



# Messenger

St. Mark's  
United Methodist Church

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Things to Remember:

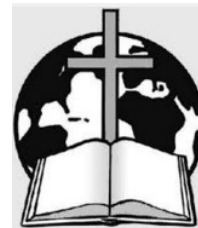
- † Mondays at 2:00 PM - Matter of Balance (FH)
- † Wednesday, April 6th - 8 Week Matthew Study @ 12:00 pm (YAMS Classroom)
- † Children's Church - April 10th and 24th
- † Saturday, April 16th BBQ
- † Tuesday, April 26th - Vouchers 9-11 a.m.
- † Thursday, April 28th - SA Food Bank Truck 9:00 a.m.
- † Wednesdays @ 6:30 - Praise & Communion Worship Service

## ATTENTION ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

### Mission Sunday - April 10, 2016

During the Sunday School hour (9:15 - 10:00 am). Providence Place (formerly Methodist Mission Home) will bring us a presentation about the services provided to young persons who are deaf, handicapped or in need of adoptive services. We need to be informed about the missions that are being provided by the United Methodist Church right here in San Antonio. We invite all classes to gather together in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at 9:15 am. Coffee will be served, we will sing a hymn or two and become better informed about what our church is doing to guide, teach and enable these young people with a faith, a family and a future. Our faith teaches us to be of service to our fellow men/women and it is good for us to see what and where and how some of the mission dollars are used. Hope to see each of you in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour on April 10, 2016. God bless each of you as you go about your faith walk and serving our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Lynn and Imogene



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## SERVING THE CHURCH

<u>Sunday School</u>	2/28	3/6	3/13	3/20
Children	2	1	4	1
Youth	4	4	5	6
Adults	36	31	35	34
<b>Total SS</b>	42	36	44	41
<u>Worship</u>				
Sunday	74	67	67	85
Wednesday Service	21	23	20	

### USHERS

- † Rob Remig
- † Joe Price
- † Stephanie Bercegeay
- † Billy Kiesel
- † Johnny Mendoza



## Altar Flowers - 2016

There are still lots of openings on our flower calendar!! If you would like to sponsor the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or in recognition of a special memory or special occasion, please contact either Joanne Green at 210-690-5714, or call Patti in the church office 210-344-8393. Altar flowers are \$25 - simply drop your check in the offering plate with the designation for "altar flowers". Following the service, the flowers are yours to take home and enjoy!



April 10	1 opening
April 17	1 opening
May 1	2 openings
May 8	1 opening
May 15	1 opening
May 22	1 opening

# CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

## ADMINISTRATION



Goals: To support general conference, annual conference session, the Treasurer's Office, Audits for District and Campus Ministries

8.2 cents of every apportioned dollar goes to the Administration Fund.

The Administration Fund also provides for direct benefits to other local churches of the conference:

For instance:

- † Mount Wesley operations are supported directly by the Administration Fund
- † The property and liability insurance program - including workman's comp, umbrella coverage and officers coverage - is provided at a cost with an estimated savings to churches of the Conference of more than \$1 million annually.

## Save the Dates!

This year's Vacation Bible School is being planned for June 27 - July 1. Please keep this ministry in prayer as we go forward spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ to those He sends our way.

"God works for the good of those who love Him and have been called



## Garden News!

If you haven't been out to visit the Dellview Community Garden, we invite you to do so soon.

We are located right here on church grounds, directly behind Lovely Lane. Our gardeners from both the neighborhood and St Mark's have planted the spring crops and they are growing fast and looking great! So come, sit awhile and enjoy the beauty of God's world.



## *From Our Pastor. . .*

I want to invite everyone to our early morning Easter Sunrise service at 7:30 a.m. I believe that it will be especially rewarding and meaningful, even at such an early hour. We have been on a long Lenten journey with Jesus to the cross. We have experienced the dark night of Gethsemane and the death of Jesus on Good Friday. In addition, we have struggled to live faithful lives, living out our faith as we have been called to, individually and as a church congregation. At times, we have been successful...at other times, not so much. We have empathized with Jesus' cries from the cross: "My God, my God...why hast thou forsaken me?" And we have also wept by the side of the tomb, as we thought our hopes and dreams were sealed forever away in darkness and death.

Now comes Easter morning! The good news of Jesus' resurrection is almost unbelievable; it would be unbelievable, but we have experienced first hand new life out of dead experiences. We know that Jesus is alive...and so are we! We know that we will live forever with him and that we are no longer separated from God or each other. We are One; together, united by the power of Jesus' Holy Spirit!

The service at 7:30 a.m. will be brief, casual and meaningful and filled with one or two surprises. You won't want to be like poor Thomas, who missed out on seeing Jesus when everyone else did. So set your alarm; jump out of bed and let us meet our Risen Lord and Savior early Easter Sunday morning! You'll be glad you did!

