



Messenger

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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Things to Remember:

- † PUMPKIN PATCH! Daily 12 - 8 PM
- † Tuesday, October 6th - Dellview Neighborhood Association National Night Out (Dellview Park) 6:00 PM
- † Sunday, October 11th - Party in the Patch for Elementary Aged School Children - 5:00 PM
- † Saturday, October 17th - BBQ
- † Vouchers - Tuesday, October 20th - 9-11 AM
- † Food Truck, Thursday, October 22nd @ 9:00 AM
- † F-Troop - Sunday, October 25th @ 6:00 PM
- † Wednesday Night Fellowship and Worship Service - Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm (FH)

FROM YOUR FOOD PANTRY . . .

Thanks to your continued generous weekly donations of food and monthly money contributions through the "Noisy Offering," we have been able to keep up with the requests for food during the summer. As you may know, we have two types of people stopping by the church asking for help with food: those who are just passing by and are hungry "right now," and those who can use a larger bag of food and prepare a couple of meals for their family.

In July 2015, you gave 145 pounds of food and \$86.97 in cash. With this, we were able to feed the following:

- 41 families
- 121 people
- 25 new people
- 12 with physical disabilities
- 6 with mental disabilities
- 31 homeless



In August, 2015 you gave 214 pounds of food and \$198.03 in cash. And with your donations, we fed the following:



- 58 families
- 162 people
- 26 new people
- 7 with physical disabilities
- 4 with mental disabilities
- 20 homeless

Thank you for your support of this mission outreach program of St. Mark's.



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SERVING THE CHURCH

<u>Sunday School</u>	8/30	9/6	9/13	9/20
Children	2	1	2	2
Youth	2	4	5	6
Adults	35	34	38	38
Total SS	39	39	45	46
<u>Worship</u>	89	84	75	79



USHERS

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

On Sunday, August 30th, we celebrated our Sunday School teachers with recognition and a potluck luncheon following worship. Spencer Kiesel and Allison Ramirez received bibles. Spencer is in the 5th grade and Allison is in the 3rd grade. Thank you to all of you who serve our church with your gifts and your talents.

Here are a couple of pictures from that Sunday...





Conference Benevolences

Administration

Goals: To support General Conference, Annual Conference Session, The Treasurer's Office, and Audits for District & 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 the Conference of more than \$1 million annually



2015 Altar Flower Openings

Would you like to sponsor the beautiful altar flowers in the sanctuary on Sunday morning? There are several opportunities in the coming months where you can purchase these flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion. Just sign up with Joanne or Patti and drop your \$25 donation in the offering plate with the designation "Altar Flowers".

October 11	1 Opening
October 18	1 Opening
November 1	2 Openings
November 8	1 Opening
November 15	1 Opening
November 22	1 Opening

Call Joanne Green - 210-690-5714 or
Patti in the church office - 210-344-8393
or email: stmarksumc@grandecom.net





From Our Pastor. . .

As I write this, it's a beautiful Fall morning! I am going to head out the door, go to the Oblate grounds, walk in the garden and just spend some quality quiet time with my friend, Jesus.

We have a busy Fall schedule ahead of us with Pumpkin Patch, Church Conference, Commitment Sunday and plenty of mission and ministry opportunities. Let's make sure we have strength and guidance for the journey ahead.

Pray, play and praise the Lord who is with us all ways as we seek to deepen our faith and develop our discipleship in the service of God who calls us to be his people and his church.

God bless you, see you Sunday!

Jay

The Dellview Neighborhood
association (D.A.N.A.)
invites area churches
to participate in

**National Neighborhood Night Out
at Dellview Park
on Tuesday, October 6
from 6-8 PM.**

Hot dogs, drinks, door prizes and
lots of meeting our neighbors.
Please come!

BBQ Update

Thanks to everyone who bought tickets, worked or helped with the barbecue. It was a big success and after expenses, we raised \$1610 for the church!

October BBQ benefits Baskin Elementary. It will be held on October 17th.



October 2015

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

The good news is the many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early.

If you are a woman age 40 to 49, talk with your doctor about when to start getting mammograms and how often to get them.

If you are a woman age 50 to 74, be sure to get a mammogram every 2 years. You may also choose to get them more often.

Talk to a doctor about your risk for breast cancer, especially if a close family member of yours had breast or ovarian cancer. Your doctor can help you decide when and how often to get mammograms.

Please see the Wesley Nurse calendar located in the Fellowship Hall at St Mark's UMC for dates and times of health presentations on Breast Cancer to be presented at St. Mark's.

