



# Messenger

St. Mark's  
United Methodist Church  
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## Regular Weekly Activities:

- † Praise, Bible Study, Communion, Wednesday, July 3 @ 6 pm
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, July 10 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, July 14 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, July 17 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Sermon, Sunday, July 21 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study Wednesday, July 24 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, July 28 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, July 31 @ 6 pm

ARE YOU READY  
FOR SOME   
**BUNCO?**

**Saturday, July 13, 2019**

**10:00 a.m.**

**St. Mark's UMC Fellowship Hall**

Ladies, mark your calendar for some  
good times, good food, and  
good fellowship!



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# SERVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	5/26/2019	6/2/2019	6/9/2019	6/16/2019
Youth	5	4	6	4
Adults	20	17	15	15
<b>Total SS</b>	25	21	21	19
<b>WORSHIP</b>				
Sunday	49	53	52	50
Wednesday Night	8	--	9	11



Rob Remig  
 Daniel Wilke  
 Mario Mercado  
 Johnny Mendoza



## Altar Flower Calendar

July 14 - 1 Opening  
 July 21 - 1 Opening  
 July 28 - 1 Opening



## Children's Church

July 14 - Melinda Molina  
 July 28 - Deborah Molina



July 7 - John Williams  
 July 14 - Leticia Mercado  
 July 21 - Joanne Green  
 July 28 - Dorothy Mace



**9:15 am > Every Sunday <**  
 Class for all adults - Fellowship Hall / YAMS  
 Class for ladies - Sanctuary / LIBRARY



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

**SHOWING LOVE THROUGH CLEAN LAUNDRY**

Once a month, [Greers Chapel UMC](#) offers a free laundry service to the neighborhood at Main Wash Coin Laundry on East Main Street, through the national Laundry Love ministry.

“I thought it was an amazing thing,” the Rev. Dan Read said. “I was not expecting as big of a crowd as we do. “We are not wanting anything out of the people we are serving. The first time I saw the impact it had on these people and receiving this gift, it was overwhelming. “It is amazing what clean clothes mean for someone and how it lifts their spirit.”

Read has been the lead pastor at Greers Chapel for a year and a half, but the ministry began in 2013. “We run about 40 in worship, but many people know us as the church that does laundry,” Read said. “We use donations to pay for all of it. We provide quarters for the laundry, detergent and fabric softener.”

Read said they average about 76 loads of laundry each month. Church members usually provide some baked goods as well.

“I didn’t realize people could be this nice,” Read said. “It has been a real blessing for them because, for some, this is the only time they can do laundry. “It has made a difference in my congregation too, interacting with

people that they normally wouldn’t interact with.”

Read said they get new people that show up every month for their laundry service. “We have gotten to know people through Laundry Love,” Read said. “When we see them around town, we get to know them a little better and build a relationship.”

Read says he hasn’t seen a lot of growth from the Laundry Love ministry, but he said a lot of that is because the church is located right outside the town.

“And the laundry mat is on the inner part of town and a lot of people that go there, don’t have access to transportation or they attend other churches,” Read said. “But that’s not really the goal.

“I think our goal is to show complete grace, no questions asked. We aren’t looking for anything; we are just looking to show God’s love.” Website, [www.laundrylove.org](http://www.laundrylove.org),

One of seven apportioned giving opportunities of The United Methodist Church, the [World Service Fund](#) is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination. Through the Four Areas of Focus churches are Engaging in ministry with the poor with their communities in ways that are transformative. [www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org)



**Apportionments**

**ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR MONTH OF MAY - 2019**

Operating Cash Balance on April 30, 2019	( 208 )
Non-Designated Contributions - May	13,416
Operating Expenses	14,524
Other Income/(Expense)	176
Operating Cash Balance on May 31, 2019	( 1,140 )

May operating expenses were lower than budgeted. With the exception of Council on Ministries, all expense categories were favorable. Council on Ministries was unfavorable due to higher music ministry expense. Trustees expenses were favorable due to timing of anticipated spending. Mission Giving was favorable as a result of not making an apportionment payment. Our operating cash balance on May 31, 2019 was a negative \$1,140.

The Finance Committee thanks you for your continued financial support to St. Mark's. The cost to maintain our church property doesn't get any lower and we have done everything we can to reduce spending. Your financial support is critical. Thank you. God bless you all.

# From Rev. Maria Soto's Desk

July 2019

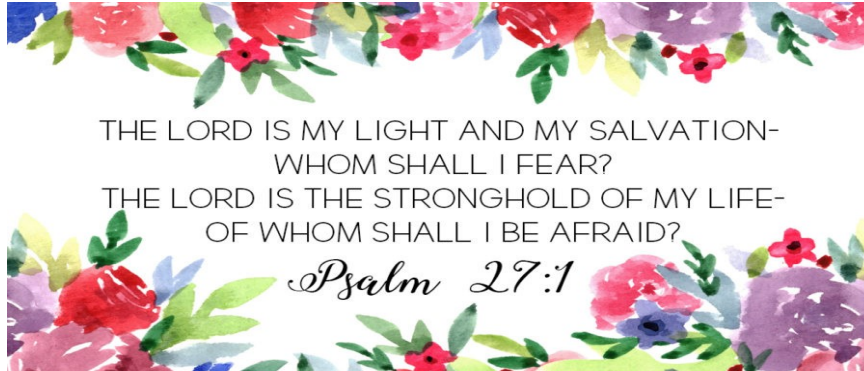
Psalm 27: 1,3-6

*The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

*Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.*

*One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.*

*For he will hide me in his shelter, in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.*



