



Messenger

St. Mark's
United Methodist Church

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Regular Weekly Activities:

- † Praise, Bible Study, Communion, Wednesday, November 6 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, November 10 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, November 13 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Sermon, Sunday, November 17 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study Wednesday, November 20 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, November 24 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wednesday, November 26 @ 6 pm

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, faithful friends of Jesus and of our church at St. Mark's:

As we write this letter we are hearing the words of Jesus saying to us, *"Those to whom much has been given, much shall be required."* (Luke 12:48) As almost all of us surely know, we are at a time in the life of our church where we are in real need of financial resources to help us be faithful to the mission and ministry of our congregation. We are getting ready for our Fall Stewardship Campaign, which will be held on **Sunday, November 10, 2019.**

As usual, we will have a prayer vigil the day before, which will be **Saturday, November 9, 2019**, from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm in the sanctuary. We seek God's help for this special time in our church's life and we seek yours as well. I know that all of us are doing the best that we can and every single gift helps! God will continue to sustain us as we live the disciple life to which we are called.

Following the commitment service, we will meet for lunch in the fellowship hall. Meat will be provided and we kindly ask that you bring a side dish or dessert. May God bless and keep us always!

Mary Jo Price, Finance Chair

Joanne Green, Stewardship Chair



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SERVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	9/29/2019	10/6/2019	10/13/2019	10/20/2019
Youth	3	2	2	0
Adults	14	19	15	14
Total SS	17	21	17	14
WORSHIP				
Sunday	50	64	45	40
Wednesday Night	9	5	7	



Tom Jack
 Bob Bailly
 Bob Mace
 Braden Somerville



Altar Flower Calendar

November 3 - 1 Opening
 November 10 - 1 Opening



Children's Church

November 10 - Deborah Molina
 November 24 - Melinda Molina



November 3 - Dorothy Mace
 November 10 - Melinda Molina
 November 17 - Susan Philbin
 November 24 - Cynthia Ramirez



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

TIGARD TEEN DEEMED 'HUNGER HERO' FOR SERVICE TO BETHLEHEM HOUSE OF BREAD

Elena Villarreal is an award-winning hunger hero at just 14 years old. But why wouldn't she be after all the work she's put into helping Bethlehem House of Bread, a United Methodist Ministry sponsored by the Tigard United Methodist Church.

Bethlehem House of Bread (BHoB) started in 2013 in what was once Metzger UMC southwest of Portland. Elena has been volunteering her time at the food pantry and community center since she was in 5th grade as part of her Girl Scouts volunteerism. She's working on her silver award. But her time spent at BHoB has meant more to her than just working toward an award.

"I'm excited to help my community and BHoB is a really cool place," she said. BHoB provides food, but also garden beds and classes on healthy cooking and gardening, along with other ministries. Last month they served 333 families, or 1,300 individuals. "We feed people physically, but we want to feed spirits as well," said coordinator Linda Dove. Elena's volunteerism really kicked into gear a year ago, when she decided to help the community center convert former preschool rooms into a Free Store and hospitality room. But she didn't do it alone. Most 13-year-old girls want some sort of party for their birthday. Not Elena. She asked her friends

to come volunteer their time painting the room, stocking the food pantry and organizing supplies. "I was like, 'hey, let's do something cool instead,'" Elena said. There were 10 young people painting and spiffing up the place. "What 13-year-old gives up a birthday party to help someone else?" Dove said. "I think this is just something she takes to heart." Elena and friends did walk over to the nearby pizza place after, though. "It all paid off in the end," she said, laughing.

Elena's interest in BHOB comes from having attended preschool at the former Metzger church and she attended the nearby Metzger Elementary school. She's being raised Catholic and lives in Tigard. But she always remembered the preschool and had fond memories from her time at the elementary school, so it was easy for her to pick Bethlehem House of Bread as her Girl Scout focus.

She'll be given her Hunger Hero award May 4. "I never expected to get an award for this," she said. "I just wanted to help out."

Kristen Caldwell, Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference

One of seven apportioned giving opportunities of The UMC the World Service Fund is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination. www.umcgiving.org



Apportionments

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

Operating Cash Balance on August 31, 2019	4,874
Non-Designated Contributions - September	17,968
Operating Expenses	27,723
Other Income/(Expense)	2,269
Operating Cash Balance on August 31 2019	(2,612)

September receipts were \$2,225 higher than budgeted. In September we had a very generous memorial contribution to St. Mark's by a church member. The donor requested the donation be used to operate the church. There was a mail problem which resulted in not paying the August CPS bill. Because of confusement with the bill, we ended up paying August and September twice in September. We now have a credit with CPS.

In September we recorded a cash outflow of \$7,095. Without the memorial donation mentioned earlier, our cash outflow would have been significantly higher.

