



### Things to Remember!

- † Tuesday & Wednesday, July 29th & 30th - Arnold Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten Round-Up
- † Monday, August 18th @ 6:00 PM - Finance Meeting
- † Monday, August 18th @ 6:30 PM - Ad Council
- † Back to School Supplies & Uniforms thru August 17th
- † Thursday, August 28th - Food Truck & Tacos
- † August 31st - Teacher Appreciation Potluck
- † Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - Drive Thru Prayer
- † Praise and Communion Bi-Cultural Worship Service Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm (FH)



The families of Ruth Foerster's brothers and sisters have given this bench for our lawn in loving memory of their sister. We have placed it in front of the maple trees which they, also, placed in our yard in memory of A. H. (Boots) Foerster. It seemed fitting that these memorials be placed together just as Boots and

Ruth spent their time on earth and now are again joined together in the heavenly portals for all eternity.



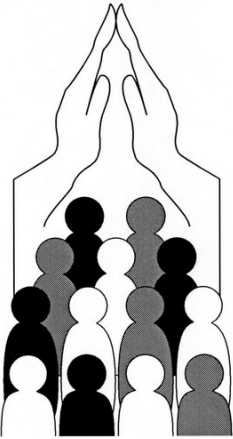
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# STATE OF THE CHURCH



| <u>Sunday School</u> | <b>06/29</b> | <b>07/06</b> | <b>07/13</b> | <b>07/20</b> |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Children             | 2            | 4            | 2            | 2            |
| Youth                | At Camp      | 7            | 7            | 5            |
| Adults               | 37           | 31           | 39           | 28           |
| <b>Total SS</b>      | 39           | 42           | 48           | 35           |
| <b>Worship</b>       | 82           | 85           | 81           | 59           |

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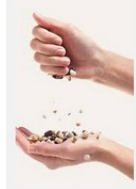
- † Daniel Wilke
- † Lynn Swatzell
- † Zachary Wilke
- † Carl Swatzell

### TAPE MINISTRY

- † Daniel Wilke

### GREETERS

- † Rosa Rodriguez
- † Eddie Rodriguez
- † Kathy Wilson



## Finance Committee Reflections: Sounds From the Bean Counters

The Finance Committee is on vacation and will return next month

### ARNOLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

#### SAISD Pre-Kindergarten Application & Round Up

(for children 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2014)

Applications will be accepted July 29-30, 2014. Documents needed to apply are as follows:

- \* Proof of income; current paycheck stub of adult(s) standing in a parental role to the child
- \* Current TANF/Food Stamp Letter
- \* Proof of residency; utility bill (SAWS, CPS) in parent's or guardian's name
- \* Military duty verification
- \* Certified/Official birth certificate
- \* Child's Social Security card
- \* Documentation of DFPS Conservatorship



For more information: (210) 732-4962



# Stewardship

## CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

23.5 cents of every apportioned dollar is allotted for Conference Benevolences. The goal is to support: Youth, Children & Older Adult Ministries, Midwinter & Summer Camps, Senior Christian Retreats, Spiritual Development & Worship Seminars, Communications, Board of Ordained Ministry, The Program Office.

## CAMPUS MINISTRY GOALS

Recruit and educate clergy, provide scholarships for students at United Methodist Colleges and Universities in Texas, Support historically black United Methodist Colleges, to ensure an United Methodist presence on local colleges and universities, where young men and women are making decisions about careers, marriage, and other life-changing issues.

Higher education causes have always been a major priority of the Methodist DNA. In fact, the very first time a church in our conference reached 100 members, a Methodist College was started to educate the youth; that college eventually became Southwestern University.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES & UNIFORMS

Would you like to help a child at Arnold Elementary School get a good start in school in August? According to the Community Liaison Representative at Arnold Elementary, about 20 students per grade level, or approximately 140 children, show up at their first class without the necessary school supplies. And another 15 families are unable to provide the proper uniform for their child. So, as in years past, St. Mark's would like to partner with the kids at Arnold and help them out. If you can help, please visit the SCHOOL DONATION BOX in the church narthex beginning July 20th. Please take a card showing a specific school supply item, purchase the item



pictured on the card, and return the item by Sunday, August 17th. If you would like to provide a uniform, your \$15 donation will be taken to the uniform store, a gift card will be purchased, and the gift card will be given by the school to the family in need so they can purchase the proper-size uniform. Please be sure to mark your check or offering envelope, "School Uniform". Thank you for caring!!

## From the Pastor's Desk

"May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord. I say it again; Rejoice!" This is from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi (Philippians 4:4). It's one of my favorite

scriptures; short, helpful and to the point! I like it because it reminds me that the most important thing in my life, ever and in any circumstance, is our union with the Lord. If I'm united, connected, relating to Jesus...all is well. I don't know about you, but I almost always need to be reminded of this!

