

Messenger

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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Regular Weekly Activities:

- † Praise, Bible Study, Communion - Wed, Feb 6 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday Feb 10 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study Wed, Feb 13 @ 6 pm
- † Trustees Meeting, Thursday, Feb 14 @ 7 pm
- † Children's Sermon, Sunday, Feb 17 @ 10:45 am
- † Finance Meeting, Monday, Feb 18 @ 6:30 pm
- † Administrative Council, Monday, Feb 18 @ 7:00 pm
- † Praise, Bible Study, Potluck, Wednesday, Feb 20 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, Feb 24 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, Feb 27 @ 6 pm

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, worship, and study
- To strive to identify and serve the needs of individuals and groups in our community
- To encourage all to live in the world as Christian disciples



Jesus' words in Matthew provide the Church with our mission: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything that I've commanded you" (28:19-20), and "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. You must love your neighbor as you love yourself" (22:37, 39).

Ushers, Flowers, Liturgists - 2 Calendar (February) - 5

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SUNDAY SCHOOL	12/23/2018	12/30/2018	1/6/2019	1/13/2019	1/20/2019
Youth	6	4	4		2
Adults	14	15		17	17
Total SS	20	19	1	20	19
WORSHIP					
Sunday	60	41	57	52	56
Wednesday Night	7	Christmas Eve 51	6 6		7



Tom Jack

Bob Bailly

Bob Mace

Braden Somerville



Altar Flower Calendar

February 17 - 1 Opening

February 24 - 2 Openings



February 10 - Lillian Herrera

February 24 - Marcos Barrientos

liturgist

February 3 - Cynthia Ramirez

February 10 - John Williams

February 17 - Leticia Mercado

February 24 - Joanne Green



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

The United Methodist Church is making a difference. The impact of 12.5 million United Methodists in 136 countries is being felt around the world. While extending help and serving abroad for the sake of the Great Commission is a real and important thing, so is loving our neighbor at home. We are called to both.

In the 1800's there was a British missionary named <u>Charles T. Studd.</u> C.T. Studd spoke these words: "The light that shines farthest shines brightest nearest home."

Human Relations Day is a powerful avenue to extend help and service to our local communities. It is about getting out of our comfortable social circles and offering love and care to those who need help in our neighborhoods and cities. It's about walking with those who feel like everything in life is stacked against them.

Think about how Jesus walked with those in the margins.

- In Mark Jesus eats with a tax collector
- In Luke Jesus heals a woman from 12 years of hemorrhaging and calls her daughter

"13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. 14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." Luke 13

This is the spirit of Human Relations Day; helping those on the margins and offering a message of hope.

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, <u>Human Relations Day</u> calls United Methodists to recognize the right of all God's children in realizing their potential as human beings in relationship with one another. The special offering benefits neighborhood ministries through Community Developers, community advocacy through United Methodist Voluntary Services and work with at-risk teens through the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. www.umcgiving.org

ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER - 2018

Operating Cash Balance on November 30, 2018	(\$527)
Non-Designated Contributions - December	16,218
Operating Expenses	20,768
Other Income/(Expense	3,012
Operating Cash Balance on December 31, 2018	(\$2,065)

At end of December we requested TMF to send \$5,000 from our Operations Account. These funds will be received in January.

The Finance Committee thanks you for your financial support to St. Mark's during 2018. We hope you will continue your financial commitment in 2019. God bless you all.

A NOTE FROM THE DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT, Rev. Greg. Hackett, 1/10/2019

Dear Maria,

I'm writing to thank St. Mark's for paying 100% of apportionments for 2018!

I appreciate the sacrificial nature of this gift, and am humbled at the level of commitment that St. Mark's has to the great work of the church.

Thank you for all you do!

Greg Hackett

From Rev. Maria Soto's Desk

February 2019



I hope that you have had a joyful time through Christmas, with family and friends. Now a New Year is about to begin.

Are you anticipating good things for this year? Are you full of enthusiasm, looking forward eagerly to what each day will bring? Or are you filled with a sense of anxiety, worried that this year will be worse than last year was for you?

Can you think of the many ways the Lord has done great and unexpected saving miracles for you and your family through the years? Do you value the fact that being in relationship with the Lord brings peace and hope to your life?

