



# MESSENGER

February 1, 2012

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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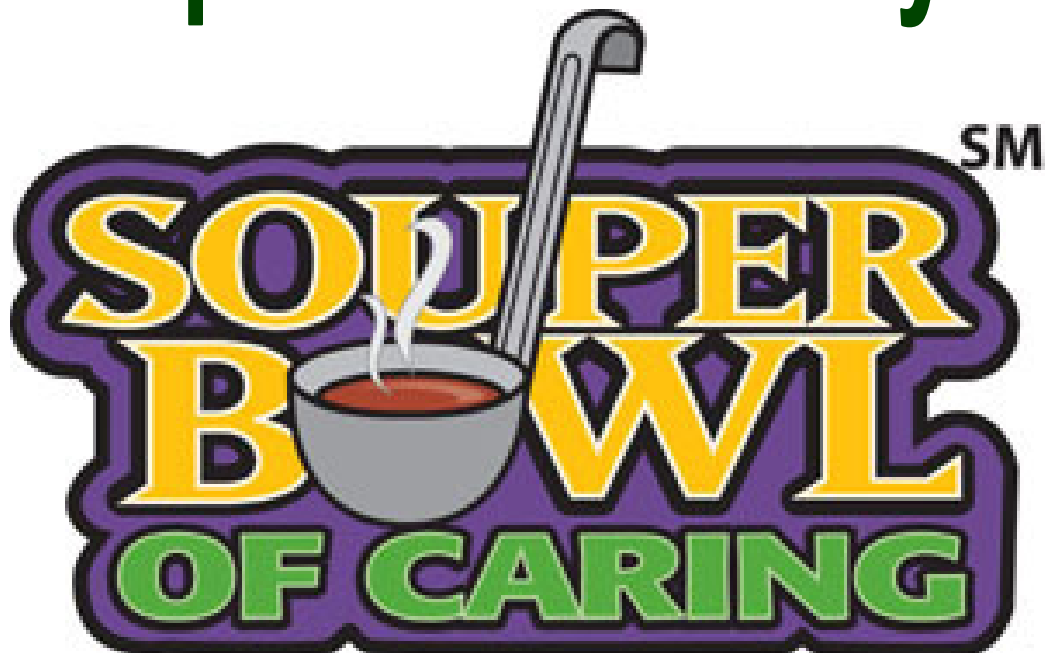
**WORSHIP**

**GROW**

**SERVE**

**SHARE**

This Sunday, February 5  
**Souper Bowl Sunday**



**Women's Worship This Friday Night at 6:30pm**



**This Sunday, February 5  
After All Services**

Carry home soup for lunch on **February 5**. Our Youth will be selling soup and bread from their "Soup Station". The soup selection will include: Chicken Noodle, Vegetarian Split Pea, Turkey Posole, Meatball, Green Chile Caldillo and Taco. The money that is raised will be used for Youth mission projects.



**Women's Worship  
This Friday, February 3  
6:30pm**

**Bring your Bibles and your friends  
for a terrific message,  
music & munchies**

**PHAT SOUL**



**Friday, February 10, 7-10pm**  
Sponsored by  
CONN3CT THREE Ministries  
**\$10 per person**  
**Last day to RSVP**  
**is this Monday, February 6**

We have had an overwhelming response to our third annual Phat Soul concert and dance and it will be a sellout.  
**We will NOT accept walk-ins the night of the concert/dance DUE TO LACK OF SPACE YOU MUST HAVE A RESERVATION**  
Please call Janice Banister at the church 581-4444 or email [jbaxter@loveroad.org](mailto:jbaxter@loveroad.org) to confirm your reservation. It's going to be a great evening for you and your friends.

Getting Down to Business		
<b>Thursday, February 2</b>	Clergy Staff	9:30am
	Sanctuary Worship Planning	5:15pm
<b>Friday, February 3</b>	Landscape Meeting	1:00pm
<b>Tuesday, February 7</b>	Full Staff	9:15am
	Plan 5:30, 8 & 10 Worship	11:30am
<b>Wednesday, February 8</b>	Plan 9 & 11 Worship	12:30pm
	Summer Camps Planning	12:30pm

You are invited to classes/groups that offer help. The range of courses help adults and children deal with divorce, grief over the loss of a loved one, and support for those affected by cancer.

