



### Things to Remember!

- † 4th of July Celebration on Friday, July 4th (FH) 6:30 - 8:30 PM
- † School Supply Drive begins Sunday, July 27th
- † Thursday, July 24th - Food Truck
- † Sunday, July 27th following Worship - Bailly 50th Anniversary celebration
- † Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - Drive Thru Prayer
- † Praise and Communion Bi-Cultural Worship Service Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm (FH)

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES & UNIFORMS

Would you like to help a child at Arnold Elementary School get a good start in school in August? According to the Community Liaison Representative at Arnold Elementary, about 20 students per grade level, or approximately 140 children, show up at their first class without the necessary school supplies. And another 15 families are unable to provide the proper uniform for their child. So, as in years past, St. Mark's would like to partner with the kids at Arnold and help them out. If you can help, please visit the SCHOOL DONATION BOX in the church narthex beginning July 20th. Please take a card showing a specific school supply item, purchase the item pictured on the card, and return the item by Sunday, August 17th. If you would like to provide a uniform, your \$15 donation will be taken to the uniform store, a gift card will be purchased, and the gift card will be given by the school to the family in need so they can purchase the proper-size uniform. Please be sure to mark your check or offering



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## STATE OF THE CHURCH

<u>Sunday School</u>	5/25	6/1	6/8	6/15	6/20
Children	2	3	6	6	3
Youth	10	13	5	5	9
Adults	37	40	40	34	33
<b>Total SS</b>	49	56	51	45	45
<u>Worship</u>	82	81	88	85	89



### USHERS

- † Joyce Codd
- † Janice Coley
- † Mona Rosfeld
- † Dorothy Mace

### TAPE MINISTRY

- † Daniel Wilke

### GREETERS

- † Kathy & Dennis Wilson



## Finance Committee Reflections: Sounds From the Bean Counters

It didn't take long to move from spring into summer. While the temperatures have risen, the good news is that we have had some rain and it looks like this summer will not be as dry as recent years.

May contributions were somewhat disappointing in that they were \$2800 lower than last year and \$2300 less than budgeted. Year-to-date, we trail 2013 by \$2300 and the budget by \$700.

May operating expenses were \$8200 higher than last May. Our apportionment payments were \$3600 higher and compensation expenses were up \$3700 as a result of having five pay periods. Compared to the budget, operating expenses were higher by \$455. Higher apportionment expense was partially offset by favorable Trustee spending. Year-to-date operating expenses are \$11,700 higher than last year. This increase is due to higher apportionment expense, Trustee expense and Lay Personnel compensation. Versus the budget, we are \$2800 favorable. Higher than budgeted apportionment expenses were more than offset by favorable Trustee and Lay Personnel expenses.

For the month of May we had a cash outflow of \$8600. Year-to-date, the cash outflow is \$8700.

We continue to keep ahead of our apportionment commitment. Through May we are \$4500 ahead of last year and \$4400 ahead of budget.

Our operating cash balance at the end of May is a negative \$1900. This is obviously a concern, but we are optimistic your generosity will get us through this situation as it always has in the past.

The Finance Committee and the St. Mark's community are so grateful for your continued financial support. We hope you all are enjoying our summer weather to date. God bless you all.



## General & Jurisdictional

The World Service Fund is the backbone of the Agencies of the General Church, whose aim is to flourish in the four ministry goals of the Council of Bishops.

**Poverty** - Fifty native leaders will be trained and placed with strategic mission partners in poor areas, with special emphasis placed on responding to the critical needs of women and children.

**Global Health** - Reduce by 66% the number of malaria related deaths of children under the age of 5 by working with international partners.

**New & Existing Congregations** - Recruit 1,000 new church planters to "seed" 650 new churches in the United States specifically targeting 50% of those to be racial and ethnic congregations.

**Develop Christian Leadership** - The church must recruit young people for ministry and provide them with the skills necessary to be effective in this new time of opportunity. That includes women and people of color the world over. Similarly, we must offer leadership training for lay people who are in ministry in countless ways.

Please make a note of these new addresses:



Gertrude Johns  
730 Babcock Rd, Apt 1402  
San Antonio, TX 78201  
Phone: 210-342-7648

Patti Gardner  
7319 Clipper Oak Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78249  
Phone: 830-431-3157

If your address or phone number, or any personal information has changed, please remember to contact the church office!



