



Messenger

St. Mark's
United Methodist Church
1902 Vance Jackson San Antonio, TX 78213
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Things to Remember:

- † Children's Church - April 9 & 23rd
- † **The Church Office is closed for Easter Monday on April 17th**
- † Saturday, April 22nd - Boy Scouts Eagle Rank Celebration (Gym)
- † Thursday, April 27th - San Antonio Mobile Food Bank with Mobile Mammogram Unit onsite
- † **Battle of Flowers Holiday, Friday, April 28th**
- † F-Troop - Sunday, April 30th @ Medina Lake
- † Wednesday Praise @ 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- † **Matthew 28:6 He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said.**

Easter Week Schedule

April 9: Palm Sunday Worship @ 10:30 AM

April 13: Maundy Thursday Service
At Gethsemane Lutheran
610 Avalon Street @ 7:00 PM

April 14: Good Friday Service @ 7:00 PM

April 15: Prayer Vigil (Sanctuary)
7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Easter Egg Hunt - Gym @ 10:00 AM

April 16: Easter "Sonrise" @ 7:00 AM
Breakfast about 8:00 AM
Easter Worship @ 10:30 AM



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SERVING THE CHURCH

<u>Sunday School</u>	2/26	3/5	3/12	3/19
Children	2	3	1	2
Youth	3	4	1	4
Adults	15	18	17	19
Total SS	20	25	19	25
<u>Worship</u>				
Sunday	61	62	67	69
Wednesday Service *Ash Wednesday	*27/34	25	25	

APRIL USHERS

**Kathy Jack, Sue Horner, Sharon Somerville
Susan Philbin, Brooke Somerville**

Altar Flower Calendar Openings



April 9	1 Opening
April 30	1 Opening
May 7	1 Opening
May 14	1 Opening
May 21	1 Opening
June 4	1 Opening
June 11	1 Opening
June 18	2 Openings
June 25	2 Openings

April Liturgists

April 2	John Williams
April 9	Johnny Mendoza
April 16	Leticia Mercado
April 23	Joanne Green
April 30	Patti Austin

UNITED METHODISTS IN MISSION



As United Methodists, we accept and affirm that the primary task of our church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ; to proclaim the gospel, the good news; and to seek, welcome and gather the people of faith into the body of Christ. When one joins a United Methodist congregation, one becomes a member of the total United Methodist connection. We define that connection as a network of interdependent and interrelated relationships among people in groups at the local, regional, national and international levels.

As members, we promise God and our congregation that we will uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. And that church is the local church, or the district, or the annual conference or even the general church. Our promise to God and the church opens to us the vast ministry that awaits those who seek the fields ripe for harvest. 1 Corinthians 12:12 (NRSV) states, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ."

We are the body of Christ connected together. Even though United Methodists have more than 12 million lay members and clergy members globally, we are one body. We are organized in local churches and pastoral charges, districts, annual conferences and episcopal areas, but we are one body. We have central conferences located around the world, but we are one body.

We are the body of Christ called United Methodists, people who send missionaries, and ourselves, into the world, to live as servants for Christ. We are the body of Christ who minister in United Methodist schools, colleges and universities, as well as support theological schools to educate our pastors.

We are the body of Christ who bears other's burdens through reaching out in times of need and disaster. We are the body of Christ connected together. We do more than express a concern for the worker, the sick and the poor. We do more than express a concern for the poor, the aging, the impaired and the oppressed. We, the body of Christ, participate together. We struggle together to help those in need. This is important to our faith.

By this connection we do more than any single individual, church, district or annual conference could ever do by itself. We are together.

United Methodists identify with the need to be in mission. As United Methodists, we desire to be in mission together, and as United Methodists the mandate is to be in mission together everywhere. "A Charge to Keep I Have, Our Calling to Fulfill."

Funding is mission, an expression of our stewardship, and an expression of our connectedness.

-- **Comments by the Rev. L. Jonathan Holston, superintendent, Atlanta-Decatur-Oxford District, North Georgia Annual Conference.**



From Our Pastor. . .