For more information on this health topic, please visit the American Cancer Society's website: <http://www.cancer.org/cancer/breastcancer/index>, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' website: <http://healthfinder.gov/nho/OctoberToolkit.aspx>, or contact the Wesley Nurse at 210-344-8393.

**Your Wesley Nurse,
Charzes Flowers, RN**

NOTES AND NOTICES



Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, September 19th was this year's Blessing of the Animals. We had all dogs this year, a total of seven. All the dogs were in fine form and Jay opened the Blessing with a prayer read by all. He then read a beautiful poem about pets who have passed on but await us to join them in heaven. The Blessings commenced and each pet was photographed by Rob Remig as they received their blessing. The service was dismissed to participate in the garage sale and BBQ.



THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

To everyone who worked, donated, sorted, priced, cashiered, doorman, or whatever, your church wants to express our thanks for your services. Without anyone of you, the Garage Sale would not have been a success. With the graces of our God, we did have a successful sale and deposited nearly \$2200.00 into our churches operation account. We are grateful and pray a blessing on each of you for serving.

Imogene Brown



Commitment Sunday is Coming!!!

November 15th

Please be thinking about your commitment to St. Mark's in the next few weeks. We will be having our covered dish luncheon. Be on the lookout for your reservation cards in late October!

Youth Fund Raiser

The calendars and greeting cards are here! The youth kicked off their fundraiser by selling these items at the BBQ. Thank you for supporting our St. Mark's Youth!!



MORE NOTES AND NOTICES

Revival - A Small Group Bible Study

Eighteen people from our congregation formed three small groups and completed Adam Hamilton's six week small group study Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It, a study of John Wesley. Quoting Adam Hamilton, "Wesley's story is our story, defining our faith and challenging us to rediscover our spiritual passion."

Congratulations to all of you who participated in this study, and a very warm "thank you" to our hosts - Ann Brown, Imogene Brown and Kathy Jack.

Watch for more small group studies to come!

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!
- Noisy Offering - the last Sunday of every month!



Dear St. Mark's,

Thank you very much for your support of my trip to Africa! The Lord worked in many ways there. Working at the school not only blessed the kids, but me as well. While I was there we also went to the orphanage with the opportunity to encourage the boys and girls to follow their dreams and the plan God has for them. Feeling God's presence in the work we accomplished gives me hope that seeds were planted. Along with going to the orphanage and the school we passed out food to the community where many were prayed over and received Christ. Asante Sana (thanks very much) for your support in God's plan to use me! Bwana Asifiwe means "Praise God", for God blessed me and those we were around.

Kelsie Lee

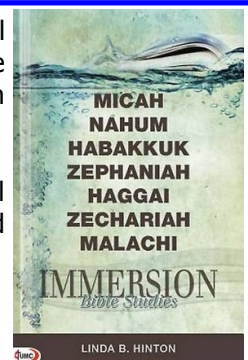


Need a Good Handyman?

Johnny Mendoza
210-765-1869

On Wednesday, October 21st, the Wednesday Bible Study Group will begin our final study in the Old Testament series! We have been using the Immersion series, we started with Genesis and over the past few years we have worked our way through the entire Old Testament - word for word!!

Each study is completely independent. If you would like to join us for the final study, we will explore Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. Please contact Patti in the church office - 344-8393.





HIDY HO!! THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!!

My- oh- my, how time flies! By the time you receive this newsletter, the hay and pallets will be out and the Patch may even be decorated. Next to come will be pumpkins which are due to arrive on Saturday, October 3rd at 1:00 p.m. Soooo - - if you are able and can help unload, bring your gloves and a wheel barrow if you have one. If you are unable to assist with the unloading, come anyway. It's fun to watch the hustle and bustle; and - Sue always has good things to eat.

Please keep on bringing candy. You would not believe how many bags it takes to be able to give candy to all of the visiting children even when we are being frugal and allowing only a few pieces per child. Folks, we have a lot of little visitors coming to the patch so, keep on giving and remember, **NO CHOCOLATES PLEASE.**

This year, we have something special going on in the Patch on Sunday, October 11th. We're having a Pumpkin Patch Party for neighborhood kids. They are invited to wear costumes, take pictures, hear a story and have refreshments. Should be a fun time in the Patch and who knows, maybe they'll buy some pumpkins!!

As usual, we will be having Story Time for the invited school children in the mornings beginning October 12th. You are always welcome to drop by and watch the children.