## Help for the **ROUGH** parts of life



DivorceCare for Kids helps children learn to cope and to understand their feelings about their parents' divorce/separation.

**Tuesdays at 6:30pm, until April 10**



DivorceCare is a weekly seminar and support group for people who are separated or divorced.

**Tuesdays at 6:30pm, until April 10**



GriefShare is a weekly seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of a loved one. Choose either:

**Tuesdays at 6:30pm, until April 10 or  
Thursdays at 10am, until April 26**

## Cancer Care



Is cancer affecting your life? Consider joining the Cancer Care support group.

**Tuesdays at 6:30pm, until April 10**



If you're a single parent, you're probably tired, overwhelmed and feeling a bit unappreciated. Single & Parenting will share tips and parenting wisdom to help you find rest, hope and encouragement.

**Wednesdays at 6:30pm, until April 18**

Contact Frances at  
581-4444 ext. 287  
or email [ccm@loveroad.org](mailto:ccm@loveroad.org)

## An Offertory Prayer

O God, who has given us the earth, filled it with every good thing and set us on it as caretakers and stewards, we raise our prayer of thanksgiving to you for life and beauty and grace.

Teach us to pause each day to see what you have made and how it reveals your graciousness to us. Help us live with thankful attitudes. Help us make each day a new beginning full of promise. Give us the courage to leave behind our pessimism, gloom and self-despising and to recognize every good gift you're waiting to give us.

Make us into your triumphant people, whose gift back to you is the love and respect we give to ourselves and our neighbor. And let your kingdom come through us today and forever. Amen.

—Carol Coleman



For 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

## Confirmation 2012

Weekly classes

**Thursdays, 6-8pm, starting February 2**

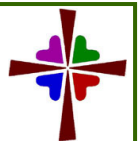
Confirmation 2012 will begin February 2 (the first Thursday in February) for youth grades 6-12! Arrive at 5pm for registration and a mandatory parent meeting.

The cost is \$50 per student which includes a mandatory mission day and retreat. If scholarships are needed, please contact Pastor Matt Bridges. For questions, please contact Pastor Matt [matt@loveroad.org](mailto:matt@loveroad.org) Brenda Smith [bsmith@loveroad.org](mailto:bsmith@loveroad.org) Jachin Ford [jford@loveroad.org](mailto:jford@loveroad.org).

Snacks will be provided at each meeting. Look on the church web for the schedule and dates for planning.

## Membership Class

**Sunday, February 12  
2-4pm**



Please come if you have been thinking of joining St. Mark's or if you would just like to know more about the United Methodist Church and about St. Mark's. Childcare is available.

Studies just starting or on-going!

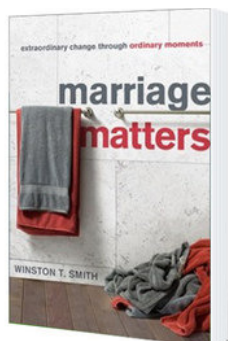
## Couples Studies Start This Monday, Feb. 6

### “Words with Friends” Study

**Robert & Lisa Lacktis, facilitators**

Each week a different word is in the spotlight to study and then discuss as we come together to share how God speaks to us through these words.

**Mondays at 6pm beginning Feb. 6 —RSVP for childcare**



### **Marriage Matters** by Winston Smith

**Gene & Joyce Yellock, facilitators**

Can an ordinary marriage become extraordinary? Yes, it can! Don't settle for an ordinary marriage. Learn to live out God's extraordinary love in your most intimate relationship.

**Mondays at 7pm beginning Feb. 6 —RSVP for childcare**

### Women's Study Starts Tomorrow

Choose Morning or Evening  
Beginning Feb. 2

**Christ Jesus:  
High Priest  
and Coming King**  
**Sharon Owen, facilitator**

Join us as we discover more about the person and ministry of Messiah Jesus. The focus is on the depth of Christ's never-ending intercession for us and the joyful hope of His promised return.

