



### Things to Remember!

- † **4th of July Celebration Outreach & Praise:** 5:00 - 9:00 PM, Wednesday, July 3rd
- † Tuesday, July 9th - Community Garden Meeting @ 7:00 PM FH
- † July 15th - Finance Meeting @ 6:00 PM
- † July 15th - Ad Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM
- † Food Truck - Thursday, July 25th @ 9:00 am
- † **Mid Week Pick-Me-Up:** Praise and Communion Bilingual Worship Service Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm (FH)

First of all we would like to thank all of the VBS volunteers for their faithfulness during this past week. Without you this program could not have taken place. Our numbers averaged close to 45 children each night. Pastor Jay also had a good number of adults in his Adult class each evening. Many parents joined us for supper daily and a large number of them attended the children's program which took place on Friday evening at 8:20. The blessing that came about is that we got to know the parents and the children, but most importantly, they got to know us. After the terrific program by the children, the parents and children joined us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments. Parent's had lots of positive remarks to share about how much their children enjoyed attending the VBS program at St. Mark's. The Lord sent us these precious children to St. Mark's, now what are we going to do to keep them coming back?



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# STATE OF THE CHURCH



## ATTENDANCE

<u>Sunday School</u>	06/02	06/09	06/16	06/23
Children	3	3	3	2
Youth	7	10	5	8
Adults	38	38	36	44
<b>Total SS</b>	49	51	44	54
<u>Worship</u>	104	101	102	99

### GREETERS FOR JULY

† Dennis & Kathy Wilson

### TAPE MINISTRY

† Daniel Wilke



### USHERS FOR JULY

† Kathy Jack  
† Sue Horner  
† Susan Philbin  
† Sharon Somerville



**Finance  
Committee  
Reflections:  
Sounds  
From the  
Bean  
Counters**



Watch for next month's article from the Bean Counters!

## UMW Happenings...



There are no General or Circle or meetings in July; however, Mission U is at Mount Wesley in July.

Mission u (formerly the School of Christian Mission) is open to members and non-members of United Methodist Women. The 4-day event helps participants grow in understanding of the mission of the church in the current world context. The three studies offered in the Southwest Texas Mission u from July 11-14 are *Poverty, Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly*, and *The Roma of Europe*. The cost for attendance is \$198 (includes 8 meals) for all 4 days, or you can attend just one day (Saturday) for the Living Sacramentally, Walking Justly session for \$65 (includes lunch). If you are interested, there is more information available on the website: <http://www.gbgm-umc.org/swtxumw/>, or contact Joanne Green or Imogene Brown.



*Congratulations to  
Kim Molina and Jacob Durick  
who will be joining  
their lives together in marriage  
on Saturday, July 13th at 4:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary.*

*The Molina and Durick families  
extend an invitation  
to all of St. Mark's  
to attend the ceremony  
as we join our hands and hearts together!*

*There will be a bridal shower for Kim  
on Saturday, June 29th at 1:00 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall  
Given by the New Beginnings Sunday School Class.*

*Please Join Us!!*

Hello!



I hope that everyone is enjoying summer in San Antonio and St Mark! The weather is hot, and so are our ministries and missions! We have had a very successful Vacation Bible School and have some really wonderful Holy Spirit inspired energies that are transforming our church and our community. One of my primary visions for our church has been to increase our outreach to our surrounding neighborhood. We have certainly done that throughout the past year; our Food Truck, our Food Pantry, our Cookies and Juice After school Ministry, our Pumpkin Patch, our Easter Egg Hunt, VBS and various ministries and worship experiences.

We have a natural opportunity coming up for the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. We will invite the neighborhood and, of course, the whole church to come and experience the freedom religion that is one of our nation's founding freedoms. As you know, we have a very informal, casual Wednesday evening Praise Service. The Wednesday evening prior to 4<sup>th</sup> of July, which is Wed evening July 3<sup>rd</sup>, we are going to have a special worship service on the church lawn, weather permitting. We will have hot dogs, chili, soft drinks etc beginning at 5pm. Guest musicians will be the Windsong Praise Team; a very spirit-led group of musicians that have an awesome sound and gift for leading worship. They will lead us in 16 praise and worship songs until 8 pm. I have been in worship with these folks, and, let me tell you...they can really rock! When they start praising the Lord, you can really feel the power of the Holy Spirit!


So, come on out on Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 5 pm until 8pm. Be prepared to eat a hot dog or two, to meet and greet some of our neighbors and friends, and praise the Lord; celebrating our freedom in Christ and as a grateful American. Remember: it's easy, casual, informal, no muss, no fuss...just come and praise the Lord! God bless you,

Jay



# July 2013

Monthly Planner

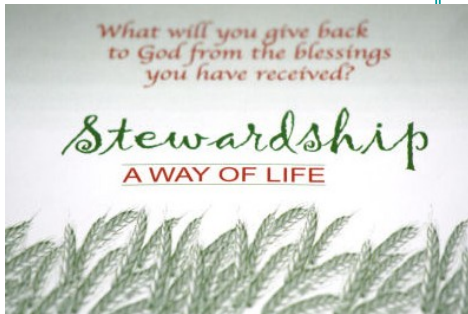
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## Southwest Texas Conference

### Benevolences

In the Southwest Texas Conference, the money goes to fund events like Midwinter Retreats, Summer Camps for Children and Youth, Senior Christian Retreats, Kingdom Camps, Spiritual Development and Worship Seminars, leadership development and the salaries of those who lead in the planning and implementation of these events and dozens of others.

