



# Messenger

St. Mark's  
United Methodist Church

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210-344-8393

## Regular Weekly Activities:

- † Praise, Bible Study,  
Communion - Wed, May 1  
@ 6 pm
- † Praise & Bible Study  
Wed, May 8 @ 6 pm
- † Trustees Meeting,  
Sat, May 11 @ 9 am
- † Children's Church,  
Sun, May 12 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise, Bible Study, Potluck,  
Wed, May 15 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Sermon,  
Sun, May 19 @ 10:45 am
- † Finance Meeting,  
Mon, May 20 @ 6:30 pm
- † Administrative Council,  
Mon, May 20 @ 7 pm
- † Praise & Bible Study  
Wed, May 22 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church,  
Sun, May 26 @ 10:45 am

## ***Mother's Day, May 12, 2019***

Mother's Day celebrates motherhood and it is a time to appreciate mothers and mother figures; including grandmothers, great-grandmothers, stepmothers, and foster mothers.



## ***Blessing of the Garden, May 19, 2019***

St. Mark's blessing of the garden will be held Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting).



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# SERVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	3/24/2019	3/31/2019	4/7/2019	4/14/2019	4/21/2019
Youth	3	3	1	1	6
Adults	17	1	9	13	16
<b>Total SS</b>	20	4	10	14	32
<b>WORSHIP</b>					
Sunday	44	52	41	61	81
Wednesday Night	9	9	12	10	<i>Cancelled</i>
	Maundy	Thursday - 30	Good Friday - 30	Egg Hunt - 55	Prayer Vigil - 18



Tom Jack  
 Bob Bailly  
 Bob Mace  
 Braden Somerville



### Altar Flower Calendar

May 19 - 1 Opening  
 May 26 - 1 Opening



### Children's Church

May 12 - Melinda Molina

May 26 - Deborah Molina



May 5 - Susan Philbin  
 May 12 - Cynthia Ramirez  
 May 19 - John Williams  
 May 26 - Leticia Mercado



### 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**

**CHURCH'S MODEST SHOE PROJECT SURPASSES EXPECTATIONS**

What started as a simple idea to collect a few pairs of unused and unwanted shoes has rapidly grown into an amazing ministry in Cokesbury, NJ. Soles4Souls, a non-profit social enterprise that creates sustainable jobs and provides relief through the distribution of shoes and clothing around the world, has distributed more than 30 million pairs of new and gently-worn shoes in 127 countries.

A challenge was issued to the small congregation at Cokesbury UMC: each member was asked to donate one pair of their own shoes and one pair of shoes from someone living in a different household.

"There was no defined goal in this collection," said CUMC member Paul Klitsch, issuer of the challenge. "I thought I'd just put it out there and see what happened. I figured that most people here had shoes in the backs of their closets they forgot about, no longer fit, or just didn't need anymore; why not put them to good use? My thinking was that if we could collect fifty pairs of shoes, it would be a huge success."

The challenge was issued in late March, 2018 and shoes started to come in immediately. About a month later, through word of mouth, a connection was made with a local thrift store. Shoes that were donated to the thrift

store and were not sold were set aside for the UMC collection.

On Sunday, June 10 at Cokesbury UMC, all 740 pairs that had been collected were placed on the altar in boxes, bags and piles for a special "Blessing of the Shoes" by Pastor Lynn Mears.

"The mountain of shoes on the altar was amazing!" said Mears. "I had to navigate around the heaps just so I could see the congregation. I loved it!"

Then on June 12, the first delivery to the S4S drop off point in Franklin, Sussex County was made. Donations of shoes kept coming in from the congregation and their friends, relatives, co-workers, the community and the thrift store. Less than two months after the June 12 delivery, on August 14, another 840 pairs of shoes made the trip to the collection center in Franklin.

Presently the collection shows no signs of slowing down. An October 24 delivery of 420 pairs of shoes brought the total delivered to 3,635 pairs.

One of seven apportioned giving opportunities of The United Methodist Church, the World Service Fund is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination. Through the Four Areas of Focus churches are Engaging in ministry with the poor with their communities in ways that are transformative.  
[www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org)



**Apportionments**

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

Operating Cash Balance on February 28, 2019	8,309
Non-Designated Contributions - March	13,686
Operating Expenses	26,371
Other Income/(Expense)	5,339
Operating Cash Balance on March 31, 2019	963

All expenses categories were higher than budgeted due to higher music ministries, an apportionment payment, and unplanned maintenance expense. Our operating cash balance on March 31 2019 was a positive \$963.