**Thursdays at 10am or  
Thursdays at 6:30pm**



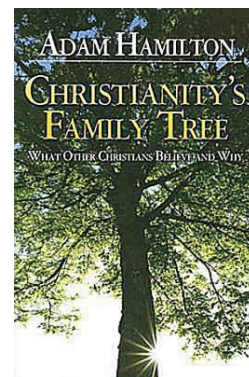
**Which branch of the Christian faith  
claims to be the oldest?**

**Join the new Tuesday night Bible study  
and find out!**

Come and learn about Christianity's family tree  
**Tuesday nights at 7pm in the Office Annex!**

We'll learn about what Catholic, Orthodox, Lutheran, Anglican, Pentecostal and other branches of the Christian family believe, what makes them distinctive, and how they contribute to the tapestry of our faith.

Based on *Christianity's Family Tree*  
by Adam Hamilton.  
For more information, contact  
Josh Kouri at the church office  
or Bob Morris.



### Ongoing Devotional for All

#### Facebook Devotional

**Becky Rash, facilitator**

Men and women both may join the Women's Ministry daily devotional on the web. A message and scripture are sent that you can use in your daily devotional. To join, search Becky's Bible Study while on Facebook. Then click the button at the top right corner that says, "Ask to Join." Want to know more about how it works?

**Open to All—**

#### Follow the Doctor's Orders

**Join us at 12:15pm for  
Thursday Lunchtime Bible Study!**

This Spring we're following Doctor Luke as we study Luke and Acts at lunch on Thursdays. Come join us and learn about the life of Jesus and the story of the early church. Come for great discussion, great company and great food!

**Meeting at Great American Land & Cattle S.  
Mesa Hills at Cromo (near Sunland Park Mall)**

For information, contact Josh Kouri  
at the church.

# BTW Singles

## **Built to Withstand**

**Open to post-college singles in their 20s and 30s**

“Finally be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power...  
Ephesians 6:10-11

### **Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Zumwalt Hall**

Join us for *Lucky* by Glenn Packiam. He uncovers how the poor, hungry, mourning, and persecuted are blessed because of the Kingdom of Heaven.

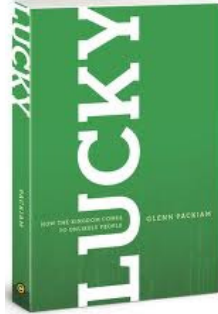
This is Christ's announcement: the Kingdom of Heaven has come to unlikely people.

Now is the perfect time to join the group.

For more information contact:

**Annalise Haussler**

**Josh Kouri 581-4444 office** [jkouri@loveroad.org](mailto:jkouri@loveroad.org)



## **C.I.A. Group** *Christians in Action*

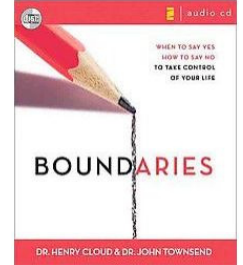
“We try to live in such a way that no one will be hindered from finding the Lord by the way we act, and so no one can find fault with our ministry.”

2 Corinthians 6:3, NLT

### **Wednesday Bible Study**

We meet at 5:45pm in Fellowship Hall for dinner. The meeting starts at 6:30pm in Race Parlor.

*Boundaries* by Dr. Henry Cloud is our current study. Verlena is our study leader.



### **February Fellowship**

This Sunday, Feb. 5 at 4pm

**Super Bowl Party** at the home of Peggy (364 Rio Estancia Dr. 79932 –from St. Mark's, go left on Country Club Rd., right on Montoya Dr. left on Rio Estancia –Peggy's house is on the left.)

Friday, Feb. 10, 7-10pm

**Valentine Dance** at St. Mark's to the music of Phat Soul (\$10/person)

Reservations are necessary and almost sold out. Singles will have a table so we can sit together.

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2:30pm

**Lute** at UTEP *Adult Activity*

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 4:30-7pm *Family Activity*

**Pancake Dinner** at St. Mark's

Singles will support St. Mark's Mission Team.

