

# Messenger

## St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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#### Things to Remember:

- † Daylight Savings Time -Spring Forward, Sunday March 13th
- † Palm Sunday March 20th
- † Maundy Thursday Service -March 24th (Bethany Congregational Church, 500 Pilgrim) 7:00 PM
- † Good Friday Service, March 25th @ 8:00 PM
- † Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26th 10:00 AM
- † Prayer Vigil Saturday, March 26th 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- † Easter Sunday March 27th
- † Forgiveness Small Group Study - Wednesdays 12:00 & 7:00 PM, Sundays @ 3:00 PM
- † Wednesdays @ 6:30 -Praise & Communion Worship Service

## St. Mark's United Methodist Church Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 26 \*\* 10am

Ages 3-12

Each child will make Easter related crafts, sing songs, hear the story of Easter and search for hidden eggs.

Fee: nonperishable food item for the food pantry and/or any monetary donation

We will need lots of volunteers for this event! If you can volunteer to help in any way, please contact Susan Philbin - 210-313-5929





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#### SERVING THE CHURCH

Sunday School	1/24	1/31	2/7	2/14	2/21
Children	1	2	2	1	1
Youth	3	4	4	4	4
Adults	32	35	36	39	30
Total SS	36	41	42	44	35
Worship					
Sunday	74	91	90	82	61
Wednesday Service	28	17	25	30	

### **USHERS**

- † Kathy Jack
- † Sue Horner
- † Susan Philbin
- † Sharon Somerville
- † Brooke Somerville

March 6

May 22



## Altar Flowers - 2016

There are lots of openings on our flower calendar!! If you would like to sponsor the flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or in recognition of a special memory or special occasion, please contact either Joanne Green at 210–690–5714, or call Patti in the church office 210–344–8393. Altar flowers are \$25 – simply drop your check in the offering plate with the designation for "altar flowers". Following the service, the flowers are yours to take home and enjoy!

1 opening

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March 13	1 opening
April 10	1 opening
April 17	2 openings
April 24	1 opening
May 1	2 openings
May 8	1 opening
May 15	1 opening



1 opening



## **ADMINISTRATION**

#### Goal - to Support:

- † General Conference
- † Annual Conference Session
- † The Treasurer's Office
- † Audits for Districts & Campus Ministries
- 8.2 cents of every apportioned dollar goes to the Administration Fund.

The Administration Fund also provides for direct benefits to the other local churches of the conference. For instance:

- † Mount Wesley operations are supported directly by the Administration Fund
- † The property and liability insurance program including worker's comp, umbrella coverage and directors' and officers' coverage is provided at a cost, with an estimated saving to churches of the Conference of more than \$1 million annually.



#### It's not too late!!

On Easter Sunday, March 27th, our beautiful Sanctuary will be once again adorned with Easter Lilies. Call the church office if you would like to purchase a lily in honor or memory of a loved one or event! Lilies will be \$10 each. Orders must be placed by Sunday, March 13th.



# From Our Pastor. . .

Many of you will have heard that my Mom, Janet Brown, had passed away last week. We had a sweet memorial service for her on Saturday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel at Morningside Manor. It was a small, but meaningful and moving service that I know that she would have been pleased with. I want to thank you all for your many gracious expressions of love and support; it

was what helped me and my family deal with our loss. I use the word loss, and it is a loss in some sense, but I know in my heart that this is a blessing for my Mom and I know that I will see her again in heaven. Jesus, of course, tells us this in John 14 and the gospels all testify to his resurrection and point to our own.

I'd like to share with you a message of hope that a friend of mine sent me. Perhaps you've seen it before; I'm not sure of the authorship or source, but it speaks to me and I hope that it can provide you with some comfort if you are dealing with the death of a loved one.

"Death is nothing at all. It does not count I have only slipped away into the next room. Nothing has happened. Everything remains exactly as it was. I am I, and you are you, and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched, unchanged. Whatever we were to each other, that we are still. Call me by the old familiar name. Speak of me in the easy way which you always used. Put no difference into your tone. Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me. Let my name be ever the household word that it always was. Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it. Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it ever was. There is absolute and unbroken continuity. What is this death but a negligible accident? Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just round the corner. All is well."

