



Things to Remember!

- † **8:30 AM Saturday, October 4th—PUMPKINS ARE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE!!**
- † **Saturday, October 11th - Blessing of the Animals**
- † **Saturday, October 18th - BBQ (Baskin Elementary)**
- † Tuesday, October 21st - Vouchers for Food Truck
- † Thursday, October 23rd - Food Truck & Tacos
- † Sunday, October 26th - F-Troop
- † Tuesdays at 9:30 AM - Drive Thru Prayer
- † Praise and Communion Bi-Cultural Worship Service Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm (FH) preceded by a light meal at 6:30 pm

Thanks to all volunteers who helped in August! It was hot!

Food Truck Snapshots: One of the people who utilized the truck was selected for audit by the city of San Antonio. She used the St Mark's truck for about 5 months. Her husband was laid off when the mobile wheelchair business was closed. One day he had a job and the next day he was unemployed. She worked and her salary paid the mortgage, utilities and their daughter's tuition. There was nothing left for food. Her boss saw the Food Truck sign at St Mark's and insisted she leave and get food for the family. She used us for 5 months until her husband found a job. She wanted to thank everyone who volunteers and tell everyone how much her family appreciated the help.

Volunteers you were a blessing to this family and all the other families we help with the Food Truck. Truly, we are doing God's work and what a joy it is to be able to do it.

More truck stories next month!!

(Ask Tom Jack or Johnny Mendoza - How Hot Was It??)



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STATE OF THE CHURCH



<u>Sunday School</u>	09/07	09/14	09/21
Children	2	0	2
Youth	5	6	6
Adults	39	39	33
Total SS	47	45	41
<u>Worship</u>	82	88	74

USHERS

- † Kathy Jack
- † Sue Horner
- † Susan Philbin
- † Sharon Somerville

TAPE MINISTRY

- † Daniel Wilke

GREETERS

- † Diane Haag
- † Louise Chaffin

Finance Committee Reflections: Sounds From the Bean Counters



Children have returned to school, and with your help, many have the supplies and uniforms they need. Back-to-school also marks the end of the summer vacation season. We hope this is the case at St. Mark's so that we see an increase in attendance and the corresponding contributions. Contributions have been lower through the summer months and an increase would be greatly received.

Contributions in August were \$20,551, which was higher than both 2013 and the budget. The primary reason for the higher contributions is due to having five Sundays in August. Year-to-date, our contributions are lower than 2013 and the budget by \$4,600 and \$4,800 respectively.

Operating expenses in August were \$400 higher than last year while \$2,700 less than budget. Versus the budget, the lower spending related to Mission Giving, Trustee expense and Council on Ministries. Compared to August 2013, lower Council on Ministries expense was more than offset by higher Mission Giving, Lay Personnel Compensation and Administrative expenses. Lay Personnel compensation was higher as the result of five paydays in the month. Year-to-date operating expenses are \$2,400 higher than 2013 primarily due to higher Lay Personnel Compensation and Administrative expense partially offset by lower Trustee expense and Council on Ministries spending. Versus the budget, spending is favorable by \$10,400, almost entirely the result of favorable Trustee spending. Way to go Trustees!

*Coming Soon!
Commitment Sunday!!*

November 9, 2014



It is time to reflect not only on our time and responsibilities, but our church's finances. Finances include maintaining our facilities, helping those in need, and spreading the faith.

Our Prayer Vigil will be Saturday, November 8, 2014. The Celebration Luncheon will follow worship service Sunday, November 9, 2014. Reservation cards can be turned in the previous two Sundays, October 26th and November 2nd.

Conference Benevolences

The Administration Fund's goal is to support General Conference, Annual Conference Session, The Treasurer's Office, Audits for District and Campus Ministries.

8.2 cents of every apportioned dollar goes to the Administration Fund.

The Administration fund also provides for direct benefits to other local churches of the conference:

For instance:

Mount Wesley operations are supported directly by the Administration Fund.

The property and liability insurance program - including worker's comp, umbrella coverage and officer's coverage - is provided at a cost, with an estimated saving to churches of more than \$2 million annually.



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK

I promised Joyce Codd that I would write an article about the Pumpkin Patch; ok, Joyce! Here it is! Actually, this is a very easy and enjoyable task for me to do. Yes, the Pumpkin Patch is a lot of work. Yes, we need workers. Yes, it is longgggggg...like, the whole month of October. Yes, invariably, there will be weather events that can be "challenging". So, naturally, we all want to be a part of this amazing ministry!

Sort of... You know, I have been a pastor for over 30 years. In every church, every year there are those special events that, on the surface, are a pain in the neck. Weddings come to mind; so do certain seasons: Christmas, Easter to name two. But lives are changed because of these events; miracles of love, healing and salvation occur during these events. Yes, they are demanding, exhausting, sleep depriving and time-consuming experiences that can wear us out, physically, emotionally and spiritually (check with the disciples if you don't believe me). And yet....oh, the benefits! Those sacred, holy moments....those blessed experiences when it all comes together, when we all remember why we belong to a church, why we go to church, why it matters that Christ came and still continues to come. These moments are "sacramental": they are signs and acts that demonstrate that God is real and that God is with us and that it is very good! Nobody, worn out though they might be when it's all over, really wants to do away with a wedding or Christmas! In a world of cheap, false gods we cherish those times when God is revealed in the common, ordinary times of work and ministry that we are called to.

