



Messenger

St. Mark's
United Methodist Church

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210-344-8393

Regular Weekly

Activities:

- † Children's Church,
Sunday, February 9
@ 10:45 am
- † Praise, Bible Study,
Wed, February 12
@ 5 pm
- † Children's Sermon,
Sunday, February 16
@ 10:45 am
- † Praise, Bible Study,
Wed, February 19
@ 5 pm
- † Children's Church,
Sunday, February 23
@ 10:45 am



Project Transformation: What is the status?

As you know the Church Conference voted for the Trustees Committee to negotiate with Project Transformation and when we arrived at an agreement, we would "transfer" the Lovely Lane and the south parking lot to Project Transformation. We thought that we were going to give the building and land to Project Transformation for their ministry. However, due to legal requirements, property lines, etc. they discovered that it would be very expensive and time consuming for us to just give them the land.

They requested that the church lease it to them instead. With a long-term lease they would be able to borrow the funds they need to complete the remodeling. We agreed that this would still fit the intentions of the congregation to allow them to use the building and remodel it as they see fit.

They had an attorney create a proposed lease for us to review and, if necessary, make changes. The Trustees reviewed the proposed lease and made some suggestions. The lease would be for a term of 50 years with the option for them to extend it 3 times for 10 years each time. They would put meters on the utilities so the church would receive a bill from CPS or SAWS and then we would invoice them for the amount that went through their meters each month. They would put \$1500 on deposit with the congregation in the event that something happened to them and Project Transformation ceased to exist, we could use that money to pay for any utilities that might still be owed. They would have the right to remodel the building and use the parking lot as needed. They will have to provide insurance on the building and will not be on the church's insurance.

The Trustees asked some questions regarding sub-leases and environmental clean-up and we are waiting for their response. No firm decisions have been made yet, but their target start date is February and they want to be able to use it for housing this summer. The use of any other facilities like Fellowship Hall, the gym, or the Sanctuary will need to be negotiated under a separate Memorandum of Understanding and will not be a part of the lease. We want their ministry to succeed and hope that we can get the differences worked out soon.

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SERVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	12/22/2019	12/29/2019	1/5/2020	1/12/2020	1/19/2020
Youth	4	4	2	3	--
Adults	16	13	18	19	14
Total SS	20	17	13	22	14
WORSHIP					
Sunday	54	45	46	48	44
Wednesday Night	--	--	6	6	6



Tom Jack
 Bob Bailly
 Bob Mace
 Braden Somerville



Altar Flower Calendar

February 9 - 2 openings
 February 16 - 1 opening
 February 23 - 2 openings



Children's Church

February 9 Lillian Herrera
 February 23 Samantha Alvarez



February 2 - John Williams
 February 9 - Melinda Molina
 February 16 - Susan Philbin
 February 23 - Marcos Barrientos

PASTOR: Rev. Maria Soto 210-344-8393

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

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With Your Help The United Methodist Church is Making a Difference

PERUVIAN BISHOP EXHORTS SOLIDARITY WITH VENEZUELAN MIGRANTS.

“As Christians, we are called every day to generously practice hospitality”, said Bishop Samuel Aguilar, from the Methodist Church of Peru, as he lamented cases of xenophobia, discrimination and violence suffered by thousands of Venezuelans in different parts of Latin America.

“It’s time to show solidarity, to consider as our own the needs of our Venezuelan brothers and sisters”, added Aguilar. The bishop’s comments were shared to participants of “Qonakuy”, the Methodist Church of Peru’s biannual roundtable on mission, held in the Peruvian capital last year.

Peru alone has already received more than 750,000 Venezuelans, 80% of which are currently living in Lima. The Methodist Church of Peru itself, a member of the World Council of Churches (WCC), welcomed three families of Venezuelans to live at the “Casa Metodista”, the church national headquarters.

The World Council of Churches is an ecumenical partner supported by the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund apportionment, which enables United Methodists to

share a presence and a voice in the activities of several national and worldwide ecumenical organizations.

“Many of our brothers and sisters from Venezuela have arrived here after overcoming so many different challenges and here they face even more problems, such as accommodation, access to food and health care, as well as difficulties in finding employment”, said Aguilar.

