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SEPTEMBER 2026

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 on Fridays



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ST MARK'S PARISH ASSOCIATE

I am pleased to share the news that the Rev. Stephanie Stahl Hamilton will once again be serving as a Parish Associate for St. Mark's. Parish associates are pastors in the PCUSA who are either retired or who work in non-parish settings, and wish to affiliate with a congregation in a formal way. They often serve on an "as needed" or "as available" basis and usually do not receive remuneration.



Rev. Tracy Daub
tracy@stmarksaz.org

Stephanie served as the Parish Associate when the Rev. Bart Smith was St. Mark's pastor and she has generously agreed to return in this capacity. She is well known and loved at St. Mark's and has frequently offered her gifts as a guest preacher and worship leader to our congregation.

St. Mark's hosted Stephanie's ordination service following her Masters of Divinity degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. She discerns her calling to work on behalf of children and youth. In past years, Stephanie served as St. Mark's Director of Youth Ministry as well as the Executive Director of Montlure Presbyterian Church Camp in Greer, AZ. Her work has also included serving on TUSD's Family Life Curriculum Committee, being a founding member of Tucson Unified Parent Advocacy Council, working as a substitute teacher, and as a cross-country coach. Her community service is considerable.

In 2020, Stephanie was elected to the Arizona House of Representatives representing Legislative District 21, and was twice re-elected to this position.

The scope and frequency of Stephanie's role as a Parish Associate at St. Mark's is still unfolding and depends, of course, on her availability when her term in the legislature concludes at the end of this calendar year. I hope you can join us on Sunday, September 27 when St. Mark's will have the occasion in our worship service to honor Stephanie's work in the state legislature.

I am grateful for Stephanie's continuing relationship with St. Mark's and the sharing of her gifts with our congregation. St. Mark's is blessed to have her as part of our church family!

Shalom,

Tracy

CAN'T MISS SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Installation Service

The Session and Congregation of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church warmly invite you to join us for a Celebration of Shared Ministry and the Installation Service of Tracy Daub as Pastor of St. Mark's Presbyterian Church.

**Sunday, September 13
10:30 a.m.**

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
3809 E. Third Street
Tucson, AZ 85716**

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service in the courtyard.



Montlure 100 Year Presbytery de Cristo Celebration

For 100 years, Montlure has been a place where people have found faith, friendship, and a place to belong. This fall, we invite you to celebrate the people and stories that have shaped Montlure across generations.

Presbytery de Cristo Celebration

September 19 from 2:00–5:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
The Knox Room

Whether Montlure has been part of your life for decades or you are just beginning to know us, we hope you will come celebrate with us.

100 years. Then. Now. Always.



WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

*What does the Lord require
of you, but to do justice,*

...to love kindness

and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6:8



**WORLD COMMUNION
OFFERING**

October 4, 2026

**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**

A more just and loving world is possible.

In September, Session and the Community and Global Engagement Team invites you to participate in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s World Communion Offering. Our gifts will be dedicated on World Communion Sunday on October 4. On this day, Christians will gather around the Table to celebrate our unity in Christ. Through this offering, we come together to support ministries that work for racial and gender justice, peacemaking, global mission, and stronger relationships among people of different cultures and faiths. Our gifts help the church and our denomination participate in God's work of reconciliation by responding to violence and injustice, strengthening communities, and sharing Christ's love and hope both around the corner and around the world. To learn more about the World Communion Offering and the ministries it supports, visit

pcusa.org/wco or watch a video <https://vimeo.com/1215798957?fl=pl&fe=sh>



“FEED MY SHEEP” (JOHN 31:17)

Food insecurity is a major issue in our nation and region. This Fall, St. Mark’s offers many opportunities for our members to alleviate hunger.

Sunday, Sept. 20th —An Offering of Letters for Bread for the World

Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization equipping people to advocate for policies and programs that help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. The Offering of Letters on Sept. 20th is aimed at urging Congress to restore, protect, and strengthen nutrition programs like SNAP that help families put food on the table and to pass the bipartisan Farm Bill which reauthorizes the SNAP program. Emailing a letter to your member of Congress takes about 1 minute from your phone. Church members will be on hand following worship to assist in that process.

