



# Messenger

St. Mark's  
United Methodist Church

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- † Monday, June 15 - Finance Meeting @ 6:00 PM (FH)
- † Monday, June 15 - Administrative Council Meeting @ 6:30 PM (FH)
- † Friday, June 18 - Newsletter Deadline
- † Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day
- † **Vacation Bible School - Monday, June 22 through Friday, June 26**
- † Tuesday, June 23 - Vouchers
- † Thursday, June 25 - SA Food Bank Truck
- † Friday, June 26 - Sunday, June 28 - Youth Camp
- † F-Troop - Sunday, June 28 @ 6:00 PM
- † Wednesday Night Worship Service - Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm (FH)



Pastor Jay was invited to march in the Cinco de Mayo parade held at Arnold Elementary on... that's right: May 5! He marched, he danced, he sang, he threw confetti!

It was difficult to tell who was having more fun - the kids or the adults. But, it was a parade, and at a parade, everybody is a kid.

Thanks, Arnold Elementary, for inviting us to march with you!!

And thanks for doing such a wonderful job teaching and taking care of the children!



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## STATE OF THE CHURCH

<u>Sunday School</u>	4/26	5/3	5/10	5/17	5/24
Children	1	2	5	1	2
Youth	5	6	6	2	5
Adults	37	28	37	25	30
<b>Total SS</b>	43	36	48	28	37
<u>Worship</u>	76	71	100	61	62

### USHERS

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

### TAPE MINISTRY

- † Daniel Wilke



## "Feed-back from the Food Pantry"

Sue, Rob, and Patti G just wanted to say thanks and to let you know you're doing great with bringing a nice variety of canned food for the Food Pantry. St. Mark's is such a mission church with a generous heart, but we realize you can't support every activity that comes along. Feeding the hungry in our neighborhood seems like a high priority with a lot of people, and your food and money donations show it. For example, on April 26, you brought 53 cans of spaghetti sauce, which when matched up with pasta makes for an easy meal to fix. On that same day (the last Sunday of the month) you donated \$145.62 in the "Noisy Offering." With that, we will purchase additional canned goods to supplement the food you brought which makes this outreach possible. With your generous donations, we were able to provide lunch bags for 16 people and bags of food for 36 families in April.

## THANK YOU!



## Conference Benevolences

23.5 cents of every apportioned dollar is allotted for conference benevolences. The goal is to support:

- ◆ Youth, Children & Older Adult Ministries
- ◆ Midwinter & Summer Camps
- ◆ Senior Christian Retreats
- ◆ Spiritual Development & Worship Seminars
- ◆ Communications
- ◆ Board of Ordained Ministry
- ◆ The Program Office

New Church Development - Reaching people for Christ by providing scholarships for students at United Methodist colleges and universities in Texas, supporting historically black United Methodist Colleges, ensuring a United Methodist Presence on local colleges and universities, where young men and women are making decisions about careers, marriages, and other life-changing issues.

Ethnic Local Church - Supports ethnic ministries in the Southwest Texas area, providing direct grants to local churches who are initiating ethnic ministries to ethnic congregations who need special assistance.

Texas Conference of Churches helps churches and Christians of all denominations work together for common goals.

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## Upcoming Altar Flower Opportunities

June 7	1 Opening
July 5	2 Openings
July 19	2 Openings
July 26	1 Opening
August 2	2 Openings
August 23	1 Opening
August 30	1 Opening

Call Joanne Green - 210-690-5714 or  
Patti in the church office - 210-344-8393





## *From Our Pastor. . .*

I love to pray, whenever I can and however I can. Going to God in prayer strengthens me, assures me, calms me and directs me. When I'm connected to God, all is well with my world! When I'm not...well, my world is dark and dangerous. So, I'm constantly on the look-out for new ways to strengthen and deepen my prayer life and I'm really excited about a new technique that our friend Shelley Ross is offering this summer at St. Mark's.

Using the book *A BEAD AND A PRAYER*, Shelley will lead a small group on Tuesdays, 2-3 pm for 4 weeks. Participants will make beads the first session and experience using them in the four meetings. The sessions are entitled:

- Why Prayer Beads?
- Why Prayer Beads for Protestants?
- How to Use Prayer Beads
- How to Listen with Prayer Beads

Throughout each week participants will encounter a Scripture passage, a weekly Scripture reading, prayer bead experience, and reflective questions. The weekly meeting will feature group discussion and sharing of each one's experience with praying the prayer beads during the previous week.

All supplies and books will be provided. The first class will be limited to 10 persons, but other classes can be formed if desired.

I hope that you will check this new prayer experience out. Shelley gave prayer beads to Ann and me this Spring and I have used mine constantly. Why not give this experience a try? The fullness and richness of a newly invigorated prayer life is such a gift of grace! Reserve your spot now and start a new dimension in your prayer life and spiritual journey with the Lord; you'll be glad you did!