My very first sermon that I preached to my home congregation in Kingsville was on Jesus' teaching about not worrying but, rather, trust in God (Matthew 6). It was hard not to be worried back then starting out on a long and improbable journey of becoming a United Methodist pastor! Somehow, beyond my wildest dreams and against seemingly insurmountable obstacles, I graduated from seminary, was ordained, appointed to a church and have spent the last 37 years serving God and congregations as best I could. Now, with retirement a mere 100 days away, I could easily give in to worries and fears about what my journey is going to be like. Will we have enough money? Will I be healthy? Will I still be able to be a faithful disciple? Will God still find a use for me? How? Doing what?

So I am re-reading this chapter from Matthew. I invite you to do the same if you, too, have some concerns about the future. Jesus reminds us to consider the lilies of the field, remembering that God has created them, taken care of them and that they are a glorious gift to all who would gaze on their beauty. He reminds us that God knows our needs and that He can be trusted to take care of us in His loving providence. When we seek first the Kingdom of God, everything else falls into place.

My journey began in Kingsville with a move to a foreign land, Dallas, where they didn't even have Whataburgers or an HEB...I was in exile! But God was there. And God has been with me every moment of every day and up every hill and down in the darkest valleys. All ways, he has been faithful. And, I believe that He all ways will be! I'm probably never going to live in Kingsville again; I rarely even visit, just pass through. My home is with Ann here in San Antonio. I have been blessed to journey with you and I'll be forever grateful for the gifts of loving acceptance you have offered over the last 5 years of my life at St. Mark's. Let us thank God for His faithfulness and ours and let us continue to seek God's kingdom above all else, trusting that all is well and that all shall be well as we go on with the journey of faith that we have been called to.

God bless you,

Jay

April 2017

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Alcohol Use and Your Health

Drinking too much can harm your health. Excessive alcohol use leads to about 88,000 deaths in the United States each year, and shortens the life of those who die by almost 30 years. Further, excessive drinking cost the economy \$249 billion in 2010. Most excessive drinkers are not alcohol dependent.

What is considered a "drink"? U.S. Standard Drink Sizes



Excessive alcohol use includes:

Binge Drinking

For women, 4 or more drinks consumed on one occasion



For men, 5 or more drinks consumed on one occasion

Heavy Drinking

For women, 8 or more drinks per week



For men, 15 or more drinks per week

Any alcohol used by pregnant women



Any alcohol used by those under the age of 21 years



If you choose to drink, do so in moderation:



DON'T DRINK AT ALL if you are under the age of 21, or if you are or may be pregnant, or have health problems that could be made worse by drinking.

FOR WOMEN, up to 1 drink a day



FOR MEN, up to 2 drinks a day



NO ONE should begin drinking or drink more frequently based on potential health benefits.

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Division of Population Health



NOTES AND NOTICES

FYI...

We will start working on a new church directory soon - watch for details!!

Anyone interested in a trip to Israel? We have the opportunity to travel to Israel for the Bible Land Discovery, 2018 Holy Land Tour. We are planning for departure December 4, 2018 for 8 days. You will be hearing more about this soon and brochures will be available shortly. Contact Patti in the church office for details...

Our Boy Scouts have 3 young men who will soon be promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout. This celebration of advancement will be Saturday, April 22nd in our gym. The three scouts are John Paul Toro and Joshua Vidaurri from Troop 87 and Jack Schuepbach from the Venturing Crew who will celebrate his Eagle promotion on another day.

Also Troop 87 is beginning to plan their 60th anniversary celebration which will take place on a date to be determined in 2018. If you know of someone who participated in the Boy Scout program in the history of St. Mark's, let the church office know so they will be sure to be invited!!

Looking for a Handyman?

Johnny Mendoza
210-765-1869



Don't forget our Food Pantry!

- ♥ Rice, Beans,
- ♥ Spaghetti, Pasta Sauce
- ♥ Macaroni & Cheese
- ♥ Cans of Tuna, Chicken, Spam
- ♥ Cans of Fruit
- ♥ Boxes or bags of Cereal
- ♥ Cans of Soup, Stew, Chili...
- ♥ Instant Mashed Potatoes
- ♥ Canned Vegetables



Don't forget our Noisy Offering the last Sunday of every month!

Thank You Volunteers!!

We served about 110 families at the Food Truck in February. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers. The tacos were much appreciated. Thanks to all those who helped in the kitchen, the cooks, the clean up crew, the folks who unloaded and distributed the food, and the registrars. We couldn't do it without you wonderful volunteers. Thanks again!!

