



### Things to Remember!

- † Saturday, March 1st - Community Garden Building Blitz
- † Saturday, March 1st - Java with Jay, 10:00 am (FH)
- † Ash Wednesday Services - Wednesday, March 5th 12:00 & 7:00 PM
- † Saturday, March 8th - Quiet Day Apart
- † Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 12th - 6:30 PM supper and devotional (FH)
- † March 15th - BBQ (Boy Scouts)
- † March 27th - SA Food Truck
- † March 30th - 5th Sunday Potluck Lunch
- † Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - Drive Thru Prayer
- † Praise and Communion Bi-Cultural Worship Service Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm (Sanctuary)

### WE NEED HELP!!!!

We will have a Building Blitz on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. in the vacant lot behind the Gym and Scout Hut.

Please bring you own tools (wheelbarrow, rake, shovel, etc.). We will be building 3 raised beds 4' x 12', put in a basic layer of newspaper and several layers of cardboard before we put in our garden soil. The beds will be marked off before you arrive so we can get to work early.

Hope to see you there as we get the Dellview Community Garden under way.

### Lucille and Imogene



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## STATE OF THE CHURCH



<u>Sunday School</u>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>2/9</b>	<b>2/16</b>	<b>2/23</b>
Children	3	2	5	2
Youth	6	6	3	5
Adults	40	43	46	40
<b>Total SS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>
<u>Worship</u>	87	92	95	79

### USHERS

- † Daniel Wilke
- † Lynn Swatzell
- † Zachary Wilke
- † Carl Swatzell

### TAPE MINISTRY

- † Daniel Wilke

### GREETERS

- † Mario & Leticia Mercado



## Finance Committee Reflections: Sounds From the Bean Counters

We hope everyone is doing well and surviving our South Texas winter. It seems to be colder and nastier than normal and we sure do need some rain.

Contributions in January were lower than both the budget and last year. We are behind last year by \$3,200 and trail the budget by \$2,800. We are hopeful that contributions will rebound. As you all remember, budgeted contributions only allow us to break even and leaves us no surplus.

January operating expenses were \$10,700 higher than 2013 and \$3,700 higher than budgeted. Versus last year, the most significant areas of increase were Mission Giving, up \$6,500, Lay Personnel Compensation, up \$2,400 primarily the result of five pay periods, and Trustee Expense, up \$1,400. Versus the budget, Mission Giving was up \$5,100, offset by lower Trustee spending of \$1,600.

As was just mentioned, Mission Giving was higher than both 2013 and the budget. This was the result of our paying \$7,900 in January. This puts us \$5,100 ahead of budget.

At the end of December our operating cash balance was \$7,054. At the end of January this balance had fallen to \$2,995. This is primarily the result of our lower January contributions.

Thank you all for your continued financial support, and remember to always keep the church's finances in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless!



## World Service Fund Benevolences

The World Service Benevolence Fund is the primary mission and ministry funding of the connectional church. These funds go to the General Church to pay for national and worldwide mission and supports the Agencies of the General Church whose work is devoted to accomplishing the Bishop's 4 areas of ministry focus.

**Poverty:** one goal - train and place 50 native leaders with strategic mission partners in poor areas to respond to critical issues of importance to women and children.

**Global Health:** one goal - work with international partners to reduce by 66 percent malaria related deaths of children under the age of 5.

**New and Existing Congregations:** one goal - Recruit 1,000 new church planters to start 650 new churches in the US, targeting 50% of those to be racial and ethnic congregations.

**Develop Christian Leadership:** one goal - Increase by 2.5% the number of candidates for ordained ministry who are under age 35.

Through the World Service Benevolence Fund, we are all doing it together.



## Youth Summer Camp

The dates have been reserved for the youth to head out to Camp Sequoia June 27 - 29. They will be holding bake sales and / or a bbq to help with costs. If you are interested in attending we can make it a larger camp for more than youth. I am always looking for volunteers to help with transportation, bible study, game leading, dorm monitoring, life guarding. Contact Susan Philbin if you are interested.

### Mid-Winter Camp at Mt Wesley

We had 7 youth attend Mid Winter Camp from February 14 - 16th. They had a wonderful time meeting new friends, singing with the bands, and participating in lots of recreation. For once we had more boys go than girls and they had just as good of a time as the girls. I know they are already looking forward to next year.



