

Re“Mark”able News

Together in Faith: I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message [of Jesus]; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable. 2 Timothy 4:2.



Good stewards have a lot of characteristics, and persistence is one of the big ones. It's easy to be a steward when it's, well... easy. When life is going along nicely, with no major issues, generosity can come pretty naturally. When life is not so easy, then it can be tough to be a persistent steward. What do I do to remain a persistent steward whether the time is favorable or unfavorable?

Liturgical Decorations: The flowers on the Altar are sponsored today by the Ford family in loving memory of Fr. Steve's sister, Linda Hahn.

Convention Offering Sunday: As you will see, our Annual Convention projects for this year are to send funds to purchase meals that will feed refugees in Greece and South Sudan. The goal we hope to reach (with the help of all of churches in the Diocese) is to feed 20,000 refugees. If you would like to learn more about either charity, visit their websites at: Feed My Starving Children: <https://www.fmsc.org> Salaam Cultural Museum: <https://salaamculturalmuseum.wordpress.com> . If you wish to contribute to these projects, make the check payable to St. Mark's and indicate "Annual Convention Project" on the memo line of your check.

Thanksgiving Donations: Food Pantry volunteers will be in the Lion's Den between services collecting donations toward the purchase of Thanksgiving gift cards this year. We are giving \$10.00 Food City gift cards this year instead of turkeys. United Food Bank informed us they could not supply us with turkeys because the cost of turkeys had become prohibitive. We hope to give all our families a gift card, which they can use to purchase their choice of meat for Thanksgiving.

Christmas Compassion: This year St. Mark's will sponsor five low income families with children at Christmas. We would like the families

to enjoy a full beautiful Christmas with a tree, decorations, dinner, and gifts of clothes and toys. We will gather donations and purchase gift cards for groceries, gas, and department stores. This will facilitate the purchase of clothes and toys, to avoid sizes and gender lists. Pre-owned, good condition Christmas trees and decorations will be appreciated. Anyone willing to help with this project, please contact Fr. Gerardo Brambila or Gloria McManus in the office.

“Trunk or Treat”: More volunteers are needed for drivers/cars and candy donations for our annual Trunk or Treat event scheduled for Saturday, October 29th from 3 to 5 pm. Please contact Jeanette Rogers at gramjayro@aol.com.

Transportation Ministry: As a church family, one of our first priorities is to ensure that our brothers and sisters in Christ are in our prayers and when the need arises, extend that love to a visit or even a ride. We are currently recruiting parishioners who are able to provide rides to others who would like to attend one of our many services but have limited or no means of transportation to do so. It is a great fellowship, deeply appreciated by those in need and allows us to grow deeper in faith and love with one another. Whether you are in need of a ride or may be able to provide transportation to someone in need, please contact Mayra Alvarado at 830-765-8088 and leave a detailed message.

Upcoming Ministry Meetings:

Property Cleanup: TBD

Bishop’s Committee: Tuesday, October 25th, 7 pm, Conference Room

Mark Your Calendars:

Youth Christian Formation and Children’s Chapel each Sunday at 9:45 am.

Diocesan Convention, October 21st & 22nd (Office Closed on Friday, Oct. 21st)

Halloween “Trunk or Treat”, Saturday, October 29th, 3 to 5 pm

All Saints Day & Dia de los Muertos, October 30th, One Bilingual service, 10 am with potluck to follow in Knight Hall

The Lion’s Den Café: Our fellowship café is open every Sunday morning, between services, from 9:30 to 10:45 am. Please stop by Knight Hall and enjoy coffee with a variety of treats. Today’s hosts for The Lion’s Den Café are the members of the ***Lion’s Den Volunteers*** ministry.

