

Messenger

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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Things to Remember:

- † Mondays at 2:00 PM Matter of Balance (FH)
- † Matthew Bible Study -Wednesdays @ 12:00 pm (YAMS Classroom)
- † Old Fashioned Family Game Night - May 1, 4-6PM
- † Children's Church May 8 & 22
- † Saturday, May 14th BBQ (benefits Boy Scouts)
- † Thursday, May 26th SA Food Bank Truck 9:00 a.m.; Vouchers at 8:00 a.m.
- † Sunday, March 29th 5th Sunday Potluck and Blessing of the Garden
- † Monday, March 30th Memorial Day Holiday
- † Wednesdays @ 6:30 -Praise & Communion Worship Service





A REPORT FROM THE ST. MARK'S FOOD PANTRY

We thought you would like to know where your donated dollars and food items to the St. Mark's Food Pantry are going. We have two basic types of requests for food at the church: (1) from a person who comes in, says he is hungry, and requests a sack lunch. For \$2, we can assemble a nutritious variety of snack foods, accounting for

approximately 600 calories. The second request (2) comes from someone representing a family who has the means to prepare a meal but is in an emergency situation where they need food for a couple of days. In those bags, we try to meet the family's need to feed four people for two to three days.

In the month of March 2016, you donated 111 pounds of canned and dry foods that were then distributed through our Food Pantry. During that same time, you also donated \$120.82 with which to purchase needed food from the San Antonio Food Bank and local grocery stores.

In just the one month of March, we were able to give out 98 sack lunches to homeless people, transients, or those in immediate need. And we gave 33 of the Family Bags of groceries, consisting of cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, rice, beans, canned meat, macaroni, soup, canned vegetables, and canned fruit.

Thank you for supporting YOUR Food Pantry with your generous donations!

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SERVING THE CHURCH

Sunday School	3/27	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24
Children	3	2	2	2	1
Youth	7	4	4	4	1
Adults	39	34	31	32	32
Total SS	49	40	37	38	34
Worship					
Sunday	134	78	69	70	69
Wednesday Service	22	24	30	21	



USHERS

- † Joyce Codd
- † Janice Coley
- † Mona Rosfeld
- † Dorothy Mace



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 call or text Ann Brown at 830-857-5793 or email her at annlacknessbrown@gmail.com. You'll be glad you did!



GENERAL & JURISDICTIONAL

World Service: Allowing the Connection. The World Service Fund is the backbone of the Agencies of the General Church, whose aim is to flourish in the four ministry goals of the Council of Bishops:

Poverty: Fifty native leaders will be trained and placed with strategic mission partners in poor areas, with special emphasis placed on responding to the critical needs of women and children.

Global Health: Reduce by 66% the number of malaria-related deaths of children under the age of 5 by working with international partners.

New and Existing Congregations: Recruit 1000 new church planters to "seed" 650 new churches in the United States, specifically targeting 50% of those to be racial and ethnic congregations.

Develop Christian Leadership: The church must recruit young people for ministry and provide them with the skills necessary to be effective in this new time of opportunity. That includes women and people of color the world over. Similarly, we must offer leadership training for lay people who are in ministry in countless ways.

21 cents of every apportioned dollar is allotted for General and Jurisdictional.

Africa University supports a Christian university in Africa where Christian leaders are trained. Africans from across the continent come together at Africa University to learn about church leadership. It's also a place where they can share their successful methods of reaching their own people for Christ.

Quick Facts:

- † For the 2010-11 Academic Year, 1098 students from 27 countries were enrolled
- † 49.6% women, and 50.4% men
- † University is located 11 miles outside of Mutare, Zimbabwe's 4th largest city
- † To meet Africa's vital needs, we must minister with the goals of: Sustainable agriculture; Disease prevention; Peace; Leadership and governance; Education; Church growth and development; Business management and administration; and Ethical leadership

The Ministerial Education Funds provide financial support for the recruitment of and ongoing education of clergy at the general level and at the local annual conference including scholarships.

The Lydia Patterson Institute located in El Paso has historically provided most of the pastors to Spanish-speaking congregations in Texas.



From Our Pastor ...