This prayer of Trust (NLV) or as New King James Version (NKJV) titled it, “An Exuberant Declaration of Faith,” is one of the most known by us. Every time we need encouragement we tell ourselves, “*The LORD is my light and my salvation, The LORD is the stronghold of my life.*” Light is the natural agent that stimulates sight and **makes things visible**. Light means “understanding of a problem or mystery; **enlightenment**..” In other words the Lord is the one who helps me see and understand in such a way that imparts enlightenment to my life.

And the Lord is also my salvation, “deliverance from sin and its consequences, preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss.” The Lord delivers me from the things that could ruin and rob me from life everlasting.

So one thing I ask of the Lord and that I will seek. That I live constantly under God’s presence and inquire more about him. For He will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble and He will conceal me under the cover of his tent/shelter and he will set me on high on a rock, on higher, solid, reliable ground.

This was King David's song and prayer. We can pray this song every time we need it. We have the Lord’s promise that He will not leave us as orphans nor abandon us. “He is our light, salvation, stronghold, shelter, and rock. My heart shall not fear.”

Peace be with you!

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**"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME"**

Children at St. Mark's UMC are very much a part of our worshipping community. Here are opportunities for age-appropriate worship, Bible lessons, activities, praise music, and fun!



**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month at 10:45 a.m. for elementary aged children.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** on the 3rd Sunday of each month during Sunday worship. All children are invited to the front of the sanctuary to join Pastor Soto for a brief sermon, keeping our younger worshipers in mind.



**Children's Church  
on Pentecost  
Sunday**

Where two or three are gathered...brave Evelyn and her parents at Children's Church for a brief lesson and crafts. After worship they helped set up treats to share with the congregation in celebration of Pentecost.



# 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!**



The church office will be open **Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** beginning June 10 through August 22, 2019.

This will not affect the Exercise Class. They will continue to meet Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Enjoy your summer!



Welcome to Mr. **Scott Crippen** who joined St. Mark's UMC May 26, 2019. Scott transferred his membership from Hope Arise UMC (SAT). Scott is active in our choir and YAMS class.



We welcome Mr. **David Pinegar**. David has been attending the Wednesday Bible Study and the Sunday YAMS class.



The Rio Texas Annual Conference met June 5-8, 2019 at Corpus Christi, TX. Below are a few highlights. Questions may be directed to Pastor Soto, to our delegates Sue Horner and Kathy Jack, or you can also check the website <https://riotexas.org/ac2019>

- ◇ Rev. Maria R. Soto has been appointed once again to serve another year at St. Mark's UMC.
- ◇ Delegates (clergy & laity) for 2020 General & Jurisdictional Conference were elected. These conferences will meet in May and July 2020. The United Methodist Church is at a point where decisions are being made regarding issues tied to our identities as United Methodists, as Christians, and as children of God. At a Special Called Session of General Conference in St. Louis (February 2019), it was voted to keep the Traditional Plan. The Traditional Plan keeps the current language regarding homosexuality in the Book of Discipline.
- ◇ Members of the Rio Texas Conference United Methodist Women collected tote bags filled with hygiene items for Holding Institute in Laredo and Good Neighbor Settlement House in Brownsville. These two centers are National Mission Institutions and are trying to respond to the needs of hundreds of migrants arriving daily.

*The Mission of the Rio Texas Conference: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The Vision of the Rio Texas Conference: Uniting Peoples, Vitalizing Congregations, Developing Leaders, Transforming Communities.*

# PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson	Michael Mendoza	Diane Haag
Jill Anderson	Eric Milette	Isabel Centeno
Kennedee Bailey	Will Schuetze	Ella Leal
Kylee Brown		Neal Freeto
Bucky Coley	Warren Dunetz	Montague Family
Esdras Cuervo	Joyce Codd	Alice Martin
Sylvia Gonzales	Allison Williams	Fill Carsson
Alice Logan	Esther Martinez	Sandy Molina

Frances Mendoza	July 3		Mary Sue Mahaffey	July 21
Layla Perales	July 3		Ryan Schmidt	July 22
Mona Rosfeld	July 5		Maxine Pasterchick	July 25
David Allen	July 9		Delores Seay	July 25
Joe Cobb	July 13		Joan Schott	July 26
Gertrude Johns	July 15		Janice Coley	July 30
Claire Cobb	July 18		Liam Kiesel	July 30
Olga Sidusky	July 20		June Swatzell	July 31

*God loves you more than you can fathom.  
He knit you together, knowing you before you were born, His masterpiece.  
May you revel in His amazing love on your birthday.*

**July 11**  
JERROLD & JOAN  
Scott

**July 13**  
JAKE & KIM  
Durick



**July 22**  
BOB & MARY  
Bailly

**July 25**  
BOB & DOROTHY  
Mace

***Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Scott & Sharon Crippen***  
*May God bless your marriage as you grow in your love for each other.  
With prayers and best wishes to the Crippen's.*

