

Messenger

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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Things to Remember:

- † October 2 World Communion Sunday
- † Children's Church Sundays - October 9 & 23
- † BBQ Saturday, October 15th - Benefits Baskin Elementary School
- † Monday, October 17th -6:30 PM Finance, 7:00 PM Admin Council
- † Thursday, October 27th -Mobile Food Pantry 8:00 AM
- † Don't forget to collect your change for our Noisy Offering! Sunday, October 30th
- † F-TROOP Sunday, October 30
- † Wednesdays @ 6:30 -Praise Communion Service

Thank you all for your support of our 2016 school supply drive! Thanks especially to Kathy Jack for picking up some donations for us from the Wesley Center. Here's what we sent to Arnold this year:

- 1 Ream of Notebook Paper
- 5 Plastic Folders
- 10 Bottles of Liquid Handsoap
- 10 Rulers (with calculators built in!)
- 13 Pencil Sharpeners
- 14 Boxes of Kleenex
- 15 Disinfectant Wipes
- 18 Erasers
- 20 Bottles of Elmer's Glue
- 23 Composition Books
- 30 Spiral Notebooks
- 40 Pencil Pouches
- 79 Pairs of Scissors
- 100 Crayola Markers
- 148 Glue Sticks
- 192 #2 Pencils
- 240 Colored Pencils
- 744 Crayons

And 30 Uniforms (\$450 value)





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SERVING THE CHURCH

Sunday School	8/28	9/4	9/11	9/18
Children	1	3	1	1
Youth	3	3	3	4
Adults	32	35	27	28
Total SS	36	41	31	33
Worship				
Sunday	72	69	82	73
Wednesday Service	30	32	26	



OCTOBER USHERS

- † Joyce Codd
- † Janice Coley
- † Mona Rosfeld
- † Dorothy Mace

Altar Flowers

Only 2 more available dates this year!! Watch for Poinsettia order forms coming in November!!

November 13 2 Openings

November 27 1 Opening



October Liturgists

October 2 Ann Brown

October 9 Melinda Molina

October 16 Brett Codd

October 23 Joanne Green

October 30 Dorothy Mace

"How we give today"

"We give because we want to," says Jim Ernst of Will Rogers United Methodist Church of Tulsa, Oklahoma. "God does not need our money. Our



giving is an act of worship, supporting the ministries of our local church and the ministries of the United Methodist Church through apportionments.

"It is an act of faith and love that by giving, we are putting our faith in God. God always provides, and we cannot outgive God, no matter how much we give."

All United Methodist churches are connected. That connection comes to life when we share our resources with our sisters and brothers in the Philippines, Africa, Europe and the United States. Working together with other congregation, every church - regardless of size or location - can do much more than it could on its own. *Together, We Do More.*

The "official" name for our giving methodology is "connectional giving." Connectional giving goes beyond your local church. One form of connectional giving is apportionments. United Methodists know "apportionments" by many other names such as "a portion meant for others" or various types of covenants - connectional, ministry share, missional giving, shared ministry and tithe.



From Our Pastor ...

Lots of energy at St. Mark's these days...and lots of energy in my life as well. You may not know, or may not have heard but I am doing a continuing education event that is very exciting, very informative and fulfilling and very time consuming for me!

It's called a CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) and it lasts for four months. What this means for me and for St. Mark's UMC is that I spend Tuesdays at Baptist Hospital, downtown San Antonio; I also spend Fridays which are normally my day off in an 8 hour class, where I learn more effective communication skills and how to be a more effective pastor; and...this is the real kicker: I spend one night a week oncall from 5pm until 7am the next morning as the chaplain of the hospital! When I was at seminary 35 years ago, I did one of these CPE semesters, but it was not nearly as involved or as intensive back then. I was at Parkland Hospital and I know I didn't do any overnight oncall work; the oncall work was just limited to one daytime shift in the afternoons. Sigh...