Parish Prayer List

Parishioners in Need of Prayer: Fr. Harry Way, Dorothy Tibshraeny, Doris Hossack, Judy Hossack, Rev. Don and Mary Twentyman, Kay Summers, Caryl Bayless, Fr. Steve and Becky Ford, Glenda Richardson, Winnie Jackson, Shirley Boswell, Hazel Buehlman, Tom Journey, Rev. Harold & Edithanne Knight, Bob and Kay Jones, Rev. Carl and Valerie Bloom, Kathy and Mike LaGoy, Pat and Pam Mack, Robert and Virginia Delaski, Rosemary Lumpkin, Billy Badgett, Margie Collins, Monty Fox, Robert and Carrie Atwood, Pete and Barbara Willan, Jerry and Dee Greiner, Elaine Austin, Marguerite Gray, John and Karen Ddamba, Debbie Smith, Allyn Evans, Helen Frost, Lois Pettengill, Bob and Kathy Cheatham, Carl and Mary Lou Burgess, Ray and Barbara Haug, Laura Haug, Jan Northcutt, June Roberts, Kay Fail, John and Carol Banker, Anna, William, JR, Rich and Dawn Cook, Janette Leone, Randy and Lori Rogers, Mayra Alvarado and Family, Elizabeth, William, Jim and Julie Poulos, Anna, Mary, Brett Ellis, Donna Kelly, Julia Coleman, Pam Vespie, Alice Brunett, Genevieve Muth, Sally, Dreana, Daniel Welch, Steve Anglin and Jake, Kim Lilly, Matthew, Russ, Flor and Zuleyzka Castillo and family, George Morgan, Raymond Marshall, Medura Family, Dan Bevington, Rick, Tom, and Debbie.

Others in Need of Prayer: Cindy, Susan, Sandra, Neil, Emily, Frank, Josh, Harlene, Iva Gean, Jorge, Susie, Jason, Avery, Dylan, Ryan, Jack, Keegan, Jessa, Clementine, Scout, Don Ginsel, Lucinda, Elda Meyer, Nichole, Kelly Williams, Ted Knowles, Terri Abernethy, Courtney, Justin, David, Braxton, Dave McManus, Christie Roberts, Jordan Stallings, Marie Meighan, Bob and Pat Doyle, Cathy Hogan, David Stanton, Kylie, John Bloom, Paul Bloom, Ramon Brambila, Judith Brambila, Shae Pifer, Dave and Barb Turley, Tori Jean, Sharon, Sydney, Paris, Christopher, Dave, Brian, Johanna and family, Mary, Russ, Roy, Evelyn, Mark Bristle, * Mel, Ama, Marian, Royal, Carol, Nita, Peggy, Bette, Dannie, and Jennifer.

Prayers for the Departed: Fr. Steve's sister, Linda Hahn

Serving in the Armed Forces: Duncan Hossack, Ana Maria, Mike, Chuck, Brian, Zachary, Gabriel, Jessie Swier, Alex, Daniel Pagan, Brandon Boulis, Ryan Ehrler, Matt Baicleme, Kaitlyn Haley, Blake, Dean, and Steve.

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: Bailey Stalcup, Marguerite Gray

Celebrating Anniversaries this Week: Henry and Kim Jacobsen

This Week at St. Mark's

October 17—October 23, 2016

Monday

Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band, 7 pm

Wednesday

Healing Service, 10 am

Christian Formation Class, 11 am, Knight Hall

Cursillo Grouping, 11 am, Conference Room

Thursday

MarkDowns Thrift Store, **9 am—1 pm**

Choir Practice, 7 pm

East Valley Harmonizers Practice, 7 pm, Knight Hall

Friday

Diocesan Convention-OFFICE CLOSED

MarkDowns Thrift Store, **9 am—1 pm**

Mesa Caledonian Pipe Band, 7 pm

Saturday

Diocesan Convention

Tai Chi, 10 am

Sunday

Spanish Service, 7 am

Praise Service, 8:30 am

Lion's Den 9:45 - 10:45 am, Knight Hall

(Host: Bishop's Committee)

Christian Formation-Youth, 9:45, Classrooms

Choral Eucharist, 11 am