



# Messenger

## St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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### Things to Remember:

- † Sunday - July 3rd - Hot Dog Cookout
- † Office Closed for 4th of July Holiday - Monday, July 4th
- † Children's Church - Sundays - July 10 & 24
- † Thursday, July 28th - San Antonio Mobile Food Pantry at 8:00 AM
- † Wednesdays @ 6:30 - Praise Communion Service
- † Reminder: Choir, Trustees, Finance and Admin Council do not meet in July



Our graduating seniors were recognized on Sunday, June 5th. Congratulations and very best wishes to Brooke Somerville and MacKenzie Hoffman from all of us at St. Mark's!



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## SERVING THE CHURCH

| <u>Sunday School</u> | 5/29 | 6/5 | 6/12 | 6/19 |
|----------------------|------|-----|------|------|
| Children             | 1    | 1   | 1    | 1    |
| Youth                | 0    | 5   | 4    | 2    |
| Adults               | 29   | 27  | 20   | 29   |
| <b>Total SS</b>      | 30   | 33  | 25   | 32   |
| <u>Worship</u>       |      |     |      |      |
| Sunday               | 75   | 83  | 69   | 74   |
| Wednesday Service    | 25   | 25  | 22   |      |



### USHERS

- † **Tom Jack**
- † **Bob Bailly**
- † **Jeff Brown**
- † **Bob Mace**



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|---------|-----------|
| July 3  | 1 Opening |
| July 10 | 1 Opening |
| July 17 | 1 Opening |
| July 24 | 1 Opening |
| July 31 | 1 Opening |

Liturgists for July:

- July 3 - Dorothy Mace
- July 10 - Joanne Green
- July 17 - Susan Philbin
- July 24 - Cynthia Ramirez
- July 31 - Eddie Rodriguez



If you're interested in serving as Liturgist and aren't currently on the list, please call the church office and let Patti know!



## Pensions and Benefits

Goal: Take care of those who care for the church. 2.3 cents of every apportioned dollar goes to Pensions.

They gave their lives in ministry to the Rio Texas Conference Churches. Now it's time for the Rio Texas Conference Churches to give back.

This apportionment subsidizes current health benefits for pastors. The pension apportionment pays 50% of the cost of the coverage for each full time pastor appointed to one of our churches, while the remainder of the cost is paid by the church and the pastor.



## Hot off the press - we are PRAISING GOD! this week at Vacation Bible School!

We have cool music, awesome crafts, fun games and wonderful bible stories going on NOW!

We have fantastic food to get us started and above all else, we expect to witness the MANY blessings God is sending our way, starting with our volunteers! We have many men, women and youth - some familiar and some brand new answering the call to be DISCIPLES of CHRIST this very week!!!

Our behind the scenes crew has created a welcoming place for fellowship, instruction and worship. Yes, it was a lot of work, but it was truly a labor of LOVE!

Thank you to each and every one of you who are a part of the team, and for those of you who are PRAYING us through it. May the Lord continue to BLESS YOU, and may He nurture the NEW SEEDS that were planted.

Pictures next Messenger!!!

Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow!!!

Melinda & Kim

**VBS - June 27 - July 1 - 5:30 PM**

Please welcome our newest member! Evelyn Ora Rodriguez - born to Jessica & Eddie Rodriguez on June 20th. Evelyn weighed in at 6 pounds, 3 ounces and 20" in length! Congratulations to proud parents, Eddie & Jessica and to grandmother Rosa!!!



## *From Our Pastor. . .*

Sue Horner, Ann and I just got back from Annual Conference, where I was just re-appointed for my 5<sup>th</sup> year at St. Mark's! I am more grateful than I can find words to express for the privilege and honor to be able to serve this congregation for another year as your pastor; I thank God for yet another opportunity to lead our church forward to be the church we are called to be for the cause of Christ. It's an exciting and important time to be in ministry! Our nation is polarized by politics; violence and terror impacts our lives on a daily basis; our news media is filled with story after story of incredible examples of death and destruction, overwhelming our capacity to be able to find solutions or even grasp how to begin to respond in meaningful ways.

