



# Messenger

St. Mark's  
United Methodist Church

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## Things to Remember:

- † Friday, January 1st - Happy New Year!!
- † Wednesday, January 6th @ Noon - Bible Study starts back!!
- † Saturday, January 9th @ 9:00 am - Administrative Council Planning Session
- † Monday, January 18th - Martin Luther King Day Holiday - **Office Closed**
- † Sunday, January 10 & 24th - Children's Church @ 10:45
- † Wednesdays @ 6:30 - Praise & Communion Worship Service



Start your New Year out right and come exercise with us!! We'd love to have you participate in the Exercise Class here at St. Mark's every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:00 am. Because many of us are in the older bracket of life, we find our joints have served us well for many years; however, now they creak, groan and hurt. Each of us suffer from gimpy knees, hips, shoulders and backs. We can help ourselves by exercising regularly. Here at St. Mark's, no one is pushed to go beyond what feels good to them. We work on balance, keeping our shoulders supple, our hips and knees functioning and just general good health practices. Besides all of that you will meet new friends, enjoy a monthly "Pot Luck Lunch" and our nurse keeps us informed about good health practices. Best of all, you are taking care of your God-given body! And of course, before you enter any exercise program, you should have an OK from your physician!

See you there!! Imogene

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## SERVING THE CHURCH

| <u>Sunday School</u> | 11/22 | 11/29 | 12/6 | 12/13 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Children             | 4     | 4     | 3    |       |
| Youth                | 4     | 4     | 4    |       |
| Adults               | 31    | 33    | 34   |       |
| <b>Total SS</b>      | 39    | 41    | 41   |       |
| <u>Worship</u>       |       |       |      |       |
| Sunday               | 74    | 82    | 84   |       |
| Wednesday Service    | 26    | 0     | 24   |       |

### USHERS

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



## Altar Flowers - 2016

The calendar for Altar Flowers is open for 2016! If you would like to sponsor the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or in recognition of a special memory or special occasion, please contact either Joanne Green at 210-690-5714, or call Patti in the church office 210-344-8393. Altar flowers are \$25 - simply drop your check in the offering plate with the designation for "altar flowers". Following the service, the flowers are yours to take home and enjoy!



# CHRISTIAN Stewardship

According to the United Methodist Church Communications, of each dollar that you give:

- † 83.2 cents stays in your local church for ministries and expenses
- † Less than 4 cents goes to United Methodist church wide missions, salaries, and administrative costs
- † 12.8 cents goes for regional ministries in your annual conference and jurisdiction

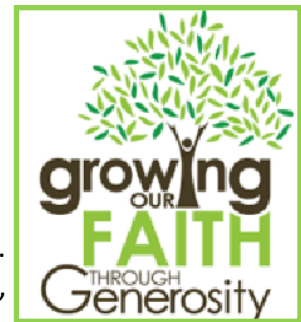
To paraphrase John Wesley's words: *Do all the good you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can.*

One way to accomplish this task is through apportioned funds, a method of giving that proportionally allocates the general church budgets to conferences (which subsequently apportion to local churches). This method of giving has become a strong, generous tradition and a personal lifelong commitment.

Together, through connected congregations, United Methodists accomplish what no single church, district, or annual conference ever could hope to do. In this way, each individual, each family, each congregation gives a fair share for the church's work.

## Commitment Sunday Support

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of St. Mark's. Many people in many ways make our church what it is, including the yummy food you brought for our luncheon!



Without the help of the "behind the scenes" people, Commitment Sunday would not happen. Thanks to those who prayed Saturday, led by Imogene Brown, and the faithful crew who decorated and saw that everyone had plenty to eat – Sue Horner, Imogene and Ron Brown, and the Yams Class.

While we were eating Sherry Wilke, Mary Jo, and Joe Price totaled our figures.

Before all that could happen Pastor Jay, Patti Gardner, and Johnny Mendoza's expertise prepared us for this special day.



## *From Our Pastor. . .*

As we prepare for Christmas, I want to invite and encourage you to attend our Christmas Eve worship service. When I first came here, three years ago, I was a bit surprised by the low attendance at such a powerful and poignant worship event. Each year, however, the attendance has grown and I'm hoping that this year will be a record event.