The Month of October—Iskashitaa Presbyterian Challenge!

Iskashitaa challenges the Presbyterian congregations in southern AZ to a friendly competition to see which church can donate the most food staples for refugee families in our region. While St. Mark’s members regularly donate food to Iskashitaa, we are joining in this challenge with the hopes that our participation will encourage other congregations to join in the effort. Recent funding cuts have greatly impacted refugee families, making them especially in need of food staples. Let’s make an extra push to bring in donations for Iskashitaa!

Saturday, November 7—Sr. Jose Supper Club

St. Mark’s volunteers will once again assist with providing an evening meal for the women staying at Sister Jose’s overnight shelter. Consider volunteering. St. Mark’s Food Pantry—

Ongoing Your food donations to the Pantry make a direct impact on those in our community who are facing a food crisis. Please take a moment to review the Pantry’s list of needed items so you can remember to pick some up the next time you are shopping in the grocery store. Or consider making a monetary donation (cash or check or using the QR codes) which enables volunteers to purchase needed staples.

St. Mark’s Food Pantry—Ongoing

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FAITH FORMATION UPDATES

Small Groups

Faith Formation is sponsoring several small groups that will start back up this fall.

These 4 groups are:

- Young adults under 45 led by Martha & Paul Osbourne
- Friday at lunch time led by Cathy & Art Lurvey
- Saturday evening led by Rachael Eggebeen
- Brueggers on Broadway & Alvernon Group (meets 2nd & 4th Thursday at 1:30pm; park in the back) - see Pat Turnbull
- Book group - see Ellen Kuyper
- Men's small group led by Tim Wadkins

Sign up [here](#). If you signed up last time, there is no need to sign up again. For more information, see Rachael Eggebeen or any member of Faith Formation.



Looking Back on August Adult Education Classes

In August, Rachael Eggebeen and Dexter Mitchell hosted two adult education classes reviewing the business discussed at the 2026 General Assembly, as well as the General Assembly's approaches to mission coworker decisions, Presbyterians for the Kingdom, and the role of the church as an institution. If you couldn't make it to a class or would like to review the material, check out these slide shows:

General Assembly Business:

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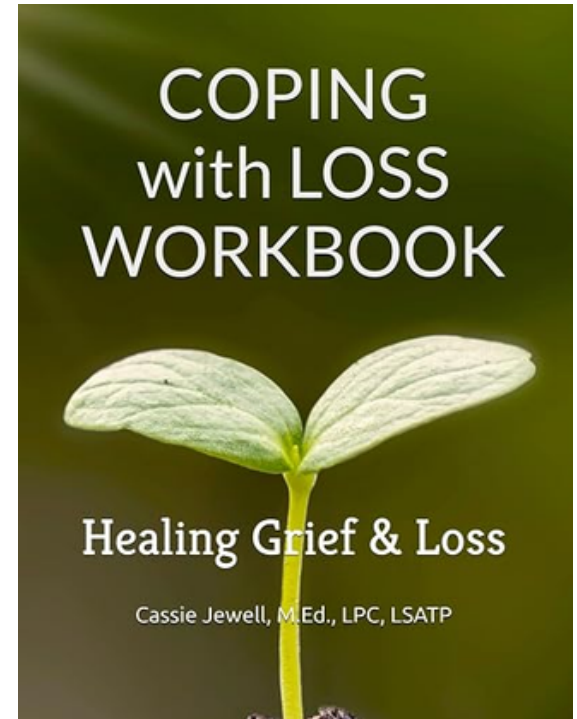
Lessons From General Assembly:

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LIVING WITH LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

After taking the summer off, this group will resume meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in the office conference room on Second Street. The first meeting will be September 15 at 3:00 p.m.

The decision was made last spring to have a more organized approach to our sessions. Thanks to Jan Prinz for locating a workbook by Cassie Jewell titled Coping with Loss Workbook: Healing grief and loss, published in 2025. We will be using this workbook as a means of starting our conversations and participants do not have to have the workbook to take part in the gatherings. This workbook is available free in pdf format at Mindremakeproject.org. Print copies are available only through Amazon, not from local bookstores.



If you plan to come to the September meeting, please email Pat Turnbull at pbtbull@gmail.org or Jan Prinz at janeth60@gmail.com so we will know how large a group to expect.

