

Things to Remember!

- † Monday, September 1st -Labor Day Holiday
- † Wednesday Bible Study -11:00 - 12:00 September 3rd - October 22nd
- † Saturday, September 20th, BBQ
- † Thursday, September 25th - Food Truck & Tacos
- † Tuesdays at 9:30 AM Drive Thru Prayer
- † Praise and Communion Bi-Cultural Worship Service Wednesdays @ 7:00 pm (FH) with light meal at 6:30 pm

BBQ TO BENEFIT PET SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 11 00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

A BBQ will be held at St. Mark's on Saturday, September 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This BBQ will benefit Personal Energy Transportation (PET). PET San Antonio is one of 22 building sites across the US that makes specialty wheelchairs for disabled people living in developing countries where regular wheelchairs will not hold up on unpaved, rocky roads. These wheel-



chairs can be made for \$250 each and are delivered at no cost to the recipients who are limited in their mobility due birth defects, spinal cord injuries, and war. PET is a faith-based, volunteer organization and is funded entirely by donations and fundraisers. Come out to the BBQ on September 20 and enjoy delicious barbecued chicken, rice, beans, dessert, and a drink for \$7.50. All profits will go to support the building of the PET wheelchairs.

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STATE OF THE CHURCH



Sunday School	08/03	08/10	08/17	08/24
Children	4	1	1	4
Youth	5	6	7	7
Adults	33	36	30	34
Total SS	42	43	38	46
<u>Worship</u>	94	73	77	79
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USHERS

- † Tom Jack
- † Bob Bailly
- † Jeff Brown
- † Bob Mace

TAPE MINISTRY

GREETERS

- † Linda Cerda
- † Melinda Molina



Finance Committee Reflections: Sounds From the Bean Counters

Summer has finally hit us full force; the temperatures high and unfortunately not the rain we truly need. July contributions were \$3,600 less than budgeted and \$130 less than July 2013. Unfortunately, it is our normal summer dip in contributions. We are hopeful we will see a turnaround in August. Year-to-date we are \$5,300 less than budgeted and \$7,500 less than last July.

Operating expenses in July are \$3,600 less than planned and \$5,800 less than last year. Compared to the budget, lower Mission Giving and Trustee expenses are the primary areas causing the favorableness. Compared to July 2013, Mission Giving and Pastor Compensation are the categories that result in the favorable variance of \$5,800.

While our operating expenses are lower than both the budget and July 2013, our contributions were lower resulting in a cash outflow of \$2,600. As mentioned previously, we are hopeful that August contributions will be better so we stop the cash outflows.

Our operating cash balance at the end of June was \$10. At the end of July, we have a negative balance of \$3,600.

Our apportionment spending offers a bright spot as we are still ahead of the budget. We continue to be thankful to each and every one of you for the time, talent and treasure you bestow on St. Mark's. We certainly need your contributions in order to pay our operating expenses; however, our situation would be even worse if church members weren't giving their time and talents. St. Mark's is truly blessed.



Stewardship

CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

23.5 cents of every apportioned dollar is allotted for Conference Benevolences. The goal is to support: Youth, Children & Older Adult Ministries, Midwinter & Summer Camps, Senior Christian Retreats, Spiritual Development & Worship Seminars, Communications, Board of Ordained Ministry, The Program Office.

CAMPUS MINISTRY GOALS

Recruit and educate clergy, provide scholarships for students at United Methodist Colleges and Universities in Texas, Support historically black United Methodist Colleges, to ensure an United Methodist presence on local colleges and universities, where young men and women are making decisions about careers, marriage, and other lifechanging issues.

Higher education causes have always been a major priority of the Methodist DNA. In fact, the very first time a church in our conference reached 100 members, a Methodist College was started to educate the youth; that college eventually became Southwestern University.

SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS (Last Month)

We hope that everyone is doing well this summer and managing the weather as best as possible. June contributions were lower than budgeted by almost \$1,100 and were lower than June 2013 by \$5,100. Year-to-date contributions are \$1,700 less than budgeted and \$7,400 less than last year.

Operating expenses in June were \$1,300 less than the budget and \$3,900 lower than last June. Compared to the budget, Mission Giving was lower by \$1,100 and Trustee spending was lower by \$1,500. This lower spending was partially offset by higher Council on Ministries and Pastor Compensation. Pastor Compensation was higher as the result of timing of reimbursement to the pastor.