I am finding the work to be a very fulfilling ministry, in spite of the time demands. I work with a very diverse population and get an opportunity to really practice and develop my Spanish speaking skills. Also, I'm learning ways to be a more effective, intentional pastor; fine tuning and developing my listening skills and hopefully being able to express myself more clearly. Last, but certainly not least, I am actively seeking discernment in how to respond to God's will for me and my ministry and it's encouraging that, even at 64, an old dog can still learn new tricks! It seems that God still has a use for my skills and services in mission and ministry and I am thankful to be able to have such a fulfilling and rewarding opportunity! However, I will really be glad when this is over!

Until then, please continue to pray for me to be the best and most effective pastor and disciple that I can be in the service of Christ and St. Mark's UMC. As the year unfolds, let us all seek to discern God's will for our own unique ministries and for guidance and direction as a congregation that is called by God to mission and ministry. Rest assured that, although I am committed to this continuing education event for the next 4 months, I am the pastor of St. Mark's UMC; I was called here first, appointed here and I will continue to serve until I am called by God (and the Cabinet!) to serve elsewhere. You are important to me and I love to serve with you! So, if you see me galloping down the road like an itinerant preacher of old, give a wave and send a prayer that God's will be done!

God bless you,

Jay

October 2016						
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October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Signs and symptoms of breast cancer

Knowing how your breasts normally look and feel is an important part of keeping up with your breast health. Finding breast cancer as early as possible gives you a better chance of successful treatment. But knowing what to look for does not take the place of having regular mammograms and screening tests. Screening tests can help find breast cancer in its early stages, even before any symptoms appear.

The most common symptom of breast cancer is a new lump or mass. A painless, hard mass that has irregular edges is more likely to be cancerous, but breast cancers can be tender, soft, or rounded. They can even be painful. For this reason, it is important to have any new breast mass or lump or breast change checked by a health care professional experienced in diagnosing breast diseases.

Other possible symptoms of breast cancer include:

- Swelling of all or part of a breast (even if no distinct lump is felt)
- Skin irritation or dimpling
- Breast or nipple pain
- Nipple retraction (turning inward)
- Redness, scaliness, or thickening of the nipple or breast skin
- Nipple discharge (other than breast milk)

Sometimes a breast cancer can spread to lymph nodes under the arm or around the collar bone and cause a lump or swelling there, even before the original tumor in the breast tissue is large enough to be felt. Swollen lymph nodes should also be reported to your doctor.

Although any of these symptoms can be caused by things other than breast cancer, if you have them, they should be reported to your doctor so that he or she can find the cause.

Because mammograms do not find every breast cancer, it is important for you to be aware of changes in your breasts and to know the signs and symptoms of breast cancer.



NOTES AND NOTICES



The Brick Fundraiser is still in process! Don't forget to buy a brick to honor or remember your family forever!

Annual Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Bring your pets (leashed or caged, please!) for a special blessing! If you have lost a beloved pet this year, bring a picture and Jay will bless them also.

Don't forget our Food Pantry!

Individual fruit cups
Peanut butter crackers
Granola/Breakfast bars
Small cans of ravioli with pull-tops
One-pound bag rice
One-pound bag pinto beans
Ramen Noodles (brick or cup)
Juice (12 oz or smaller)
Cans of Chicken or Spam
(Tuna not needed)



Don't forget our

Noisy Offering - the last Sunday of every month!

Looking for a Good Handyman?

Johnny Mendoza

210-765-1869



BBQ - Saturday, October 15th



11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

CHICKEN or SAUSAGE

With all the trimmings

\$8.00

Benefits Baskin Elementary School

MORE NOTES AND NOTICES



What is Commitment Sunday? It is that time of year when we think about continuing the work so many of you have started and continue to do at St. Mark's. You give of your time and talents, but it takes our dollars, too, to move forward and accomplish God's plans.

Let's be thinking about our variety of gifts and be ready to fill out our commitment cards on November 13! A Covered Dish Lunch will follow!



Texas Diaper Bank is having a diaper drive starting September 12th. Texas Diaper Bank provides diapers to young mothers after they attend parenting classes. This is a wonderful project and I hope that St Mark's supports it. Texas Diaper Bank provides the funding for our monthly Food Truck. They are hoping to collect a million diapers from churches and other organizations. I hope St Mark's will be a small part of that goal.