We purposely set the time early so that people can come and go and still enjoy family time, fellowship with friends and all the other activities that can crowd our calendars. This service, in my opinion, is one of the most holy services we can host. Many are fond of quoting the phrase "Jesus is the reason for the season" ...and they are right! Jesus is the reason; had he not come, we would still be lost, desperate for salvation. He did come, thank God! Joseph and Mary made the long, arduous journey to Bethlehem and found shelter in a manger where our Lord and Savior was born. Christmas day, of course, is our celebration of his birth. The songs and the sanctity that surround that birth are shared so sweetly on that Christmas Eve; O Holy Night, the stars are brightly shining, it is the night of our dear Savior's birth... Silent Night, Holy Night, all is calm, all is bright...Angels we have heard on high! You may not be able to make the Christmas Eve service at St. Mark's because of travel or illness. Otherwise, please give yourself the gift that this holy and incredibly powerful service offers. The parties will still be going on, the food will still be plentiful, the games and good times will still be available. But on this holiest of nights, give your soul the gift of recalling the most sacred of moments, the night that all creation sang. I look forward to singing with you on this candlelit celebration. God bless you, and Merry Christmas!

*Jay*

# January 2016

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |          |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## **JANUARY IS THYROID AWARENESS MONTH**

The thyroid gland is a small, butterfly-shaped gland located in the base of the neck just below the Adam's apple. Although relatively small, the thyroid gland plays a huge role in our body, influencing the function of many of the body's most important organs, including the heart, brain, liver, kidneys and skin. Ensuring that the thyroid gland is healthy and functioning properly is vitally important to the body's overall well-being. For more information visit: <http://www.empoweryourhealth.org/Overactive-Thyroid> or your Wesley Nurse

## **JANUARY IS GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH**

Glaucoma is a complicated disease in which damage to the optic nerve leads to progressive, irreversible vision loss. Glaucoma is the second leading cause of blindness. There is no specific level of elevated eye pressure that definitely leads to glaucoma; conversely, there is no lower level of IOP that will absolutely eliminate a person's risk of developing glaucoma. That is why early diagnosis and treatment of glaucoma is the key to preventing vision loss. For more information visit: <http://www.glaucoma.org/glaucoma/> or you Wesley Nurse.

## **JANUARY IS CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

Cervical Health Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about how women can protect themselves from HPV (human papillomavirus) and cervical cancer. HPV is a very common infection that spreads through sexual activity. It's also a major cause of cervical cancer. About 79 million Americans currently have HPV. Many people with HPV don't know they are infected. The good news? The HPV vaccine (shot) can prevent HPV and cervical cancer can be prevented with regular screening tests (called Pap tests) and follow-up care. Cervical cancer screenings can help detect abnormal (changed) cells early, **before** they turn into cancer. Most deaths from cervical cancer could be prevented by regular Pap tests and follow-up care. For more information visit: <http://healthfinder.gov/nho/JanuaryToolkit.aspx> or your Wesley Nurse.

*Charzes Flowers, RN*  
*Wesley Nurse*  
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# NOTES AND NOTICES

There is still time to purchase your  
2016 Wall or Pocket calendar from  
the St. Mark's Youth!  
Please see Susan Philbin!!

## Don't forget our Food Pantry!

- 1st Sunday - Can of Vegetables
- 2nd Sunday - Rice or Beans
- 3rd Sunday - Canned Meat
- 4th Sunday - Spaghetti Sauce
- 5th Sunday - Your Choice!



Noisy Offering - the last Sunday of every month!

thank you!

God is good!! We want to thank our St. Mark's family for all their support and prayers these past few months. Thank you Pastor Jay, Ron and Imogene for being with us at the hospital before and during Bob'd surgery. We appreciate the cards, phone calls and visits. We are truly blessed!

God's blessings,

Bob & Dorothy Mace

Need a Good Handyman?  
**Johnny Mendoza**  
210-765-1869



# MORE NOTES AND NOTICES

## WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

You may be soon seeing some people around the church that you aren't acquainted with. We have rented the gym and 4 class rooms in Lovely Lane to a Pentecostal congregation known as Revive San Antonio Ministries. They will be using the gym and classes from 5 PM until 10PM on Sundays and from 7 until 10 on Mondays and Thursdays. You may run into them if you are around the church at those times. They are a Christian congregation that needed some space to worship. They don't worship in the same manner that we Methodists do, but they seem to be passionate and energetic in their services. If you do happen to meet any of them they will probably offer you a handshake and a 'God bless you.' Please help us make them feel welcome!



Need a Good Handyman?  
**Johnny Mendoza**



Thank you all for  
supporting our Angel Tree  
Ministry!



