

Keegan, Clementine, Scout, Courtney, Bilinga, Juliana Greenfield, Joe Sanchez, Christie Roberts, Jordan Stallings, Bob and Pat Doyle, Cathy Hogan, Ramon Brambila, Judith Brambila, Shae Pifer, Tori Jean, Sharon, Sydney, Paris, Tyler, Christopher, Dave, Billy, Mel, Johanna and family, Russ, Roy, Evelyn, Tudy Breeden, Gemma Paige, Dominic, Esther, Tom, Evelyn, Jillian, Jenni, Baby Emily, Sophia, Leticia Cruz, Erika, Stephanie, Shyann and baby boy Skylor, Katherine, Liz, Al, Sy, Aurora, Mission of Good Shepherd in Belize, Cameron Washburn, Jeff, Don Pedro, Don Brock, Jeannie, Anne and Jim, Nisha and Michael, Debbie, Karen, Arden, Mark, Amy Hook, Charla Armstrong, Connie Elifson, Dorothy Alderson, Bobby Rogers, Haley Pappas, Danielle Buetell, John McIlray, Bruce Solomon, Elizabeth Fresquez, Melanie, John, Dan, Brittany, Bard, Nancy, Donny, Mark and Michelle, Liz, Lyn, Katie, Michael Nitschke, Randy, Peggy Cole, Kean Degnon Family, Nolan, Delilah Shackman, Alex, Terrie, Debbie, Brenda, William Seiferth, Tim Caswell, all those affected or afflicted by the COVID-19 virus, victims of violence, members of law enforcement

Serving in the Armed Forces: Susie McManus, Ana Maria, Mike, Chuck, Brian, Zachary, Gabriel, Alex, Daniel Pagan, Ryan Ehrler, Matt Baicleme, Kaitlyn Haley, Blake, Dean, Steve, and Ryan Ekler.

Celebrating Birthdays this Week (Prayer 50 or 51-BCP 830):
Elaine Austin, John Collins and Mark Shoemaker

Celebrating Anniversaries this Week (BCP 439):
Charles and Denice Vaughn

Re“Mark”able News

Week of September 26, 2021

Invest In Hope: Jesus said, “For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose their reward.” Mark 9:41



Jesus' statement about a cup of water shows that very practical and simple acts are precisely the stewardship deeds he hopes his disciples make. Our care and support for others, no matter how small, are significant in the eyes of God.

Church School: We are thrilled to announce that the Church School will be resuming today, September 26, 2021 at 9:10am in the courtyard. As we relax under our beautiful new canopy, we will start by welcoming everyone and handing out name tags.

A Stewardship Parable: Once there was a church that had a curious circumstance. There was a man in this church who pondered this circumstance deeply. You see, the giving in support of the church had very high peaks and equally low valleys. They occurred every year. After careful observation, the man observed that the descent into the valleys began shortly after the Sunday school ended for the year. He also observed that the ascent from the valley began every fall when Sunday School resumed. One year, in the midst of a low valley cycle, he sat there on Sunday morning preparing to write his weekly check to his church. He knew what he had promised to give each week and as he looked at his bank balance, he thought, “I can do better”. And so he wrote his check for a small amount more than his promise. He continued writing checks for the increased amount even as the ascent started the following fall. When the time came for him to renew his promise of financial support, he promised the higher amount. This

went on for many years and the man went from being an average contributor to a tither. Can you honestly look at your own checkbook balance, or credit card statement, every Sunday and not find a way to give a little more?

Food Pantry: Our Food Pantry will continue to operate by out-side, drive thru distribution on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. The Arizona National Guard has been assisting us with this ministry however, their mission to assist us is concluding in November. We hope to carry on but, we need help from volunteers who are physically able to push carts loaded with food to families cars. Our distributions in September will be September 14th (7am to 11am) and September 28th (7am to 11am). Our set up days are the Monday prior from 8am to 10am. We would like and appreciate help from volunteers all four days, but any time you can spare would be most appreciated! Food Pantry Volunteers are all vaccinated and clients are asked to wear masks and stay in their cars. We welcome you to join our mission to feed the hungry in Mesa!

September Tithing: St. Mark's is still present and alive and still needs your support. If you normally bring an envelope with a check to church, you can instead mail that envelope to the church office, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 322 N Horne St, Mesa, AZ 85203. If you usually give loose cash to the church, you can instead write a check and mail, or you can donate through the "Donate" button on our website: www.stmarksmesa.org, and scroll down to the bottom of the page to click. **Newly Added: PayPal button on our website!** You can also do online payments through your bank, through the Bill Pay option. You could even set up a recurring payment through your bank if you wish, so you will not forget. God Bless and Stay Safe, Dianne Nunez, Stewardship/Finance Chair.

MarkDowns Thrift Store: *The thrift store will be closed for the summer.*

Mark Your Calendars:

- ◆ **Our Food Pantry will continue to operate by outside, drive-through food distributions on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month until further notice.**

Mask Update: Following NEW updates from the CDC and the Diocesan Office, the St. Mark's Bishop's Committee has decided to update the Mask Mandate. Going forward, individuals who have been vaccinated may now attend worship services without masks if they choose. Mask wearing continues to be mandatory for people who are not fully vaccinated. We do ask that you still observe social distancing. **If you feel that you are vulnerable, please continue to wear your mask. If you are sick, please stay home. All services will continue to be broadcast online.**

CURRENT ONLINE SERVICES: You may go to our website: www.stmarksmesa.org and click on "Join Online Services" to view online live or recorded services.

- ⇒ **Tuesday, 12 pm—Noon Day Prayer**
- ⇒ **Wednesday, 10 am w/Christian Education**
- ⇒ **Thursday, 7 pm—Order of Compline**
- ⇒ **Sunday, 8 am - Spanish Service**
- ⇒ **Sunday at 10 am - English Service**

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners in Need of Prayer: Edithanne Knight, Chris and Judy Hossack, Mary Twentyman, Kay Summers, Caryl Bayless, Winnie Jackson, Kathy and Mike LaGoy, Helen and Arnold Cooper, Pete and Barbara Willan, Dee Greiner, Elaine Austin, Marguerite Gray, Allyn Evans, Helen Frost, Lois Pettengill, Ray and Barbara Haug, Laura Haug, Jan Northcutt, June Roberts, John and Carol Banker, Anna, Dawn Cook, Randy and Lori Rogers, Donna Kelly, Alice Brunnett, Genevieve Muth, Russ, Flor Castillo, Zuleyzka Castillo, Sri-lanka Castillo, Nadia Gazale, Raymond Marshall, Midura Family, Jeannie Buckingham, Veronica Ubosi, Judy Ricketts, Tom Leslie, Barry and Penny Place, Mark and Amanda Manno, Kylie Marks, Frank and Joan Taggart, Cyndi Armstrong, Skip Haley, Liam Hossack, Debbie Smith, Drew Cruer, Casey Leone, Bobbie Degnon, Glenn Jetton, Charlie Vaughn, Shirley Boswell, Terri Hollencamp, Glenda Richardson, Janet Lusk, Fr. Gerardo and Viviana, Mauro and Rosa Marquez, Ev Harris, Fr. Harry Way, The Rev. Canon Anita Braden, Nathan Reddall and Bishop Reddall's family

Others in Need of Prayer: Natalie Myers, David Wenger, Carol, Dave, Brenda, Curtis, Rad, Marcy, Susie, Avery, Dylan, Ryan, Jack,