We hope to see you there if you're interested in meeting with fellow St. Mark's folks to help each other and ourselves understand and work through grief and loss.



ADULT CLASS OFFERINGS THIS FALL AT ST MARKS

Here is a quick look at some of the class offerings for the fall.

20
SEPT

"Symbols in the Sanctuary" - Kevin Hainline

Symbols of our faith are all around us in the sanctuary. Come discover the meaning behind some of the hidden as well as the more apparent symbols that decorate our sanctuary.

18
OCT

"What's On The Ballot" - Becky Cook and Audrey Harding

Becky and Audrey will share a League of Women Voters presentation about the matters and positions on the November ballot.

25
OCT

"Water Woes or Hype for Tucson?" - Michael Block

Come learn about Tucson's water situation and the impacts from the Colorado River drought. Mike Block, a retired water resource manager, will lead the class.

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NOV

"Christian Nationalism" - Tim Wadkins

Dr. Tim Wadkins (retired professor of religious studies) will lead the class in learning about the manifestations of Christian nationalism in the United States from the nation's founding to contemporary times.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOOD CONVERSATION

Men's Breakfast Group

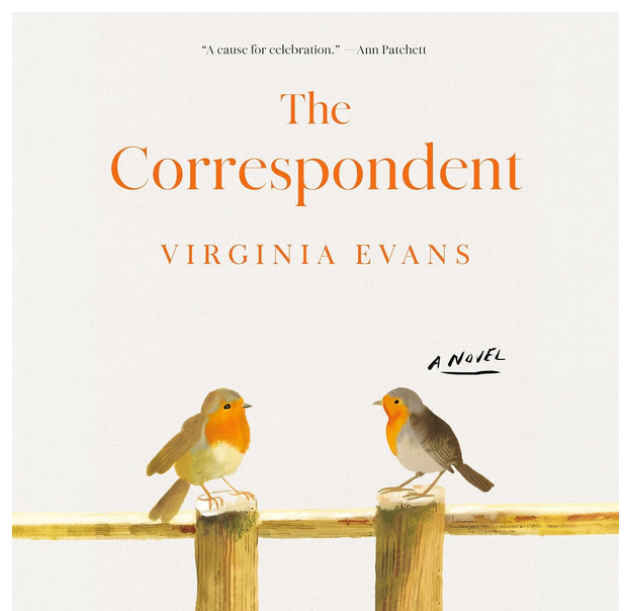
Attention men of St. Marks: We are organizing a once a month, First Saturday men's breakfast. Please join us for our first gathering to be held at 8am on Saturday, October 3, at Prep and Pastry on Campbell Ave. There is no agenda other than good food and conversation. For more information, please contact either Terry Gilliland at grand2@usa.net, or Tim Wadkins at Twad51@outlook.com. 716 348 2615.

<https://www.prepandpastry.com/>



Book Club

The St Mark's book club meets biweekly to discuss a book that the group selects. The next book club meeting will be held Thursday, September 3 at 11am in the Office Conference Room. They will be discussing *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans



September 6

Join us to make paper flowers to honor ICE Victims.
We will gather in the Knox Room after worship.



CGE will take our flowers to the 2nd Saturday Good Neighbor Interfaith Coalition Vigil. Good Neighbor Interfaith Coalition is a faith-based community organization and a committee within the Coalición de Derechos Humanos defense network that advocates for and supports immigrant communities in southern Arizona. The monthly vigils occur at different locations in the Tucson area where families have been targeted. Prayers and songs honor these neighbors, and all attending leave a flower to symbolize our support.

Make a Plan to Vote

Now is a great time to register to vote, help others to register, or verify or update your registration.