As you can note, our spending continues to exceed our contributions. As a result we continue to spend our reserve funds. It is important that we find a way to meet our expense needs through our contributions. We look forward to any suggestions you have. The Finance Committee thanks you for your support to St. Mark's. God Bless you all.

From Rev. Maria Soto's Desk

November 2019



John 6:11 New Living Translation (NLT) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted.

This miracle of Jesus feeding five thousand, seems to have occurred on a mountainside above the city of Bethsaida (*Luke 9:10*) known today as the Golan Heights. Bethsaida ("house of fish" or "house of fishermen") was Philip's (and some of the disciples) home at least for a while, (*John 1:44*). It is at the northeast end of the Sea of Galilee, on a hill east of where the Jordan River enters the lake. It was near the time of Passover (6:4). Jesus saw the crowds and knew they were be hungry.

When Jesus asked Philip where they could buy a great amount of bread, Jesus was testing Philip to strengthen his faith. Financial resources are not the most important ones. Is there is something impossible God can't do? God can provide the resources, trust him. We can certainly read it in this miracle story.

Jesus takes the loaves and fish, then he lifts his eyes to heaven and "gave thanks." The word is eucharisteō (from which we get our English word "Eucharist"), "to express appreciation for benefits or blessings, give thanks, express thanks, render/return thanks." God gives in abundance. God can multiply resources beyond our expectations.

*"O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.*

[Chorus]

*Then sings my soul, My Saviour God to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
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Peace to you! And ...



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CHOIR DIRECTOR: Carolyn Hahn

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WESLEY NURSE: Rose Miranda

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"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME"

Children's Ministry

Children at St. Mark's UMC are very much a part of our worshiping 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.



Sweets & Treats

Pan Dulce (Mexican Sweet Bread) and Budín de Pan (Puerto Rican Bread Pudding) was provided by our children October 13 to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Unfortunately, children were a no-show but we had plenty of mini treats!



Please keep our Children's Ministry in your prayers. And, pray for the families who bring their children as we all help in their spiritual formation and growth.



**5TH SUNDAY POTLUCK
September 29**

So much food, lots of fun, and a really great time of Christian fellowship.



Thanks to all those who work behind the scenes and for everyone who is able to participate.



Hope y'all can join us for the next one!



NOTES AND NOTICES

Don't forget our
Food Pantry!



Noisy Offering the last Sunday of every month!

FROM YOUR
STAFF/PARISH
RELATIONS COMMITTEE . . .



The SPRC would like to take time to thank St. Mark's staff for their faithful service in the past year. We would like to be able to give a monetary Christmas gift to the staff. The SPRC recommended that a free-will donation be taken for three weeks in December.

If you choose to participate, your donation can be placed in the offering plate on December 1, 8, and 15 OR mailed to the church office any time before December 15. Please mark your check **Staff Christmas Gift 2019.**

Have a blessed and joyous Advent and Christmas season!

Yours in Christ, *Sue Horner* SPRC Chairperson

CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Monday,
November 4, 2019**

at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Fellowship Hall



Ladies Christmas Bunco

**Saturday, December 7, 2019
at 10:00 am**

Make plans to attend and bring a friend!



Poinsettia orders will begin November 1 with a **November 17 deadline.** Cost: **\$11.00 each.** Forms will be available soon.

Honor or remember a loved one!

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Commitment Card 2019 (for 2020)



Stewardship

Today's Date	/	/	2019
Name			
Address			
City/State./Zip			
Phone (home)			
Phone (cell)			
Email			
Weekly	\$ _____	for 52 weeks	
Monthly	\$ _____	for 12 months	
Total	\$ _____	over a one year period	

PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson	Michael Mendoza	Ross Pe'Vey
Jill Anderson	Eric Miletti	Adam Rudd
Kennedee Bailey	Will Schuetze	Family of Abraham
Kylee Brown		Salazar
Bucky Coley	Warren Dunetz	Nora Ramirez
Esdras Cuervo	Joyce Codd	Thomas Pehl
Sylvia Gonzales	Patricia Barnes	Imogene Brown
Alice Logan	Joanne Herschell	Pray for one another



the family of Ron Brown.
Ron passed away October 20, 2019.

Rosalinda Ramirez NOV 2
 Megan Brown NOV 2
 Sandi Sanchez NOV 4
 Ronnie Dullnig NOV 5
 Elvia Aguirre NOV 7
 Joyce Codd NOV 8
 Thomas Pehl NOV 14



Buddy Walla NOV 14
 Isaac Cruz NOV 15
 Vee Davison NOV 18
 Rev. Maria Soto NOV 18
 Basilio Soto, Sr. NOV 22
 Charles Allen NOV 24
 Lois Gordon NOV 29
 Jeannette Montague NOV 30

*Jesus said, "I am the light of the world."
 May the birthday candles that represent the years of your life,
 be a reflection to others of your love for Christ.
 Happy Birthday!*



John & Diane
 Williams
 November 8