God bless you,

*Jay*

### **Marine Biology Field Trip June 30!**

Trip is to the University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas with a 3-4 hour excursion on the R/V Katy. We'll observe lots of marine life and have a blast! Cost is \$26 per person (5th grade minimum age). Please let Ann Brown know if you want a spot reserved for you by June 10. 830-857-5793.



# June 2015

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## Wesley Nurse News - JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

This June, we encourage you to learn more about important safety issues like transportation safety, slips, trips, and falls.

- ◆ Transportation safety: Doing other activities while driving — like texting or eating — distracts you and increases your chance of crashing. Almost 1 in 5 crashes (17%) that injured someone involved distracted driving.
- ◆ Slips, trips, and falls: One in 3 older adults falls each year. Many falls lead to broken bones and other health problems.

About half of all falls happen at home. Use this prevention checklist to stay safe:

- ◆ Remove throw rugs or use double-sided tape or a non-slip backing so the rugs won't slip.
- ◆ Ask someone to move your furniture so your path is clear. Pick up things that are on floors and stairs.
- ◆ Coil or tape cords and wires next to the wall so you can't trip over them. If needed, have an electrician put in another outlet.
- ◆ Have an electrician put in a light switch at the top and bottom of the stairs.
- ◆ Move items in your cabinets. Keep things you use often on the lower shelves (about waist level).
- ◆ If you must use a step stool, get one with a bar to hold on to. Never use a chair as a step stool.
- ◆ Put a non-slip rubber mat or self-stick strips on the floor of the tub or shower.
- ◆ Have a carpenter put grab bars inside the tub and next to the toilet.
- ◆ Put in a night-light so you can see where you're walking.
- ◆ Exercise regularly. Exercise makes you stronger and improves your balance and coordination.
- ◆ Wear shoes both inside and outside the house. Avoid going barefoot or wearing slippers.
- ◆ Keep emergency numbers in large print near each phone.
- ◆ Think about wearing an alarm device that will bring help in case you fall and can't get up.

For more information on this health topic, please visit the websites listed below: [http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/pubs/English/booklet\\_Eng\\_desktop-a.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/pubs/English/booklet_Eng_desktop-a.pdf), <http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/JuneToolkit2.aspx>, or contact the Wesley Nurse for additional information at 210-344-8393.

**Charzes Flowers,  
Wesley Nurse**



## Helping Make Wheelchairs

On May 9, the group from St. Mark's UMC pictured here volunteered at the PET (Personal Energy Transportation) workshop and helped paint and assemble the specialty wheelchairs. Brett Codd, Pastor Jay and Ann Brown, Patti Gardner, and Billy Kiesel gave a helping hand in preparing another wheelchair for shipment to a disabled person in a developing country. The stories we hear about how this simple machine changes lives is just amazing. Let us know if you would like to join us next time.



To the lovers of the Community Garden:

It is our wish to have two more fruit trees in our garden, but our funds are limited. If you feel so moved to do so, we would gladly accept your donation. The trees cost between \$35 –\$40 each and Jacob does the digging to plant them. You might consider purchasing a tree in honor or in memory of a loved one. We are picking fruit from the peach trees which were planted just a year ago. The garden is producing a lot of "veggies" for the folks who have assumed responsibility for the plots. We thank each of you for your interest in the garden-our God is so good to us!!!

Imogene



Please remember our food pantry each week when you do your grocery shopping!

- 1st Sunday: A can of vegetables
- 2nd Sunday: 1 pound bag of rice or beans
- 3rd Sunday: A can of meat (chicken, tuna, spam)
- 4th Sunday: A can of Spaghetti Sauce
- 5th Sunday: Surprise us!!!



A "Noisy" offering will be taken on the last Sunday of every month - Save your coins!!!



## SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

In an attempt to make the Beancounter more "user friendly", we are trying a different manner of presentation this month. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Operating Cash balance at 3/31/15				(4,007)
Non-Designated Contributions - April				23,319
Operating Expenses:				
Council on Ministries			981	
Special Mission Giving			0	
Mission Giving			1,948	
Administration Expense			626	
Trustees			5,889	
Pastor's Compensation			8,459	
Lay Personnel Compensation			7,037	
				24,940
Other Income/(Expense)				(1,564)
Operating Cash balance at 4/30/2015				(7,192)

### Comments:

April Contributions were higher as a result of the Easter collection.

While our Contributions are higher, our expenses were still higher than the amounts collected.

Lay personnel compensation included the new Youth Coordinator position.

Trustee expenses were impacted by the repair of the church entry steps.

Other income/(expense) was expense as the result of the May 1, 2015, payroll being drafted from our bank on 4/30/15. Our operating cash balance would have been \$(2,754) rather than the \$(7,192) on the reports.

### Apportionment (Mission Giving)

Through April 30, we have paid \$6,704, making us unfavorable \$6,052 compared to the budget. In May, we will be making a \$6,000 payment as a result of the Easter offering.