God bless you,

*Jay*

# April 2016

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# ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Drinking too much alcohol increases people's risk of injuries, violence, drowning, liver disease, and some types of cancer. This April during Alcohol Awareness Month, educate yourself and your loved ones about the dangers of drinking too much.

If you are drinking too much, you can improve your health by cutting back or quitting. Here are some strategies to help you cut back or stop drinking:

- Limit your drinking to no more than 1 drink a day for women or 2 drinks a day for men.
- Keep track of how much you drink.
- Choose a day each week when you will not drink.
- Don't drink when you are upset.
- Avoid places where people drink a lot.
- Make a list of reasons not to drink

Please visit the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism @ [www.niaaa.nih.gov/](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/) or contact your Wesley Nurse for more information, Charzes Flowers, RN, 210-344-8393.

# NOTES AND NOTICES



Bar-B-Que  
Saturday,  
April 16th

**CHICKEN or SAUSAGE**

With all the trimmings  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**\$8.00**

**Benefits: PET  
(Personal Energy Transportation)**

## Don't forget our Food Pantry!

- 1st Sunday - Can of Vegetables
- 2nd Sunday - Rice or Beans
- 3rd Sunday - Canned Meat
- 4th Sunday - Spaghetti Sauce
- 5th Sunday - Your Choice!



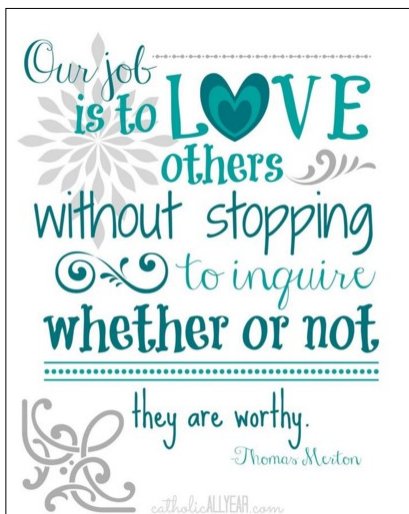
Noisy Offering - the last Sunday of every month!

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Did you know...

That Bill McMahon is the little elf that comes every month and decorates the bulletin board in the foyer with all the birthday information?

Thanks, Bill!



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped at last month's delivery. We fed 160 families. Thanks to "chef" Johnny Mendoza who stepped in for Pastor Jay and prepared the yummy tacos. Thanks to all the kitchen crew, the unloaders, baggers and the registrars. We couldn't do it without all of you. We can always use more volunteers, come and join us.

Thanks again,

Patti A.



Need a Good Handyman?  
**Johnny Mendoza**  
210-765-1869



# MORE NOTES AND NOTICES

## Upcoming Children/Family Events

**Old Fashioned Family Games**  
(All Families) Sunday, May 1  
from 4:00 - 6:00 PM  
Play games, eat food!

**Summer: Vacation Bible School**  
(4 years - 5th grade)  
June 27 - July 1 from 5:30 - 8:30 PM

**3rd Quarter: Back to School Bash**  
(K - 5th grade)  
Date to be scheduled!

**4th Quarter: Party in the Patch**  
(K - 5th grade)  
Date to be scheduled!



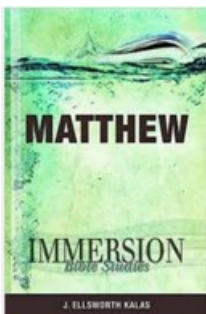
**Attention:**

If you might be interested in participating on the Bar-B-Que Committee, we are looking for volunteers!! Please contact Sue Horner, or the church office.

Thanks!

## New Testament Bible Study

Don't forget!!!! Our Wednesday Bible Study starts back on April 6th and run through May 25th. We are starting the New Testament, beginning with the Gospel of Matthew. We will follow this schedule:



April 6th:	The Birth of Jesus
April 13th:	Jesus' Identity is Confirmed and Tested
April 20th:	The Sermon on the Mount
April 27th:	Jesus Changes "Outsiders" into "Insiders"
May 4th:	Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of Heaven
May 11th:	How Do We Live for the Future Now?
May 18th:	The Abandonment of Jesus the Messiah
May 25th:	The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

We use the **Immersion Series** and this portion of the study is written by J. Ellsworth Kalas. I have some extra books - If you're interested to join in this study, please call Patti in the church office. We meet on Wednesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 PM.



# **History of Fiesta**

**April 14-24, 2016**

(copied from [www.fiesta-sa.org](http://www.fiesta-sa.org))

By 1890, San Antonio, Texas, was a thriving trade center with population of 38,000. In 1891 a group of citizens decided to honor the heroes of the Alamo and Battle of San Jacinto with a Battle of Flowers.

The first parade had horse-drawn carriages, bicycles decorated with fresh flowers and floats carrying children dressed as flowers. The Belknap Rifles represented the military. The participants pelted each other with blossoms.

