



Messenger

St. Mark's
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Things to Remember:

- † Charge Conference, Tuesday
Nov 6 @ 6:30 pm
- † Trustee's Meeting, Thursday
Nov 8 @ 7 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday
Nov 11 @ 10:45 am
- † Children's Message, Sunday,
Nov 18 @ 10:45 am
- † Finance Meeting, Monday
Nov 19 @ 6:30 pm
- † Admin Council, Monday
Nov 19 @ 7 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday
Nov 25 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study every
Wednesday @ 6:30 pm;
COMMUNION on first
Wednesday, POTLUCK on
third Wednesday

"The church changes the world not
by making converts but by
making disciples." ~ John Wesley



Prayer Vigil - **Saturday, November 10** - 8 am to 5 pm



Your pledges and contributions are a critical part of how we can make a difference in our church, our community, and our world. We thank you for your generosity throughout the years and pray you may find the level of giving that is right for you as you progress in your journey of faith and commitment.

Commitment Cards will be turned in during the 10:30 am Worship Service and a celebration luncheon will follow. Meats and dessert will be provided. If you can, please bring a side dish to share.

Contact Joanne Green for more information.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL	9/23/2018	9/30/2018	10/7/2018	10/14/2018
Youth	4	3	2	3
Adults	13	14	12	13
Total SS	17	17	14	16
WORSHIP				
Sunday	53	64	45	51
Wednesday Night	8	7	7	7



Tom Jack, Bob Bailly, Bob Mace, Braden Somerville



Altar Flower Calendar Openings

November 4 (1 opening) November 11 (1 openings)
 November 18 (2 openings) November 25 (1 opening)



November 11 - Deborah Molina
 November 25 - Melinda Molina



November 4 John Williams
November 11 Leticia Mercado
November 18 Joanne Green
November 25 Dorothy Mace

With Your Help The United Methodist Church is Making a Difference

GRADUATE'S MISSIONAL FELLOWS PROJECT LEADS TO FULL-TIME MINISTRY WITH PROJECT TRANSFORMATION.

Wesley Theological Seminary was not part of Rachel Luna's (MTS, 2017) original life plan, but an unexpected encounter with a remarkable organization set her on a course that eventually led to Wesley and its Community Engagement Fellows program, formerly called the Missional Fellows program.

Wesley Theological Seminary is one of the 13 United Methodist seminaries supported by the Ministerial Education Fund apportionment of the United Methodist Church.

With an undergraduate degree in social work, Luna began looking at graduate school options. "I felt like God was calling me to something and, the more I researched different schools, seminary kept popping up," Luna said. It was through a friend that she was introduced to Wesley.

Yet even before studying at Wesley, Luna was introduced to what has become a passionate pursuit of God's calling on her life. In 2009, a chance encounter with a friend at her home church in Franklin, Tenn., led Luna to apply for and be accepted as a Mountain Biking Coordinator at Project Transformation in Dallas, Texas.

Founded in 1998 by Sarah Wilke and Leighton K. Farrell in Dallas, in collaboration with several groups including the North Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church, Project Transformation was designed to develop the leadership and ministry capabilities of college-aged adults through summer and one-year service internships.

After hearing about Wesley and the Missional Fellows Program, Luna committed to following her call. "I didn't apply to any other grad schools. I only applied to Wesley and I was only going to Wesley if I was going to be a part of the Missional Fellows Program," she said.

Once she became a member of the Wesley community and Fellows program, Luna was required to participate in a field educational experience in a ministry setting that allows students to design a community engagement project. A discussion with Dr. Sam Marullo, Wesley's former director of research on missional communities, helped Luna chart the next steps on her journey.

As Luna continued her coursework, which included assignments that could directly relate to Project Transformation, she began to realize there was a need for a program like Project Transformation in Washington, D.C., particularly in the area of education.

With the help of many people within the Wesley community, the Baltimore-Washington Conference of The United Methodist Church and an advisory team, Luna applied to charter a Project Transformation chapter in D.C. On June 18, 2018, 14 interns and several community volunteers began working with 100 children and youth for the first summer of Project Transformation Washington, D.C. Luna is now the executive director of the chapter.

For Dr. Marullo, there is no doubt that there would not be a Project Transformation Washington, D.C. without Luna's dedication and commitment.

Luna found the program to be equally transformational. "There would be no Project Transformation D.C. without the Missional Fellows Program," she said.

One of seven apportioned giving opportunities of The United Methodist Church, the Ministerial Education Fund is at the heart of preparing people for making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The 13 United Methodist seminaries help students to discover their calling through the challenging curriculum. The fund enables the church to increase financial support for recruiting and educating ordained and diaconal ministers and to equip annual conferences to meet increased demands. www.umcgiving.org

Happy Thanksgiving



Greetings! What a change in weather we are seeing lately. From summer to winter, no fall weather at all. But we are thankful here in San Antonio we didn't have any major floods so far with all the rain we got. Our prayers are with those who lost a love one and their homes. May the Lord comfort them and provide all their needs.

Last month we celebrated the 65th anniversary of our church. We are thankful to God for being with us through the years. We are grateful to all of you that have financially supported this church all this year as well. We thank you!

This month as you celebrate Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends, give thanks for everything you have. Remember all the blessings you have received from God. Remember His grace and mercy through Jesus Christ who you accepted as your Savior and Lord over all. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Day!