# FROM THE PASTOR



Spring has almost sprung; I've seen some Purple Flox already and I've cut back on our Esparanzas. The backyard has some green grass and my neighbor's peach tree has blossoms on it. The biggest sign of Spring for me, though, is the energy of the new growth that is happening here at St. Mark's. Thanks to Imogene Brown and Lucille Armitage, we have a grant to help fund our Community Garden; groundbreaking takes place on this coming Saturday morning. I can already

see tomatoes, beans, carrots and other tasty and tempting veggies taking root and sprouting forth with new delights! Also on this same Saturday morning, at 10 a.m. we're having Java with Jay: an attempt to get some new and fresh ideas (as well as an excuse to drink coffee and have a donut). I swiped this idea (more or less) and have used it before to get people sharing ideas about what they'd like to see happening in our church life. Examples: can we use the Apostle's Creed sometimes? Could we start a G.E.D. class? How about a College age Class? Let's have more pot-lucks, trips, whatever....you get the point (I hope). If you have an idea that you think would be fun, missional, interesting or necessary...now's your chance to get it across, and get a free cup of java as well.

The other big sign of new growth is our new ministry with Rev. Guillermo Chavez, retired pastor from the Rio Grande Conference. He and his wife will be using Lovely Lane building to hold English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, beginning Saturday, March 8. The classes will be held every Saturday and will enable our Spanish-speaking folks in the community to begin to learn English. You can imagine what a God-given gift this will be; helping people to understand our language and culture will help us all become better citizens and members of the body of Christ. The Holy Spirit is moving mightily through the life of St Mark's UMC; new growth, new life, new beginnings! Aren't you grateful to be a part of God's plan for new life and transformation for the sake of Jesus Christ and his gospel? I know that I am; and I'm grateful to be in ministry with such a remarkable and serving congregation. May God continue to bless us and may we bless the world that He loves so much!

See you in the garden, at coffee, in Class or in worship! Until then, Dios le bendiga... God bless you!

*Jay*

# March 2014

Monthly Planner

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- ✓ **Dealing with negative emotions**
- ✓ **Medication**
- ✓ **Setting goals**
- ✓ **Problem solving**
- ✓ **Relaxation techniques**
- ✓ **Healthy eating**

**The workshop will meet every Friday for 6 weeks at:**

**Granados  
Adult and Senior Center**  
500 Frieling Drive  
San Antonio, Texas 78213  
(210) 207-3285  
**March 7, 2014**  
**10:30 a.m. — 12:45 p.m.**

To register or for more information:

**(210) 207-8802 or (210) 207-8832**

\*a minimum of 10 participants is needed to start a class

# St. Mark's Bulletin Board

## Easter Egg Hunt

Easter is on it's way and so is the hunt for eggs. We have plenty of plastic eggs but would gladly accept money or bags of candy to fill the eggs. We are always looking for volunteers on the day of the hunt to help guide the children with crafts, singing, and looking for those elusive eggs.

Contact Susan Philbin



## BBQ Lunch Saturday, March 15th

11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Support this BBQ and help send our  
Boy Scouts to camp!!

## It's Official!

Vacation Bible School Theme is

Workshop of Wonders:  
Imagine and Build with God.

Dates: June 23 - 27

Time: 5:30 - 8:30 PM



Imagine! Build!  
Grow! Work!  
Walk With God!!

## March 30th - 5th Sunday Pot Luck

March 30th is our first 5th Sunday pot luck this year. Look for reminders, posters, or bulletin inserts and let's start thinking about that great social gathering enjoying food and fellowship together.



If you are interested in serving on the BBQ Committee, please call the church office (210-344-8393) and leave your name and number!



St. Mark's United Methodist Women will be awarding one scholarship this year. It will be awarded to a member of our church who will be a graduating high school senior in the spring of 2014 or a person currently enrolled in college or technical training school. Applications will be available in the church office on February 3, 2014 and must be completed and turned into the church office by April 14, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy Mace at 492-8483.

thank you!

Dear St. Mark's Family,

Thank you very much for the Christmas and New Year's bonus, it was a blessing. I am honored to work with so many loving and generous people. I hope this year brings health, happiness, peace, and love to you and your family.

In His Service and Yours,

Mary

Dear Congregation,

Thank you for the Christmas and New Year's monetary gift. My family appreciated the wonderful gift you gave from your heart. I pray the Lord blesses each and every one of you.