The national superintendent of migrations reported that more than 11,400 temporary residence permits have been granted to Venezuelan migrants. Between 500 and 800 Venezuelans enter the country daily.

"In any moment, we as church asked if we should welcome them or not," said Aguilar. "We just did. We opened our doors. I believe that God is judging us today based on the way we treat migrants and refugees worldwide".

One of seven apportioned giving opportunities of The United Methodist Church, the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund enables United Methodists to share a presence and a voice in the activities of several national and worldwide ecumenical organizations. Please encourage your leaders and congregations to support the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund apportionment at 100 percent. www.umcgiving.org



Apportionments

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

Operating Cash Balance on November 30, 2019	20,232
Non-Designated Contributions - December	15,648
Operating Expenses	32,374
Other Income/(Expense)	1,614
Operating Cash Balance on December 31, 2019	5,120

December receipts were \$666 lower than budgeted. December operating expenses were \$11,735 higher than budgeted. Mission Giving expenses were unfavorable as we made an apportionment payment of \$17,551 in December. This payment completes our Mission Giving commitment for the year. Trustee expenses were favorable due to timing of expenses.

Year-to-Date operating expenses are favorable by \$20,296. Other income in December was \$2,488. In December we recorded a cash outflow of \$14,805. Our operating cash balance on December 31, 2019 was a positive \$5,120.

We continue to spend more each month than we receive in contributions. This will result in our need to use reserve funds to pay our monthly obligations. If you have any suggestion on how we can increase our monthly contributions, please let us know. The Finance Committee thanks you for your support to St. Mark's. God Bless you all.



Psalm 8 *“¹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.” “⁹ O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!”*

This beautiful Psalm is an explosion of praises to The All-Powerful Creator, GOD. This majestic Lord cares deeply about all his creation and most of all about us, his most valuable creation, humans.

The psalmist consider the glory of God in everything he sees. From the lips of the infants and children, to the works of his fingers; heavens, moon and stars, flocks, beasts of the field, the birds and the fish, he says: “How majestic is your name in all the earth!” Everything has the stamp of the Creator.

When it comes to human creation the psalmist ask: What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? Ever wonder how much you are worth in the eyes of God?

Ages does not matter to Him. Where you come from or how you were brought up, does not matter to him.

⁵ For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶ You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet”

The Lord has declared how valuable we are to Him. We bear the stamp of the Creator. God considers us highly valuable. How majestic is your name in all the earth! How majestic is His Love for us!

Peace of the Lord be with you.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality.

Lord, as I begin this year's Lenten Journey, turn my attention to the things that matter most to you.

Amen.



SERVICES

February 26, 2020

at 12 pm and 7 pm

St. Mark's UMC Sanctuary

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																				
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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, 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 worshippers in mind.



Ruth Szentes was born in Bay View, Wisconsin on January 17, 1920. Yes, that means she turned 100 years "young" on her birthday a few weeks ago.

For several years now, Ms. Ruthy has been a very faithful, active participant of the Exercise Class that meets 3 times a week in the fellowship hall.

Her fellow exercise companions and the staff celebrated with nutritional potluck food as well as some delicious desserts, flowers, gifts, balloons, and lots of hugs.

We thank God for the blessing and inspiration Ms. Ruthy is and has been to so many.

Keep smiling, Ruth!



PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson	Alice Logan	Evelyn Saur
Jill Anderson	Michael Mendoza	Deanna & Family
Kennedee Bailey	Eric Milette	Frances Mendoza
Kylee Brown	Will Schuetze	Pastor Soto
Bucky Coley	Warren Dunetz	Maria Ortega
Esdras Cuervo	Nita Perdue	St. Mark's Shut-ins
Sylvia Gonzales	Sarah Grow	& homebound friends



the family of Mary Theresa Keegan (M.T.) M.T. passed away at the age of 62 on January 13, 2020.

the family of Helen Christine Ziegler Galloway Edkins. Helen passed away January 10, 2020, at the age of 92 years.

Don't forget our Food Pantry!



Noisy Offering the last Sunday of every month!

- ♥ 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



February 11	Sonia Aguirre
February 13	Mary Bailly
February 18	Zachary Wilke
February 26	Patricia Barnes

May you enjoy God's shower of blessings, good health, peace, and joy. Happy Birthday!