Compared to last June, Trustee expense results in most of the lower spending. Year-to-date operating expenses are \$4,100 less than budgeted while \$7,800 higher than last year.

For the month of June, we had a cash outflow of \$2,300. Our year-to-date cash outflow is \$11,000.

Our apportionment payments continue to be in good shape. Through June, we are \$3,300 ahead of Our operating cash balance at the end of June was \$10. At the end of May, we had a negative cash balance of \$1,906. As the result of transferring monies from the TMF Parsonage account, to offset housing allowance, we had an improvement in cash even with the cash outflow in June.

Thank you all so much for your continued financial support to St. Mark's.

From the Pastor's Desk

Summer's over (no, it's not!!) and school has started. That part, at least, is true. The schools are all cranked up and ready to go, the teachers and students are all in place (mostly) and a new school year has begun. St. Mark's UMC has also begun it's preparations to begin the ESL classes and the new Conversational Spanish Class. I spoke with Rev. Chavez about when the Conversational Spanish Class would begin and what the course would look like and I'd like to share some of the information with you.

He will begin the class on Tuesday evening on Sept 16th known by many of us as Diez y Seis! This date marks Mexico's Independence Day from Spain; and San Antonio celebrates with activities all over town. We want to offer the class twice a week for about two hours per session. We need to know what two days you prefer for attending. We could do Monday and Tuesday, Monday and Wednesday or Monday and Thursday or some combination of these.

We realize that everyone is busy and that we all have something going on each of these evenings. Such is life; we all make choices how we want to spend our time and energy. Ann and I are constantly having to compromise, rearrange calendars etc in order to do the things that speak to our lives. If you would let us know, as soon as possible, what works best for you, then Rev. Chavez can put together a schedule that will best meet the needs of the majority. The classes will last for about 12 weeks and will probably begin around 6pm till 8pm, again depending on preferences we receive.

So, it's never to late to learn a new skill. This can be a wonderful, unique opportunity to learn a new way to communicate the gospel with our neighbors. If you feel that this something God is leading you to do, please let us know as soon as possible. You can call me at 830-857-5752 or call the church office and let us know what days and times you prefer. May God bless us as we continue to grow in God's grace!

God bless you, Dios le bendiga,

Jay

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Wesley Nurse News - September 2014

Diabetes

Diabetes is one of the leading causes of disability and death in the United States. If it's not controlled, diabetes can cause blindness, nerve damage, kidney disease, and other health problems.

One in 12 Americans has diabetes – that's more than 25 million people. Another 79 million adults in the United States are at high risk of developing Type 2 diabetes.

If you are overweight, have high blood pressure, or are age 45 or older, you are at higher risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. The good news is that making healthy changes can greatly lower your risk.

To help prevent Type 2 diabetes:

- † Watch your weight.
- † Eat healthy.
- † Get more active.

To learn more about this health topic, visit the websites for the National Institute on Aging at www.nia.nih.gov, American Diabetes Association at askada@diabetes.org, or contact your Wesley Nurse, Charzes Flowers, at 210-344-8393, Ext #103.

Your Wesley Nurse, Charzes Flowers, RN



-Thank You



Dear Church Family,

First of all, I would like to thank you for the love and support I've received at St. Mark's UMC.

I officially tendered my resignation on Monday, August 18th. My last day of employment as Church Secretary will be on Thursday, August 28th.

While I will dearly miss my friends and family at St. Mark's it is time to move on.

In HIS Gracious Service and Yours,

Mary



BACK-TO-SCHOOL-SUPPLIES

Well, you made the Back-to-School Supply & Uniform Drive a success again this year! A big "THANK YOU!" to everyone at St. Mark's who participated in this event so the children attending Arnold Elementary School will have the supplies and uniforms necessary for a successful year. Here is a summary of what you gave as an investment in the education of the students in our

neighborhood:

40 uniforms (\$600) 108 spiral notebooks 35 boxes colored pencils 192 pencils

36 boxes washable markers

21 tubes Clorox wipes

24 glue sticks

25 pencil boxes

I wish to thank the church for my birthday flowers. I enjoyed them very much!