This is A Morning Prayer of Thanksgiving by Rev. Dr. LaGretta Bjorn (edited)

Loving God, Creator of all that has been, all that is, and all that is to come;
You made us human and gave us hearts to love you and follow you. We thank
you for the many blessings you have given us over this past year.

We trust in your faithfulness to carry us over the rough places of life.
We trust in your love to walk with us, we trust in your promise
of life everlasting as we put all our hopes in You.

Bless our church family, our community, our nation and our world.
We pray that your Holy Spirit will be felt by people who are in pain in mind,
body or spirit. Help them to know that you can carry them through their trials.
We ask all these things in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. **Amen.**



November 2018

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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 second, fourth and fifth Sundays of each month at 10:45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE on the third Sunday of each month during Sunday worship. All children are invited to the front of the sanctuary for a brief, simple message (or mini sermon) keeping our younger worshipers in mind.



Saturday, October 6, 2018



God created us and placed us on the earth to be stewards of all living things, therefore let us proclaim the glory of our Creator. **O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.**



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!



Ladies, Mark your calendar for the Annual Christmas Brunch & Bunco.

Saturday, DECEMBER 1, 2018,
10 am - 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall



WALL CALENDAR



POCKET CALENDAR



CHRISTMAS CARD SET



GREETING CARD SET

Calendars and Christmas cards are now available at \$7 for each item.

See Susan Philbin or any of the young adults to purchase.

Charge Conference
NOVEMBER 6, 2018
@ 6:30 p.m.

Looking for a Handyman?

Johnny Mendoza

210-765-1869





NEWSLETTER

UPDATE

As recommended by the Finance Committee and approved by the Administrative Council, beginning January 2019 there will be a change to the delivery of the monthly newsletter. Here is how you can view the newsletter or get a paper copy:

1. You may view the newsletter on the website <http://stmarksumcsa.com>
2. You may pick up a paper copy that will be available in the sanctuary or in the church office.
3. If you are not able to view online or secure a paper copy, you may request to have it mailed to you. Call the church office with your request at 210-344-8393 OR turn in this form with your correct mailing information:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____



Thank you for your support during the transition to this new format. It is our goal to continue to provide information on important dates, events, celebrations, notices, and announcements.

Nov 4, 2018 - Daylight Saving Time Ends

When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, November 4, 2018, **2:00 am** clocks are turned **backward** 1 hour.



SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

The following provides the financial overview for the month of September 2018.

Operating Cash balance at 8/31/2018	(914)
Non-Designated Contributions - September	17,624
Operating Expenses:	
Council on Ministries	1,119
Special Mission Giving	0
Mission Giving	2,299
Administration Expense	131
Trustees	5,558
Pastor's Compensation	4,909
Lay Personnel Compensation	4,786
	<u>18,802</u>
Other Income/(Expense)	<u>3,014</u>
Operating Cash balance at 9/30/2018	<u><u>922</u></u>

Comments:

September receipts were \$898 higher than budgeted, and \$5,432 higher than September 2017. Year-to-Date receipts are \$12,369 higher than budgeted, and \$391 higher than 2017. September 2018 had 5 Sundays versus 4 in 2017.

September operating expenses were \$2,139 lower than budgeted and \$22,491 lower than September 2017. In September, all expense categories were favorable to the budget except Council On Ministries which were higher due to the music ministry.

Through September our apportionment payments are lower than budgeted by \$97.

Other income in September was \$2,352, \$36 higher than budgeted. Year-to-Date other income is unfavorable \$8,024.

Our operating cash balance on September 30, 2018 was a positive \$922. Our monthly income of \$1,175 allowed or the increase in our operating cash balance. The \$1,000 bank error was corrected in September. We initiated a \$10,000 cash transfer from our TMF Operating account in September, but we did not receive the funds until October.

The Finance Committee asks you to review your level of support to St. Mark's, and asks that you keep St. Mark's in your prayers.

God Bless you all.

PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson	Eric Milette	Allison Williams
Jill Anderson	Will Schuetze	Loretta & Bud Voth
Kennedee Bailey	Kirk Tomerlin	Tony Reyna
Kylee Brown	Kathryn Wilson	Juanita, Sally & Andrew
Megan Brown	Rosalinda Cavazos	Natalia Nelson
Bucky Coley	Diane Haag	Juanita Arroyo
Esdras Cuervo	Patricia Barnes	Those impacted by
Sylvia Gonzales	Fran McMahon	hurricanes &
Alice Logan	Rudy de los Santos	floods
Michael Mendoza	Warren Dunetz	



To Remember and Give Thanks

Nov 2	Megan Brown Rosalinda Ramirez	<p>TO ALL THOSE BORN IN NOVEMBER <i>Happy Birthday</i></p>
Nov 6	Aaron Russo	
Nov 8	Joyce Codd	
Nov 11	Joe Price	
Nov 14	Buddy Walla	
Nov 15	Isaac Cruz	
Nov 18	Vee Davison Rev. Maria Soto	
Nov 24	Charles Allen Michael McMillan	
Nov 29	Lois Gordon	

May God bless you with His boundless love, calming peace and heavenly joy throughout the coming year.
Happy Birthday, Child of God!

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MISSION STATEMENT

- 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



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 CLOSED on Friday

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 WESLEY NURSE
 CUSTODIAN Johnny Mendoza