May God continue to bless our ministry and mission at St. Mark's; these are such exciting times to be working with and for our Lord, Jesus Christ! We are committed to offering the love of Jesus to our community and beyond and God is blessing us in our endeavors. You will surely want to be with us on May 15th, which is Pentecost Sun-

day, the day that the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, blessing them with power and purpose to bring about the birth of the Church Universal. We will be having a very special worship service this day; spirit-filled (aren't they all? Of course!) with some great special music and joyous excitement. We are also hoping to do a special service later that afternoon with our Pentecostal friends who worship in our gym on Sundays, Mondays and Thursdays. We will do this outside with their praise band (which is awesome!) and shared preaching and praying, with a common meal to be shared in the spirit of loving neighborliness. If you haven't heard their music or witnessed their worship, then you are in for a treat! You won't want to miss it.

Also, along the lines of neighborliness, we are starting a special outreach to our Dellview Community in our immediate vicinity. We are calling this outreach "Vecinos", which means "neighbors" in Spanish. Mario Mercado is helping me focus on ideas and programs that will help us be better neighbors, more invitational and relational as we seek to fulfill our call to be a neighborhood church. Does this interest you? Do you have a passion or a desire to offer Christ in various and diverse ways to people who are seeking the Lord? If so, let me or Mario know and join us as we pray to be led by the Holy Spirit to fulfill the Great Commission to go into the world, baptizing and making disciples for Christ. When St. Mark's began in this neighborhood over 60 years ago, this is how they did it: one family at a time, knocking on doors, inviting families to come and see what the Lord was doing. It was about relationships then and it still is today! So...Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created! And you shall renew the face of the earth...and St. Mark's! Amen!

God bless you,

Jay

Hí everyone,

We served 160 families last month. Thanks to all the wonderful people who volunteer. We help many seniors who can't make it on Social Security and many disabled individuals who are having a rough time.

Thanks to Pastor Jay and his taco crew. The tacos were great as usual.

Please come join us in doing God's work on Thursday, April 28th at 8:45. We would love to have you. We work hard but we have fun too.

Blessings to all, Patti Austin



May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:15 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 4:00 PM Old Fashioned Game Night (FH) 5:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)	2 10:00 AM Exercise (FH) 2:00 PM Matter of Balance (FH) 7:00 PM Revive Ministries (Gym)	6:30 AM ROMEO's 9:00 AM Drive Thru Prayer 10:00 AM Exercise (F H) 10:00 AM Health C abinet (YAMS) 6:00 PM Kairos Torres Advisor y Council (FH) 6:00 PM Texas Tigers (G ym) 7:00 PM Esther Circle 7:00 PM NE Community Choir (Sanctuary) 7:00 PM Order of the Arrow (SH)	9:00 AM My Healthy Child (FH) 12:00 PM Bible Study (YAMS) 1:00 PM YOGA (FH) 6:00 PM Texas Tigers (Gym) 6:30 PM Praise Service (FH) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (SH)	5 10:00 AM Exercise (FH) 1:15 PM Parenting Class (LL) 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Revive Ministries (LL)	6 Office Closed	8:00 AM Saturday Morning Reunion
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WESLEY NURSE CORNER

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Millions of Americans are affected by mental illness. 43.8 million adults experience mental illness a year. 2.4 million American adults live with schizophrenia, 6.1 million American adults live with bipolar disorder, 16 million American adults live with major depression, and 42 million American adults lives with anxiety disorder. Take a good look around you. One in five adults have a mental illness.

Mental illness is an internal disease like most diseases. Sometimes it can take on an outward appearance, like the man who walks down the street having a conversation with himself and pulling at his hair, clearly distraught. It may take on an inward appearance of the woman who lost her husband and is struggling to cope with day-to-day life. Do their mental illness make them less valuable as a person? Of course not.

God has tasked us as Christians to help those who are in need and to love one another. So what can you do if you think you need help? Talk with your doctor, have a conversation with family and friends, learn more about mental illness by visiting the National Alliance on Mental Illness @ www.nami.org or call your Wesley Nurse for additional information and resources at the number listed below.

Wesley Nurse Corner

Charzes Flowers, RN 210-344-8393

NOTES AND NOTICES



Bar-B-Que Saturday, May 14th

CHICKEN or SAUSAGE

With all the trimmings 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

\$8.00

Benefits: Boy Scouts

Help send a Scout to camp!!

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!



Don't forget our

Noisy Offering - the last

Sunday of every month!

BEHIND THE SCENES

Did you know...

Hubert & Melinda Molina are the ones who keep the garden area looking beautiful? They've added benches and signs! Each week they come and water, weed-eat and clean the garden area. They have really created a beautiful oasis on our property!!

Thank you, Mo & Melinda!!!!!

