



Messenger

St. Mark's
United Methodist Church

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210-344-8393

Regular Weekly Activities:

- † Children's Church, Sunday
Mar 10 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study - Wed,
Mar 13 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Sermon, Sunday,
Mar 17 @ 10:45 am
- † Finance Meeting, Monday,
Mar 18 @ 6:30 pm
- † Administrative Council, Mon-
day, Mar 18 @ 7:00 pm
- † Praise, Bible Study, Potluck,
Wednesday, Mar 20 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday,
Mar 24 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study,
Wednesday, Mar 27 @ 6 pm



Ash Wednesday Services

March 6, 2019

12:00 p.m. AND 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, and spiritual discipline.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Psalm 51:12

Ushers, Flowers, Liturgists - 2	Calendar (March) - 5
Stewardship - Finance - 3	Children - 6
Pastor's Message - 4	Notes & Notices - 7
	Prayers & Praise - 8



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SERVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	1/27/2019	2/3/2019	2/10/2019	2/17/2019
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Adults	11	17	12	12
Total SS	12	17	12	12
WORSHIP				
Sunday	57	53	46	40
Wednesday Night	7	6	9	



Kathy Jack
Sue Horner
Susan Philbin
Sharon Somerville



Altar Flower Calendar

March 3 - 2 Openings
March 10 - 2 Openings



Children's Church

March 10 - Deborah Molina
March 24 - Melinda Molina



March 3 - Dorothy Mace
March 10 - Melinda Molina
March 17 - Susan Philbin
March 24 - Cynthia Ramirez
March 31 - John Williams



9:15 am > Every Sunday <

Class for all adults - Fellowship Hall / YAMS
Class for ladies - Sanctuary / LIBRARY



With Your Help The United Methodist Church is Making a Difference

During the last Sunday in November of each year, United Methodist congregations from around the U.S. come together to celebrate United Methodist Student Day, one of six Special Sundays with offerings in the United Methodist Church.

Offerings collected during this weekend go toward providing scholarships and loans for students who meet the qualifications of each United Methodist scholarship. According to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 36 Arkansas United Methodist students received more than \$78,500 in scholarships in 2017, thanks in part to offerings taken during United Methodist Student Day.

Rachel Shepherd – a psychology and religious studies student at Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas – said the scholarships she received from GBHEM have allowed her to focus greater energy toward her academics.

Chad Hornsby, another student of Hendrix College,

agrees that the scholarships he’s received from GBHEM have allowed him to focus on other areas without having to worry about his financial situation.

Shepherd recently started the candidacy process to become an ordained deacon in the Arkansas Conference, and she hopes to return to Arkansas to serve a local church in some capacity or as a mental health provider in a clinical setting.

Hornsby, a sophomore, plans on attending seminary after graduating from Hendrix, and then seeks to pursue a PhD in Church History. He also plans to return to Arkansas and serve in the state throughout his ministry path.

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The special offering provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants. www.umcgiving.org



Apportionments

ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR MONTH OF JANUARY - 2019

Operating Cash Balance on December 31, 2018	(2,065)
Non-Designated Contributions - January	15,097
Operating Expenses	15,993
Other Income/(Expense)	13,823
Operating Cash Balance on January 31, 2019	10,862

Our operating cash balance on January 31, 2019 was a positive \$10,862. This favorable balance is the result of receiving the funds which were requested from TMF in December.

The Finance Committee thanks you for your financial support to St. Mark's during 2018. We hope you will continue your financial commitment in 2019. God bless you all.

From Rev. Maria Soto's Desk

March 2019



On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day Lent journey, which ends the Saturday before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays). The liturgical color for Lent is violet (**purple**), the color of penitence. We are called to reflect on our mortality, our sins and our relationship with our Lord. It is an opportunity to deepen our spirituality with God.

We are reminded that we are dust and that we need to believe in the gospel. As Christians we are committed to prayer, fasting, daily scripture reading, self-denial, and works of love.

