

Messenger

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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Things to Remember:

- † Sweet Sunday Summertimes - 7:00 PM in the Garden - All Sunday evenings in June
- † Annual Conference June 9-12
- † Thursday, June 16th -Toyota Tour - Meet in the parking lot at 8:00 AM
- † Children's Church Sundays - June 12 & 26
- † Thursday, June 23rd San Antonio Mobile Food Pantry at 8:00 AM
- † VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 27 - July 1, 5:30 PM
- † Wednesdays @ 6:30 -Praise Communion Service

Paving the Way to a Stronger Financial Future!



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. Order forms are available in the church office, or on Sundays in the foyer. If you would like to have a form mailed to you, please contact Patti in the church office.



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SERVING THE CHURCH

Sunday School	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22
Children	2	3	2	3
Youth	1	0	2	2
Adults	22	30	23	28
Total SS	26	33	27	33
Worship				
Sunday	62	82	75	85
Wednesday Service	21	18	25	



USHERS

- † Daniel Wilke
- † Lynn Swatzell
- **Tachary Swatzell**
- † Carl Swatzell



June 5	1 opening
June 12	1 opening
June 26	2 openings
July 3	1 Opening
July 10	1 Opening

Toyota Plant Tour

Thursday, June 16th



We have reserved 15 places on the 9 a.m. tour on June 16th at the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Plant! It's a fascinating glimpse into the high-tech world of robotics and automated assembly lines. Interested in going? Please note that this is a riding tour (on a tram) so you won't be walking!! Please call or text Ann Brown at 830-857-5793 or email her at annlacknessbrown@gmail.com. You'll be glad you did!

It's Almost Time!!! Vacation Bible School 2016!!!!

St. Marks presents our annual vacation bible school (VBS) from June 27 -July 1. A light meal starts us off at 5:30 in the fellowship hall. Children aged 4 years through fifth grade will enjoy bible stories, music, crafts and recreation. Last year we taught "Who is Jesus". This year we will show them the joy in Praising Jesus! We will have a wrap up celebration on Friday, showcasing what the children learned and inviting the parents to stay for the evening.



We ask for your prayers for this outreach ministry!

Conference Benevolences

23.5 Cents of every apportioned dollar is allotted for converence benevolences. The goal is to support:

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

- † Youth, Children & Older Adult Ministries
- † Midwinter and 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 lifechanging 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.



From Our Pastor ...

Let's get ready for Sweet Sunday (Sundae) Summertime! Oh yeah...nothing says summer evenings like a good, ice-cold bowl of our favorite flavored ice cream! So, that's what we're gonna offer on each Sunday evening during the month of June. We had such a lot of fun on May $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$ with our game night; we

had a good turnout, played dominoes and other games, got to know each other better and... ate 3 different kinds of Dutch Oven Cobblers hot off the coals, courtesy of our Boy Scout Troop! Can you say Mmmmmmmmmm!? Man, it was good!

So, we wanted to continue with a good thing; food, fun and fellowship! Hopefully, we can convince the Boy Scouts to join with us and prevail on their culinary skills to supplement our ice cream offerings. My favorite of the three different cobblers they cooked was the peach, but there was an apple crisp and a black forest cherry that tied for second! Can you taste (and smell!) the deliciousness of some HEB Country Cream Vanilla (I think it beats Blue Bell!) with that hot peach cobbler all slippin' and sloppin' around? I'm ready right now!

We're talking about late evenings (7 or 7:30-ish), out in the garden, open to our neighbors, maybe singing a few songs, visiting, getting out the dominoes or whatever...and just chilling on a Sunday evening! What a Sweet Sunday Summer special treat! I hope to see you there on one or some or all the evenings and lets just relax, chill out and enjoy the life God has given us. We'll buy the first round, but by all means, anyone who wants to bring their own special favorite or toppings or whatever, feel free to do so. Hey...with ice cream, it's all good! God bless you!

