



Messenger

St. Mark's
United Methodist Church

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Things to Remember:

- † Staff Meeting, Monday
June 4 @ 1:00 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday
June 10 @ 10:45 am
- † Trustees Meeting, Thursday
June 14 @ 7:00 pm
- † Children's Message, Sunday
June 17 @ 10:45 am
- † Children's Church, Sunday
June 24 @ 10:45 am
- † Finance Meeting, Monday
June 25 @ 6:30 pm
- † Administrative Council, Monday,
June 25 @ 7:00 pm
- † Praise & Bible Study every
Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

"Let me do all the good I can, to all the people I can, as often as I can, for I shall not pass this way again." ~ John Wesley



HERO CENTRAL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

Date: June 18-22, 2018

Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

(begins with light meal in the Fellowship Hall)

Ages: 4 years old to 5th grade

Food Drive for VBS

Our VBS this year will have a service project to benefit our food pantry. Please bring your food donations from June 3 until June 24.

VBS Lunch Meeting

June 2 at 12:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
Anyone interested in helping, bring your lunch and join the hero volunteers.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL	4/22/2018	4/29/2018	5/6/2018	5/13/2018
Children	-	-	-	-
Youth	2	1	3	5
Adults	18	15	16	19
Total SS	20	16	19	24
WORSHIP				
Sunday	64	61	54	69
Wednesday Night	8	6	5	5



Kathy Jack, Sue Horner, Susan Philbin, Sharon Somerville



Altar Flower Calendar Openings

June 3 - 1 opening June 17 - 1 opening
 June 24 - 1 opening

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



June 10 - Patti Gardner

June 24 - Brianne Somerville



June 3

John Williams

June 10

Leticia Mercado

June 17

Patti Gardner

June 24

Joanne Green

With Your Help The United Methodist Church is Making a Difference

EVERY DAY IS NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY AT FOUR CORNERS UMC!

It was October 1, 2012, when I had my first service at [Four Corners UMC](#). I restructured the service a little so that it was more in line with the Book of Worship and changed it so we celebrated communion every other week. We celebrate by intinction now so they didn't have to wash those tiny cups every other week.

I remember the first day I walked into Four Corners UMC. I was greeted with very friendly smiles and welcomes, which is the way that I would expect to be welcomed at any church. We talked and they gave me a bulletin and they informed me of the way their service was laid out. We sing "He Is Lord" as our Call to Worship in the Seneca language. We recite "The Lord's Prayer" and we sing the "Doxology" in Seneca. I was given the Hymns in Seneca hymnal and they assured me that they would help me. Practicing with the Seneca Hymn Singers, which is an ecumenical group that practices at our church, has allowed me in the pronunciation of the language and also helped to understand it.

Everything I knew about Native Americans I learned on TV, movies, and in elementary school around Thanksgiving. I was not well prepared for this appointment, at least in accordance with the world's standards. However, there was a sense of belonging as soon as I walked in the door. It is true that God does not call the equipped, God equips the called. (Hebrews 13:20-21).

The [Seneca](#) struggle with the same things that we all do: financial challenges, divorce, drugs, alcoholism, and malnutrition are just a few of them. Four Corners is a small congregation and we appreciate the help that the UMC has sent to us through the offerings that our brothers and sisters in Christ share with us through the [Native American Ministry Sunday](#) offerings and the Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM).

Through CONAM, we are in the early stages of connecting with our Native American UM brothers and sisters in Christ at Hogsburg UMC and Onondaga UMC. As Christians, we all have the same struggles of keeping our membership up and being relevant to the areas we serve. However, our Native American Churches have the

challenge of teaching that we are God's children and that Jesus came into the world for everyone. One of the best things that we did at Four Corners is to combine our studies and special services with Versailles and Gowanda United Methodist churches. Our Churches understand that we are all equally loved by God through this journey of study and worship that we are taking together. Combining our Churches has been beneficial to all of our churches and our congregations.

I am still learning about the Seneca Nation, "Long House," the "Thomas Indian School," and the role the Church has played in the spreading of the Gospel to the Seneca Nation. Through all the things that the Church has done, it is no wonder that the indigenous people of this land have termed Christianity as "White Man's Religion." In spite of what the early Church has done "in the name of God," the Holy Spirit has managed to work through them or in spite of them and continues to do to this day.

When our friends from Hamburg UMC come to Four Corners and visit on Sundays, it is great! I call it Hamburg-er Helper because it helps fill the pews and makes worship even better. They walk into our Gathering Hall, sit down and have coffee before the service, and we laugh and talk and have fellowship. It is the same as they do at Hamburg UMC and probably at your church as well.