Let's celebrate our freedom on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July by coming to St. Mark's UMC for some hot dogs, home-made ice cream and some fun and fellowship! We are so blessed to be a part of a church and congregation that is so vital and meaningful in the Kingdom of God. We work hard, seeking to do God's will and offering the love of Christ whenever and however we can; grateful that we can give back to God the gracious love and compassion that He has given us. I believe that one of the ways we can offer God our thanks and praise for his gifts is our joy and fellowship together. So-o-o-o...let's get together and celebrate our nation's freedom (and our own spiritual freedom!) and have some good old-fashioned fun and fellowship.

When was the last time that you had some cold, hard, hand-cranked homemade ice cream? Well, as the fella sez: "That's too long!" We'll provide the hotdogs and fixin's, chips and such, ice tea etc...and should anyone feel up to the challenge, feel free to try and beat my own particular recipe of ice cream and bring your selection...we could even have a "freeze off" (with the Silver Scoop Award going to the tastiest)! Blue Bell and other contenders are disqualified! Seriously, there are so many good flavors and variations on homemade ice cream that we just can't go wrong.

So, put this date on your calendar. We'll be inside, so it won't be too hot, the food and fellowship will be great, and God will be glorified! How can you not be a part of such a celebration? There are places all over our world where freedom is just a word or a dream to be imagined; freedom to live or worship or just to be left alone without serious risk of injury or imprisonment or death, for some, is just not possible under the present circumstances. Let's not let boredom or apathy or anything else keep us from gathering as Christians and patriots and singing God's and America's praises on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I hope to see you and your appetite for food and fun and fireworks on Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>! God bless you,

Jay



# July 2014

Monthly Planner

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### What is Shingles?

Shingles is a disease that affects nerves and causes pain and blisters in adults. It is caused by the same varicella-zoster virus (VZV) that causes chickenpox in children. After you recover from chickenpox, the virus does not leave your body, but continues to live in some nerve cells. For reasons that aren't totally understood, the virus can become active instead of remaining inactive. When it's activated in adults, it produces shingles.

Most adults live with the VZV virus in their body and never get shingles. About one in five people who have had chickenpox will get shingles later in life. With shingles, the blisters tend to be clustered in one specific area, rather than scattered all over the body like chickenpox. When the activated virus travels along the path of a nerve to the surface of the skin, a rash will appear. It usually shows up as a band on one side of the face or body. The word "shingles" comes from the Latin word for belt because that's often the shape of the rash. Having shingles doesn't mean that you have any other underlying disease such as cancer.

A vaccine that may keep you from getting shingles has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration for people 60 and older. Ask your doctor if the shingles vaccine is right for you. To learn more about this health topic, visit the websites for the National Institute on Aging at [www.nia.nih.gov](http://www.nia.nih.gov), the National Shingles Foundation at [www.vzvfoundation.org](http://www.vzvfoundation.org), or contact your Wesley Nurse, Charzes Flowers, at 210-344-8393, Ext #103.

Your Wesley Nurse,  
Charzes Flowers, RN



Thank You!

Thank you to all of our wonderful Food Truck Volunteers... We couldn't do it without you!!!