God bless you,

Jay

Our ESL (English as a Second Language) just graduated its third year of students! This class, led by Reverend Guillermo Chavez began meeting at St. Mark's on Saturday mornings more than three years ago.

On Sunday, May 8th, Rev. Chavez and three of his students, representing one family of three generations, presented Jay with a beautiful certificate of gratitude that reads: Certificate of Appreciation to The Reverend Jay Brown for his constant and unconditional support to the ESL program at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. For this reason we extend this With Profound Gratitude, this 30th day of April, 2016. And it is signed by all the teachers and students.



Thanks, Pastor Jay!!

June 2016

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National Safety Month

June is National Safety Month. Whether it is a heart attack, injury, distracted driving or walking, falls, medications, or water, it is very important to be aware of the dangers around us. We must take the necessary steps to be prepared for the unexpected.

Distracted driving and walking has become an epidemic. In an average year, speeding is involved in 27 traffic deaths every day during June, July and August. Since 2000, more than 11,000 people have been seriously injured because of distracted walking. What can you do? Never use a cell phone behind the wheel, pre-set your navigation system and music playlists before driving. Avoid impairment by designating a driver who is alcohol and drug-free, check your speed, get enough rest before driving, and watch where you are going when you are walking.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. resulting in more than 600,000 deaths in 2014. This is why it is important to get trained in First Aid and CPR. Knowing how to respond could be a matter of life or death.

Deaths associated with prescription pain medication have been in the news lately, taking the lives of very famous people. Every day, 52 people die from prescription opioid overdoses. Do not mix prescription drugs with alcohol; make sure to tell your doctor if you have depression or anxiety, sleep apnea, or a personal or family history of addiction or substance abuse.

Falls are a leading cause of death for older adults. What can you do? Install grab bars in the tub, shower and near the toilet and railings on the stairs, provide adequate lighting in every room and stairway and place nightlights in the kitchen, bathroom and hallways. Talk with your doctor and consider using a cane or walker if you are noticing your balance is off.

When you think of summer, swimming always come to mind. Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional death among children from one to four years old. The drowning risk continues through the early teens, accounting for 14% of all preventable deaths for children aged five to fourteen. It is very important to protect your children and grandchildren around water. What can you do? Be attentive when your children or grandchildren are near water, stay nearby when your infant or toddler child or grandchild are in water, get a good life jacket and know what to do in an emergency. Be trained in CPR.

For more information about safety, please go to the National Safety Council website: http://www.nsc.org or talk to your Wesley Nurse, Charzes Flowers, RN at 210-344-8393.

NOTES AND NOTICES



That Behind the Scenes, Letty & Mario Mercado keep your pews clean, your registration form books full, and envelopes in your pew backs?

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!



Sweet Sunday Summertime!

Mark your calendar now to spend your June Sunday evenings in the garden for a time of fun and fellowship. Each Sunday evening in June we will have a different focus and enjoy a tasty ice cream treat in the garden. If the weather is not agreeable, then we will meet instead in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, June 5th - Ice Cream Sundaes (we'll have vanilla ice cream and some standard toppings - If you would like to add any kind of topping, feel free to do so!!!)

Sunday, June 12th - Ice Cream Floats (again, we will have vanilla ice cream and Root Beer - If you want to bring Big Red with chocolate ice cream - or anything else!), please do!!)

Sunday, June 19th - Ice Cream Cones (we will have various ice cream and cones to share - bring your favorite if you want to!)

Sunday, June 26th - Home Made Ice Cream - just bring your favorite - whether it's Blue Bell, HEB Pistachio Almond, or your own homemade concoction... Let's share and enjoy!

If you have any questions, contact Patti in the church office!!

MORE NOTES AND NOTICES



Please welcome our newest members!

Willie and Patricia Barnes - February 21

Jackie Green - February 21

Richard Burchfield - May 1

Friends at St. Mark's UMC;

My vocabulary fails me in finding words powerful enough to thank you for your prayers, love and concern shown to our son, Jeff. He is doing well and recovering nicely from a massive heart attack. It is truly a miracle of our Lord! I put it in line with Jesus causing the blind man to see and the lame man to walk. Our Lord is good and each of you showed us His hand through you. Thank you again for your care, love, concern and most of all for your prayers.