Four Corners United Methodist Church is an awesome Church where all are welcomed and made to feel as though they belong. I believe you can sense the presence of the Holy Spirit when you walk in the door. Every day is Native American Sunday at Four Corners UMC!

Pastor David Rood, Four Corners UMC
One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, [Native American Ministries Sunday](#) serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. The special offering supports Native American outreach within annual conferences and across the United States and provides seminary scholarships for Native Americans. www.umcgiving.org

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



To all school and college students that are or will soon be out to enjoy summer break, we pray that you and your family be safe whether you plan to travel or not, please be safe.

There are many places to enjoy locally if you choose to stay. Or there are things to do around St. Mark's if you would like to lend a helping hand.

Sunday, June 17 is Father's Day. To every father that knows what an honor and privilege it is to be a father, and has taken that responsibility very seriously,



To those who did not have a father growing up, *Psalm 68:5* says; *"Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation."* We see his greatness, his majesty, his power, and in this expression we learn a more affecting description of the character of God that he is a Father. He will take the place of the parent and be a protector to every one in need.

God from his holy seat in the highest heaven pours down his grace and mercy, his defense and protection, on all those who specially need his aid.

Rev. Maria R. Soto

June 2018

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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 second, fourth and fifth Sundays of each month at 10:45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE 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 worshippers in mind.



Children's Church on April 29 took place in the Chapel where our young friend Isaac read John 15:1-5. The lesson focused on staying connected to Jesus. Children learned new songs, "There's a Christian Welcome Here" and "He Is the Vine, We Are the Branches."

After Chapel, six children quietly walked to the Library for Arts & Crafts time. As children listened to Christian music, each child decorated a cardboard kid which they were able to take home.

Then, off to the Potluck Lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Praise God for good times with some really WONDERFUL children!



HELP WANTED! VOLUNTEER NEEDED! OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE!

Kim Durick has stepped down from the Elementary Sunday School position. Our thanks to Kim for her faithful service and ministry with children.

We have some very special, young members of our church family who need a teacher to fill Kim's vacancy. Perhaps there is someone out there just waiting to be asked. **Is that you?**

Please contact Susan Philbin for more information and details.



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!

List of food recommendations for our VBS SERVICE PROJECT:

- 1-pound bag spaghetti pasta**
- Canned spaghetti sauce**
- 1-pound bag rice**
- 1-bag pinto beans**
- Can of soup (any kind)**
- Canned fruit or applesauce**
- Canned Spam, chicken, or tuna**
- Canned green beans**



St. Mark's would like to congratulate Kim and Jake Durick on their new home. Although we won't see them as often, we know their hearts and prayers are with our church and all those they've come to love. Thank you for your years of service to our ministries and

community. May the Lord continue to guide you and bless you in the coming years. You will be missed!

Looking for a Handyman?

Johnny Mendoza
210-765-1869





LADIES BUNCO
& SALAD LUNCH

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

The youth have a fresh supply of All Occasion Greeting Cards for only \$6. Contact Susan Philbin for more information.



2018 CARDBOARD KIDS CAMPAIGN
No Excuse. Stop Child Abuse.

The mission of ChildSafe is to restore dignity, hope and trust to children traumatized by abuse and neglect. Many companies and organizations in San Antonio participated in this year's awareness campaign by placing cardboard kids along fences, yards, places of business, hallways, churches, and schools. Let's do what we can collectively as a church and as individuals to keep children safe.



BUS STOP MINISTRY (by Lillian Herrera)



The conclusion of this school semester's Bus Stop Ministry was on May 24. We had a few changes this year. A new class of very talkative 6th grade students joined us, a new Pastor came on board with some amazing pancake making skills, and our Wesley Nurse participated with delicious hot cocoa and other drinks. We learned of a few health setbacks which made it difficult for a few of the students to participate in sports and other activities. But, what did not change throughout the 2017-2018 Thursday gatherings was the joy and laughter we experienced.

Happy Summer to all our breakfast buddies: Reina, Naidelin, Mikayla, Maricruz, Arlet, Genesis, Micaela, Brianne, Alana, Angel, Santiago, Julian, John, Eric, Roberto. Be safe!

Pastor Maria Soto, Nurse Sandra Montes, Johnny Mendoza, Melinda & Moe Molina, and Lillian Herrera give thanks for the strength, energy, and health the Lord granted us throughout the year.

