

Sunday Worship Services 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM | Sunday School 10:00 AM

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By Rev. Doug Mills
Lent has begun. And Sunday is coming!
This first Sunday in Lent, we hear (again) of the temptation of Jesus.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" - Luke 4: 1-13

The devil lays a bet that Jesus will jump at the chance for glory, fame, and the quick fix. Who wouldn't? But Jesus keeps up the pithy one-liners long enough that the Tempter just has to slink away.

What are the temptations that catch your ear, singing out promises that your life should be more special than it is? Do you find yourself hungry for things that you believe will bring satisfaction? While we are waiting for something "spectacular" to happen (stones into bread, a million likes on social media, angels swooping down to catch us), we might just miss the real inbreaking in real time.

Rarely is life so spectacular. More often it is ordinary. What if we could see our own wonderings and wanderings and struggles with the incessant temptations to "greatness" as portals to an everyday spirituality? What if ordinary life can be holy? What if it already is?

This ordinary life is Good Enough. For faith. For transformation. For holiness.

I look forward to seeing you in worship, on-site or on-line.
In Christ,

Pastor Mills



Sermon Theme
"Just say NO!"

To prepare for the service
Please read:
LUKE 4: 1-13



BY: UMC.ORG

United Methodists Stand with Ukraine

United Methodists across the globe are condemning the Russian invasion of Ukraine. As Christians "we believe war is incompatible with the teachings and example of Christ. We therefore reject war as an instrument of national foreign policy." (2016 Book of Discipline, Social Principles ¶165.C). We also know our God stands with the oppressed and calls on us to support them. See some of the ways United Methodist leaders, organizations and individuals are responding to the invasion of Ukraine through their prayer, aid and witness.

MORE ABOUT OUR VIEW OF WAR

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/the-world-community>



**WITH GOD
"THIS ORDINARY LIFE IS GOOD ENOUGH"**

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**Get your
FREE SPRING PHOTO
PICK A DATE**

FREE Spring photos will be taken on Sundays after each worship service between

February 27 - April 10th.

Sign-up at the entrance of the Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary lobby or <https://loveroad.org/>.



UMCOR Statement on Conflict in Ukraine

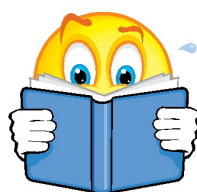
The General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church is deeply troubled by the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the ominous implications it has for escalating tensions between Russia and Western nations. We join many Christian leaders and organizations worldwide in deploring the Russian invasion of Ukraine on February 24, and we ardently pray for a redirection of military action toward diplomatic measures to resolve grievances. United Methodists are people of peace.

The United Methodist Church has mission-founded congregations in both Ukraine and Russia, some from the pre-Soviet period and others dating from post-Soviet years. Both countries are geographically within the Eurasia Episcopal Area and relate to the United Methodist central conferences of Europe. Bishop Eduard Khegay, the resident episcopal leader in Eurasia, is based in Moscow.

We join with Bishop Christian Alsted of the Nordic and Baltic Episcopal Area and chair of our denomination's Connectional Table in the prayer that conflict involving political matters will not break the unity between United Methodists in Ukraine and Russia.

Read More & Find Donation Link

<https://umcmmission.org/news-statements/appeal-for-peace-in-russia-ukraine-conflict/>



**ST. MARK'S READING CAMP FOR STRUGGLING READERS
SAVE THE DATE
June 6 – June 30, 2022**

We are accepting reservations for testing students 6-12 for our FREE Summer reading camp. Qualifying students will be registered in the order that they are tested.

Call Ruth Lindstrom at 915-833-6555 or 605-695-4288 to reserve a testing appointment. Testing will determine if your child qualifies for the camp.

Testing will take place in our Walker Annex, located at 5008 Love Road, directly across the street from St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

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COMPLETED THE



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Ages 2yrs - 5th grade

For Sign up &
Information

Contact:
Bianca Analla
915-231-8105

Pre Registration- \$40 starts
March 21st
Open Registration- \$50 Starts
May 16th
Registration fee is per child



Weekly Themes!

June 6-10 Sports Week!

June 13-17 Baking Week!

June 20-24 Space and STEM Week!

June 27-July 1 Art Week!

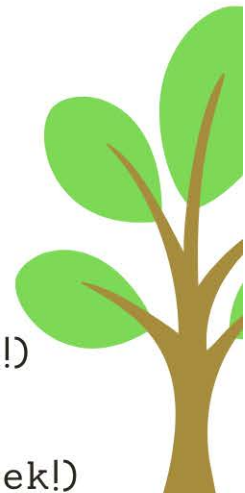
July 4-8 Cooking Week!