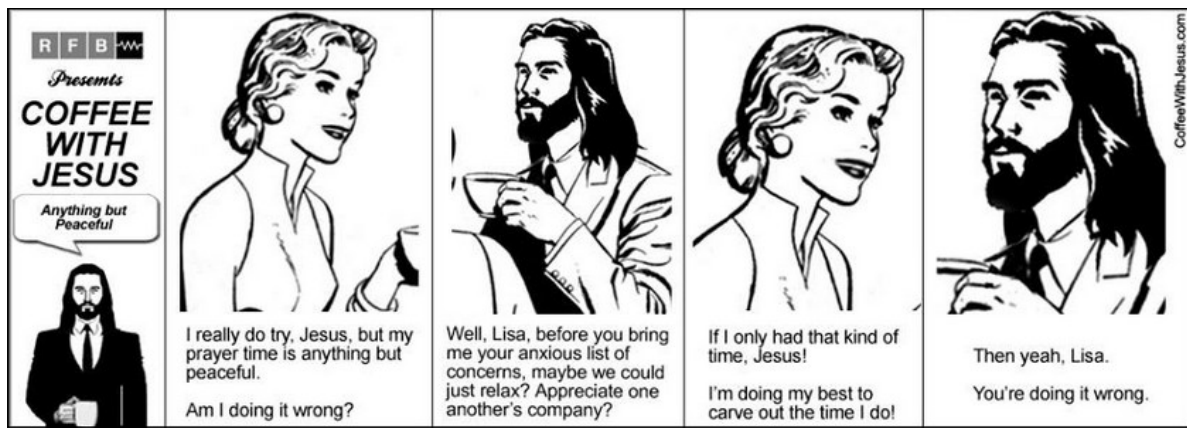


Dear St. Mark's Church family -

Just a heartfelt word of thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers that you sent to me for my birthday. You made me feel "extra special" and I am enjoying them so very much.

God bless you for your thoughtfulness,

Sincerely,  
Lucille Montgomery



About 16 of our youth will be going to summer camp June 27-29 at Camp Sequoia in Hunt, Texas.

Camp Sequoia consists of three beautiful rock and wood cabins that rest in the heart of the Texas Hill Country. The camp covers about 20 acres with a small hill in back and secluded river frontage on the Guadalupe River.

The camp offers a wide range of activities including hiking, volleyball, basketball, swimming, wading and more.



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When the Dorcas Circle first began discussing the possibility of a field trip to the Wesley Health and Wellness Center in San Antonio, I for one, had absolutely no idea what a treat this would be!

In June, the trip became a reality. What a blessing. You probably know that our Wesley Nurse program comes from this ministry, but that's about all I knew about it... When I first walked in to the new facility, I was struck by the sheer "busy-ness" of the place and the beauty and stillness of the small chapel near the entrance.

The Wesley Health and Wellness Center is under the umbrella of the Methodist Healthcare Ministries (MHM). This is a private, not-for-profit, faith-based organization dedicated to providing medical, dental and health-related human services to low-income families and the uninsured in South Texas. Their mission is "Serving Humanity to Honor God" by improving the physical, mental and spiritual health of those least served in the Southwest Texas Conference area of the United Methodist Church.

These services include primary care medical and dental clinics, support services like counseling, case management and social services, family wellness and parenting programs, and church-based community nursing programs.

MHM also works with similarly-focused organizations and state government in developing more socially conscious public policy. The purpose is to change legislative perspectives and policies so that the root of the problems of the underserved are addressed for the long-term. In addition, MHM provides financial support to established organizations that are already effectively fulfilling the needs of the underserved in local communities through programs and services that they already operate.

On our visit, we were escorted through the various classrooms of activities where people were quilting, sewing, children were "camping", adults were attending exercise classes, and we had a delicious lunch in a common area for dining where they serve as many as 700 meals per day. I was most impressed by an onsite dental lab so not many dental services need to be outsourced and a computer lab with 50+ computers where they teach computer skills and also have English programs available for those wishing to learn. And there is a smaller exercise/dance room for special programs for staff as well as participants. Another ministry that surprised me was the "Los Mariachitos de Wesley," a free mariachi and cultural arts program for youth ages 6-18. We hope to be introducing you to this mariachi experience soon!

I agree with Ann Brown as she commented during our tour, this is, in fact, the "embodiment of all that is good about the United Methodist Church". A treat, indeed.

*Patti Gardner*

Reference: [www.mhm.org](http://www.mhm.org)



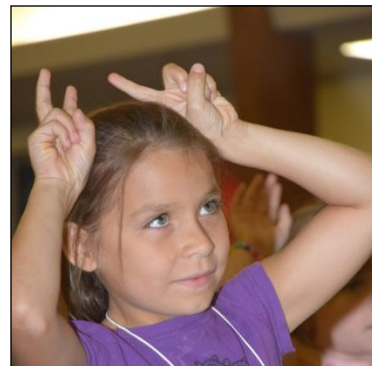
## *Vacation Bible School - Day 1*



Thanks to  
Rob Remig  
for the pictures!!



With the blessing of our Lord and two dozen St Mark volunteers, our Workshop of Wonders VBS got off to a great start!!! On the first day, fifty-nine children were treated to bible stories, crafts, music and an explosive science experiment! Three teens and six adults were also included in classes of their own. Lovely Lane was filled with excited voices and lots of laughter. And songs of praise and worship filled the air of our Sanctuary. Watch for more details of this ministry in the August Messenger!!



