

# Messenger

## St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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### **Things to Remember:**

- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, Jan 9 @ 6 pm
- † Trustees Meeting, Thursday, Jan 10 @ 7 pm
- † Admin Council Planning Session, Saturday, Jan 12
- † Children's Church, Sunday Jan 13 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise, Bible Study, Potluck, Wednesday, Jan 16 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Sermon, Sunday, Jan 20 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, Jan 23 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday Jan 27 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, Jan 30 @ 6 pm

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

~ Colossians 3:17 ~

### A TON OF THANKS FROM THE FOOD PANTRY!



Through November 2018. you have donated 2,112 pounds of food to the St. Mark's Food Pantry! over a "Ton of Generosity," given to support hungry people in the neighborhood of the church. In a one-time food donation during Harvest Season, and with thanks to a food drive held at Tiny Planet Preschool on Fredericksburg Road, 207 pounds of food were given.

We thought you might also

like to know that through November, \$2,560 were given during the monthly "Noisy Offering" for purchasing food. It should also be noted that regular offerings at church do not go to the support of the Food Pantry; your Food Pantry is only funded by donations designated specifically for that purpose.

We average 8 people a week coming to St. Mark's asking for food assistance. Each bag of food given weighs 11 pounds and contains \$11 in food items. We appreciate your donations of food and money with which to purchase more food.

Thank you for supporting this ongoing outreach mission of St. Mark's UMC! ROB REMIG



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SUNDAY SCHOOL	11/18/2018	11/25/2018	12/2/2018	12/9/2018	12/16/2018
Youth	3	5	3	3	4
Adults	16	20	18	17	16
Total SS	19	25	21	20	20
WORSHIP					
Sunday	52	45	55	60	66
Wednesday Night	7	7	6	3	



Rob Remig, Daniel Wilke, Mario Mercado, Johnny Mendoza

### **Altar Flower Calendar**

We had a wonderful response this year from many of you who helped adorn the sanctuary with flowers in memory of or in honor of a loved one. We get to do it again in 2019.

Joanne Green will continue to maintain the altar flower calendar. Cost remains at \$30.



Blessings to all our 2018 Children's Church leaders. Volunteers are needed in 2019. If you would like more information, please contact Melinda Molina.

liturgist

Schedule for 2019 will be announced soon. Thanks to everyone who faithfully served as liturgist in 2018.

### With Your Help The United Methodist Church is Making a Difference

THE FELLOWSHIP WAS A GLIMPSE OF THE BELOVED COMMUNITY THAT MLK DREAMED ABOUT!

In 1960, almost 60 years ago, Martin Luther King said to the press that one of the tragedies of our nation is that 11 o'clock on Sunday morning is the most segregated hour in Christian America. He passionately preached that this reality stands against the spirit and the teachings of the Lord and, as long as our churches are segregated, we fail to be a true witness to the world. Wow! 60 years later I can just still eat that up.

We can say that the Christian church is no longer segregating but it is still very much segregated. Research conducted in 2015 indicates that for many Christians, being racially segregated on Sunday morning is ok and we even like it that way. We like to be segregated, that is. More than 60 years later, we just use a different word like. "polarization" "division" stratification" "isolation," but we are still are increasingly segregated. We surrounding ourselves with people like us - who look like us, talk like us, whose views, opinions and even bank accounts and stock portfolios look like us. The most influential Rabbi of our time, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, has warned us, "When we surround ourselves with people just like us, we get more and more extreme."

So on October 7, on World Communion Sunday, three congregations in Rome, GA — Metropolitan UMC, Rome First UMC, and Second Avenue UMC — got together to worship and fellowship. We combined our children's choirs and I preached. After the service, we surrounded ourselves with people we did not know before around food and it was just fantastic! It was a glimpse of the beloved community that King dreamed about!

Your apportionment gifts enable The United Methodist Church to equip gifted, qualified students from around the globe to become the world changers God created them to be.

**Rev. Millie Kim,** pastor, Second Avenue UMC in Rome, GA

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The special offering provides World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program. www.umcgiving.org



October 7, on World Communion Sunday, three congregations in Rome, Georgia came together to worship & fellowship. From Rev. Maria Soto's Desk

January 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."

## January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Melissa & Frances Mendoza handing out Christmas Treats after Worship, December 9. Just wanted to THANK St. Mark's UMC for supporting Children's Ministries throughout the year. *Merry Christmas everyone!* 









### "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!

<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u> on the second, fourth and fifth Sundays of each month at 10:45 a.m.



<u>CHILDREN'S MESSAGE</u> on the third Sunday of each month during Sunday worship. All children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a brief, simple message (or mini sermon) keeping our younger worshipers in mind.

# **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!



It's Angel Tree time and the response has been outstanding! Each year we provide 20 students from Arnold Elementary with two gifts each, a clothing item and a "toy" item. The children are nominated by their teachers and are unaware they are getting gifts. This year it came



to our attention that the counselor was handing out so much personal hygiene product they couldn't keep up. This issue was brought up to the congregation and they responded fabulously. We will be providing the school over \$100 worth of personal hygiene products in addition to the 40 gifts. Thanks so much to everyone at St. Mark's.



The Youth still have 2019 wall calendars and pocket calendars available at \$7 each. In addition we have Christmas Cards and All Occasion cards also at \$7. Contact the church office or Susan Philbin at (210) 313-5929 if you need any.



On December 9, 2018, Gaspar (Gus) Rodriguez made the decision to join St. Mark's UMC. We are very excited to welcome Gaspar Rodriguez to our church family!



