



Sunday
September 20
2026



"Bug Birthday!" by Lauren Beppler (4)
and Alice Hamilton-Booth (5).

"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 "Finally, Fruit!" – this week's Stewardship theological reflection by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Geppert of the St. Mark's Spiritual Care Team – scan the "Theology Bite" article QR Code at right. To learn about St. Mark's annual budget and how to pledge, read this week's "Stepping Stones" article scan the QR Code (reverse side).



TODAY'S CLASSES & EVENTS...

COFFEE HOUR: 10:15 AM, Parish Hall.

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 "Christians Nationalism, Evangelical Politics, and Us." Contact christopher@stmarksabq.org.

UPCOMING...

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

RETIREMENT CONVERSATION GROUP: 9:00 AM, Parish Hall. Are you retired and trying to find a new rhythm and purpose? Would you like to talk about the "second half of life" in a supportive community? Join us for coffee/tea, snacks, and conversation on third Mondays. Contact Paul Vinikas, pvinikas@yahoo.com.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23-24

48TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AGING: "CARING ACROSS GENERATIONS": Glorieta Conference Center. Info at www.aging.nm.gov/conference-on-aging/.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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 Hierarchy, Embracing Kinship."

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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.

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. **Registration is open.** Contact elizabeth.williams1915@gmail.com.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23-24

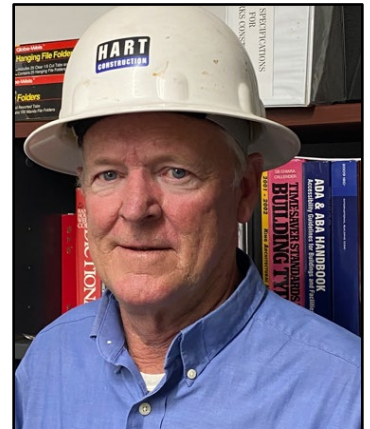
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Hope in the Desert Episcopal Church. **Registration is open.** Contact cdavis@cynthiadavisauthor.com.

REMINDERS...

NEXT SUNDAY'S COFFEE HOUR: **LAST NAMES Q-Z.** 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.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING*: DEADLINE OCT 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.

TOUR THE BUILDING RENOVATION... Next Sunday, September 27, our personable contractor Andy Hart (*at right*), owner of Hart Construction, will lead tours of the renovation in progress 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.



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 
READ The Messenger weekly e-newsletter 	CONNECT: Forms: Visitors & Newcomers, New Members, Volunteers, & Altar Flowers 	READ Stepping Stones: "Make a Financial Pledge" 	CONNECT: How to Give 