Most of you know that Ann has been gone for two weeks on a Geology Camp from College Station (Whoop! To all you Aggies!) to Colorado and back; they have been examining and learning about the geological make-up of our amazing planet Earth. Good on them; glad they got to go; hope they are learning a lot and having fun, etc. I, however, have been examining and learning about the geological make-up of my amazing life when Ann is not around. Like having 9 skunks in our backyard...like having to spend three days scrubbing off the burnt bbq sauce from the ribs I cooked in the crockpot (a time-saving idea, I thought)... Like learning how to sleep in such a way that I wouldn't have to make the bed for two weeks...Like using the same coffee cup, plate, etc....well, you get the idea! In other words, instead of "batching" it...I've been "botching" it!

You know, life is full of tumult, trials and tribulations. If you've read the newspaper at all, listened to any the tv or radio, or (God help you!) been on Facebook and seen the millions of posts that deal with tasteless trivia or ponderous political pontificating, you know that it's a tough world! Life is tough and can grab us when we least expect it. Sort of like meandering along on Vance Jackson, minding your own business, traveling the speed limit...and someone races by, honking their horn, glaring (or worse) and letting you know that you shouldn't be allowed out of doors, let alone driving a car...life can be that kind of "gotcha!" experience.

This is where God in and through Jesus Christ comes in! If I focus on all my problems, they have a way of multiplying and/or intensifying. When I focus on my joyful union with Christ, rejoicing...I find that, regardless of the circumstances, all is well. If Jesus, on the night that he was delivered unto death, can go out and sing hymns (Matthew 26:30), remembering who is ultimately in charge of all life...then I can be encouraged to do the same thing. I know we all face many demons, difficulties and distresses. The One who calms the storms of life, casts out the demons and eases our burdens is still with us and still in charge. Please join us as we worship the Risen Lord this, and every, Sunday. You'll be glad you did!

God bless you!

*Jay*

# August 2014

Monthly Planner

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday   |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 24<br>8:30 AM Health Screen-<br>ings (Cry Room)<br>9:15 AM Sunday Schod<br>10:30 AM Worship    | 25<br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>1:00 PM Staff Meeting<br>4:00 PM Tx Tigers (HC)  | 26<br>6:30 AM ROME Os<br>@Cracker Barrel<br>9:00 AM Drive-thru Prayer<br>9:00 AM Food Vouchers<br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>4:00 PM Tx Tigers (HC) | 27<br>1:00 PM MS Yoga (FH)<br>4:00 PM Tx Tigers (HC)<br>7:00 PM Praise/<br>BiCultural Service                         | 28<br>8:45 AM SA Food Truck<br>9:00 AM NL Mailout<br>(YAMS)<br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>11:35 AM Chair Practice<br>4:00 PM Tx Tigers (HC)<br>7:30 PM Boy Scouts<br>(SH) | 29<br><b>-OFFICE CLOSED-</b><br>4:00 PM Tx Tigers (HC)  | 30<br>8:00 AM Sat. Morning<br>Reunbn   |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |           |  |  |  |  |  |  |               |  |  |  |  |  |  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |                |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 31<br><b>Teacher Appreciation<br/>Pot Luck</b><br>9:15 AM Sunday Schod<br>10:30 AM Worship     | <table style="margin: auto;"> <tr> <td colspan="14" style="text-align: center;">July</td> <td colspan="14" style="text-align: center;">September</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">S M T W T F S</td> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5</td> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">S M T W T F S</td> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">1 2 3 4 5 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">6 7 8 9 10 11 12</td> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">13 14 15 16 17 18 19</td> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">7 8 9 10 11 12 13</td> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">14 15 16 17 18 19 20</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">20 21 22 23 24 25 26</td> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">27 28 29 30 31</td> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">21 22 23 24 25 26 27</td> <td colspan="7" style="text-align: center;">28 29 30</td> </tr> </table> |  |   |  |   |  | July                 |  |  |  |  |  |  |                      |  |  |  |  |  |  | September            |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | S M T W T F S |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 2 3 4 5 |  |  |  |  |  |  | S M T W T F S |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 2 3 4 5 6 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 27 28 29 30 31 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 28 29 30 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## Wesley Nurse News



According to the [National Stroke Association](http://www.strokeassociation.org), a person experiencing a stroke can be treated if people have acted FAST - 80% of strokes can also be prevented.