Once again, we thank each of you for your continued financial support to St. Mark's. As you can see, this support is greatly needed. God bless.



# NOTES AND NOTICES

Be sure to welcome our newest members!



**Michael & Ashley  
McMillian**



**Wesley Wildman**



**DeVonte Williams**

*This letter was delivered by one of our neighbors:*

Dear Friends of Eldora Carter,

Due to doctor's appointments, we will be unable to attend the memorial. I remember the first time I gave \$5 to Eldora and told her she could not use it on cigarettes. The following morning I gave her another \$5 and apologized to her for placing a condition on a gift. She was a classy person as she responded with a smile and a thank you.

My Saturday and Sunday mornings were incomplete without visiting with Eldora. Bottom line is she gave us so much and asked for nothing.

I know we have been forever blessed in having Eldora in our lives.

Thanks to Sonny for keeping us up-to-date on how Eldora was doing. Eldora... forever in our hearts.

Norma & Raul Tamez

## ST MARK'S UMC PRESENTS

### "WHO IS JESUS?"



PLEASE JOIN US IN INVITING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO OUR 2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. WE WILL HAVE CLASSES FOR AGES 4-16, AND AN ADULT CLASS LED BY LINDA E. CERDA.

THE FUN STARTS ON MONDAY, JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> AND ENDS ON FRIDAY, THE 26<sup>TH</sup>. A LIGHT SUPPER IS OFFERED AT 5:30, AND WE END AT 8:30 EACH EVENING.

WE HAVE LOTS OF EXCITING STORIES ABOUT JESUS TO SHARE, AND HOPE TO MAKE THIS A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE THE LORD SENDS OUR WAY. IN ADDITION TO STORYTIME, WE ALSO HAVE MUSIC, CRAFTS, AND RECREATION.

FOR THOSE ON OUR VBS TEAM, A GREAT BIG THANKS. FOR THOSE THAT WANT TO JOIN US, COME SEE ME! AND FOR THOSE WHO PHYSICALLY CANNOT HELP, PLEASE KEEP THIS MINISTRY IN YOUR PRAYERS.

GOD IS GOOD, ALL THE TIME, ALL THE TIME, GOD IS GOOD.

IN HIS SERVICE, MELINDA

**PS - REMEMBER - THERE WILL BE A VBS WORK DAY  
SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH FROM 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM IN LOVELY LAND HALL!**

Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who worked at last month's food truck. We fed 180 families.

Spotlight on our 95 year old volunteer, Ruth! Eric, the food truck driver, was so impressed with our 95 year old volunteer that he took her picture and it will be in the food bank newsletter showing that you're never too old to help feed the hungry!

Another older volunteer is Louie. Louie is 78 and receives food, but wants to work for it. His wife is blind and she gets very excited when she feels the food that he brings back.

Thanks again for all of your support for this ministry!!

*Patti Austin*

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



Please remember  
these in your prayers

Jill Anderson  
Willie Barnes  
Connor Benjamin  
Kylee Brown  
Megan Brown  
Margaret Broxton  
Bill & Isabel Centeno  
Bucky Coley  
Esdras Cuervo  
Cora Fischer  
Gladys Johnson  
Bea Kunkel  
Alice & Ben Logan  
Robert Flores Lopez  
Michael Mendoza

Charles Mixon  
Ann Payette  
Gloria Reedy  
Steve Reyes Sr.  
Mike Ross  
Will Schuetze  
Doris Sinclair  
Kirk Tomerlin  
Abraham Wamah  
Blondie  
Benjamin  
Mendoza Family  
Matthew Dronberger  
Paula Hemby  
Reagan Fox

Steven Coe  
Family of Patricia Jones  
Robin  
Sharon Saxer  
Alejandro Family  
Sutton Family  
Jack Strawn  
John Kosmuch  
Harry Meadows  
Herb Snook  
John & Ruth Hansen  
Flood Victims



6/10  
Dallas Horner  
  
6/11  
Robert Mace

6/12  
Joanne Green

6/15  
Rosa Rodriguez

6/19  
Mary Norman  
Helen Smith

6/20  
Spencer Kiesel

6/21  
Jake Durick

6/24  
Imogene Brown

6/26  
Braden Somerville

6/30  
Mario Mercado

## Happy Anniversary

*June 4th - Dennis & Kathy Williams*

*June 5th - Roland & Evelyn Dullnig*

*June 11th - Lynn & June Swatzell*

*June 14th - Ron & Imogene Brown*

*June 18th - Joe & Mary Jo Price*

*June 26 - Charles & Carolyn Brown*



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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, WORKSHIP, 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

**PASTOR** Rev. Jay Brown  
**SECRETARY** Patti Gardner  
**WESLEY NURSE** Charzes Flowers  
**CHOIR DIRECTOR** Carolyn Hahn  
**ORGANIST** Joseph Scutti  
**CUSTODIAN** Johnny Mendoza

**OFFICE HOURS**  
 9:00 am—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday  
 CLOSED on Friday

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