Israel's holidays reminded the nation of God's great miracles. There are times of rejoicing and times to renew one's strength for life's daily struggles. This New Year brings new opportunities to worship God for his goodness to you, your family, friends and your nation. Sing a song, make music, a joyful sound to celebrate God's greatness. Music helps lift a person's thoughts and emotions to God.

"This is a day of new beginnings, time to remember and move on. Time to believe what love is bringing, laying to rest the pain that's gone.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring, step from the past and leave behind our disappointment, guilt, and grieving, seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings; Our God is making all things new."

PASTOR: Rev. Maria Soto 210-344-8393

SECRETARY: Lillian Herrera CUSTODIAN: Johnny Mendoza CHOIR DIRECTOR: Carolyn Hahn WESLEY NURSE: Rose Miranda

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m - 2:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday Closed Friday

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February 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 worshiping community. Here are opportunities for age-appropriate worship, Bible lessons, activities, praise music, and fun!





CHILDREN'S CHURCH on the 2nd and 4th 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.

Thank you for **Draying**)

"I want to thank everyone for your prayers for my niece, Allison Williams. Allison has been in a hospital or rehabilitation facility since the 1st of October. She is 32 years old and because of being born with spina bifida she has spent most of her life dealing with one health problem after another. This fall she had to leave her job as a para-educator due to severe head-aches.

The first of October the doctors did brain surgery to relieve the pressure inside her head. Unrelated to the head surgery, she had a pressure wound on her hip that became infected and required hospitalization and rehabilitation too. To make a long story short she has had her share of problems. Thankfully, she was able to go home just before Christmas and we were able to visit with her over the New Year's holiday. While she isn't completely healed, her spirits are better and she is on the mend.

Thank you so much for caring.

John Williams."

NOTES AND NOTICES

Don't forget our Food Pantry!

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- ♥ 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!



How exciting to welcome new members to St. Mark's and what a great way to start the new year! So now, let's ask ourselves. What can I do to help nurture them in the Christian faith. How can I best share the love of Jesus Christ with them. Someone reached out to us when we began our faith journey, let's do the same for those who recently joined our church family.

On January 3, 2019, **DEBORAH MOLINA** and her granddaughter **MIKAYLA MENDEZ** made the decision to join St. Mark's UMC.

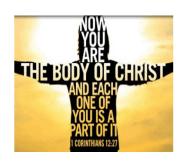
On January 20, 2019, **GRACIE REYES** and her children, **DESTINY** and **BRICE** made the decision to join St. Mark's UMC.

Also joining on January 20 was JEANNETTE MONTAGUE.









Las Misiones District Know Your Job Training - Friday, February 1, 2019 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm at St. Paul UMC, 508 N. Center St., San Antonio, TX 78202

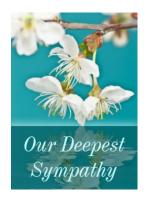
Las Misiones District <u>Equipping the Saints</u> - Saturday, February 2, 2019 9:00 am - 12:15 pm at Windcrest UMC, 8101 Midcrown Drive, San Antonio, TX 78239

Both training events provide opportunities to know more about our role in the church and to help equip us for ministry. For more details, contact Sharon Freeto at 830-613-1007 or sharonf@riotexas.org

PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson Alice Logan Cynthia Ramirez Jill Anderson Michael Mendoza Mary Jo Price Kennedee Bailey Eric Miletti Gertrude Johns Kylee Brown Will Schuetze Those impacted by **Bucky Coley** Warren Dunetz the government shut-Esdras Cuervo Reyes Family down Sylvia Gonzales **Daryl Tinney**



With heartfelt sympathy to the family of Joe Price

And to the family of Susie M. Rosas

You remain in our thoughts and prayers.



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Feb 9 Greg Moss
Feb 11 Sonia Aguirre
Feb 13 Mary Bailly
Feb 13 Xavier King
Feb 18 Zachary Wilke
Feb 22 Sarah Tencate
Feb 26 Patricia Barnes

May the blessings of our heavenly Father inspire you to live a life of joy and grace as you celebrate another 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 list. Thanks!