



Messenger

St. Mark's
United Methodist Church

1902 Vance Jackson San Antonio, TX 78213
210-344-8393

Regular Weekly Activities:

- † Praise, Bible Study, Communion - Wed, Apr 3 @ 6 pm
- † Praise & Bible Study - Wed, Apr 10 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday Apr 14 @ 10:45 am
- † Children's Sermon, Sunday, Apr 21 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, Apr 24 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, Apr 28 @ 10:45 am



Join us during Holy Week and then celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter

April 14	Palm Sunday	10:30 am
April 18	Maundy Thursday	7:00 pm
April 19	Good Friday	7:00 pm
April 20	Prayer Vigil	9:00 am
April 21	Easter Service & Breakfast	8:00 am
	Sunday School	9:15 am
	Worship	10:30 am



Ushers, Flowers, Liturgists	2	Calendar (April)	5
Stewardship - Finance	3	Children, Egg Hunt, Prayer Vigil	6
Pastor's Message	4	Notes & Notices, Easter Lilies	7
		Prayers & Praise	8



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SERVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	2/24/2019	3/3/2019	3/10/2019	3/17/2019
Youth	4	2	2	3
Adults	11	14	15	19
Total SS	16	16	17	22
WORSHIP				
Sunday	52	45	36	53
Wednesday Night	--	5	5	6



Rob Remig
Daniel Wilke
Mario Mercado
Johnny Mendoza



Altar Flower Calendar

April 7 - 1 Opening
April 14 - 2 Openings
April 28 - 1 Opening



Children's Church

April 14 - Lillian Herrera
April 28 - Samantha Alvarez



April 7 - John Williams
April 14 - Joanne Green
April 21 - Dorothy Mace
April 28 - Melinda Molina



9:15 am > Every Sunday <

Class for all adults - Fellowship Hall / YAMS
Class for ladies - Sanctuary / LIBRARY



With Your Help The United Methodist Church is Making a Difference

TRUCKIN' FOR THE LORD: CHURCHES AND FOOD TRUCKS

Food trucks have become increasingly popular in recent years as they bring fun, fast and affordable food to the masses. Equipped with deep fryers, cooktops, ovens and more, food trucks are literally a kitchen on wheels. It's no wonder that churches are jumping on the food truck "bandwagon." Combining food, fellowship and ministry, these North Georgia churches are bringing folks, food and fellowship together in new and exciting ways.

Two years ago, Dacula UMC launched an ambitious ministry project called Food Truck 316. The clever name comes from the famed Bible verse John 3:16, but also from Highway 316, which is a central artery through the Dacula/North Gwinnett area.

The idea for the food truck grew out of a year-end leadership training meeting. The church had some funds available for ministry and wanted to determine the best way to use it. They were looking for a "God-sized dream project" that would impact a lot of people. From the back of the room, church member Jim Meeker offered the first idea: "What if we had a food truck that we could use for missions and community events?" From there, the

ideas started flowing quickly and a new ministry was formed.

Last fall, the truck made its debut at a school festival and other community events. The truck is completely volunteer staffed and self-funded. For every meal they sell, they can produce two to three meals to give away for free. Selling food at community events helps to fund the mission part.

"Right now, it's going out at least once per month for mission where we give away food to those in need, then we'll take it out when we are invited to a community event. Everything is dependent on our partnerships with other ministries and non-profits in the area so we can comply with various county ordinances.

The church is continually looking for ways to grow the ministry by securing new partners and more equipment so they can serve even more people.

One of seven apportioned giving opportunities of The United Methodist Church, the World Service Fund is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination. Through the Four Areas of Focus churches are Engaging in ministry with the poor with their communities in ways that are transformative. www.umcgiving.org



Apportionments

ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY - 2019

Operating Cash Balance on January 31, 2019	10,862
Non-Designated Contributions - February	12,285
Operating Expenses	13,797
Other Income/(Expense)	(1,041)
Operating Cash Balance on February 28, 2019	8,309

Our operating cash balance on February 28, 2019 was a positive \$8,309. This favorable balance is the result of our strong cash balance at the end of January.

The Finance Committee thanks you for your continued financial support to St. Mark's. The cost to maintain our church property doesn't get any lower and we have done everything we can to reduce spending. Your financial support is critical. Thank you. God bless you all.



In this beautiful Psalm 89 we read of our Incomparable God. What makes Him so incomparable:

Verses 1-2; His Forever mercy and faithfulness.

“I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. For I have said, “Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens.”