Through the Conference Benevolence Fund, we are all doing it together.



## Recipe for Christian Living

Ingredients: Love  
Kindness  
Appreciation  
Companionship  
Praise  
Advice  
Cheerfulness  
Tender Care  
Clean Hearts  
God's Blessing

### Directions:

Blend 1 cup of love with 1/2 cup of kindness. Alternately add in small portions, 1 cup appreciation and 3 cups of pleasant companionship; into which has been sifted, 2 tsp of deserving praise. Flavor with 1 tsp of carefully chosen advice. Lightly fold in 1 cup of cheerfulness to which has been added a pinch of sorrow. Pour with tender care into clean hearts and let bake until well matured. Turn out on the surface of society. Humbly invoke God's Blessing, and it will serve all mankind.

### VBS Continued from Page 1

Well, plans are to have the children back to attend some exciting activities on Wednesday evening's during the summer from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Kim Molina has been gracious enough to accept leadership in the beginning of this program. However, she cannot do it alone. If we want St. Mark's to become a church with children, we will need to work to bring and keep them. Therefore, we are asking for those who enjoy working with children to please contact Kim and join her in this new ministry at St. Mark's. It will take effort and sacrifice on our part, but we know the Lord will be with us.

Thank you again, and may God bless each and everyone of you.

Linda & Melinda Co-Directors of VBS

**"God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown Him as you have helped His people...." Hebrews 6:10**

### DO ALL YOU CAN

DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,  
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,  
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,  
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,  
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,  
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN.

-JOHN WESLEY

# What's Going On at The Learning Center?

Greetings from your friends at the Learning Center!

As the month of June came to an end, we at the Learning Center kept busy working hard on a variety of activities with the children. First we helped them with their Father's Day crafts. Each age group worked on a different gift such as painted handprints, drawings, and poster board Father's Day ties. We also extended our ocean animals theme, since we had so much to cover. Last but not least, thanks to Melinda Molina and Linda Cerda, our 3 and 4 year olds participated in the pre-school version of VBS. Some of our children were not old enough or not able to attend VBS due to their parents work schedules so with their help we were able to have many coloring sheets, activities, and crafts available to these children during our school day. What a joyous week it was! As for the month of July, we are now preparing more "HOT" and fun themes.



## Birthdays & Important Dates in July

July 30th - Caitlyn Romero

Please Note: The Learning Center will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th



### HERE I AM, LORD

I thank you and I praise you,  
For all your wonderful blessings.  
I will delight in everything,  
you have given me.  
I put my trust in you.  
You are always at my side,  
And today I will have everything I need.  
Forgive me for the times,  
I have disappointed you.  
Guide me and teach me,  
Fill me with your power.  
So that in everything I do,  
I will be a delight to you.

### IF YOU HAVE A LITTLE FLAG

(Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It)

If you have a little flag, hold it high.  
If you have a little flag, hold it high.  
If you hold it way up high, you can wave it in the sky.  
If you have a little flag, hold it high.

If you have a roman candle, hold it high.  
If you have a roman candle, hold it high.  
If you hold it way up high, you can shoot it in the sky.  
If you have a roman candle, hold it high

If you have a little sparkler, hold it high.  
If you have a little sparkler, hold it high.  
If you hold it way up high, you can light up the night sky



### FOURTH OF JULY CHANT

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Wave, wave, wave the flag.  
Hold it very high  
Watch the colors gently wave,  
Way up in the sky.

March, march, march around.  
Hold the flag up high.  
Wave, wave, wave the flag.  
Way up in the sky.

### FOURTH OF JULY TOAST

#### **Ingredients:**

Slices of Bread

Cream cheese  
Strawberry or raspberry jam  
Blueberries and bananas

**Directions:** This is another one that basically doesn't require a recipe - just a guideline. Take a piece of toast, and slather it with cream cheese. Then add a layer of strawberry or raspberry jam on top. Create the star corner with blueberries, and the stripes with bananas. A delicious, healthy and patriotic breakfast!!



## *St. Mark's UMC - In Mission...*

Just a reminder that there is a training class at the San Antonio Food Bank on Tuesday, July 9th.

The first session is the Partner Agency Orientation which provides an overview of the San Antonio Food Bank application process, how the food bank works, as well as the various Programs & Initiatives we can offer to your organization and the community.