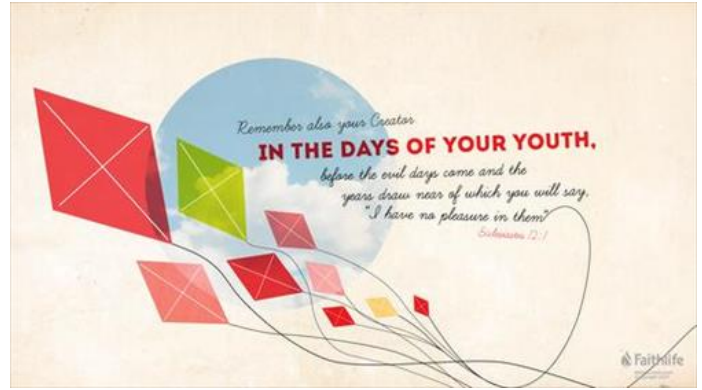
July 11-15 Mission: Deep S.E.A. (V.B.S Week!)

July 18-22 Music Week!

July 25-29 All About Animals! (Field Trip Week!)

Registration Forms Available in the Church Office





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Summer Camp
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camp runs June 6th - July
29th

Teachers Needed for
ages 2 years - 5th grade

Prior Experience working
with children is
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For more information and to Apply please Contact:
Bianca Analla
915-231-8105
bianca.milan.z@gmail.com
or
stop by the Church Office to pick up an application
today!

You do not have to be available for all dates listed to Apply

OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Happy Birthday!

March 6 - March 12, 2022

Mike Angelone, Mar 6th

Bella Duke (16), Mar 6th

Tonya Drake, Mar 7th

Reta Cook, Mar 8th

Aaron K. Roy, Mar 9th

Sarah Serwatka, Mar 9th

Kane Busbee (6), Mar 10th

Todd Dashnaw, Mar 10th

Natalia Hernandez (15), Mar 10th

Fernando Arguelles, Mar 12th

Carsynn Barclay (7), Mar 12th

Haley Elise Haugland, Mar 12th

Mar 6 - Mar 12
Next Week at St. Mark's

Sunday, March 6

8:00 AM Nursery (Ages 6 Weeks - 2 Yr)
9:00 AM Kids Church
9:00 AM Praise Worship Service
10:00 AM NUDGE Youth Sunday School
10:00 AM Agape Class
10:00 AM Sunday School (Ages K - 6)

Monday, March 7

3:00 PM Summer reading camp- testing
6:00 PM Traditional Service Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM Boy Scout Troop 59

Tuesday, March 8

12:00 PM Needlework Group
3:00 PM Summer reading camp- testing
6:30 PM Grief Share

Wednesday, March 9

3:00 PM Summer reading camp- testing
5:30 PM Leadership Team Meeting
6:00 PM Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday, March 10

9:00 AM Women's Bible Study
3:00 PM Summer reading camp- testing
6:00 PM Weight Watchers

Friday, March 11

School Early Release (Spring Break Starts)
3:00 PM Summer reading camp- testing
6:30 PM NA - Narcotics Anonymous

Saturday, March 12

8:30 AM Weight Watchers
9:30 AM Quilters Guild



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Where love leads community

Church Family Prayer Requests...

Julian Garcia

By: Mary White - Please pray for Julian Garcia's speedy recovery.

Ukrainian people

By: Ricardo Olivas - Please pray for the Ukrainian people and peace in the world

Todd Maki

By: Todd and Carmen Maki - Please pray for Todd's cancer surgery Tuesday and next weeks surgery to remove the carcinoma

Bill Wilkson's Brother In-Law

We would appreciate prayers for my grand-daughter, Jordan. She is stationed in South Dakota in the Air Force and just received orders to deploy to Europe. She is 31 years old and has a nine year old daughter. Being separated from her daughter and stationed so far away during these troubling times will be very difficult for her. Please join Sharon and I as we pray for Gods protection. Thank you all.



Peggy Havener

By Jenifer Hutchison - Please pray for Peggy Havener a dear friend who has been diagnosed and undergoing treatment for mucosal melanoma.

Raymond Brown

By Diana Estrada - Please pray for Raymond Brown, born premature (2lbs 6 oz) In NICYU.



S H A R E P R A Y E R

Prayer gives us room. Our Lord invites us into a place and time where we can reach deep inside ourselves to talk about how life seems to us, our struggles, our guilt, and the guilt that we think belongs to others.

Judgement belongs to our Lord. We can trade in our thoughts of blame and ask for it to be replaced with understanding.

As that understanding comes, it may show us parts of ourselves that need to change. Ask for forgiveness from our Lord who is completely faithful to forgive.

Then continue to listen and follow.

AMEN!

How to Share Prayers:

Send your prayer requests to prayer group leader Ruth Lindstrom at ruthlindstrom@yahoo.com.

Call the church office at 915-581-4444 during office hours. See St. Mark's Chaplains tab on the website).

You can ask that your prayer requests be published to groups or kept private.

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