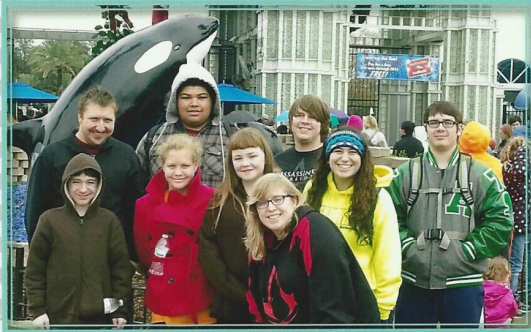
Thank you,

Johnny Mendoza



# More Thanks!!

THANK  
YOU



Your service to us was immeasurably more than we could ask for! Our trip was a huge success all thanks to you!

Love, St. Stephen UMC Youth

Dear St. Marks UMC,

On behalf of St. Stephen UMC's youth, I would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts. You were so hospitable, so caring, so loving, and so welcoming to us when we came to San Antonio. To open your church for us to stay at with no strings attached was such a noble act of kindness, which truly showed us the love of God. We had such an outstanding time at Sea World, the Alamo, the Riverwalk, the Market Square, and many more places. Our trip would not have been a success without your generosity and support of us. We cannot thank you enough for your outpour of love on us!

Love,  
Heather Salah  
&  
St. Stephen UMC  
youth

Thank you for the lovely flowers you sent me for my birthday. Even though I have not been able to attend worship for some time, it is nice to know that my friends at St. Mark's still remember me. I miss all of you so much.

In Christian Love,

Bea Kunkel





Lent begins Wednesday, March 5th with our Ash Wednesday services at 12:00 and 7:00 PM.

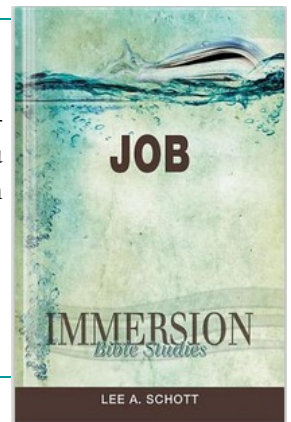
During the period of Lent, we will have a time of fellowship with a light meal in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a devotional beginning at 6:30 PM.

The Wednesday Night Praise and Communion Service will move to the Sanctuary on Wednesdays during Lent - beginning March 12th and continuing through Wednesday, April 16th. (7:00 PM)

### Wednesday Bible Study

The Wednesday Lunch Bible Study is taking a break. We will start back with a 6-week study of Job beginning April 23 and continuing through May 28th. If you are interested in joining this study, please let me know. We meet Wednesdays from 12-1 in Lovely Lane Hall.

Patti Gardner - 830-431-3157  
pjdgardner@aol.com



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

Please remember  
these in your prayers



Jill Anderson  
Kylee Brown  
Megan Brown  
Margaret Broxton  
Bill & Isabel Centeno  
Bucky Coley  
Esdras Cuervo  
Gladys Johnson  
Mary Krwawicz  
Bea Kunkel  
Clay Laster  
Alice & Ben Logan  
Michael Mendoza

Charles Mixon  
Gloria Reedy  
Steve Reyes Sr  
Ella Reyes  
Mike Ross  
Will Schuetze  
Kirk Tomerlin  
Abraham Wamah  
John Parramore  
The Mendoza family  
The Harkins family  
Walker Jackson  
Dwight Cofield

Ed McClure  
The Barnett family  
Spencer Kiesel  
Claire Cobb  
Vicki Gallagos  
Gertrude Johns  
Harriet Smith  
Julia Stricklett  
Family of Ruth Sprawl  
Pat Prihoda  
Victor



March 12  
Ima Roselle

March 13  
Chase Black

March 14  
John Kosmuch

March 15  
Margery Green

March 17  
Kaeleigh Horner

March 18  
Patti Gardner

March 20  
Kim Hoffman

March 21  
Linda King

March 22  
Nita Perdue  
Sherry Wilke

March 29  
Herb Snook

March 30  
Billie Gabour

March 31  
Ernest Denham



March 14th - Daniel & Sherry Wilke

March 15th - Harry & Fran Meadows

March 24th - John & Olga Sidusky

March 29th - Bill and Fran McMahon

Sincere Sympathy to the Harkins family  
at the loss of Phil Harkins



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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, WORSHIP, 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

**YOUR CHURCH STAFF**

PASTOR.....Rev. Jay Brown  
 SECRETARY.....Mary Parramore  
 CHOIR DIRECTOR.....Carolyn Hahn  
 ORGANIST EMERITUS.....Ruth Foerster  
 ORGANIST.....Joseph Scutti  
 CUSTODIAN.....Johnny Mendoza

OFFICE HOURS.....9:00 am - 4:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday  
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