**FAST** being an acronym for things to check in a suspected stroke victim:

**F – Face:** Does the face droop on one side when the person smiles?

**A – Arm:** After raising both arms, does one of the arms drift downwards?

**S – Speech:** After repeating a simple phrase, does the persons speech sound slurred or strange?

**T – Time:** If any or all of the above are observed call for 9-1-1 and ask for medical assistance.

**OTHER SYMPTOMS TO LOOK FOR** – Sudden numbness or weakness of the leg; sudden confusion or trouble understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness or loss of balance or coordination; sudden severe headache with no known cause.

For more information on this health topic, please visit the National Stroke Association website: <http://www.whathealth.com/awareness/event/stroke.html> or attend the Wesley Nurse educational class on Spot a Stroke Fast offered during the month of August. See the Wesley Nurse calendar of events for the specific dates and times.

Your Wesley Nurse,  
Charzes Flowers, RN



# Thank You



We served 220 people last month. We had over 25 volunteers! That was wonderful. Thanks to all the wonderful people who helped. The tacos were great. We had donations of homemade hot sauce and Barbacoa. It was wonderful to feel such fellowship and friendship. Come join us next month and help us continue to do God's work.

Patti Austin

A much belated thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers during my recent surgery. Joe, Jeana & I appreciate the early morning hospital vigils of Pastor Jay, Imogene & Ron Brown. Also, thanks to Sue Horner, Lucille Armitage, Imogene Brown, Bob Bashaw and Mary Parramore for all their assistance.

We are so blessed to have such a loving, caring church family.

Mary Jo Price

WORKSHOP OF WONDERS, this year's VBS theme, lived up to its name. We wondered how we could accommodate so many kids, and it took a lot of work! But with the help of our Lord and the dedication of our St Mark's volunteers, we did just fine. A delicious meal was offered each evening, then the "floaters" took their groups to the assembly, where everyone was entertained by Sandy Paper (aka Jay) and his multi-legged friend Rivet (aka Ann). Except for music, the classes were held in Lovely Lane, which worked out very nicely. Although the classes were larger than we had expected, things ran smoothly. The brand new youth class started small, but soon grew and it was fun and instructional for the teens that attended. Our prayer is that the seeds of God's Word that were planted will fall on good soil, and take root. If we can continue to be a part of that growth, may the Lord open our eyes and guide the way.

A deep and heartfelt thanks to the many people who gave of their time, their talents, their financial contributions, and especially their prayers. May the Lord bless each of you abundantly.

In the service of Christ,  
Melinda, VBS Director

"Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty" Matthew 13:8

**Multiple Sclerosis Gentle Yoga Class**

Wednesdays: 1– 2:30 p.m.

**St. Mark’s United Methodist Church**

1902 Vance Jackson  
San Antonio, TX 78213



Free for individuals with MS and their care partners. Please bring a mat, towel or blanket.

**For information call:**

**Cheryl Alexander @ (210) 883-8234**

On Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 13 youth and 6 adults left St. Mark’s UMC for Camp Sequoia in Hunt, Texas. This summer camp experience lasted for two nights and two days. We participated in Bible study, play, swimming, and of course, lots of eating. For the first but I don’t believe the last time we had a “talent” show each night. Everyone participated in singing, acting, and magic. This was a really great experience with each youth taking part. The swimming time was enhanced by spiders on the raft in the middle of the river and lots of screams. We used lots of bottles of bubbles and the wonderful breeze facilitated the bubbles floating across the field. Several youth attempted to catch the bubbles in their mouths. Crazy kids!! We got to see herds of Axis Deer and horses in the fields next door. The basketball court and volleyball court were well used as well as the horse shoes. Thanks to our wonderful cooks, Sue Horner and Kathy Jack, our bellies were never empty. A special thanks goes to Lynn Swatzell, Betty Black, and Kim Durick who worked with the kids on crafts, Bible study and play. I know everyone is looking forward to our next trip. Perhaps we can put together a family camp this next year.

On Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> the youth will participate in a mission project helping “Spare Parts” sort art supplies that have been donated for use in art projects with needy kids. They are scheduled to work at The Wonderland of the Americas from 10:00 to 1:00 and then have lunch in the food court.





## GET READY – THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING AGAIN!

It is almost time for the Pumpkin Patch. The pumpkins are scheduled to arrive at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. The Patch will open that afternoon. In order to keep the Patch open the 3½ weeks, we will need to have 84 different shifts (2 persons per shift). As you can imagine, we really need everyone to volunteer if possible. To staff the Patch will require that many volunteers work multiple shifts. There are many areas in which we need volunteers and we hope that you feel able to volunteer for one or more of the jobs. The following are ways that you can help:

Picking Up & Unloading Hay (We will be picking up 100 bales of hay on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.)

Setting up Canopy (This will be done following the unloading of the hay.)

Unloading Pumpkins (Assistance needed to unload pumpkins on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Also, bring your wheelbarrow if possible.)

