



# Messenger

St. Mark's  
United Methodist Church  
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**Regular Weekly Activities:**

- † Praise, Bible Study, Communion, Wednesday, October 2 @ 6 pm
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wed, October 9 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, October 13 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wed, October 16 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Sermon, Sunday, October 20 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study Wed, October 23 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, October 27 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wed, October 30 @ 6 pm



**Sunday, November 3**  
All Saints Sunday - (10:30 am)

**Tuesday, November 5**  
Charge Conference - (6:30 pm)

**Sunday, November 10**  
Commitment Sunday - (10:30 am)

**Saturday, November 23**  
Angel Tree goes up

**Monday, November 25**  
Decorate Sanctuary

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# SERVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	8/25/2019	9/1/2019	9/15/2019	9/22/2019
Youth	2	3	4	5
Adults	13	17	15	13
<b>Total SS</b>	15	20	19	18
<b>WORSHIP</b>				
Sunday	52	48	47	51
Wednesday Night	9	8	8	



Rob Remig  
 Daniel Wilke  
 Mario Mercado  
 Johnny Mendoza



### Altar Flower Calendar

October 27 - 1 Opening  
 November 3 - 1 Opening  
 November 10 - 1 Opening



### Children's Church

October 13 - Lillian Herrera  
 October 27 - Samantha Alvarez



October 6 - Melinda Molina  
 October 13 - Joanne Green  
 October 20 - Leticia Mercado  
 October 27 - John Williams



**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

### PREACHER’S DAUGHTER STUDIES NEUROSCIENCE TO PREPARE FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL

Preachers’ kids – especially United Methodist ones – become accustomed to moving often, but it’s not always easy, Emma Allen admitted.

“I had a pretty normal childhood,” she said. “I did move a lot until I was 11 because my dad was a United Methodist pastor in Kentucky. One challenge was moving about every three years and having to change schools and leave my friends.”

Emma grew up in a two-parent household with one older sister. Her dad served local churches as a pastor until she was 8. “After that,” she recalled, “he became a professor of religion and philosophy. My mother is an administrator at a United Methodist college in my hometown, Mitchell, South Dakota.

“One joy of my life has been the amazing trips I have taken with my family, including a pilgrimage to Israel, and all the memories I made with my family on those trips.”

“All of the people in the church,” she said, “have been very supportive of my choice to pursue a degree in neuroscience and then go to medical school. I have even shadowed some doctors from my church.”

Emma said that receiving a Gift of Hope Scholarship, supported by the United Methodist Student Day Sunday offering, was “a huge relief. This scholarship has helped me not to worry so much about paying for college.”

The next big step for Emma is taking the Medical College Admissions Test. “My school,” she said, “is doing a great job to prepare me to take the MCAT and go on to medical school. My professors are always connecting things we’re learning to jobs we will have in the future, or how questions similar to the ones we’re doing will show up on the post-grad entrance exams.”

Emma dreams of combining her love of traveling with service to others. “As a doctor,” she said, “I hope to go on medical mission trips to serve medically underserved areas.”

One of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church, United Methodist Student Day calls the church to support students as they prepare for life in uniting faith with knowledge. The special offering provides scholarships for qualified United Methodist applicants. [www.umcgiving.org](http://www.umcgiving.org)



Apportionments

### ST. MARK’S FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR MONTH OF AUGUST - 2019

Operating Cash Balance on July 31, 2019	( 932 )
Non-Designated Contributions - August	11,118
Operating Expenses	20,819
Other Income/(Expense)	15,507
Operating Cash Balance on August 31 2019	4,874

August operating expenses were lower than budgeted. Mission Giving was favorable as a result of not making a full monthly payment. Trustee expenses were favorable due to the timing of expenditures. Pastor Compensation was higher as the result of having two housing allowance payments in August (July's was paid in the first August payroll).

The Finance Committee made the decision to move funds relating to the Fall Festival (Pumpkin Patch) and the Estate Sale to operating funds. The funds had been held as specific reserves.

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

October 2019



This summer was very dry and it seems that fall got here ahead of time because my yard has been full of leaves for the entire month of September.

Fall reminds us of a time when we are getting ready to start something new by letting go of things that are not beneficial, useful, valuable, or handy. You got the idea, right? Trees need to get rid of leaves and prepare for winter time.

It is like getting ready to regrow and getting taller, bigger. And so do we as Christians, we need to regrow in knowing Jesus in his fullness. The apostle Paul says on Philippians 3:12-16.

*<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. <sup>16</sup> Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind."*

God's perfecting process for us becomes a goal in our willingness to change and let go of whatever is necessary "to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." So, take some leaves from your yard, write something you need to shed away and pray to the Lord and let it go....

Change begins if we are willing to move forward. Peace to you.



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SECRETARY: Lillian Herrera  
CHOIR DIRECTOR: Carolyn Hahn

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# 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!*



Looking for a Handyman?



**Johnny Mendoza 210-765-1869**



Garden Steward needed for our community garden. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Melinda Molina.

## **CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

at 6:30 p.m.

St. Mark's Fellowship Hall



## ***"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 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 worshipers in mind.

# PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson	Eric Milette	Ron Brown
Jill Anderson	Will Schuetze	Rya Sheppard
Kennedee Bailey		Kim, Jake &
Kylee Brown	Warren Dunetz	Baby Colt Durick
Bucky Coley	Joyce Codd	Those impacted by
Esdras Cuervo	Gene Orsack	hurricanes/tropical
Sylvia Gonzales	Vanessa Pe'Vey	storms/earthquakes
Alice Logan	Alex Ruiz	
Michael Mendoza	Patricia Barnes	Pray for one another



*the family of **Billie Jackson Gabour.**  
Billie passed away peacefully  
September 6, 2019, at the age of 99.*

Patrick Schmidt    October 6  
Shelley Ross        October 9  
Malcolm Austin    October 16  
Kim Durick          October 16



Susan Philbin      October 18  
Irma Swatzell      October 25  
Neale Freeto        October 27  
Jim Horner          October 28

*May the Lord bless you with a life that is filled with so much hope and love. May His abundance continue to shower upon you all throughout the coming year, happy birthday!*