## Committee Membership

### TRUSTEES

#### Class of 2016

John Williams  
Bob Bailly  
Jake Durick

#### Class of 2017

Malcolm Austin  
Tom Jack  
Billy Kiesel

#### Class of 2018

Janice Rushton  
Bob Mace  
Joe Price

### STAFF/PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

#### Class of 2016

Isabel Centeno  
Lynn Swatzell  
Janice Coley

#### Class of 2017

Susan Philbin  
Brett Codd  
Mario Mercado

#### Class of 2018

Sue Horner  
Eddie Rodriguez  
John Williams

### FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

#### Class of 2016

Mary Jo Price  
Lynn Swatzell  
Melinda Molina

#### Class of 2017

Janice Rushton  
Nancy Beckcom  
Kathy Jack

#### Class of 2018

Bill McMahon  
Lucille Armitage  
Joe Price

### MEMORIAL/PERMANENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

#### Class of 2016

Mary Jo Price  
Imogene Brown

#### Class of 2017

Herb Snook  
Louise Chaffin

#### Class of 2018

June Swatzell  
Diane Haag

### NOMINATION COMMITTEE (Pastor is Chairperson)

#### Class of 2016

Imogene Brown  
Sue Horner

#### Class of 2017

Patti Gardner  
Herb Snook

#### Class of 2018

June Swatzell  
Diane Haag

### NON-ROTATING MEMBERSHIP

#### WORSHIP

Carolyn Hahn  
Sue Horner

Joanne Green  
Kathy Wilson

Tom Jack  
Patti Gardner

#### WITNESS/OUTREACH

Mission/Outreach Chairperson: Patti Austin  
Emmaus/Kairos: Buddy Walla & Mary-Kathryn Schmidt

#### NURTURE

Education: Susan Philbin  
Congregational Outreach: Joyce Codd  
Loving Service : Imogene Brown/Sue Horner

#### HEALTHCARE COMMITTEE

Charzes Flowers, Wesley Nurse  
Patti Austin  
DeVonte Williams  
Diane Williams

## SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Operating Cash balance at 10/31/15     | (4,256)              |
| Non-Designated Contributions - October | 18,540               |
| Operating Expenses:                    |                      |
| Council on Ministries                  | 2,409                |
| Special Mission Giving                 | 0                    |
| Mission Giving                         | 2,012                |
| Administration Expense                 | 284                  |
| Trustees                               | 4,940                |
| Pastor's Compensation                  | 6,150                |
| Lay Personnel Compensation             | 5,232                |
|  | <hr/>                |
|  | 21,027               |
| Other Income/(Expense)                 | <hr/> 1,338          |
| Operating Cash balance at 11/30/2015   | <hr/> <u>(5,405)</u> |

### Comments:

November contributions were lower than both 2014 and the budget for the month and year-to-date.

Operating expenses are less than budgeted year-to-date; however, our lower apportionment payments account for a majority of the favorableness.

### Apportionment (Mission Giving):

Through November, we have paid \$21,418 of our obligation of \$38,508.

Our ending operating cash balance was a negative \$5,405. As has been previously brought to your attention, our contributions are not sufficient to cover our expenses. Please be as generous as possible.

We are certainly grateful for what everyone contributes to St. Mark's with their time, talent, and treasure.

# ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S . . .



Jill Anderson  
 Willie Barnes  
 Connor Benjamin  
 Kylee Brown  
 Megan Brown  
 Margaret Broxton  
 Bucky Coley  
 Esdras Cuervo  
 Landry Dollahite  
 Cora Fischer  
 Gladys Johnson  
 Bea Kunkel  
 Alice & Ben Logan  
 Robert Flores Lopez  
 Michael Mendoza  
 Ann Payette

Cindy Payette  
 Gloria Reedy  
 Steve Reyes Sr.  
 Mike Ross  
 Will Schuetze  
 Doris Sinclair  
 Kirk Tomerlin  
 Abraham Wamah  
 Family of Cora Fischer  
 Family of Mary Gage Hanna  
 Michael Bayer  
 Jean Newman  
 Abel Vega Family  
 Dr. Jesus Valesco  
 Don Jones Family  
 Jacquelyn Thompson

Maggie Wallace  
 Donald Duncan  
 Aberdeen Knepp  
 Lopez Family  
 Maggie Dominguez  
 Chrishell Hernandez  
 Dorff Family  
 Ed & Rebecca

|   |  |                         |                               |
|---|--|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | 01/07<br>Bea Kunkel                    | 01/16<br>Bob Bailly     | 01/28<br>Stephen Reyes, Jr.   |
|   | 01/08<br>Wayne Adams, Sr.              | 01/17<br>Ann Brown      | 01/29<br>Mary-Kathryn Schmidt |
|   | 01/09<br>Patti Austin<br>Carl Swatzell | 01/18<br>Mary Jo Price  |                               |
|   | 01/06<br>Patsy Perryman                | 01/10<br>Hunter Hoffman | 01/19<br>Daniel Wilke         |

*Happy Anniversary!*

Jay & Ann Brown - January 1  
 Ralph & Patsy Perryman - January 21  
 Tom & Kathy Jack - January 23

*We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends  
 of*

*Reverend Don Jones*



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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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**OFFICE HOURS**  
 9:00 am—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday  
 CLOSED on Friday

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