For us, the answer surely must be turning our will and our lives over to the care of God and following the example that Jesus set for his followers long ago. Sounds pretty simple! But... that is part of our struggle. Remember the phrase that was popular years ago; what would Jesus do? That sounds like such a normative and authoritative solution! But what I think Jesus would do and what someone else may think can sometimes be totally different. Even such a command like "feed my sheep" or "love one another" can evoke widespread differences of opinion and behavior. We may agree that Jesus did command us to do these things, but how we carry out his commandments can be open to wide interpretation.

So, our task as we head into this new year of ministry and mission, I believe, is to find commonality and unity in our vision of servanthood and discipleship. What kind of church will we be? What will it look like? Will we offer Christ to all? Again, what would that mean, look like, feel like? At the very least, we must be united in our loving respect and commitment to one another in Christ before we can offer Christ to someone else. I pledge to you that I will devote my time, talents and energy to helping unite us as never before in a committed and loving relationship with each other and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Without this as our fundamental foundation we can never reach the potential that God has given us to serve him and his creation. Clearly, it is his will that we love, respect and care for one another; again, we can hardly offer to others what we don't have ourselves. We do have this common bond and ground, thanks be to God! Let us pray for God's grace and guidance as we seek to deepen this bond of unity and love that we can live out our call and be able to serve our Lord with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. Thank you again for being with me and each other on this journey of faith! Pray for me; rest assured that I will be praying for you by name as this year unfolds. May the Holy Spirit guide and direct us, provide and protect us, open doors that need to open and close doors that need to close!

God bless you!

*Jay*

# July 2016

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Monday                                                                                              | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                           | Friday                     | Saturday                                      |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |                                                       |                                                       |
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| <b>3</b><br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>5:00 PM Hot Dog Cookout<br>5:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>4</b><br>7:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)<br><br><b>4th of July</b><br><b>Office Closed</b>       | <b>5</b><br>6:30 AM ROMEO's<br>9:00 AM Drive Thru Prayer<br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>1:45 PM Parenting Class (LL)<br>7:00 PM Order of the Arrow (SH)                                                                                  | <b>6</b><br>8:30 AM Staff Mtg<br>1:00 PM YOGA (FH)<br>6:30 PM Praise Service (FH)                                                                                               | <b>7</b><br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>1:15 PM Parenting Class (LL)<br>7:00 PM Revive Ministries (LL)                                                                                               | <b>8</b><br>Office Closed  | <b>9</b><br>8:00 AM Saturday Morning Reunion  |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |                                                       |                                                       |
| <b>10</b><br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:00 AM WN Education<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>10:45 AM Children's Church (LL)<br>5:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>11</b><br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>7:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)                              | <b>12</b><br>6:30 AM ROMEO's<br>9:00 AM Drive Thru Prayer<br>9:00 AM Health Cabinet (YAMS)<br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>1:45 PM Parenting Class (LL)<br>6:00 PM Kairos Torres Advisory Council (FH)<br>7:00 PM Order of the Arrow (SH) | <b>13</b><br>8:30 AM Staff Mtg<br>9:00 AM MyHealthy Child (FH)<br>10:00 AM My Healthy Child (FH)<br>1:00 PM YOGA (FH)<br>6:30 PM Praise Service (FH)<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SH) | <b>14</b><br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>1:15 PM Parenting Class (LL)<br>7:00 PM Revive Ministries (LL)                                                                                              | <b>15</b><br>Office Closed | <b>16</b><br>8:00 AM Saturday Morning Reunion |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |                                                       |                                                       |
| <b>17</b><br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>5:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>18</b><br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>7:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)                              | <b>19</b><br>6:30 AM ROMEO's<br>9:00 AM Drive Thru Prayer<br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>1:45 PM Parenting Class (LL)<br>7:00 PM Order of the Arrow (SH)                                                                                 | <b>20</b><br>8:30 AM Staff Mtg<br>1:00 PM YOGA (FH)<br>6:30 PM Praise Service (FH)<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SH)                                                                   | <b>21</b><br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>10:00 AM NL Deadline<br>11:00 AM Nutritional Potluck<br>1:15 PM Parenting Class (LL)<br>7:00 PM Revive Ministries (LL)                                      | <b>22</b><br>Office Closed | <b>23</b><br>8:00 AM Saturday Morning Reunion |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |                                                       |                                                       |
| <b>24</b><br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>10:45 AM Children's Church (LL)<br>5:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>25</b><br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>1:30 PM Worship Committee<br>7:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym) | <b>26</b><br>6:30 AM ROMEO's<br>9:00 AM Drive Thru Prayer<br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>1:45 PM Parenting Class (LL)<br>7:00 PM Order of the Arrow (SH)                                                                                 | <b>27</b><br>8:30 AM Staff Mtg<br>1:00 PM YOGA (FH)<br>6:30 PM Praise Service (FH)<br>7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SH)                                                                   | <b>28</b><br>8:00 AM Mobile Mammogram Unit<br>8:00 AM SA Mobile Food Bank<br>9:00 AM NL Mailout (YAMS)<br>10:00 AM Exercise (FH)<br>1:15 PM Parenting Class (LL)<br>7:00 PM Revive Ministries (LL) | <b>29</b><br>Office Closed | <b>30</b><br>8:00 AM Saturday Morning Reunion |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |                                                       |                                                       |
| <b>31</b><br>9:15 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship<br>5:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)<br>6:00 PM F-Troop                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                            |                                               |   |   |   |   |   |  |  |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |  |  |  |                                                       |                                                       |