And that's why I'm gonna work at the Pumpkin Patch, and I hope that you will, too. If you can't actually work (lifting pumpkins, counting money, locking up, etc) just come out and support the team. Just hang out with us; I promise that you'll be glad you did! We have people from all over San Antonio and Bexar County that come year after year because this is such an awesome, safe, fun family event. It is diverse, all ages and stages, persuasions and perspectives; it looks and feels a lot like the Kingdom of God. I love it and I'm proud of all of us for slogging on and doing it, when it's so easy to just say: "nah, I'm not doing that." So that's my story and I'm sticking to it! Come get in on the fun! It's work...but it's worth it!

God bless you,

Jay

October 2014

Monthly Planner

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Wesley Nurse News - October 2014

INFLUENZA – WHAT IS IT?

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by flu viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can lead to hospitalization or death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain chronic health conditions- Diabetes, Asthma, COPD, Heart Failure - are at high risk for serious flu complications. (CDC)



HOW FLU SPREADS and INFECTIOUS PERIOD

- ◇ By droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby.
- ◇ By touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching his or her own mouth, eyes or nose.
- ◇ Contagious period may begin one day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick.
- ◇ People may be able to transmit the flu to others before they know they are even sick.

FLU PREVENTION



- ◇ **Get the Flu Vaccine**
- ◇ Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- ◇ Stay home when you are sick -you will help others from catching your illness
- ◇ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing -If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands
- ◇ **Wash your hands** -if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub
- ◇ Avoid touching your eyes nose or mouth -Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
- ◇ Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is sick.

For more information about the Flu, please visit websites: CDC website-<http://www.cdc.gov/flu> and The National Institute on Aging http://www.nia.nih.gov/sites/default/files/flu_get_the_shot_0.pdf or talk to your Wesley Nurse

NEWS FLASH!!!

Walgreens will be partnering with Methodist Healthcare Ministries' Wesley Nurse and St Mark's United Methodist Church to offer flu vaccines to the public on October 23, 2014 at the mobile food pantry located at St Mark's Gym.

Your Wesley Nurse,
Charzes Flowers, RN



THINK ROUND, THINK ORANGE!!

How time flies!! The countdown is on for the Pumpkin Patch!! During the next few weeks, you will see the following things happening in the Patch:

Bob Mace and his helpers will get the lights installed before the hay and pallets arrive on Bob Bailly and his crew will set up the hay and canopy. Thanks to Jeff Brown for delivering the pallets and furnishing a trailer so that the hay can be picked up.



This year, we will be getting 100 bales of hay. After the hay is unloaded, Bob Bailly and other volunteers will set up the canopy. Next, the pallets will be set out during the week before the

Sometime between September 27th and October 4th decorations so that the Patch will be ready to open as soon as the pumpkins arrive.

Be sure and come to one of the training sessions. It is important that you come if you have never worked in the Patch and a refresher class is probably a good idea for those who have worked in the past. Training sessions are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 29th. Someone has donated a door prize for each session.

Then, October 4th, the pumpkins arrive. We will need all who are able to show up at 8:30 a.m. at the church to assist. Once again, Bob Bailly will oversee the unloading of the pumpkins and Bill McMahon will take care of counting the pumpkins as they come off the truck. Ramona Bissett has agreed to be a substitute for Bill if needed. Thanks to Ramona for counting the pumpkins the past several years.

Be sure and bring your gloves and a wheelbarrow if you can. The wheelbarrows really speed up the unloading process. The Boy Scouts will be assisting and we are hoping that the Texas Tiger basketball guys and young people from Roy Maas Youth Alternative will be available to assist with the unloading. Of course, the big treat will be the goodies prepared by Sue Horner and her assistants. We all look forward to the treats she prepares. So, if you can't move pumpkins, come on down and watch and enjoy the goodies.

Anyone interested in helping wash small pumpkins and stuff the treat bags for Story Time should come to Lovely Lane at 9:30 a.m. on October 6th and 7th. We are anticipating between 450 and 500 children joining us for Story Time. That means 500 little pumpkins will have to be washed.



Imogene Brown has filled the schedule for the Patch workers so things are set up for us to get off to a great start!

Thank to all of you who have volunteered in any way to make the Pumpkin Patch a success. We need and appreciate all of you.

And now, it's time to LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!!!