The second session is Food In, Food Out: How to Run Your Food Program, a session which provides an overview of all policies and procedures of the San Antonio Food Bank as well as best practices for serving clients, storing product and food safety.

The course runs from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Food Bank.

If you are interested in this training, please let Patti Gardner know if you would like to carpool.

Contact Roshunda Smith to make a reservation for the course.



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## *Update on the St. Mark's UMC Community Garden*

A lot of planning has been going on behind the scenes regarding our community garden!

Last month Linda Jimenez and I went to see the thriving community garden at Colonial Hills UMC. We were very fortunate to talk to Betty Bundy, who has been one of the driving forces in their gardening success. We took lots of pictures and received lots of great advice that we will share at our next meeting, which is planned for Tuesday, July 9 at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At that time we will finalize plans for a garden-building blitz to be held in early August. We are planning to install 4 raised beds in the open area near the Scout Hut.

If you are interested in learning more about this exciting project, please come to our meeting on July 9!

As always, questions and comments are welcome!

You can reach me at 830-857-5793 or at [annlacknessbrown@gmail.com](mailto:annlacknessbrown@gmail.com).

Thank you!  
Ann Brown







Have a safe and happy 4th of July!



# BULLETIN BOARD

Hi Folks,  
We are still fighting bronchitis. Seems two steps forward - one step back. And then I fell a few days ago. Mother earth came up and slapped me on both knees, left arm and hand and left forehead. I am not a pretty sight and will stay out of the public for a while.  
Miss church but will return.  
God bless St. Marks,  
Mel (Davison)

Next Newsletter Deadline  
Thursday, July 19th



"Wireless communication is nothing new. I've been praying for 75 years!"

San Antonio, TX  
June 8, 2013

Dear Secretary,

A sincere expression of appreciation for the beautiful bouquet of red and white flowers in such a pretty vase that you sent to me today for my birthday. I am so proud to belong to such a caring and thoughtful church.

Thanks again and God bless all of my church friends.

Sincerely,  
Lucille Montgomery

The good Lord  
didn't create anything  
without a purpose,  
But ...  
mosquitoes come close!

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



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Jill Anderson  
Kylee Brown  
Megan Brown

Margaret Broxton  
Bill & Isabel Centeno  
Bucky Coley  
Esdras Cuervo  
Gladys Johnson  
Mary Krwawicz  
Bee Kunkel  
Clay Laster  
Michael Mendoza  
Charles Mixon  
Pastor Cheryl Owens  
Comfort Quesnell

Gloria Reedy  
Steve Reyes Sr.  
Mike Ross  
Ed & Helen Setterfield  
Will Schuetze  
Kirk Tomerlin  
Abraham Wamah  
Austin Anderson  
The people of Oklahoma  
Family & Friends of Wil  
Wesch  
Phillip Putsche

Annette Bailey's Mother  
Evelyn Gross  
Henry Uriegas  
Madelyn Yenson  
Family of Jack Waba  
Dixie Green  
Karen Williams  
  
Prayers of Praise for:  
Norma Williams  
Ann Garcia  
Joseph Scutti



July 2 Damian Leija  
July 5 Mona Rosfeld  
Donald Schmidt  
July 9 David Allen  
July 11 Howard Long  
July 12 Angela Garcia

July 13 Joe Cobb  
Ed Sebera  
July 15 Chance Henry  
Gertrude Johns  
Cheryl Owens  
July 18 Claire Cobb  
July 19 Natalie Contreras  
July 20 Doris Karnwie  
Olga Sidusky  
July 21 Mary Sue Mahaffey  
July 22 Ryan Schmidt

July 24 Candace Garcia  
Debra Nolle  
July 25 Maxine Pasterchick  
Delores Seay  
July 26 Joan Schott  
July 27 Marilyn Snook  
July 30 Janice Coley  
July 31 Helen Elkins  
June Swatzell



*Please accept our sincere apologies for the accidental omission of the anniversary of*

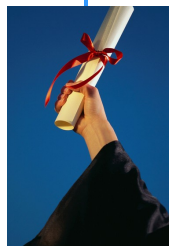
*Doris and Ed Sebera on June 13th*

*Happy Belated Anniversary!*

*Joan & Jerrold Schott - July 11th*  
*Melanie & Richard Taverna - July 13th*  
*Patti & Johnny Gardner - July 15th*  
*Mary & Bob Bailly - July 22*  
*Dorothy & Robert Mace - July 25*

**Congratulations to our  
2013 graduating seniors!!**

**Stephanie Bercegeay  
Caisey Hoffman  
Aaron Russo**



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- 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 AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL TO LIVE IN THE WORLD AS CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

**YOUR CHURCH STAFF**

PASTOR.....Rev. Jay Brown  
 SECRETARY.....Mary Parramore  
 WESLEY NURSE.....Linda Jimenez  
 CHOIR DIRECTOR.....Carolyn Hahn  
 ORGANIST EMERITUS.....Ruth Foerster  
 ORGANIST.....Joseph Scutti  
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