### **March Fellowship**

Wednesday, Mar. 14 *Family Activity*

**Bowling**

### **If You Have Questions**

Please feel free to contact someone on the Singles Leadership Team or you may email Saranda at

Saranda (lead)

Mike

Verlena

Nancy Sue

Brenda Smith (staff) 581-4444

[bsmith@loveroad.org](mailto:bsmith@loveroad.org)

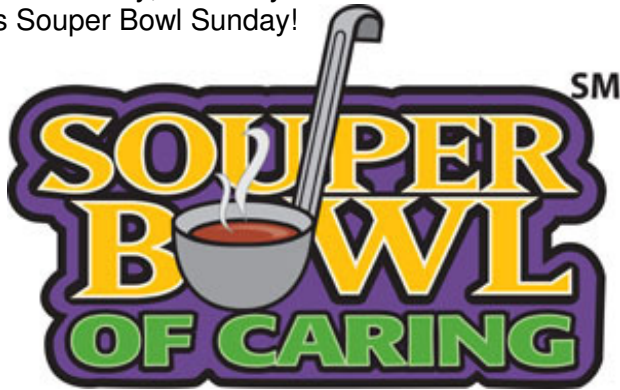


Though our feelings come and go, God's love for us does not.

—C. S. Lewis

**YOUTH MINISTRY**  
 Jachin Ford, Youth Director  
 581-4444 ext. 289      jford@loveroad.org

This Sunday, February 2  
 is Souper Bowl Sunday!



**Mid-High Youth**

Sundays at 11am Class  
 Current study is *Student Life*  
 Sundays at 1pm Youth Group

**ROC Camp**

ROC Camp for Mid-High students will be held the weekend of March 2-4. The NMSU Wesley campus ministry team is sure to offer a great and exciting experience. **Registration forms and fee is due by Sunday, February 12.**

**Senior High Youth**

Sundays at 10am class  
 studying the book of 2 Corinthians,  
 verse by verse  
 Tuesdays at 5:45pm Youth Group

**All CCYM campers need to meet at the bus at 5pm on Friday, February 10.**

# A Family of Prayer

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

"He \_\_\_\_\_nd \_\_\_\_\_ll \_\_\_\_\_s \_\_\_\_\_m \_\_\_\_\_l \_\_\_\_\_  
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"I AM studying my Bible verses."

Answers:  
 "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV





## Sundays

- Youth CCYM Event (Feb. 10-12)
- 8:00am Word & Table Worship Service
- 9:00am Praise & Worship Service
- 9:00am Children through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade & Adult Classes
- 10:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 10:00am Children through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Sr. High & Adult Classes
- 11:00am Praise & Worship Service
- 11:00am Children & Mid-High Classes
- 1:00pm Mid-High Youth
- 2:00pm New Member's Class (Feb 12)
- 3:00pm Children's Musical Rehearsal

## Mondays

- OFFICE CLOSED FEBRUARY 20
- 9:00am *Fathered by God* Women's Study –Chesley (not Feb. 20)
- 10:00am Reader's Book chat (Feb. 13)
- 11:00am Primetimers (Feb. 13)
- 6:00pm *Words with Friends* Couples Study –Lacktis (not Feb. 20)
- 7:00pm *Marriage Matters* Couples Study –Yellock (not Feb. 20)

## Tuesdays

- 6:15am Men's Devotional/Breakfast at Cracker Barrel
- 5:00pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Feb. 21)
- 5:45pm Dinner at the Church (except Feb. 21)
- 6:00pm Sr. High Youth
- 6:30pm *Christianity's Family Tree* –Morris
- 6:30pm DivorceCare Help Group
- 6:30pm DC4K Help Group
- 6:30pm GriefShare Help Group
- 6:30pm Cancer Care Help Group

## Wednesdays

- 9:00am *Having a Mary Spirit* Women's Study –Garibay
- 9:00am *James* Women's Study –Ayoub
- 12noon Ash Wednesday Service (Feb. 22)
- 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer
- 5:45pm Dinner at the Church (except Feb. 22)
- 6:30pm Mission Possible Kids (except Feb. 22)
- 6:30pm LOL Life of Light Young Adults (except Feb. 22)
- 6:30pm *BTW* Young Career Singles (except Feb. 22)
- 6:30pm CIA 40+ Singles (except Feb. 22)
- 6:30pm Single & Parenting (except Feb. 22)
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service (Feb. 22)