**MAY starts the warmer temperatures and with that,
the chances of HEAT related dangers begin!**

Warning Signs:

<i>Heat Exhaustion</i>	vs.	HEAT STROKE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paleness Tiredness Weakness Dizziness Headache Fainting Muscle cramps Heavy sweating Nausea or vomiting 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extremely high body temperature (103°F+) Red, hot, dry skin (with no sweating) Rapid, strong pulse Throbbing headache Dizziness Nausea Confusion Unconsciousness

Prevention: Heat-related illness is *Preventable!*
 Stay somewhere cool
 Drink plenty of water
 Avoid sugar, alcohol & caffeine
 Wear light clothing

Warning: Watch out! If left untreated, heat exhaustion can progress to HEAT STROKE.

STOP: If you recognize symptoms of heat stroke, it is LIFE THREATENING. Get the person somewhere cool and seek medical attention IMMEDIATELY.

Michelle L. Holshue, 2012
 Data on heat-related illness via CDC:
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/>

Those at greatest risk of heat-related illness include:

- infants and children up to four years of age,
- people 65 years of age or older,
- people who are overweight,
- people who overexert during outdoor work or exercise
- People who are chronically ill or on certain medications

Treatment cooling measures that may be effective

include:

- drink cool, non-alcoholic beverages, such as water and sports drinks,
- eat salty snacks,
- rest in the shade or in an air-conditioned environment,
- take a cool shower or bath, and
- loosen or remove restrictive clothing.

Call 911 or seek medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than one hour

Be Cool, Sandra Montes, Wesley Nurse

SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

Operating Cash balance at 3/31/2018	20,129
Non-Designated Contributions - April	15,171
Operating Expenses:	
Council on Ministries	689
Special Mission Giving	0
Mission Giving	3,299
Administration	
Expense	102
Trustees	4,201
Pastor's Compensation	4,909
Lay Personnel Compensation	5,478
	18,678
Other Income/(Expense)	1,546
Operating Cash balance at 4/30/2018	18,168

Comments:

April receipts were \$575 higher than budgeted, and \$2,627 lower than April 2017. Year-to-Date receipts are \$5,029 higher than budgeted, while trailing 2017 by \$8,074.

April operating expenses were \$2,006 less than budgeted and \$4,964 higher than April 2017. In April we paid \$3,299 towards our 2018 apportionments. Trustee expenses were favorable by \$1,764 while other expenses categories had smaller variances to budget. Year-to-Date operating expenses are \$3,370 favorable to the budget while \$15,159 unfavorable to 2017.

Other income in April was \$1,863, \$453 lower than budgeted. Year-to-Date other income is unfavorable \$1,262.

Our operating cash balance on April 30, 2018 was \$18,168.

It is promising to see our contributions higher than budgeted 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	Eric Milette	Augustine Scutti
Jill Anderson	Will Schuetze	Family of Oscar Lopez
Kennedee Bailey	Kirk Tomerlin	Frank Durham
Patty Braselton	Kathryn Wilson	Healing of the World Community of Santa Fe, TX
Kylee Brown	Joann Gaston	People in Hawaii
Megan Brown	Debbie Castellano	Families of airplane crash in Cuba
Bucky Coley	Rosie Cavazos	
Carol Crenwelge	Jay Austin	
Esdras Cuervo	Jeanette Scutti	
Sylvia Gonzales	Maria Scutti	
Alice Logan	Richard Dennis	
Michael Mendoza		



June 10	Dallas Horner	June 19	Helen Smith
June 11	Robert Mace	June 20	Spencer Kiesel
June 12	Joanne Green	June 21	Jake Durick
June 15	Rosa Rodriguez	June 26	Braden Somerville
June 18	Laylah Cruz	June 27	Nicolas Wilson
June 19	Mary Norman	June 30	Mario Mercado

Thanks to **BILL MCMAHON** and his lovely wife, **FRAN**, for all the time and attention they dedicated to keeping the Birthday Bulletin Board up-to-date. The extra details and creative ideas really made the board special. St. Mark's is thankful for all their contributions made throughout so many years.

We also thank **KATHY JACK** for volunteering to continue with this beautiful expression of joy to those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries.



June 4	Dennis & Kathy Wilson
June 12	Kenny & Betty Black
June 18	Joe & Mary Jo Price
June 22	Jacob & Katie Wilke

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- 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



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CHOIR DIRECTOR	Carolyn Hahn
ORGANIST	Joseph Scutti
WESLEY NURSE	Sandra Montes
CUSTODIAN	Johnny Mendoza