Again, thank you for your prayers and support.

God bless you,

Jay

# March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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# Wesley Nurse Corner

March 2016

## Colorectal Cancer

#### Wesley Nurse Events

My Healthy Child Class	March 2
Matter of Balance Class	March 7,14, 21
Colorectal Cancer Presentation @ SM Exercis Class	March 10
Colorectal Cancer Presentation @ SM Congregation	March 20
Health Screens @ Voucher Registration	March 22
Colorectal Cancer Presentation @ SM Food Pantry	March 24

#### Resources:

Please visit the American Cancer Society @ www.cancer.org/colon

Charzes Flowers, RN Wesley Nurse 210-344-8393 March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Colorectal cancer is the 3rd most common cancer and the 2nd leading cause of cancer-related death in both men and women in the U.S. The cause of most colorectal cancers, also called CRC, are unknown. Most CRC occur in people over 50, diet high in red meat, who smoke, are overweight, and are not active. Getting screening for colorectal cancer, such as a flexible sigmoidoscopy, colonoscopy, double contrast barium enema or a CT colonoscopy when you turn 50 years old helps detect polyps, which can turn into cancer. It is recommended at age 50, both

men and women begin regular screenings for colorectal cancer:

- Flexible sigmoidoscopy every 5 years, or
- Colonoscopy every 10 years, or
- Double-contrast barium enema every 5 years, or
- CT colonoscopy every 5 years
- Guaiac-based fecal occult blood test every year, or
- Fecal immunochemical test every year, or
- Stool DNA test every 3 years

#### What Can You Do?

- Get screened at age 50
- Talk with you doctor if you have a family history of colon cancer
- Get at least 150 minutes of moderate intensity exercise per week
- · Stay at a health weight
- Eat a healthy diet that consist of at least 2.5 cups of fruits and vegetables a day
- ♦ Limit red meats
- Choose whole grains
- Limit alcohol to no more than 2 drinks a day for men and 1 for women

## **Upcoming Events:**

Every Monday starting on March 7, 2016 through May 2, 2016 @ 2:00pm-4:00pm; no class on March 28, 2016

Matter of Balance Class—This is an eight week class that will be held in the Fellowship Hall. A minimum of 8 people are needed to have this class; maximum of 15.

## **NOTES AND NOTICES**

Calling all VBS team members!!! We will be having a meeting on Tuesday, March 22 at 6:00 PM in the Parlor.

Please make plans to attend as we will be discussing this year's theme and curriculum.

Thanks! Melinda & Kim

## BEHIND THE SCENES

Recently, a member suggested to me that I should add a little "Behind the Scenes" notice in the Messenger to celebrate those who do things for us in the background... Those many saints who lovingly and quietly go about their doing each day, week or month, to keep the church running smoothly... Here is the first of these:

Did you realize that someone has to copy, fold and stuff your Sunday bulletin each week and your Messenger every month? Mary Jo and Joe Price come faithfully every week to copy, fold and stuff... Not only that, but after church is over, they collect the bulletins that are left over and they separate, reuse and recycle what they can each week.

Thank you to Mary Jo and Joe Price for your faithfulness and loyalty!!

## Don't forget our Food Pantry!

1st Sunday - Can of Vegetables

2nd Sunday - Rice or Beans

3rd Sunday - Canned Meat

4th Sunday - Spaghetti Sauce

5th Sunday - Your Choice!



Noisy Offering - the last Sunday of every month!

Thanks to all the great volunteers who helped make tacos, worked outside, and those who helped register. What a bunch of great people! We were very busy, we provided food to 186 families.

Thanks again

Patti Austin

The Children's Council is looking for volunteers who would be interested to lead Children's Church one Sunday per quarter... If

this is something that might interest you, please contact, Kim, Patti or Susan for more information!



Need a Good Handyman?