We should praise Him forever. “We have not one, but many *mercies* to rejoice in, and should therefore multiply the expressions of our thankfulness.” (Spurgeon)

Verses 5-8; God praised for His faithfulness and might.

“And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints. For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? *Who* among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD? God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all *those* around Him. O LORD God of hosts, **Who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.**”

God is *incomparable* in His Holiness and His might. It is a great reassurance and comfort to trust in Him. What a great feeling in times of trouble. In any time we are in, it is good to know that there is no one compared to our Good Lord.

Peace to you. *Rev. Maria R. Soto*

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April 2019

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"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME"

Children at St. Mark's UMC are very much a part of our worshipping community. Here are opportunities for age-appropriate worship, Bible lessons, activities, praise music, and fun!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month at 10:45 a.m. for elementary aged children.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE on the 3rd Sunday of each month during Sunday worship. All children are invited to the front of the sanctuary to join Pastor Soto for a brief sermon, keeping our younger worshipers in mind.



Saturday | April 20, 2019

10:00 am

(in the Gym and Church Grounds)

Everyone is invited to come join the fun! There will be snacks, games, an egg hunt for children, and story time about Easter. If you have a basket, bring it for the egg hunt.

If anyone would like to volunteer, donate, or send cookies please contact Susan Philbin or Kathy Jack.

As the Dellview community garden enters its fifth year, we continue to strive to grow fresh, healthy fruits, vegetables and herbs. Some gardeners offer additional beauty with their flower beds. We welcome our new members and look forward to the new growing season.

May the Lord continue to bless this very special piece of Holy Ground. To Him be the glory, Melinda Molina



Prayer Vigil Sign-Up Sheet for 30-minute slots will be available soon.

Saturday | April 20, 2019 | 9 am - 5 pm

Join us in our prayer vigil as we complete the journey of Holy Week and prepare our hearts for the good news of Easter.

The goal of this prayer vigil time is to collectively enter into prayer during this holiest time of year. As a church family we are joining together from wherever we are, handing off the vigil from one person to the next. It's a way of joining together even when we are apart. It's a way of trusting that we are partnering together, taking turns to cover our church, our community, our world with prayer as we dwell in the darkness of Good Friday. It's an opportunity to be fueled by a closeness to God and create a culture in which prayer is woven into the fabric of our daily lives and our relationships with each other.

NOTES AND NOTICES

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
- ♥ Cooking Oil

Noisy Offering the last Sunday of every month!



Potluck

5TH SUNDAY
POTLUCK
MARCH 31, 2019

Looking for a Handyman?
Johnny Mendoza
210-765-1869



Sorry, the work day has been postponed for now. But not to worry, a new date will be scheduled soon. Stay tuned.

Beautify the Sanctuary for Easter!



YOUR NAME: _____

In HONOR of: _____

In memory of: _____

In appreciation of: _____

Please place your order in the offering plate or turn in at the church office.
Deadline: **Sunday, APRIL 7, 2019.**

Enclose **\$11.00** (cash or check) for each lily ordered and this form.
Make checks payable to St. Mark's UMC.

Number ordered _____

Amount paid \$ _____

PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson
 Jill Anderson
 Kennedee Bailey
 Kylee Brown
 Bucky Coley
 Esdras Cuervo
 Sylvia Gonzales

Alice Logan
 Michael Mendoza
 Eric Miletti
 Will Schuetze
 Warren Dunetz
 Rudy Ramirez
 David Oliver

Roxanne Walker
 Martha Villalva
 Food Pantry Visitor
 Shut-ins and Home-bound members and friends



Thanks so much for the beautiful flower bouquet you sent for my birthday. Your kindness and friendship means the world to me.
Ella Reyes

Dear Friends at St. Marks,
 Thank you so much for remembering my birthday with the beautiful flowers. I have enjoyed them all week. It is so lovely to be remembered in such a way.
Blessings! Billie (Jackson) Gabour

John Brown April 1
 Max Harvey April 4
 Ralph Perryman April 13
 Brooke Somerville April 14



Ann Payette April 15
 Dorothy Mace April 27
 Isabel Centeno April 28
 Janice Rushton April 29
 Brett Codd April 30

May God bless you with peace and happiness on this unique day that you celebrate. And may that divine peace and happiness follow you the rest of your life. Have a blessed and fun birthday!

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 Your help is requested to update our records. Please contact Kathy Jack or the church office if you have any corrections or updates to the birthday / anniversary lists. Thanks!

April 24 Jim & Leah Ware

