

Messenger

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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Things to Remember:

- † Staff Meeting, Monday July 2 @ 1:00 pm
- † Office Closed, Wednesday July 4th Holiday
- † Children's Church, Sunday July 8 @ 10:45 am
- † Children's Message, Sunday July 15 @ 10:45 am
- † Children's Church, Sunday July 22 @ 10:45 am
- † Children's Church, Sunday July 29 @ 10:45 am
- † 5th Sunday Potluck, Sunday July 29 @ 11:30 am
- † Praise & Bible Study every Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

"I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship and the whole world for my mission field." ~ John Wesley



LADIES BUNCO & SALAD LUNCH

Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



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SUNDAY SCHOOL	5/20/2018	5/27/2018	6/3/2018	6/10/2018
Youth	3	4	4	7
Adults	15	11	17	15
Total SS	18	15	21	22
WORSHIP				
Sunday	50	49	59	52
Wednesday Night	4			4



Rob Remig, Daniel Wilke, Mario Mercado, Johnny Mendoza



Altar Flower Calendar Openings

July 15 - 1 opening July 22 - 1 opening

(Arrangement can be donated for only \$30.)



July 8 - Deborah Molina

July 22 - Melinda Molina

July 29 - Lillian Herrera



July 1 Dorothy Mace
July 8 Patti Gardner

July 15 Susan Philbin

July 22 Cynthia Ramirez

July 29 John Williams

With Your Help The United Methodist Church is Making a Difference

GIFT OF HOPE SCHOLAR SHARES LOVE OF LEARNING.

Gift of Hope scholar Emma Kate Kiely grew up on a small farm in Missouri. She and her two younger sisters were involved in many extracurricular activities – 4-H Club, sports and youth group at Clinton (Missouri) United Methodist Church..

"We were always on the go," she recalled.

Emma especially cherished times spent with her entire family.

"Although we were always doing something," she said, "the activities we were involved in as a family helped us stay close and learn how to work together. I couldn't imagine doing half of the things I have done without my family."

Emma received much love and care from her congregation. Perhaps because of this support, Emma decided to become a teacher.

"The United Methodist church in my hometown gave me such a solid, loving, caring and supportive church family," she said. "Many amazing people taught me the values I will need to be successful in life. It's also been great to have a support group that has the same beliefs I have."

Now attending <u>Missouri State University</u> in Springfield, Emma stumbled upon the Gift of Hope scholarship through the United Methodist website.

"Receiving this scholarship has been such a blessing," she noted. "It is allowing me to pay for the schooling I need to pursue a job in the education field."

Her most memorable experience was taking mission trips in high school.

"I had the opportunity to go on several mission trips with my youth group," Emma said. "We traveled to Colorado several times, Arkansas, Kansas City and even Jamaica. We made many great memories and met many lifelong friends. I wish everyone had the chance to experience how wonderful mission trips can be."

Emma believes The United Methodist Church should support United Methodist Student Day Sunday because generous gifts help to pay college tuition. "With the cost of college today," she admitted, "sometimes paying for it can be overwhelming.

"I know that everyone who receives a scholarship is beyond grateful. It is so rewarding to know that the United Methodist family supports your decision to attend college."

Emma is gaining the necessary skills she needs to become a successful educator. Thanks to your gifts on United Methodist Student Day, she will inspire her students to love learning!

"I am getting the education I need to make sure my future students are prepared to face the everyday challenges life throws at us," Emma said.

Thanks to loving parents and her church family, Emma will take this love into her classroom.

"I will use my Christian attitude while in my classroom," she said, "teaching my students not only their materials, but also how important it is to love one another, no matter the circumstances."

Emma's dream is to teach in an elementary school in the Kansas City area.

"After I graduate in 2018, I plan to attend graduate school so I am even more prepared to teach," she said. "I hope to inspire each of my students to love school as much as I do."