Patti Austin

Here is another thank you letter as an example of what happens through our paid apportionments...

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference I would like to thank you for your kind contribution through the Advance to the Parish Partners project. Due to the fact that the pastors of the OIMC are some of the lowest paid pastors of the United Methodist church, Parish Partners assist the conference in supplementing pastor's salaries. With support such as yours it helps to keep our pastors from being considered poverty level. Should you have questions or concerns of the OIMC please do not hesitate to call the conference office at 405-632-2006.

Blessings to your congregation,

Josephine Deere
Director of Interpretation & Programs/Connectional Ministries



The Bus Stop Ministry enjoying some "gym time" during Spring Break!!

Thank You

Bob and I want to thank our church family and friends for your kindness and support during Bob's surgery and recovery. Your cards, phone calls and e-mails have been a source of strength. Thank you, Pastor Jay, for praying with us before the surgery. We are thankful for each of you!

*God bless you,
Bob & Dorothy Mace*



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Special request from the Food Pantry

Our Food Pantry shelves are looking pretty good today! However, there are two items in which we are in short supply, and those are one or two-pound bags of Pinto Beans and regular cans of Soup, either for eating or cooking. We will welcome any food items you bring but want to ask you to please concentrate on the above two items through the end of April.

Thank you!

SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

Operating Cash balance at 1/31/2017	4,306
Non-Designated Contributions - February	13,775
Operating Expenses:	
Council on Ministries	633
Special Mission Giving	0
Mission Giving	1,380
Administration Expense	398
Trustees	5,526
Pastor's Compensation	5,040
Lay Personnel Compensation	5,278
	18,255
Other Income/(Expense)	731
Operating Cash balance at 2/28/2017	557

Comments:

February contributions were \$551 lower than budgeted and \$15,414 lower than February 2016. Other income was \$1,054 lower than budgeted and \$88 less than 2016.

Operating expenses were \$3,606 favorable to the budget and \$902 favorable to 2016. All expense categories were favorable to budget for the month.

February had a cash outflow of \$4,480. Our operating cash balance decreased to a positive \$557

The Finance Committee thanks your continued support during 2017. Please keep the Finance Committee in your prayers as decisions impacting the finances of the church are made.

God Bless you all.



St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th ** 10am

Ages 3—12

Each child will make Easter related crafts,
sing songs, hear the story of Easter and
search for hidden eggs.

St. Mark's Annual Easter Egg Hunt!

Fee: nonperishable food item for the food
pantry and/or any monetary donation

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ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S . . .



Bob Ailerson
 Jill Anderson
 Connor Benjamin
 Kylee Brown
 Megan Brown
 David Cavazos
 Bucky Coley
 Carl Crenwelge
 Esdras Cuervo
 Sylvia Gonzales
 Alice Logan
 Kerri Luker
 Michael Mendoza

Eric Milette
 Gerald Morriss
 Steve Reyes, Sr.
 Will Shuetze
 Kirk Tomerlin
 Kathryn Wilson
 Mary Wilke
 Arissa Dennis
 Isabel Centeno
 Gail Coe
 Mary Lou Crouch
 Family of David Duewall
 Patti Austin

Bernice Payne
 David Emerson
 Bob Mace
 Rico Rodriguez
 Bill Pavlat
 Family of Thad Harkins
 Joe Rocha



04/01
 John Brown
 Phyllis Gaiser
 04/04
 Max Harvey
 04/09
 Caisey Hoffman

04/10
 Robert Smith
 Wesley Wildman

04/13
 Ralph Perryman

04/14
 Brooke Somerville

04/15
 Ann Payette

04/17
 Bertha King

04/22
 John Sidusky

04/27
 Dorothy Mace

04/28
 Isabel Centeno

04/29
 Janice Rushton

04/30
 Brett Codd



Mel & Vee Davison - April 14th
 Jim & Leah Ware - April 24th

St. Mark's extends our sincere
 condolences to:

Ella Reyes - in the loss of her
 brother, Joel Garza

And to the families of
 David Duewall and Thad Harkins

Please make a note of Robert and Helen Smith's new address!
 14123 Kellywood Lane
 Houston, TX 77079-6823

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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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 CLOSED on Friday

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