## Thursdays

- 10:00am GriefShare Help Group
- 10:00am *Christ Jesus High Priest* Women's Study-Owen
- 12:15pm "Following Doctor Luke" Study —Kouri  
Great American, S. Mesa Hills near the Mall
- 6:00pm Confirmation Class (begins Feb. 2)
- 6:30pm *James* Women's Study –Rash
- 6:30pm *Christ Jesus High Priest* Women's Study-Owen

## Fridays

- Youth CCYM Event (Feb. 10-12)
- 6:30pm Women's Worship (Feb. 3)
- 6:30pm Lay Speaker school (Feb. 17-18)
- 7:00pm Narcotics Anonymous
- 7:00pm Phat Soul Dance (Feb. 10)

## Saturdays

- Youth CCYM Event (Feb. 10-12)
- 8:30am Lay Speaker school (Feb. 17-18)
- 5:32pm Worship Service

## Readers Book Chat

February 13 at 10am  
Monthly on Second Mondays at 10am  
in the Conference Room

Secular and sacred books are read and discussed at Readers Book Chat. You are invited to join in the conversation with others who love to read.

Readers Book Chat is held on second Mondays at 10am in the Conference Room.

Selections for the new year are:

- February – ***State of Wonder***  
by Ann Patchett
- March – ***The Art of Racing in the Rain***  
by Garth Stein
- April – ***The Last Dickens***  
by Matthew Pearl
- May – ***House Rules***  
by Jodi Picoult

## The Upper Room

Daily Devotional Guide

Our subscriptions to *Upper Room Devotional Guide* have not been renewed. To continue receiving these daily devotional guides you can:

- ◆Have the devotionals delivered daily to your email address or download an app to your smart phone. Go to [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org) and subscribe to a free daily digital copy.

- ◆Go to [www.loveroad.org/worship](http://www.loveroad.org/worship) each day and click the link for that day's guide.

- ◆Call 1-800-972-0433 to order a paper subscription. Choose from traditional or large print and English, Spanish any other of 38 languages.

The essence of the Christian life is knowing God and walking with Him. It's about sticking with Him when the sky is blue and also when it's filled with clouds or choked with smoke. It's about walking with the Lord through thick and thin, and pressing on through every heartache and trial that happens to come our way.

—Greg Laurie

## The Music Box

### Rehearsals this week

Wednesday, Feb. 1	St. Mark's Choir	6:00pm
Thursday, Feb. 2	Hearts of Praise	6:00pm
Sunday, Feb. 5	Children's Music	3:00pm
Tuesday, Feb. 7	Jazz Unlimited	6:00pm

## Altar Flowers

To offer altar flowers, call the church office for information or go online to [www.loveroad.org/flowers](http://www.loveroad.org/flowers).



Join us Sat. at 5:32, Sun. at 8 & 10 for a sermon series by Pastor Jon

## ADDICTED to the RUSH?

Enjoyed Christmas but found it a bit draining?  
Wanted to make a fresh start last year, but got...  
carried away?

Join us for our 1st sermon series of 2012 as we look at some of the ideas we buy into that actually drive us away from God's Peace, and keep us addicted to the wrong RUSH!

- Jan. 14, 15 I Have the Need for Speed
- Jan. 21, 22 I Work Best in a Clutch
- Jan. 28, 29 I Don't Check My Blind Spots (Rev. Bridges)
- Feb. 4, 5 I Slow Down with my Emergency Brake
- Feb. 11, 12 I Never Bother with Turn Signals
- Feb. 18, 19 I Don't Care How the Engine Really Works

## Request a Prayer

To request prayer you may send a prayer request at [www.loveroad.org/prayer](http://www.loveroad.org/prayer), turn in a prayer request card, email Frances Gonzalez at [ccm@loveroad.org](mailto:ccm@loveroad.org) or call her at 581-4444 ext. 287.



## Help 4 Survivors

A seminar for male and female survivors of abuse and those who care about them. Presented by award-winning authors, Cec Murphey and Sue Cameron

**February 11, 9am-2:30pm**

**Coronado Baptist Church, 501 Thunderbird**

\$15 for: Lunch and book:

*When a Man You Love Was Abused*

Free without lunch or book – registration required

Childcare to age 5

Must RSVP by February 7 Registration required

915-373-2706 [help4survivors.com](http://help4survivors.com)

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