St. Mark's BBQ Benefits PET

Thank you, St. Mark's and the Barbecue Committee for hosting the BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday, September 20 to benefit PET. Personal Energy Transportation, or PET, is a specialty wheelchair made by volunteers here in San Antonio and is given at no cost to disabled people with mobility limitations in developing countries. We can make and ship a PET for \$250, so a portion of every BBQ plate sold on Saturday will go to furthering that cause. The numbers aren't in yet but we believe enough BBQ plates were sold to sponsor the manufacture of 3-4 PETs which will directly impact 3-4 lives. Thank you, Tom Jack and Bob Mace, pictured below left, for being the outside cooks. And thank you to all who prepared the food, set up, cooked, served, and cleaned up inside. That's "Chef" Dario Leija in the picture below right, trying out a PET with son, Little Dario.



The Youth will once again be selling calendars, pocket calendars, and Christmas cards this year! These items come from Youth Group Promotions, the same company we have used for the past several years. All items will sell for \$7 each. Look for the youth to be selling before and after church.

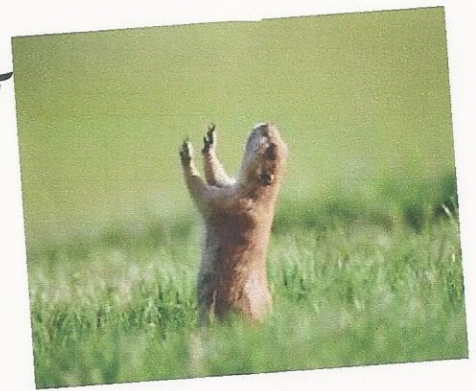




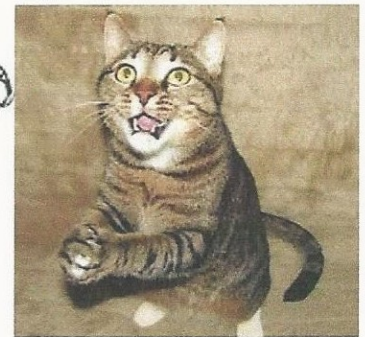
The Blessing of Animals
Saturday, October 11
10:00 AM



St. Mark's United Methodist
Church
1902 Vance Jackson
344-8393



Bring your pets for our annual
Blessing, stay after and take your
Fall pictures in our pumpkin patch.
All animals welcome on leash or in
container.



NEISD COMMUNITY CHOIR NIGHT WITH THE SAN ANTONIO SPURS

SPURS vs. NY

Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2014

AT&T Center @ 7:00pm

Both FanZone and Lower Level Seats Available

Package includes:

- **\$21.00** (reg price \$29) or **\$28.00** (reg price \$42) **FanZone** ticket
- Or **\$98.00 Lower Level**
- Each ticket purchased includes voucher for Hot Dog, Soda & Chips
- Special Anthem performance by NEISD Community Choir

Deadline: Monday, November 10, 2014

(No Refunds or Exchanges)



If interested, contact Joseph Scutti and he will coordinate the tickets. Make checks payable to SPURS.

Dear St. Mark's:

My daughter, Megan Radowick, formerly of your choir, tells me of the passing of Cheryl Owens last year. Even though some months have passed and her health was dire, it saddens me. I visited your warm church family about six times while Megan was in school and Pastor Cheryl always moved me with God's message. I hope you continue to appreciate the blessing God gave you in Pastor Cheryl.

Fondly,

Peter Radowick

An Evening Prayer

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done. Let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In Your name we pray,
Amen

(New Zealand Prayer Book)

ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S . . .

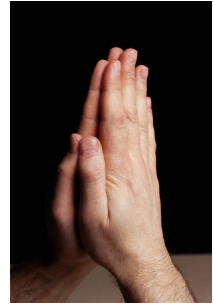


Please remember
these in your prayers

Jill Anderson
Kylee Brown
Megan Brown
Margaret Broxton
Bill & Isabel Centeno
Bucky Coley
Esdras Cuervo
Margery Green
Gladys Johnson
Bea Kunkel
Clay Laster
Alice & Ben Logan
Michael Mendoza
Mendoza Family
Charles Mixon
Gloria Reedy

Steve Reyes Sr.
Ella Reyes
Mike Ross
John Parramore
Will Schuetze
Kirk Tomerlin
Abraham Wamah
Ann Payette
Gage Taylor
Kattia Garcia
Baby Vanessa Reyes
Baby Jude & Mom Cira
Gary Rodriguez
Adam Rudd
Jonell Chaney
Gary Johnson

Dan Peña
Les Baird
Catherine Salamoné
Bobby Roberts
Jim Wagener



	10/06 Patrick Schmidt	10/22 Barbara Tucker
	10/10 Helen Setterfield	10/23 Robert Simms
	10/11 Bob Cermin	10/25 Irma Swatzell
	10/16 Malcolm Austin Kim Durick	10/27 Neale Freeto
	10/18 Pauline Denham Susan Philbin	10/28 Jim Horner



NOTE!
ADDRESS CHANGE

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Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of
Thomas Alderman
At his death in August



A warm welcome to our Newest Members!

Julia Ybarra (joined 8/17)
Susan Kosmich (joined 9/7)


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- 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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