If you would like to support this drive with boxes of diapers, there is a box in the foyer to collect them. If you would like to support this drive with a monetary donation, please mark "Diaper Drive" on your check to St. Mark's.



Thanks so much!

Patti Austin



SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

Operating Cash balance at 7/31/2016		654
Non-Designated Contributions - August		12,452
Operating Expenses:		
Council on Ministries	833	
Special Mission Giving	0	
Mission Giving	495	
Administration Expense	228	
Trustees	6,112	
Pastor's Compensation	4,734	
Lay Personnel Compensation	5,407	
		17,809
Other Income/(Expense)	_	4,625
Operating Cash balance at 8/31/2016	_	(78)

Comments:

August contributions were \$3,454 less than budgeted and \$5,981 less than 2015. Rental income was \$404 lower than budgeted.

Operating expenses were \$6,037 lower than budgeted and \$3,958 lower than August 2015. Through August, all expense categories are favorable to budget.

For the month, we had a cash outflow of \$5,084, which caused our operating cash balance to drop from \$654 to (\$78). The operating cash balance would have been much worse if we had not transferred \$4,500 from the TMF Parsonage Account. Our receipts for the month were \$12,452 and our operating expenses were \$17,809. Our year-to-date cash outflow is \$12,341.

We appreciate the support you all give to St. Mark's, whether it is your time, talent or treasure. The finance committee asks for your prayers as we strive to find ways to increase contributions while controlling and reducing expenses where possible. God bless you all!

In August, the Worship Committee and the Memorial Committee ordered new pew bibles. The pew bibles that were in the Sanctuary were of a revision no longer available and we needed to replace about 40 that had gone missing. 150 new bibles were purchased with funds that had been given over the years as memorials. Each new bible is labeled with a memorial for those from our congregation who have gone on before. We included a memorial for each pastor that has served St. Mark's and then using the book of record, past members were also remembered. It is so wonderful to see these bibles being opened and used each Sunday!! Each bible is inscribed "In loving memory of...":

Rachel Alderman Thomas Alderman Frankie Armstrong Al Bailey Nancy Bailey Bina Baird Sam Raird Jim Barlow Doris Bennett William Bennett James Rissett Rettie R. Rlack Phil Blank Fern Braco Janet Brown Ruth Ruckholtz Marinn Rurch Harry Burney Nancy Burns Blanche Carter Rill Centenn Annie Cerman Dorothy Clanton Pete Cockrell Charles Codd Doris Coleman Dean Coley Fannie Craio Lucy Crowder Bill Dabney Marilyn Dabney Clifton Dabney **Betty Danes** lla Darnell Joan Davis Pat Davis Clark Davis Pauline Denham Andrea Dombroski

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Lucille Kelly

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Rev. Harold Purdue
Lucille Purvis
Eddie Rodriguez
Yvonne Ross
Virginia Rushton

Charles Mixon

James Neill

Lucille Neill

Gloria Patino

Rev. David Paul

Rosa Lee Osborne

Rev. Chervl Owens

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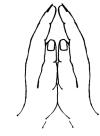
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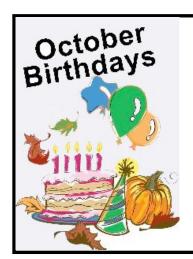


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Randy Morriss Ola Silas Virginia Barlow Landon Morriss Bn Logan

Family of Cynthia Sandoval





10/06 10/18
Patrick Schmidt Susan Philbin

10/10 10/25 Helen Setterfield Irma Swatzell

10/11 10/27

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Malcolm Austin Jim Horner
Kim Durick



F-Troop @ Medina Lake August 28, 2016







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AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL TO LIVE IN THE WORLD AS

INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO STRIVE TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE THE NEEDS OF

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MISSION STATEMENT

NAIGOTZUO Joseph Scutti ORGANIST Carolyn Hahn CHOIR DIRECTOR Charzes Flowers **MESLEY NURSE** Patti Gardner SECRETARY

9:00 am—4:00 p.m. Monday—Thursday
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