The [Battle of Flowers](#) Parade is the only one in the country to be planned and directed completely by women. Today it's the largest parade in Fiesta. It's second in size nationally only to the Tournament of Roses Parade.

## **Fiesta Becomes a San Antonio Tradition**

The Battle of Flowers was an immediate success. Within a few years, more events were taking place on or near April 21—a carnival, balls and coronations of "royalty." The Fiesta tradition had been born. Other early events included street dancing, children's festivals, a Trades Display Parade and an orphans party. Fiesta has taken place every year except for 1918 during World War I and 1942 through 1945.

## **The Fiesta Flambeau Parade**

The [Fiesta Flambeau Parade](#) began in 1948. The parade's name comes from the French word for a candlestick or torch. In the event's early years, four-man brigades marched between the other units, carrying torches on five-foot poles. Today Boy Scouts carry safety flares. All the floats in the Flambeau Parade are lighted.

## **Night in Old San Antonio**

A Night in Old San Antonio, better known as [NIOSA](#), joined Fiesta in 1948. The San Antonio Conservation Society sponsors NIOSA. The society works to save San Antonio buildings and maintain the city's cultural heritage. It takes about 16,000 volunteers each year to stage NIOSA.

## **Other Events**

Fiesta has grown over the years to a 10-day celebration featuring more than 100 events that feature music, food, sports, pageantry, military and patriotic observances, exhibits, and parades. Nonprofit organizations sponsor every activity. Past Fiestas have featured regattas, synchronized swimming, polo matches, a hot-air balloon race, rifle competitions and bowling tournaments.

## SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

The following provides the financial overview for the month of February.

Operating Cash balance at 1/31/2015	15,180
Non-Designated Contributions - February	29,043
Operating Expenses:	
Council on Ministries	1,796
Special Mission Giving	0
Mission Giving	495
Administration Expense	222
Trustees	5,904
Pastor's Compensation	5,410
Lay Personnel Compensation	5,330
	<u>19,157</u>
Other Income/(Expense)	<u>(198)</u>
Operating Cash balance at 2/29/2016	<u>24,868</u>

### Comments:

February contributions were \$12,733 higher than budgeted and \$10,599 greater than 2015. Rental income was higher than budgeted and there was a significant contribution from one family.

Operating expenses were \$4,690 and \$4,809 less than budget and 2015 respectively. Mission Giving contributed most of the favorable variance as a result of our not making an apportionment payment in February. Lay Personnel Compensation was also favorable.

In March we will be making a significant payment to the Conference for our apportionment which will help us get close to the budgeted amount for the 1st quarter.

We are thanking to each of you for your financial support to St. Mark's. We are confident your support will continue. God bless!

# ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S . . .



Jill Anderson  
 Willie Barnes  
 Connor Benjamin  
 Kylee Brown  
 Megan Brown  
 Margaret Broxton  
 Bucky Coley  
 Esdras Cuervo  
 Landry Dollahite  
 Bea Kunkel  
 Alice & Ben Logan  
 Robert Flores Lopez  
 Michael Mendoza  
 Jean Newman  
 Ann Payette  
 Cindy Payette

Gloria Reedy  
 Steve Reyes, Sr.  
 Mike Ross  
 Will Schuetze  
 Kirk Tomerlin  
 Abraham Wamah  
 Kathryn Wilson  
 Barbara Klauer  
 Richard Dennis  
 Joey Gibson  
 Isabel Centeno  
 David Crevozo  
 Jackie Green  
 Darrell Ream  
 Carmen Garza  
 Arissa Dennis

Violet Hinton  
 Zoe Medina  
 Bill McMahon  
 Steven Mahaffey  
 Norma Williams  
 Blake Lopez  
 Tony Muñoz  
 Socorro Rodriguez

	04/10 Robert Smith Wesley Wildman	04/27 Dorothy Mace	
04/13 Ralph Perryman	04/15 Ann Payette	04/28 Isabel Centeno	
04/14 Brooke Somerville	04/17 Bertha King	04/29 Janice Rushton	
04/01 John Brown Phyllis Gaiser	04/22 John Sidusky	04/30 Brett Codd Angela Moss	
04/04 Max Harvey			

## *Happy Anniversary...*



*Mel & Vee Davison - April 14th*

*Jim & Leah Ware - April 24th*

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

- TO HELP ALL PERSONS DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST
- TO NURTURE THEM IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, WORKSHIP, AND STUDY
- TO STRIVE TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL TO LIVE IN THE WORLD AS CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES



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**OFFICE HOURS**  
 9:00 am—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday  
 CLOSED on Friday

PASTOR	Rev. Jay Brown
SECRETARY	Patti Gardner
WESLEY NURSE	Charzes Flowers
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Carolyn Hahn
ORGANIST	Joseph Scutti
CUSTODIAN	Johnny Mendoza