If anyone has any extra greeting cards that they would be willing to donate to our card ministry, please drop them off in the church office. Our thanks to Deborah Molina and Rosie Ramirez who give generously of their time to this important outreach and expression of caring. Thank you, God bless.





Saturday, December 1 was the Annual Ladies Luncheon and Bunco party. This year we had 26 ladies attend and they were thoroughly fed and entertained! The entertainment was provided by The Ukelele Ladies and Gents from San Antonio Parks and Recreation. They sang and danced for 45 minutes and were wonderful. Their songs ranged from the 40"s to the 80"s and everyone was encouraged to sing along on every song. Afterwards, we ate a sumptuous spread and then the bell was ringing and the dice were rattling! If you didn't get a chance to join us this year look for the summer date to be announced.







### The Renaissance House

A place where seniors can live comfortably in their later years with all the help they need, but without feeling as though they cannot live independently. There are many instances when the elderly can care for themselves most of the time, but not all of the time. When that is the case, a little bit of assistance goes a long way, and that is what is offered at The Renaissance House.

For more information, call Rosa M. Rodriguez, LVN & Administrator, at 210-348-9678. The facility is located at 227 Saratoga (one-half block off Vance Jackson), San Antonio, TX 78213.



As recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Administrative Council, beginning January 2019 there will be a change to the delivery of the monthly newsletter. Here is how you can view the newsletter or get a paper copy:

- 1. You may view the newsletter on the website http://stmarksumcsa.com
- 2. You may pick up a paper copy that will be available in the sanctuary or in the church office.
- 3. If you are not able to view online or secure a paper copy, you may request to have it mailed to you. Call the church office with your request at 210-344-8393 OR turn in this form with your correct mailing information:

NAME:	 	 	
ADDRESS			

As the Dellview Community Garden begins its fifth year in 2019, we are looking for one or two people to serve as garden stewards. Since this is a city sponsored project, the role is open to anyone. If you or someone you know would like more information, please contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions. It's such a rewarding opportunity to anyone who likes to be outdoors and enjoys planting and taking care of God's green earth. *MELINDA MOLINA* 

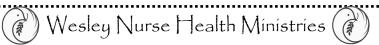




### 9:15 am > Every Sunday <

Class for all adults - Fellowship Hall / YAMS

Class for ladies - Sanctuary / LIBRARY



Welcome to ROSE MIRANDA our new Wesley Nurse. She came on board a couple of weeks ago and will be in training for three months. Please stop by and say hello to Nurse Rose. I'm sure she would be happy to meet all the friendly folks at St. Mark's.

#### SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

The following provides the financial overview for the month of November 2018.

Operating Cash balance at 10/31/2018		3,945
Non-Designated Contributions - November		14,083
Operating Expenses:		
Council on Ministries	838	
Special Mission Giving	0	
Mission Giving	299	
Administration Expense	234	
Trustees	5,885	
Pastor's Compensation	4,909	
Lay Personnel Compensation	6,392	
		18,557
Other Income/(Expense)	_	2
Operating Cash balance at 11/30/2018	=	( 527)

#### Comments:

November receipts were \$2,402 higher than budgeted, and \$1,285 higher than November 2017. Year-to-Date receipts are \$14,406 higher than budgeted, and \$1,890 lower than 2017.

November operating expenses were \$3,245 lower than budgeted and \$6,402 lower than November 2017. In November, all expense categories were favorable to the budget except Council on Ministries, which was higher the result of music ministries. There was no apportionment payment in November.

Through November our apportionment payments are lower than budgeted by \$2,008.

Other income in November was \$356, \$1,960 lower than budgeted. Year-to-Date other income is unfavorable \$8,818.

Our operating cash balance on November 30, 2018 was a negative \$527.

The Finance Committee asks you to review your level of support to St. Mark's, and asks that you keep St. Mark's in your prayers. As we enter the Christmas season, we ask that St. Mark's be on your Gift giving list!!

God Bless you all.

## PRAYERS & PRAISE



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

Michael Mendoza
Eric Miletti
Will Schuetze
Kirk Tomerlin
Carmen Hernandez
Thomas De Valle
Melinda Molina

Rudy de los Santos Warren Dunetz Allison Williams Destiny Mendez Isabel Centeno & Family Cindy Rodriguez



With heartfelt sympathy to the family of

### Rosalinda Cavazos

You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Jan 1 Diane Haag

Jan 4 Reynaldo Rodriguez

Jan 5 Abraham Cruz

Jan 6 Patsy Perryman

Jan 8 Wayne Adams, Sr.

Jan 9 Patti Austin

Jan 9 Carl Swatzell

Jan 10 Hunter Hoffman



to ALL with January Birthdays

Jan 12 Richard Burchfield

Jan 16 Bob Bailly

Jan 17 Mikayla Mendez

Jan 18 Mary Jo Price

Jan 19 Daniel Wilke

Jan 27 Zoe Cruz

Jan 28 Stephen Reyes, Jr.

Jan 29 Mary-Kathyryn Schmidt

On your birthday, may Almighty God fill your day with joy and peace as you trust in Him. Have a blessed and Happy Birthday!

Ralph & Patsy PERRYMAN (January 21)



Tom & Kathy JACK (January 23)

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

- PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH HIS TO HELP ALL PERSONS DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN A
- THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, WOR-TO NURTURE THEM IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH
- INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO STRIVE TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE THE NEEDS OF YOUTS GNA, 91HS

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CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

Lillian Herrera **SECRETARY** 

**MESLEY NURSE** 

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Monday—Thursday
CLOSED on Friday **OFFICE HOURS** 

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