BBQ Fundraiser benefits PET

A barbecue held at St. Mark's on April 16 helped raise funds for Personal Energy Transportation (PET San Antonio). PET is a faith-based, all-volunteer organization that builds hand-cranked, off-road wheelchairs and ships them at no cost to disabled people living in developing countries. San Antonio is one of 25 building sites across the country of these specialty wheelchairs, designed to go where

regular hospital wheelchairs do not hold up. Recipients of these wheelchairs have often been crawling on the ground all their lives, being carried by others to get from place to place. Once their independence is restored with this all-terrain wheelchair, recipients are able to go to school, get a job, and socialize with others in villages rather than be isolated in their homes. PET San Antonio expresses its sincere thanks to the BBQ Ministry of St. Mark's and all those who prepared, cooked, and served the meals. Thanks also to Boy Scout Troop 87 for their assistance in flagging down passersby in front of







MORE NOTES AND NOTICES

Come enjoy an Old Fashioned Family Games Night

> (All Families) Sunday, May 1 from 4:00 - 6:00 PM Play games, eat food! In the Fellowship Hall & Outside in the garden area

It's a Girl!!



For: Jessica & Eddie Rodriguez

Date: May 21, 2016

Time: 1:30 - 5:00 PM

Place: St. Mark's UMC - Fellowship Hall

RSVP: By May 9th (210) 218-7022

Baby has been blessed with many gifts. Monetary gifts or gift cards are preferred!

Hosted by: Laurel Baggenstos

Luz Danielle Gibbard Bonie Carrisal Cira Marie Crouch Rosa M. Rodriguez



Need a Good Handyman? **Johnny Mendoza**

210-765-1869



Your kindness is appreciated much more than words can say! Thanks so much for the lovely flower bouquet sent to me for my birthday --

Ella Reyes

Thank you all so much for the beautiful flowers you sent for my birthday. They were such a surprise and I really enjoyed them!

Thank you for remembering me on my birthday -

Billie Jackson Gabour

St. Marks -

I wanted to thank you all for the beautiful flowers I received to celebrate my 88th birthday! They were beautiful and I enjoyed them very much. Thank you for remembering me on my birthday.

Max Harvey

WATCH FOR A VBS MEETING
TO BE SCHEDULED IN MAY!
THE DATE WILL
BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.



Easter Egg Hunt 2016









Easter Morning
Worship









SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

Operating Cash balance at 2/29/2016		24,868
Non-Designated Contributions - March		18,599
Operating Expenses:		
Council on Ministries	853	
Special Mission Giving	0	
Mission Giving	7,925	
Administration Expense	416	
Trustees	5,614	
Pastor's Compensation	5,054	
Lay Personnel Compensation	5,704	
		25,566
Other Income/(Expense)		(1,410)
Operating Cash balance at 3/31/2016		16,491

Comments:

March contributions were \$2,289 higher than budgeted and \$2,375 lower than 2015. Rental income was higher than budgeted.

Operating expenses were \$1,719 higher than budgeted. Mission Giving was higher by \$4,831 and was partially offset by lower Trustee and compensation expense. Compared to March 2015, operating expenses are higher by \$2,569. Mission Giving was \$7,413 higher and was partially offset by lower compensation and Trustee expenditures.

It is very pleasing to have a positive operating cash balance. Based on this, we will pay an additional \$3,000 towards our apportionments. This will make us very close to being at the budgeted amount through April.

We are thanking to each of you for your financial support to St. Mark's. We are confident your support will continue. God bless!

ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S.



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 Family of Roland Perez Family of Carol Ronsley Pat Loyo Tom Wier Augustine Scutti David Covazos Roger Gonzalez Lois Gordon

Patsy Perryman

Rudy Martinez Nettie Taylor Family of Peggy Wesch Family of Peggy Schmidt This Church Calvin Kneupper Frank Woolf Greg & Mary Jane Page Kenny, Arissa, Dorothy, Alan Family of Russ Chaffin Mendoza Family Neil Freeto Peggy Billings Joe David Saucedo



05/09 05/24 Wayne Adams Brandi Horner

Edythe McKeown

05/11 Lois Starr 05/25

Misty Adams Jessica Black

Dennis Wilson

05/02 05/12 05/27 Louise Chaffin Virginia Barlow Fran McMahon

Leticia Mercado

05/13

05/04 Laurie Sprowl

Sue Horner Jason Wilson 05/28 Jay Brown

05/07

Lynda Hubbard

05/21 Mel Davison 05/30

Jazzmyn Lopez Melinda Molina

Happy Anniversary... Joe & Claire Cobb - May 5th

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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

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MISSION STATEMENT

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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