Important 2026 Election Dates

March 10 - RTA Special Election

Ballots mailed to Uniformed & Overseas Voters	January 23
Last day to register to vote	February 9
Early Voting begins / Early Ballots mailed	February 11
Last day to request mail ballot	February 27
Recomm. deadline to mail back your ballot	Mail by March 3
Election Day (Vote or Drop Off Early Ballot)	Tuesday, March 10

July 21 - Primary Election

Ballots mailed to Uniformed & Overseas Voters	June 5
Last day to register to vote	June 22
Early Voting begins / Early Ballots mailed	June 24
Last day to request mail ballot	July 10
Recomm. deadline to mail back your ballot	Mail by July 14
Election Day (Vote or Drop Off Early Ballot)	Tuesday, July 21

November 3 - General Election

Ballots mailed to Uniformed & Overseas Voters	September 18
Last day to register to vote	October 5
Early Voting begins / Early Ballots mailed	October 7
Last day to request mail ballot	October 23
Recomm. deadline to mail back your ballot	Mail by October 27
Election Day (Vote or Drop Off Early Ballot)	Tuesday, November 3



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SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Reverend Tracy, all members of the Session, and members of the Good Futures Team met for a Session Retreat and Session Meeting on Saturday, August 15, 2026. During the morning, we heard from members of the Good Futures Team.

The Session met for our August meeting in the afternoon. We started with reflections on the life of Sylvia Thorson Smith's life – her gifts and contributions to her family, friends, St. Mark's and the Presbyterian Church USA.

Rev. Tracy's Celebration of Shared Ministry and Installation will be held during the church service on September 13, 2026. A BIG BIG Coffee will be held after the service.

Administration: Charlie Ambrose reported all the gates have been rekeyed. These changes allow the gates to lock automatically but you can always get out if you are inside St. Mark's property. If you have questions regarding unhoused individuals around the church, please speak to Charlie.

Global Engagement: Martha Osborne reported that the team will focus this fall on hunger, food advocacy, and encouraging voter participation. The pantry remains busy, and the team is grateful for the congregation's donations and Kaleidoscope's support. Plans are also underway to host a community dinner with the Old Pueblo Veterans community southwest of the church on 2nd Street.

Congregational Care: Jim Cullum reminded us of the Ice Cream Social to be held on Saturday, August 29th, from 2 to 4 in Geneva Hall.

Faith Formation: Rachael Eggebeen reported they have at least two educational opportunities for the fall: Kevin Hainline will discuss the meaning and history of church symbols and Mike Block will do a presentation on the current water crisis. There is a new monthly St. Mark's Men's Breakfast group starting in the fall.

Personnel: Rebecca Cook reported on their ongoing search for an accompanist. David has done a remarkable job, but it isn't sustainable once the choir returns in the fall.

Worship: Gwyn Roske and team reported the Extraordinary Exhibit for Ordinary Time will be taken down on Sunday, August 30th. They are also helping with Rev. Tracy's Installation.

REMINDER: All these teams can use new members. If you are interested in finding out more, please check with team leaders.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1 | 1PM

Bridge Group

Calvin Hall

September 2 | 8:30AM

Midweek Manna

Office Conference Room

September 3 | 11AM

Book Club

Office Conference Room

September 6 | After Worship

Paper Flower Making

The Knox Room

September 8 | 1PM

Bridge Group

Calvin Hall

September 8 | 3PM

Community and Global Engagement Team

Office Conference Room

September 9 | 8:30AM

Midweek Manna

Office Conference Room

September 13 | During Worship

Rev. Tracy Daub Installation Service

Sanctuary

September 13 | During Worship

Children's Church

Room 2

September 13 | After Worship

Big Coffee

South Courtyard

September 15 | 1PM

Bridge Group

Calvin Hall

September 15 | 7PM

The Session

Office Conference Room

September 16 | 8:30AM

Midweek Manna

Office Conference Room

September 16 | 4:30PM

Worship Team

Office Conference Room

September 17 | 11AM

Book Club

Office Conference Room

September 20 | After Worship

Adult Education Class

Calvin Hall

September 21 | 10AM

Administration Team

Office Conference Room

September 22 | 1PM

Bridge Group

Calvin Hall

September 22 | 2PM

Congregational Care Team

Office Conference Room

September 22 | 3PM

Living with Loss

Office Conference Room

September 23 | 8:30AM

Midweek Manna

Office Conference Room

September 27 | During Worship

Children's Church

Room 2

September 29 | 1PM

Bridge Group

Calvin Hall

September 30 | 8:30AM

Midweek Manna

Office Conference Room

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.

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Sunday Schedule

In-Person Worship: 10:30am Livestream:
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