In His Name; Ron and Imogene



We are going to be starting a Diaper Drive for the Texas Diaper Bank. The Texas Diaper Bank is the organization that funds our monthly Food Truck. They provide diapers for young mothers who can not afford diapers. The mothers are required to take parenting classes before they receive any diapers. This is a wonderful project and I am proud to be a small part of it. Their goal is to raise one million diapers by October. I hope that St Mark's can provide a little piece of that amount. Be looking for the big box coming soon.

Thank you so much!

Patti Austin



The April Food Truck served 160 families. Many people told me how much they appreciated the help they receive every month. They also love Pastor Jay's tacos. Many of the recipients told me they pray for all the volunteers and our church. What a blessing this is for me and our wonderful volunteers. It is such a blessing to help people. This is what God wants us to do.

Thank you to all the volunteers! I am so grateful to all of you.

Patti Austin

Need a Good Handyman?

Johnny Mendoza

210-765-1869









Pentecost Celebration May 15, 2016



















Pentecost Pachanga!





SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

Operating Cash balance at 3/31/2016		16,491
Non-Designated Contributions - April		15,509
Operating Expenses:		
Council on Ministries	1,046	
Special Mission Giving	0	
Mission Giving	3,495	
Administration Expense	(10)	
Trustees	4,090	
Pastor's Compensation	6,810	
Lay Personnel Compensation	7,542	
		22,973
Other Income/(Expense)	_	4,180
Operating Cash balance at 4/30/2016		13,207

Comments:

April contributions were \$2,107 less than budgeted and \$9,275 lower than 2015. Rental income was higher than budgeted.

Operating expenses were \$4,604 less than budgeted. For the month, Mission Giving was higher by \$401 and was more than offset by lower Trustee and other expense categories. Compared to April 2015, operating expenses are lower by \$1,967. Mission Giving was \$1,547 higher and was partially offset by lower Pastor compensation and Trustee expenditures.

We continue to have a positive operating cash balance. It is important to remember this positive cash balance is not the result of our monthly contributions exceeding our monthly expenses. The large contribution we received in January is primarily responsible for the \$13,207 operating cash balance.

Through April, our apportionment payments are \$45 ahead of budget.

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 . . .

Drayer Requests

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 Cy Houser Nita Perdue and family Family of Justin Easterling Karli Fullmer Family of Evelyn Dullnig Liz Pirtle Jeff Brown **David Cavazos** Carol Ackley

David Emerson
Patricia Jablonski
Phyllis McLean
Sally Hendricks
Brooks Thompson
Yolanda Brackman
Jim Norton
Louise Chaffin
Alicia Limon
Phillip



06/10 Dallas Horner

06/11 Robert Mace 06/12 Joanne Green

06/15 Rosa Rodriguez

06/19 Mary Norman Helen Smith

06/20 Spencer Kiesel

06/21 Jake Durick 06/24

Imogene Brown

06/26

Braden Somerville

06/27

Nicholas Wilson

06/30

Mario Mercado



June 4th - Dennis & Kathy Wilson June 11th - Lynn & June Swatzell June 14th - Ron & Imogene Brown June 18th - Joe & Mary Jo Price June 22 nd - Jacob & Katie Wilke June 26th - Charles & Carolyn Brown Our Sincere Sympathy is extended to the Family of Evelyn Dullnig



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CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

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THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, WOR-TO NURTURE THEM IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

SON, JESUS CHRIST

PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH HIS

TO HELP ALL PERSONS DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN A

MISSION STATEMENT

Johnny Mendoza NAIGOTZUO Joseph Scutti ORGANIST Carolyn Hahn CHOIR DIRECTOR Charzes Flowers **MESLEY NURSE** Patti Gardner SECRETARY

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

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