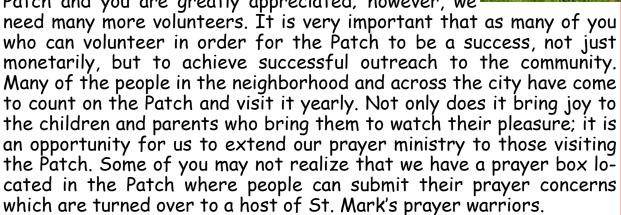


Howard Long

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PENELOPE PUMPKIN NEEDS YOU!!!

Many of you have signed up to work in the Pumpkin Patch and you are greatly appreciated; however, we



Many of us are concerned about lifting pumpkins, but the majority of the Patch customers are willing to do the lifting themselves and are also willing to help others that need assistance. You really only have to look around at our church to realize that many of us would find lifting pumpkins difficult, but we still need you. (Wagons are available for workers and customers to use.) Please give serious consideration to signing up to work and reap the joy of watching the children as well as getting to know people in the neighborhood and reacquainting yourself with your church family. This is your opportunity to witness for our church and our Lord with your kindness, love and attention.

Pumpkin Patch training is scheduled for Monday, September 29 at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you've never worked in the Patch, please consider coming to the training to see what is required.

We are looking forward to seeing you in the Patch!



Congratulations, Adan Martinez!

Adan Martinez, member of Boy Scout Troop 87 which is sponsored by St. Mark's UMC, just completed his Eagle Scout requirements and will be awarded his Eagle Scout rank in an upcoming ceremony. Adan made three raised planter boxes for the Community Garden behind the gym that will allow people with physical limitations to plant and tend their vegetables and flowers. They will be able to sit on the edges or middle of the planter boxes or work at the raised level from a wheelchair.

Adan is the son of Robert and Gloria Martinez, and big brother to Andres who is just starting out in Boy Scouts. To satisfy the requirements for his Eagle Scout, Adan demonstrated his leadership skills by getting his plans approved, raising the money for his project through bake sales and donations, and directing other Scouts and leaders in the construction of the planter boxes. According to Scout Leader Toni Alvarado, she is very proud of Adan for his accomplish-

ments, as he is the tenth Eagle Scout to come out of Troop 87!

In December, Adan plans on entering the US Coast Guard and going to boot camp. Having achieved his Eagle Scout rank will allow him to enter into military service as an E2 rather than E1.

Congratulations, Adan, and thank you for your thoughtful gift to St. Mark's and the Dellview community!



ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY GARDEN

It is time to plant fall vegetables in our garden and we need folks to take a plot for your own to plant, care for and reap the harvest. We now have six handicap beds which are raised and have a bench to sit on while you work or you can work from your walker. We would like for some of you to take over one or more of these plots. Our summer garden produced a great deal of vegetables which we shared with many of you. We are anticipating a soaker system being installed which will make our watering easier; however we have a water monitor, Steve Woods, who waters regularly until that system is in place, so you do not have to worry about watering. The Lord has blessed us with making this part of our campus productive and now we have to provide the manpower to complete that cycle. Blessings to y'all.

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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 Bertha Bernstein Harriett Smith **Summer Grimes** Family of Rich Kline Gary Johnson Tim Harding's sister and father Caisey Hoffman Monica Silva

Catherine Salamone Family of Peggy Ray Sandy Molina Ernie Russell Family of Yolanda Kujawski Jo Hawthorne Carol Felkner Bill Tomerlin.

Happy Birthday

09/04 Violet Hinton 09/12 Candy Baird Jack Kiesel

09/13 Veleeta Mixon 09/06 Lorene Hollingshead

09/16 Gloria Reedy 09/10 Marguerite McSpadden

09/18 Elizabeth Schott

09/11 Marilyn Bonner

Kathy Jack 09/20 Sharon Somerville

Harry Meadows

09/23 Betty Black

09/25 Carolyn Hahn

09/27 Ron Brown





Don & Mary Catherine Schmidt September 2nd

> Charles & Veleeta Mixon September 17th

YOUR CHURCH STAFF

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CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

SON, JESUS CHRIST

AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL TO LIVE IN THE WORLD AS

TO STRIVE TO IDENTIFY AND SERVE THE NEEDS OF

TO NURTURE THEM IN THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THROUGH OPPORTUNITIES FOR FELLOWSHIP, WORSHIP, AND

TO HELP ALL PERSONS DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH HIS

MISSION STATEMENT

INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS IN OUR COMMUNITY