## ZIKA VIRUS

With summer and mosquito season upon us, it is important to be aware of a particular health hazard to pregnant women and newborns, the Zika virus. Below you will find information, statistics and important steps on how to prevent contracting the virus.

### **What is Zika Virus?**

Zika virus is primarily spread to people through mosquito bites. The virus can be spread from mother to child. Spread of the virus through blood transfusion and sexual contact has also been reported.

Most people infected with the virus have mild or no symptoms. For those who do develop symptoms, illness is generally mild and typically lasts a few days to a week. The most common symptoms of Zika virus disease are fever, rash, joint pain, and conjunctivitis (red eyes).

Severe disease requiring hospitalization is uncommon and fatalities are rare. An increase in Guillain-Barre syndrome, a condition in which your immune system attacks part of your nervous system, was noted during an outbreak of Zika virus in French Polynesia in 2014. An increase in microcephaly, a condition where a baby's head is much smaller than expected and can cause developmental delays, was noted during an outbreak of Zika virus in Brazil in 2015.

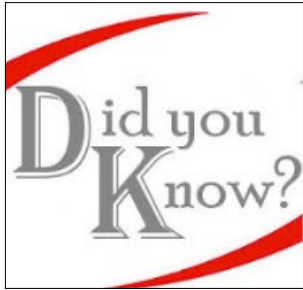
### **How Can I prevent Zika?**

- ◆ Apply EPA-approved insect repellent.
- ◆ Wear clothing that covers hands, arms, legs and other exposed skin. This can include pants, long-sleeve shirts, socks and hats with mosquito netting.
- ◆ In warmer weather, wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing that covers exposed skin.
- ◆ Remove standing water in cans, bottles, buckets, tires, wheel barrows or any container that can hold water.
- ◆ Cover trash cans or containers where water can collect.

Texas has had **42** reported cases of Zika virus disease. Of those, **41** were in travelers who were infected abroad and diagnosed after they returned home; one of those travelers was a pregnant woman. One case involved a Dallas County resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad.

**Texas Zika Cases by County:** Bexar=6, Dallas=6, Denton=2, Ellis=1, Fort Bend=2, Grayson=1, Harris=13, Tarrant=4, Travis=2, Val Verde=1, Williamson=1, Wise=1. **Total Zika Cases=42.** For more information, please visit Texas Department of State Health Services at <http://www.texaszika.org/index.htm>, <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>, or contact your Wesley Nurse, Charzes Flowers, RN at 210-344-8393.

# NOTES AND NOTICES



That Behind the Scenes, Joyce Codd and her committee of Dorothy Mace, Doris Sebera, Diana Shiller, Lois Gordon and Nancy Sutton are the elves that get your newsletter labeled and mailed to you each month? Thank you all for your dedication to St. Mark's!!

Words fail me when it comes to expressing my gratitude for all the beautiful cards, telephone calls and loving acts of care and kindness I have received during my time of grief and sadness from both Pastor Jay and the congregation. St. Mark's is indeed the most wonderful church family one could ever have.

Love in Christ,  
Louise Chaffin

## Don't forget our Food Pantry!

Individual fruit cups  
Peanut butter crackers  
Granola/Breakfast bars  
Small cans of ravioli with pull-tops  
One-pound bag rice  
One-pound bag pinto beans  
Ramen Noodles (brick or cup)  
Juice (12 oz or smaller)  
Cans of Chicken or Spam  
(Tuna not needed)



Don't forget our  
**Noisy Offering** - the last Sunday of every month!

