



Sunday
September 27
2026

**"ABIDE IN LOVE AND BEAR MUCH FRUIT"
ST. MARK'S 2027 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

Ask an usher for a 2027 pledge packet.

Each year we hold our Annual Giving Campaign to fund the life and ministry of St. Mark's. The vitality and financial health of the Parish depend upon a robust response to the campaign. *To read the final article in our Stewardship theological reflection series by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Geppert of the St. Mark's Spiritual Care Team, scan the "Theology Bite" article QR Code above.*



Art by parishioner Terry Nolan.



TODAY: TOUR THE BUILDING RENOVATION!

COFFEE HOUR: 10:15 AM, Parish Hall.

Today, our personable contractor Andy Hart (*left*), owner of Hart Construction, will lead tours of the renovation in progress at St. Mark's during coffee hour. At that time, parishioners may write prayers, blessings, thanksgivings, poems, or art directly on the cement floors with permanent markers. These offerings will create a "spiritual foundation" for our new worship space, sealed beneath the tile and wood. Please be thinking about your word offering. Tours begin at 10:15 AM and will continue throughout the morning.

OTHER CLASSES & EVENTS...

YOUTH CLASSES: 10:45 AM

Family Godly Play, ages 0-5 accompanied by an adult, upstairs SMMS Classroom 1

Kids Godly Play, grades K-2, downstairs Sunday School room

Tweens Art & the Bible, grades 3-5, downstairs Sunday School room

Holy Troublemakers 1, middle school (grades 6-8), downstairs Youth room

Holy Troublemakers 2, high school (grades 9-12), Cecil's Courtyard or church office, TBD

ADULT EDUCATION CLASS: GOD AND POLITICS: 10:45-11:45 AM, Parish Hall. Discuss how we might respond to US politics in ways that reflect our experience of the love of God. Today's topic is "*Responding as Christians: Voting, Protest, and Action.*" Contact christopher@stmarksabq.org.

ST. MARK'S YOUTH "MOUNTAIN MADNESS" EVENT: 1:00-3:00 PM, Carlito Springs Trailhead. A hike to the springs followed by fellowship and snacks at the springs overlook. Text Christina, 505-480-7411.

UPCOMING...

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 & 30

RIO GRANDE BORDERLAND MINISTRIES WEBINAR: 9/29 1:30 PM, 9/30 5:30 PM. In support of LGBTQ+ migrants. Contact elizabeth.williams1915@gmail.com to register.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

MID-WEEK WORSHIP: 10:30 AM Contemplative Prayer, 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II*, 12:00 PM Bible Study. Across the street at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 500 Richmond PI NE.

*Find the Zoom link at www.stmarksabq.org/schedule-links or scan the "Schedule & Links" QR Code below.

UNM/CNM CAMPUS MINISTRY "OPEN TABLE CONNECTION": 5:00-7:00 PM, Luther House (1805 Las Lomas Rd). Join Pastor Rhonda Newby and St. Mark's Clergy Thursday nights through December 3 for dinner and fellowship. This week's discussion topic: "Rejecting Dualism, Embracing Paradox."

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

ELDERING GROUP: 10:00 AM, Parish Hall. A group for those living into the later decades of life, with its challenges, changes, and the potential for unexpected gifts. This week's discussion topic: "Connecting with Ancestors." Contact sylvia@stmarksabq.org.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23-24

WOMEN OF THE DIOCESE OF THE RIO GRANDE FALL GATHERING: "PRAYER SAMPLER": Hope in the Desert Episcopal Church. **Registration is open.** Contact cdavis@cynthiadavisauthor.com.

REMINDERS...

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR: **LAST NAMES A-C.** Please bring a snack to share if you are in this group, and drop off your contributions in the St. Mark's kitchen before the service.



HEARING ASSISTANCE: Hearing assistance devices are now available for use in the First Church auditorium. Please ask an usher for help if you need one. To activate the loop system, please turn on your T-coil.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING*: DEADLINE MONDAY, OCTOBER 5: For *all* church volunteers and members, including Vestry, staff, liturgical and Childrens' Chapel leaders, eucharistic visitors, Church Unbound helpers, and Sunday School teachers. Contact Mother Sylvia, sylvia@stmarksabq.org. *For St. Mark's Safe Church guidelines, or to complete your training online, visit our Safe Church page located under the Nurture tab at www.stmarksabq.org.

LINKS... Scan any QR Code to access St. Mark's online content with your phone, or visit www.stmarksabq.org . 	PLAN with St. Mark's upcoming Schedule & Links 	PLAN with the Ministry Teams Sunday ROTA 	CONNECT: View the Online Member Directory 
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