**Notice from the Conference Office:**

We need your help in assisting with the humanitarian work of assisting accompanied children and adult women in their brief transition time in Laredo. This problem has become a crisis.

Here is an update of the issue reported by Rev. Paul Harris at FUMC Laredo:

If you have missed my earlier posts, what we are seeing in Laredo - over the last month - is the dropping off of persons at local bus stations, usually late in the day or at night, by the bus load (on any given day two to five loads). These persons have been through gov't processing stations and have been released to appear in court at a later date. These persons arrive hungry, in need of hygiene and shelter, and a place to connect by phone with relatives around the country that can help them. These persons are staying here only long enough to find a way to their families or friends in other cities.

Here is what we need from you and your churches:

**UMCOR Bedding Kits**

- 2 flat sheets double size, flat only, no fitted
- 2 pillow cases
- 2 pillows

***Important Notes***

- All items must be new.
  - Do not wash any of the items as they will then be considered used.
  - Linens may be of different colors.
  - Items may be removed from packaging.
  - All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important that kits contain only the requested items – nothing more.
  - DO NOT include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.
- Packing Kits
- Box Weight. Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.

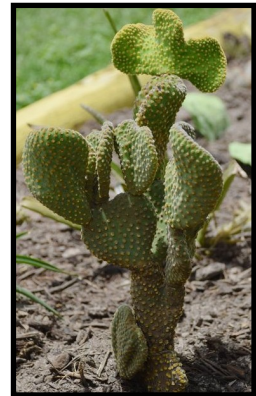
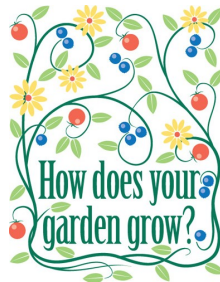
**NEW Children's underwear – boys & girls various sizes**

**Draw string backpacks**

**Monetary Donations**

If you feel called to help, please contact the church office or mark your monetary donation for UMCOR Children's Crisis.

## ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY GARDEN



Thanks to Rob Remig for the pictures!!



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

Please remember  
these in your prayers



Jill Anderson  
Guadalupe Ayala  
Kylee Brown  
Megan Brown  
Margaret Broxton  
Bill & Isabel Centeno  
Bucky Coley  
Esdras Cuervo  
Margery Green  
Gladys Johnson  
Mary Krwawicz  
Bea Kunkel  
Clay Laster  
Alice & Ben Logan  
Michael Mendoza

Mendoza Family  
Charles Mixon  
Gloria Reedy  
Steve Reyes Sr.  
Ella Reyes  
Mike Ross  
John Parramore  
Will Schuetze  
Kirk Tomerlin  
Abraham Wamah  
Stephanie Rodriguez  
Ernie Lavine  
Ann Stacy  
John Kosmuch  
Mary Jo Price

Don Kohring  
Daniel Wilke  
Dalie & Bill Gregory  
Keith Parish  
Hannah Putsak  
Meinem family  
Gary Johnson  
Paul Collins  
Upcoming Youth Trip  
Donnie Roberts  
Family of Grace Garcia



July 2 Damian Leija	July 12 Angela Garcia	July 20 Doris Karnwie Olga Sidusky	July 26 Joan Schott
July 5 Mona Rosfeld Donald Schmidt	July 13 Joe Cobb Ed Sebera	July 21 Mary Sue Mahaffey	July 27 Marilyn Snook
July 9 David Allen	July 15 Gertrude Johns	July 22 Dakota Adams Ryan Schmidt	July 30 Janice Coley
July 11 Howard Long	July 18 Claire Cobb	July 24 Debra Nolle	July 31 Helen Elkins June Swatzell
	July 19 Natalie Contreras	July 25 Maxine Pasterchick Delores Seay	



July 11th - Joan & Jerrold Schott  
July 13th - Jake & Kim Durick  
July 22nd - Bob & Mary Bailly  
July 25th - Bob & Dorothy Mace

**Bob & Mary Bailly**  
Invite you to join in  
celebrating their  
**50th Wedding Anniversary**  
immediately following worship,  
in the Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday, July 27th**

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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, 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 Paramore  
 WESLEY NURSE.....Charzes Flowers  
 CHOIR DIRECTOR.....Carolyn Hahn  
 ORGANIST.....Joseph Scutti  
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