Feeding the Workers (We always feed the workers the day we unload pumpkins. Need help with preparation and serving.)

Removal of Rotting Pumpkins (Volunteers are needed to remove rotting pumpkins. They must be out before the children come for story time.)

Readers for Story Time (Beginning Monday, October 13, we will be having story time for the visiting students at (9:00, 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. We need two people to read to each group each day and someone to pass out gift bags to the students and sell pumpkins to the parents that chaperone.)

Stuffing Bags for Story Time (This is will be done the week of October 6<sup>th</sup>. We expect more than 400 children to visit the Patch for Story Time.)

Wash Pumpkins (Pumpkins for story time have to be washed the week of October 6<sup>th</sup>. We will need more than 400 pumpkins.)

Prayer Request Chairman (We need someone to see that prayer requests turned in a the Patch are gotten to the prayer warriors. The Chairman can develop their own system for distributing the requests. It can be done by phone, email, regular mail or personal delivery.)

Candy Donations (Much candy is required because we give a gift bag to each child that visits the Patch. We will begin collecting candy on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please be generous with your candy donations and **NO CHOCOLATES!!**)

Finance Committee (The finance committee could use assistance in counting the money each morning. A financial report must be made daily to Pumpkin Patch USA.)

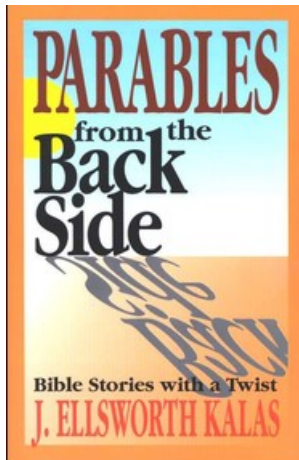
Prayers (Most important of all! We need your prayers that workers will be plentiful and the Patch will be successful.

For those of you who just think you cannot work in the Patch, you do not have to worry about lifting pumpkins. Customers are almost always glad to do the lifting or you can just ask another visitor in the Patch for help. Also, wagons are available. It is a great way to reach out to the community and a good way to get to know fellow church members. (If you have friend that would work with you, sign them up!) So – no excuses – WE NEED YOUR HELP!

To volunteer, see Dorothy Mace, Imogene Brown or Joyce Codd. Volunteer sheets will be available in the bulletin beginning sometime in August.

## ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

We will be having two work days this month to paint the new Handicap benches and fill them with soil. Also, it is getting near time to plant fall vegetables and we will have several 4 x 4 plots ready for anyone to adopt, plant, care for and receive the reward of eating the vegetables. Please contact either Imogene (696-2180) or Lucille (344-7196). Thank you for cooperation. If you have not visited the garden yet, please feel free to do so. You will be amazed what a few seeds and water will grow in a field of weeds!!



The New Beginnings Sunday School class has started a new study on Parables using J. Ellsworth Kalas' book Parables from the Back Side. In this book, Kalas presents new insight into twelve of Jesus' parables by entering them through the "back side" - through the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character. By approaching the stories in this way, Kalas releases new meaning and clarifies basic teachings.

For example, in the first lesson on The Good Samaritan, we discussed how the victim felt about being helped by the good Samaritan and we learned a new lesson in humility.

If you would be interested in joining us for any or all of this study, we would love to have you. The planned schedule for August is:

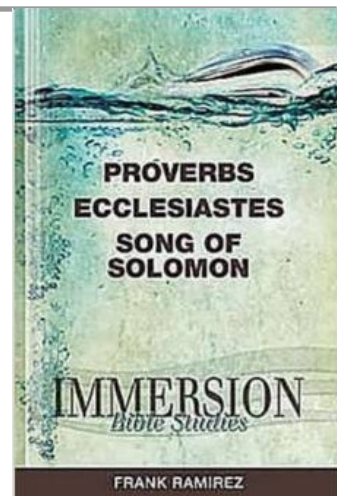
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| August 3  | Chapter 3 | The Timid Soul (Matthew 25:14-30)                                  |
| August 10 | Chapter 4 | The Seasons of the Soil (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)                    |
| August 17 | Chapter 5 | The Sad Story of the Embarrassed Farmers (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43) |
| August 24 | Chapter 6 | Love Always Wins... Sometimes (Luke 15:11-32)                      |
| August 30 | Chapter 7 | Why Doesn't God Like Religious People? (Luke 18:9-14)              |

Coming in September... The next Wednesday Bible Study in the *Immersion* series begins on Wednesday, September 3rd thru Wednesday, October 22nd.

Please note the time change! We will now meet Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm.

If you would like to join us in this study, please let me know! I'll be ordering books by August 10th.

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