The Finance Committee thanks you for your continued financial support to St. Mark's. The cost to maintain our church property doesn't get any lower and we have done everything we can to reduce spending. Your financial support is critical. Thank you. God bless you all.

## *From Rev. Maria Soto's Desk*

May 2019



*Hola! Easter Greetings to you! Hope you had an amazing Easter Sunday as we had this past week. We were pretty busy here at church. We had our Wednesday Bible Study, then we enjoyed a beautiful Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion (at 7 pm). I want to thank the chancel choir for an amazing and powerful performance. Bravo!*

*Good Friday Service was also at 7 pm. On Saturday, we had a Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary from 9 am through 5 pm. Also on Saturday, we had our Egg Hunt (10am - 12pm) and the turnout was great! This year we had around 55 kids from our community. At the Gym we had tables of crafts, then we told the story about Easter and lastly, kids went out to the church grounds for the egg hunt.*

*On Easter Sunday our early Service was at 8 am followed by a breakfast at the Fellowship Hall, then Sunday School at 9:15 am. At 10:30 am was our Easter Sunday Service. Again, it was a powerful service and amazing performance from the chancel choir. We had many new visitors this year including a family from Tanzania Africa who wants to become part of St. Mark's family. They were members of the United Methodist in Tanzania.*

*I would like to recognize our choir director, Carolyn Hahn for her hard work and commitment to the Lord and to St. Mark's UMC. Mrs. Hahn has been our choir director for many years. We appreciate her loving service. Thank you, Carolyn! And thank you choir for your wonderful voices.*

*Church, we are blessed by each of you that make possible all that we do for the church and the community: from organizing a prayer vigil, an egg hunt, the early breakfast, etc... Thank you for your service. May the Lord continue to bless us as we serve Him in our community. We celebrate our resurrected Lord, Jesus Christ! He is Alive and so are we.*



**PASTOR: Rev. Maria Soto 210-344-8393**

SECRETARY: Lillian Herrera

CUSTODIAN: Johnny Mendoza

CHOIR DIRECTOR: Carolyn Hahn

WESLEY NURSE: Rose Miranda

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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!



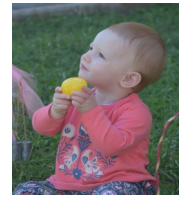
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of each month at 10:45 a.m. for elementary aged children.

**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.



**April 20, 2019**

Lots of snacks, games, an egg hunt for 55 beautiful children, and story time about Easter.





# 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!**



Living a healthy lifestyle doesn't mean hours at the gym or eating only salads. It's about making healthy choices every day. There's a group that meets in the fellowship hall three times a week to encourage one another to healthy living. Exercise is a major component of their gatherings. The sessions always end with a group prayer. A monthly potluck is held that includes a presentation by a nutritionist. Easy ways to nourish the mind, body and soul while building relationships and having fun!

Thanks to Steve Wood for all you do!



# PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson	Sylvia Gonzales	Patricia Barnes
Jill Anderson	Alice Logan	Dr. Esteban Montilla
Kennedee Bailey	Michael Mendoza	Joyce Codd
Kylee Brown	Eric Miletti	Ralph Perryman
Bucky Coley	Will Schuetze	Robert Corpus
Esdras Cuervo	Warren Dunetz	Martha Villalva

Louise Chaffin	May 2
Leticia Mercado	May 2
Laurie Sprowl	May 4
Lynda Hubbard	May 7
Edythe McKeown	May 9
Fran McMahan	May 12
Sue Horner	May 13
Samantha Alvarez	May 24



Brandi Horner	May 24
Virginia Barlow	May 27
Jay Brown	May 28
Carolyn McDuff	May 28
Marcos Barrientos	May 30
Melinda Molina	May 30
Bridey Anderson	May 31
Nancy Beckcom	May 31

God of all creation, we offer you grateful praise for the gift of life.  
 Bless your children with your presence and surround them with your love.  
 We ask this through Christ our Savior. Amen.

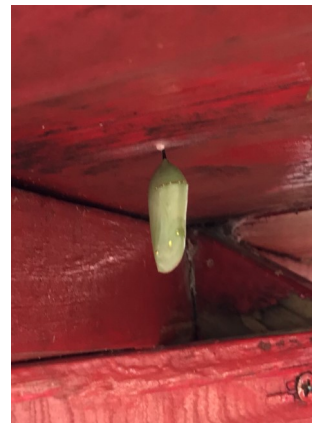


May 5     **Joe & Claire Cobb**

Larkspur and Iris



Caterpillars and Chrysalis



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