Here's a big loud **SHOUT OUT** to some Pumpkin Patch elves:

F-Troop for filling the little dirt bags for Story Time visitors
Jeff Brown for getting his company to donate the pallets and for delivering them
Bob Bailly for taking care of the unloading of hay and pallets and helping with the canopy
Bob Mace for installing the lights and helping with the canopy
Also, thanks to all who assisted with the hay, pallets, lights and canopy
Dorothy Mace for getting the schools lined up for Story Time
Patti Gardner for typing and printing the Penelope notes each week as well as brochures and flyers that she always gets done on short notice
Johnny Mendoza for cleaning out a room in Lovely Lane so we have a place to operate from for Story Time
Esther Circle for putting pumpkin seeds in little bags and for stuffing the treat bags
Susan Philbin for her Penelope appearances

Thanks to all of you and if we missed someone, we're sorry and we thank you very much, too! Of course, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the precious performances of Pippi Pumpkin (aka Ashley). "Ain't she cute!" We thank her very much and hope to have more appearances with Pippi and Susan. It so nice to see a young face participating.

And now, the fun begins!!!

SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

Operating Cash balance at 7/31/15	(21,964)
Non-Designated Contributions - August	18,421
Operating Expenses:	
Council on Ministries	1,082
Special Mission Giving	0
Mission Giving	512
Administration Expense	543
Trustees	6,929
Pastor's Compensation	6,339
Lay Personnel Compensation	<u>6,361</u>
	21,766
Other Income/(Expense)	<u>29,438</u>
Operating Cash balance at 8/31/2015	<u><u>4,129</u></u>

Comments:

August contributions were lower than both the budget and 2014.

While our operating expenses were lower than budgeted, we still had a cash outflow of \$3,086.

Apportionment (Mission Giving):

Through August we have paid \$16,097, which is lower than both 2014 and the budget.

Our ending operating cash balance was a positive \$4,129 as a result of transferring \$4,500 from the Parsonage TMF account and \$25,000 from the operating account at TMF.

Since our operating expenses continue to exceed our contributions there is a problem. We will continue to look for ways to generate more monies to improve our cash position.

As always, our thoughts and prayers are with each of you. God bless!

ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S . . .



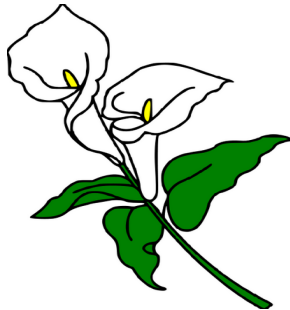
Please remember these
in your prayers

Jill Anderson
Willie Barnes
Connor Benjamin
Kylee Brown
Megan Brown
Margaret Broxton
Bill & Isabel Centeno
Bucky Coley
Esdras Cuervo
Cora Fischer
Gladys Johnson
Bea Kunkel
Alice & Ben Logan
Robert Flores Lopez
Michael Mendoza
Ann Payette

Gloria Reedy
Steve Reyes Sr.
Mike Ross
Will Schuetze
Doris Sinclair
Kirk Tomerlin
Abraham Wamah
Family of Amy Middleton
Coy Mitchell
Elda Sanchez
Cody Black
Jack Strawn
Eliza Tirres
Audrey Bradley
Cy Houser
Family of Wally Smith

Family of Dwight Cofield
Rosie Cavazos
Jean Newman
Kaci John
Tucker Family
Toni Alvarado
Lee Grant
Family of Charles Mixon
Landry Dollahite
Jonell Chaney
Manuel Cadera
Barbara Klauer

	October 6 Patrick Schmidt	October 16 Malcom Austin Kim Durick	October 27 Neale Freeto	
	October 10 Helen Setterfield	October 18 Susan Philbin	October 28 Jim Horner	
	October 11 Bob Cermin	October 25 Irma Swatzell		



*Our Sincere Sympathy is extended to
the family and friends of:*

*Howard Long
Charles Mixon*

The Renaissance House
An Assisted Living/Personal Care Facility Since 1996

Regulated by the State of Texas and operated by a nurse, **The Renaissance House** is located at 227 Saratoga (off Vance Jackson), providing twenty-four hour care for up to six residents. This facility offers a home, loving atmosphere whose goal is to provide respect and the highest quality of care and assistance to the residents, allowing them to maintain their dignity and individuality. The staff works to stimulate the interest of the residents, which promotes companionship as well as physical and mental well being.

Give us a call at 210-348-9678 and come by to inspect the facility. **The Renaissance House** looks forward to you becoming an important member of the family. References will be provided upon request.

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- 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, WORKSHIP, 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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 9:00 am—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday
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