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



For his Eagle Scout project, Josh Vidauri built a storage building out in the garden area. Here are some pictures of Josh and his project! He will soon be adding a pegboard inside the building, and a decorative pathway leading to the building. Great job - Thanks, Josh!



# Don't forget!!

We are selling bricks! You can purchase a brick to commemorate your family name or a specific life event! Whatever you would like to say - you have 3 lines, 21 characters per line... These bricks will be set and displayed in a prominent place on our church grounds (to be decided). Bricks are \$50. Just fill out and mail this form in with your payment!

## St. Mark's United Methodist Church Commemorative Bricks Order Form

Yes, we'd like to reserve a permanent brick to be installed in the new Memorial/Honor garden.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Bricks are 4" x 8". Each brick may contain up to 3 lines of copy, 21 characters per line.  
All text is centered unless otherwise specified.

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Please return this form and your check for \$50.00 per brick, payable to:  
St. Mark's United Methodist Church  
1902 Vance Jackson  
San Antonio, TX 78213

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Bashaw at (210) 833-5028.



# 2016 Blessing of the Garden



*The beauty of the garden!*

SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

|                                     |               |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| Operating Cash balance at 4/30/2016 | 13,207        |
| Non-Designated Contributions - May  | 19,518        |
| Operating Expenses:                 |               |
| Council on Ministries               | 1,309         |
| Special Mission Giving              | 0             |
| Mission Giving                      | 495           |
| Administration Expense              | 98            |
| Trustees                            | 4,968         |
| Pastor's Compensation               | 4,878         |
| Lay Personnel Compensation          | 5,429         |
|                                     | <u>17,177</u> |
| Other Income/(Expense)              | <u>115</u>    |
| Operating Cash balance at 5/31/2016 | <u>15,663</u> |

Comments:

May contributions were \$765 less than budgeted and \$1,112 lower than 2015. Rental income was higher than budgeted by \$2,858.

Operating expenses were \$6,670 less than budgeted. For the month, all expense categories were lower than budgeted. Compared to May 2015, operating expenses are lower by \$17,272. Mission Giving was \$6,592 lower than last year. Pastor compensation was lower by \$6,167 (no associate pastor this year) and Lay compensation was lower by \$3,927 (no bookkeeper or youth coordinator this year).

We continue to have a positive operating cash balance. This is possible as a result of lower expense for the month.

Through May, our apportionment payments are \$2,599 lower than budgeted.

We are thanking each of you for your financial support to St. Mark's. We are hopeful the "Memorial/In Honor Of" brick program will be successful and help our cash balance. God Bless!

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



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

Gloria Reedy  
 Steve Reyes, Sr.  
 Mike Ross  
 Will Schuetze  
 Kirk Tomerlin  
 Abraham Wamah  
 Kathryn Wilson  
 Family of Mitch Landry  
 Mikayla Mendez  
 Gordon Burney & Family  
 Family of Gary Harrison  
 Jessica Rodriguez  
 Patricia Barnes  
 Vee Davison  
 Rudy Ramirez  
 Kim Bias & Family

Mark & Mary Wilke  
 Pat Simons  
 James Dollahite  
 Family of Tom Weir  
 Bill Geiger  
 Louise Chaffin  
 Kaylie Burchfield  
 Eli Burchfield  
 Charles & Barbara Edens



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07/05  
 Mona Rosfeld

07/09  
 David Allen

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 Joe Cobb

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 Gertrude Johns

07/18  
 Claire Cobb

07/20  
 Doris Karnwie  
 Olga Sidusky

07/21  
 Mary Sue Mahaffey

07/22  
 Dakota Adams  
 Ryan Schmidt

07/24  
 Debra Nolle

07/25  
 Maxine Pasterchick  
 Delores Seay

07/26  
 Joan Schott

07/27  
 Marilyn Snook

07/30  
 Janice Coley  
 Liam Kiesel

07/31  
 Charles Brown  
 June Swatzell



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

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- 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



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| SECRETARY      | Patti Gardner   |
| WESLEY NURSE   | Charzes Flowers |
| CHOIR DIRECTOR | Carolyn Hahn    |
| ORGANIST       | Joseph Scutti   |
| CUSTODIAN      | Johnny Mendoza  |