church's large campus, manage the cabin on up on Mt. Lemmon, organize communion servers, ushers, greeters, and liturgists, set up and clean up from communion, manage the churches finances, arrange for Big Coffee, organize memorial receptions, answer phones in the office, organize the Food Pantry—and the list goes on!



Rev. Tracy Daub
Transition Pastor
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As the “program year” at St. Mark’s winds down, we pause to say thank you to all who are so generous with your time and efforts on behalf of our congregation. We are blessed by you and your generosity!

Shalom!

Tracy





CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Almost a year ago, the congregation elected a Pastor Nominating Committee to discern the best choice for St. Mark's installed pastor. Following a robust national search and interview process, the committee is very pleased to nominate the Reverend Tracy Daub as installed pastor for St. Mark's. Upon request of the PNC, the Session has approved a Congregational meeting May 3rd for the purpose of calling Rev Tracy Daub to be our installed pastor and to vote on the terms of the call. As is standard for all such meetings, Rev Tracy will not be present and a representative from Presbytery de Cristo will moderate the meeting. There will be an opportunities to ask questions before the vote.

All those who are members of St. Mark's are asked to attend this very important congregational meeting immediately after worship on May 3.

We look forward to seeing you there and to the exciting next chapter ahead for St. Mark's!

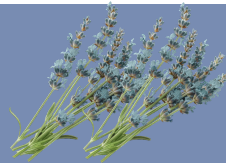


Sincerely,

The Pastor Nominating Committee:

Jan Prinz, Chair, Ellen Dunscomb, Kay Orzech, Kevin Hainline, Stephanie Mitchell, and Tom Guard

AI EDUCATION SESSIONS



An Adult Education Series You Will Not Want to Miss!!

A Two-Part Series on the Topic of Artificial Intelligence

Sundays May 3 and May 10 from 12 noon – 1 p.m. in Calvin Hall

Guest Speaker: Dr. Ken McAllister, Associate Dean at the University of Arizona

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a world altering technology which generates both astonishing possibilities as well as profound concerns. St. Mark's is privileged to have an expert in this field, Dr. Ken McAllister, lead us in a two-part class on this critical topic.

Dr. McAllister, a Professor of Public & Applied Humanities at the University of Arizona, and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Humanities, is a specialist in the history of computing, digital humanities, and software preservation. He is a Co-Lead of the University of Arizona's AI in Research Team, a member of the U of A Research Computing Governance Council, and a Founding Partner of the University's Center for Digital Humanities. He has written and lectured extensively about the history of technology, from the rise of the overhead projector to the latest innovations in quantum computing. Dr. McAllister co-founded and co-directs one of the world's largest research archives dedicated to the history and culture of video games, the Learning Games Initiative Research Archive. He is married to Rev. Rachel Srubas, Pastor of Mountain Shadows Presbyterian Church in Tucson, Arizona, is the son of the late Rev. Susan Reggin, Pastor of Cohutta Presbyterian Church in Cohutta, Georgia, and was ordained as an elder in the PCUSA at the age of 17.

The two classes will offer an introduction into AI and how it functions as well as an exploration of the spiritual, theological, justice, and social implications.

Session 1: Sunday, May 3: "AI: An Accessible Introduction Into Machines That Imagine"

Session 2: Sunday, May 10: "Faith In The Age of AI: Responsibilities, Opportunities, and Dilemmas"

OPPORTUNITIES

Montlure Camps



Are you looking to escape the Arizona heat this summer and enjoy the fresh air in the White Mountains? Montlure is holding service camps and looking for volunteers.

There are many dates available for groups and individuals. Visit <https://www.montlure.org/greer/#work-camps> for dates and sign up. If you are looking for other ways to contribute, visit the Montlure website <https://www.montlure.org/>

Pentecost Offering



Sister Jose's Women's Center (<https://sisterjose.org>) is a St. Mark's mission partner.

The Center is dedicated to the care and nurture of women experiencing homelessness in a welcoming and safe environment while providing a path to a sustainable existence.

For the last couple of years, St. Mark's has been supporting the work of Sister Jose Women's Center through several activities.

Small groups of St. Markians cook and serve meals in the Sister Jose Supper Club.