The season of Lent is an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus all the way from Galilee to Jerusalem and, in so doing, experience the promise of resurrection and new life.

The United Methodist Lent Quiz

1. What does the term 'Lent,' which comes from 'lencten,' mean?
Sacrifice Time Spring March Madness
2. How were ashes imposed in the early church?
The shape of a cross was drawn on the forehead.
Ashes were smeared across closed eyelids.
Ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.
3. Why do people give things up for Lent?
To follow the example of Jesus' 40-day fast in the wilderness.
To help us focus on prayer and devotions.
To give the acquired savings to the poor.
All of the above.
4. Why does Lent last 40 days?
To represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
To recall the 40 days and nights the earth was flooded in the Old Testament.
To remind us of the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the desert.
5. True or false? Sundays are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.

1. Answer: Spring
2. Answer: ashes were poured or sprinkled over the head.
3. Answer: all of the above.
4. Answer: to represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, tempted by Satan.
5. Answer: True.

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SECRETARY: Lillian Herrera
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Carolyn Hahn

CUSTODIAN: Johnny Mendoza
WESLEY NURSE: Rose Miranda

OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 a.m - 2:30 p.m. Monday - Thursday Closed Friday

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WEBSITE: www.stmarksumcsa.com

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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 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 10:45 a.m. for elementary aged children.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE on the 3rd Sunday of each month during Sunday worship. All children are invited to the front of the sanctuary to join Pastor Soto for a brief sermon, keeping our younger worshippers in mind.



We had five precious sweethearts handing out treats after worship Sunday, February 10. They also used their small but powerful voices to remind everyone "Jesus Loves You!"



"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God. 1 John 4:7"

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!**

A Report From Your Food Pantry

Thanks to your caring and generosity, the St. Mark's UMC Food Pantry was able to provide bags of food to those neighbors who stopped by the church and requested assistance for their families. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry. The January numbers are as follows:

- 36 = Individuals requesting food
- 108 = Number of family members represented
- 194 = Pounds of food donated by congregation (with help from Arnold Elementary School Food Drive)
- \$174.12 = "Noisy Offering" donations
- 432 = Pounds of food given to neighbors

Rob Remig / Sue Horner

Looking for a Handyman?

Johnny Mendoza

210-765-1869





5TH SUNDAY

POTLUCK

MARCH 31, 2019



Volunteers needed! Bring your family!

Use your special skills!

Let's keep our facilities looking great!

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson	Michael Mendoza	Reyes Family
Jill Anderson	Eric Miletti	Mary Jo Price & Family
Kennedee Bailey	Will Schuetze	Pastor Maria Soto
Kylee Brown	Warren Dunetz	Reynaldo Rodriguez
Bucky Coley	Family of MaRee Waters	Esther Martinez
Esdras Cuervo	Bob Ross	Ruben Ellis
Sylvia Gonzales	Kim Durick	Martha Villalva
Alice Logan		



Thank you to our St. Mark's Family so very much for all the support these last months. All the cards, calls, and prayers were certainly appreciated.

Thanks to the staff and volunteers who made Joe's Memorial Service a meaningful one for his family and friends.

Bless each and every one --
Mary Jo, Jeana, Paul, Kristin, & Kyra

Mar 1 Lillian Herrera
Mar 4 Blake Lopez
Mar 7 Ella Reyes
Mar 12 Ima Roselle
Mar 17 Kaeleigh Horner
Mar 18 Patti Gardner
Mar 20 Kim Hoffman



Mar 21 Linda King
Mar 22 Nita Perdue
Mar 22 Sherry Wilke
Mar 29 Rosa I. Rodriguez
Mar 29 Herb Snook
Mar 30 Billie Gabour
Mar 31 Ernest Denham

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26

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: Your help is requested to update our records. Please contact Kathy Jack or the church :
: office if you have any corrections or updates to the birthday / anniversary lists. Thanks! :
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March 14 Daniel & Sherry Wilke
March 15 Mario & Leticia Mercado
March 24 John & Olga Sidusky
March 29 Bill & Fran McMahon