Lladale Carey, web content producer, United Methodist Communications

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, <u>United Methodist</u>

<u>Student Day</u> calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The special offering provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants. <u>www.umcgiving.org</u>

Effective June 1, 2018 two Sunday School classes will be available for adults - YAMS and New Beginnings every Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

From Rev. Maria Soto's Desk

July 2018



To imitate Christ is to live in a constant quest to discern what God calls us to do in a certain historical time as the one we are living in right now. It is here where it is necessary to practice and live in fidelity to God and in love to others.

Christian Ethics has its foundation in theological convictions about; God, the human condition, nature, and society. These are the theological postulates that provide Christians with basic elements for their vision of what a good life is.

Moral discernment needs to analyze and evaluate the facts recognizing that they will be interpreted in the light of our convictions, beliefs, fears, and values. We must identify the values that will guide our actions. We must act on the basis of the rules that represent the wisdom of a community of faith.

Morally speaking our commitment to faith is to seek greater equality (racial, cultural, economic, educational, political, and social) among human beings. Our ethical stance is an example of the most authentic testimony of our faith in God.

The meaning of St. Paul is clearly that love will not only fill the heart mainly, but "overflow." The "knowledge" here spoken of is the knowledge that gradually rises to perfection. A personal knowledge of God in Christ can be gained, under his inspiration, by all these combined processes, by thought, by practice, and by **Love**.

Here St. Paul chooses the path of love, the enthusiasm of love to God and man he knew that the Philippians had. And prays that it may overflow from the emotional to the intellectual element of their nature, becoming in loving characters, a means of spiritual insight, in "knowledge and all judgment." Discernment that recognizes a truth as the eye recognizes an object, to distinguish what is the best.

"And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight." Philippians 1:9

Peace be with you! Rev. Maria R. Soto

Pastor Soto will be attending courses required by the Conference this summer. Courses are held at SMU (Dallas) July 8 - 14; July 29 - August 4; August 12 - 18. Please keep her in your prayers.

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 2:00 PM Memors, Service John H. Gibbons, Jr. (FH)	2 10:00 AM Exercise (FH) 1:00 PM MS Yoga (FH) 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM Boy & Cub Scouts (SH)	6:30 AM ROMEO's 10:00 AM Exercise (FH)	OFFICE CLOSED JULY 4TH HOLIDAY	5 10:00 AM Exercise (FH)	6 Office Closed	8:00 AM Saturday Moming Reunion 10:00 AM Ladies Bunco Party (FH)
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"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.

United Methodists Pass Resolution to End Immigrant Family Separation at Annual Gathering

CORPUS CHRISTI (Tuesday, June 12, 2018) – The Rio Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church passed a resolution on June 9 to formally request the US Department of Justice to cease the separation of immigrant children from their families. Robert Schnase, Bishop of the Rio Texas Annual Conference, presided over the motion during the Annual Conference to address the humanitarian crisis affecting children held in detention centers located across South Texas.

Rio Texas Transforming Communities Vision Team Chair Dionisio Salazar (of Parker Lane UMC; Austin) presented the "Resolution to End Family Separation" before the conference:

"Whereas the United States government recently implemented a coercive 'zero tolerance policy' resulting in the traumatic separation of children from immigrant parents and the subsequent incarceration of children in secretive detention centers;

Whereas several of the detention facilities are operated within the geographical boundaries of the Rio Texas Conference;

Whereas this practice constitutes a violation of international law, child abuse, harassment and discrimination;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Río Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ, shall respectfully request the US Department of Justice immediately discontinue separating children from their families due to the 'zero tolerance policy."

1500 lay delegates and clergy voted overwhelmingly to support the resolution to end family separation.

The Rio Texas Annual Conference meets every June at the American Bank Center in Corpus Christi, Texas to conduct the business of the United Methodist Church for the Rio Texas region that spreads from north of San Angelo to the Rio Grande Valley in the south. This is the fourth gathering since the former Southwest Texas Conference and Rio Grande Conference merged to become the Rio Texas Annual Conference in 2015.

NOTES AND NOTICES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECT

Thanks to the leaders of our VBS for including a food drive as a service project, and to the members of St. Mark's for all the food items you brought to church during the month of June, our Food Pantry is looking good! Combined with your generosity with the monthly Noisy Offering, we are able to continue helping feed those in need. Overall, during this food drive, you donated 147 pounds of food! Thank you for making it possible to help our neighbors during a difficult time in their lives.