Johnny Mendoza

210-765-1869



## MORE NOTES AND NOTICES

## Palm Sunday and Easter Week Happenings

Sunday, March 20th: Palm Sunday Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 24th: Maundy Thursday Worship at Bethany Congregational Church,

500 Pilgrim Drive @ 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25th: Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26th: Prayer Vigil 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.;

Easter Egg Hunt - 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday, March 27th: Sonrise Service @ 7:30 a.m. (FH)

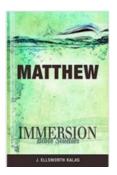
Pancake Breakfast @ 8:30 a.m. Sunday School @ 9:15 a.m. Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 28th: Easter Monday, Office Closed



## **New Testament Bible Study**

Our Wednesday Bible Study will start back on April 6th and run through May 25th. We are starting the New Testament, beginning with the Gospel of Matthew. We will follow this schedule:



April 6th: The Birth of Jesus

April 13th: Jesus' Identity is Confirmed and Tested

April 20th: The Sermon on the Mount

April 27th: Jesus Changes "Outsiders" into "Insiders"
May 4th: Jesus Proclaims the Kingdom of Heaven
May 11th: How Do We Live for the Future Now?
May 18th: The Abandonment of Jesus the Messiah
May 25th: The Death and Resurrection of Jesus

We use the *Immersion Series* and this portion of the study is written by J. Ellsworth Kalas. I have some extra books - If you're interested to join in this study, please call Patti in the church office. We meet on Wednesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 PM.







# Work Days In the Community Garden

2/6 & 2/20

















#### SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

Operating Cash balance at 12/31/2015		8,713
Non-Designated Contributions - January		18,837
Operating Expenses:		
Council on Ministries	709	
Special Mission Giving	0	
Mission Giving	495	
Administration Expense	171	
Trustees	3,298	
Pastor's Compensation	5,472	
Lay Personnel Compensation	5,818	
		15,963
Other Income/(Expense)	_	3,593
Operating Cash balance at 1/31/2016	<u> </u>	15,180

#### Comments:

January contributions were \$1,218 less than budgeted and \$2,785 less than January 2015. However, Building use/Rental Income was favorable to the budget by \$1,530

resulting in total receipts exceeding the budget by

Operating expenses were \$7,883 lower than budget and \$5,389 less than last year. All expense categories were less than budgeted; however, Mission Giving and Trustees Expense had the largest favorable variances. The same holds true versus last year with the exception of Administration which was slightly higher. No apportionment payments were made in January. Insurance expense was not drafted by the conference in January.

Our ending cash balance is \$15,180, up \$6,467 from the end of the year. In January, we received the annual interest from our Endowment account at TMF as well as interest on other TMF accounts controlled by individuals. These interest receipts, coupled with favorable spending, resulted in the cash balance increase.

We are getting off to a good start in January, but there will be a lot of expenses to be paid during the rest of the year. Your contributions will allow us to achieve our financial goals. We appreciate your continued support of St. Mark's.

God bless you all!

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



03/07

03/09

03/12

Ella Reyes

Ima Roselle

**DeVonte Williams** 

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 Ron Rodriguez Sylvia Ramon Linda Martinez Liz Landrum Mendoza Family **Bob Mace** Family of Amy Ruiz Claire Cobb Maxine Martinez

Nora Ramirexz Rich Burch Andrew Murray Henry Massey Family of Janet Brown Jackie Green Citizens of Fiji



03/20 03/31
Kim Hoffman Ernest Denham

03/21 Linda King

03/22

Nita Perdue Sherry Wilke

03/29

Jean Jones Herb Snook

03/30

Patti Gardner Billie Jackson Gabour

March 14th Daniel & Sherry Wilke Jacob & Katie Wilke

03/13

03/17

03/18

Chase Black

Kaeleigh Horner

March 24th John & Olga Sidusky

> March 29th Bill & Fran McMahon



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AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL TO LIVE IN THE WORLD AS INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY

TO STRIVE TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE THE NEEDS OF YOUTS ONA , 91HS

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

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

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