



September 12, 2011

You are cordially invited to be part of the many activities and programs happening at Saint Mark's this fall. Full descriptions of each event can be found on the parish website – <http://www.stmarks-upland.org/> – and in the *Good News*, but here are some highlights:

Sunday, September 18: Welcome Back Sunday - Parish BBQ, Adult Choir is back, and you can reconnect with friends and ministry opportunities. You are invited to bring a canned good for the Foothill Family Shelter Food Drive.

Friday, September 23: Evensong to Open School - A service of choral evensong presented by the children of St. Mark's Episcopal School begins at 6:30 PM, to be followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall and Open House for grades K - 5.

Sunday, September 25: Baptism Sunday - welcome the world's newest Christians!

Sunday, October 2: Stewardship Sunday - Lisa Drew will guide a reflection on the meaning of Christian stewardship and Derek May will present the proposed 2012 budget at the Adult Forum at 9:10 AM. Choristers sing at the 10:00 AM service, plenty of refreshments, and activities are planned for the children so that all adult and teen members and would be members can attend.

Saturday, October 8: Oktoberfest at St. Mark's, 4:30 - 8:30 PM - tickets are \$18.

Sunday, October 9: Episcopal Schools Sunday & Blessing of Animals - Celebrate our own school and preschool and the long tradition of the Episcopal church's ministry of education. Information about the school and preschool will be available in the Parish Hall. The clergy will also bless pets after the 10:00 AM service this day and each Sunday hereafter in October.

Saturday, October 15: St. Mark's Preschool Tricycle Rodeo - 9:30 - 11:30 in the back.

Sunday, October 30: Pumpkin carving for the whole family during the coffee hours after both services. Pledge cards for 2012 should be returned by this day.

Saturday, November 5: Ministry Discovery Workshop - 8:30 - 1:00 in the Parish Hall. Learn what it means to be called to ministry as a lay person and explore your gifts for ministry.

Sunday, November 6: All Saints Sunday - We remember all who have gone before us and who made a difference in our journey as a Christian. All pledge cards returned by October 30 will be blessed during the offering today.

Tuesday, November 22: Holiday Boutique - School sponsored opportunity for early Christmas shopping as local vendors (including some of our own talented parishioners) display their wares in the Parish Hall.

We look forward to seeing you!

In Christ's love and service,

The Reverend Keith Yamamoto