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!

SAWS PROJECT (John Williams)

"The church has received notification that SAWS will be starting a major project later on in the fall or winter of this year. They are going to replace the water main along Vance Jackson all the way from Interstate 10 to Loop 410. They will being closing 2 lanes of traffic so there will be one lane open going each way. The lanes that will be closed are the 2 lanes closest to the church. The lanes closest to Walmart will remain open. While they are working in front of the church one of our driveways will be blocked. We will have one drive way open at all times. What that means is that you may not be able to park in the parking lot where you normally park. You will have to park on the other side of the church for a month or two. The final plans haven't been completed and we don't have a schedule when this is going to start. SAWS thinks the entire project will take a little more than a year to complete from end to end.

The church will be open and you will be able to park in the parking lot so don't worry."

BLESSING OF THE GARDEN (May 27, 2018)













HERO CENTRAL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018























Thanks to ALL the heroes who helped at this year's VBS by sharing their time, talent, prayers, and contributions. "Do good! Seek peace, and go after it!" Psalm 34:14b

Many thanks to all who supported last month's Community Heath Fair!





Other vendors present were Metro Health Chronic Diseases, Texas Steps, San Antonio Water System, Depelchinn Foster and adoption agency, Jefferson Dental and AAA-Texas! I am grateful for their dedication to services.

Please mark your calendars for

IMMUNIZATION FAIR, Thursday, October 25th 10 AM – 1 PM More information upcoming!

-Sandra Montes RN, Wesley nurse

SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

Operating Cash balance at 4/30/2018		
Non-Designated Contributions - May		12,653
Operating Expenses:		
Council on Ministries	474	
Special Mission Giving	0	
Mission Giving	3,299	
Administration Expense	111	
Trustees	4,913	
Pastor's Compensation	4,909	
Lay Personnel Compensation	5,469	
		19,175
Other Income/(Expense)	_	(228)
Operating Cash balance at 5/31/2018		

Comments:

May receipts were \$972 higher than budgeted, and \$275 lower than May 2017. Year-to-Date receipts are \$6,001 higher than budgeted, while trailing 2017 by \$8,349.

May operating expenses were \$1,518 less than budgeted and \$2,263 higher than May 2017. In May we paid \$3,299 towards our 2018 apportionments. Trustee expenses were favorable by \$1,051 while other expenses categories had smaller variances to budget. Year-to-Date operating expenses are \$4,887 favorable to the budget while \$17,423 unfavorable to 2017.

Other income in May was \$1,219, \$1,097 lower than budgeted. Year-to-Date other income is unfavorable \$2,258.

Our operating cash balance on May 31, 2018 was \$11,418.

It is promising to see our contributions higher than budgted and our operating expenses less than budgeted.

The Finance Committee asks you to review your level of support to St. Mark's, and ask that you keep St. Mark's in your prayers.

God Bless you all.

ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S . . .



Bob Ailerson Michael Mendoza Joyce Codd Jill Anderson Eric Miletti Rosalinda Cavazos Kennedee Bailey Will Schuetze George Hampton Patty Braselton Kirk Tomerlin Judy Miller Kylee Brown Kathryn Wilson Warren Dunetz Megan Brown Kim & Jake Durick VBS Kids & families **Bucky Coley** Natalie Nelson Esdras Cuervo Seth Permenter Lupe & Luis Vasquez Svlvia Gonzales Kevin Yarger Children all over the Alice Logan Scutti Family world





July 11 Jerrold & Joan Schott

July 13 Jake & Kim Durick

July 22 Bob & Mary Bailly

July 25 Robert & Dorothy Mace

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CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO STRIVE TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE THE NEEDS OF

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MISSION STATEMENT

Sandra Montes **MESLEY NURSE** noseby screet **DRGANIST** Carolyn Hahn CHOIR DIRECTOR Lillian Herrera **SECRETARY**

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

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