Our most recent Supper Club was on Saturday, April 25th. Twice a year after church, the congregation fills hygiene bags for the women. Our next hygiene kit activity is scheduled for May 17 th in Knox Hall. We gather used clothing to donate on an on-going basis. As one of our mission partners, we donate financially as well.

Your Pentecost Offering during the month of May allows us to make more suppers and to build more hygiene kits throughout the year.

All funds will go directly to Sister Jose for their work in transforming the lives of unhoused women in Tucson.

ISKASHITAA UPDATES

Iskashitaa would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Spring Fair, it was a beautiful day with our vibrant community! The event allowed us to showcase our Refugee Garden Arts Program (RGAP), “What I Bring, Where I’m From,” with our own Artist at Work Katrina Kerstetter. RGAP is a weekly, trauma-informed, arts-and-nature-based program designed to promote healing, foster cultural exchange, build community and a sense of belonging, encourage language development, and distribute fresh, gleaned, and donated food. We are extremely thankful to be able to celebrate Spring in such a meaningful way.



Volunteers Wanted

Drivers/Harvesters - We are seeking drivers and harvesters for our citrus harvests on Fridays and Saturdays through May from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Pick, move, and sort fruit along with other volunteers at our popular harvest events at homes, neighborhoods, or small orchards. Harvests are outdoors and involve light exercise. Because our seats are limited, we are always looking for people willing to use their own vehicles to transport

volunteers to each property. Please complete the form at <https://www.iskashitaa.org/harvestsignup>.

Front Desk Attendant - We are looking for dedicated volunteers to help us better serve our refugee community. Answering phone calls, filing and greeting visitors at the front door are all critical pieces of Iskashitaa’s work, and we would love to have you volunteer in this role. Each day brings new visitors to Iskashitaa, and you can help us ensure they are welcomed warmly! We require a three-hour minimum on scheduled volunteer days. The shifts will be during Iskashitaa business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer at <https://www.iskashitaa.org/volunteer-application>.

Food Redistribution Assistant - Volunteers needed on Wednesday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to help weigh and move food from our office to our food redistribution area next to the garden on the St Mark's Campus. Please fill out our volunteer application at <https://www.iskashitaa.org/volunteer-application> if you are interested.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3 | 12:00-1:00PM

AI Education Session

Calvin Hall

May 5 | 1:00-3:00PM

Bridge Group. Calvin Hall

May 5 | 4:00pm

CGE Meeting. Office Conference Room

May 6 | 8:30-9:30AM

Midweek Manna. Office Conference Room

May 9 | 11:00AM-1:00PM

Lynne Davies Memorial Service.

Sanctuary and Geneva Hall

May 10 | During Worship

Children's Church. Room 2

May 10 | After Worship

Big Coffee. South Courtyard

May 10 | 12:00-1:00PM

AI Education Session. Calvin Hall

May 11 | 10:00am

Administration Team Meeting.

Office Conference Room

May 12 | 1:00-3:00PM

Bridge Group. Calvin Hall

May 13 | 8:30-9:30AM

Midweek Manna. Office Conference Room

May 13 | 4:30pm

Worship Team Meeting.

Office Conference Room

May 14 | 11:00am-12:30pm

Book Club. Calvin Hall

May 17 | After Worship

Hygiene Bag Assembling for Sister Jose. Knox Hall

May 19 | 10:00am

Congregational Care Team Meeting.

Office Conference Room

May 19 | 1:00pm

Bridge Group. Calvin Hall

May 19 | 2:00PM

Living with Loss. Office Conference Room

May 19 | 7:00PM

The Session Meeting. Office Conference Room

May 20 | 8:30-9:30AM

Midweek Mana. Office Conference Room

May 26 | 1:00-3:00PM

Bridge Group. Calvin Hall

May 27 | 8:30-9:30AM

Midweek Mana. Office Conference Room

May 28 | 11:00am-12:30PM

Book Club. Calvin Hall



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.

Big Coffee: Social Sunday at St. Mark's! Join for treats, coffee, and conversation.

Children's Church: Children In K-6 are welcome to join for a Bible story and craft in Room 2.

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Sunday Schedule

In-Person Worship: 10:30am **Livestream:**
www.YouTube.com/StMarksAZ

Find Us Online!

www.stmarksaz.org

[Facebook.com/StMarksAZ](https://www.facebook.com/StMarksAZ)

[Instagram.com/StMarksAZ](https://www.instagram.com/StMarksAZ)

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