



Messenger

St. Mark's
United Methodist Church

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Things to Remember:

- † Monday, September 5th - Labor Day Holiday
- † Wednesday, September 7th - 8 Week Lunchtime Study of the Gospel of Mark - 12:00 PM (YAMS)
- † Sunday, September 11th - JFON Presentation to Sunday School Classes
- † Saturday, September 17th - BBQ to benefit JFON
- † Children's Church - Sundays - September 11 & 25
- † Monday, September 19th - 6:30 PM Finance, 7:00 PM Admin Council
- † Thursday, September 22nd - Mobile Food Pantry 8:00 AM
- † Sunday, September 25th - F-TROOP
- † Wednesdays @ 6:30 - Praise Communion Service



Saturday,
September 17th

CHICKEN or SAUSAGE

**With all the trimmings
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

\$8.00

Benefits: JFON

Justice For Our Neighbors

On Sunday, September 11th
at 9:15 AM,
Reverend Sharon Freeto
will give a brief presentation on
JFON - Justice For Our Neighbors.
This presentation will be in the
Fellowship Hall
prior to Sunday School.



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SERVING THE CHURCH

<u>Sunday School</u>	7/31	8/7	8/14	8/21
Children	1	1	1	2
Youth	3	2	3	4
Adults	18	26	27	20
Total SS	22	29	31	26
<u>Worship</u>				
Sunday	70	63	70	58
Wednesday Service	22	22	26	



USHERS

- † Rob Remig
- † Joe Price
- † Stephanie Bercegeay
- † Billy Kiesel
- † Johnny Mendoza

September 18	1 Opening
September 25	1 Opening
October 2	1 Opening
October 9	1 Opening
October 30	1 Opening
November 6	1 Opening
November 13	2 Openings
November 20	1 Opening
November 27	1 Opening



September Liturgists

September 4	Johnny Mendoza
September 11	Bob Ross
September 18	Shelley Ross
September 25	Patti Austin

"Why do I give?..."



Stewardship

The Rev. Beverly L. Wilkes-Null, directing pastor at Hope United Methodist Church of Highland, Illinois, says, "God loved. God gave. We love. We give. I give because God's abundance is the source of my joy. I cannot outgive or outlove God, but I can give and love in response to God's gifts of mercy and grace in my life."

Pat Smith of Shepherd's Community United Methodist Church in Lakeland Florida agrees: "Giving is the best way to show God how much I love him," she says. "I could give all that I have and all that I am and never outgive God."

Giving is celebrating and showing how grateful you are for what God has given you or what God is doing in your life. It is out of that joy when you reflect on how God has graciously pulled you through, how God has been so faithful to you and how God has been there for you. "So what do you give to God that God has not given to you? The joy of showing gratefulness, showing thankfulness to God. That is the secret of the joy of giving."

Greetings from the Dellview Community Garden!

After way too much rain and weeks of no rain, I think our plants were confused this summer! However, most managed to harvest a variety of herbs and veggies. We grew tomatoes, chili peppers, corn, squash, potatoes, okra, basil, and rosemary. Earlier this month, we replenished our beds with rich, organic soil (thanks Jake, Kim, Lucille, Roger, Debra, Janet, Steve and Moe!). We are looking forward to the fall season, and some gardeners have already put seeds in the ground.

We are also continuing to do some landscaping and have recently added two new picnic tables, as well as two more that were donated by the Boy Scouts. Our goal is to continue to provide a safe, attractive place that will be enjoyed by our gardeners, our St Mark's family, and the Dellview community.

What a blessing it is to add to the beauty of God's handiwork!





From Our Pastor. . .

Labor Day for me has almost always been some kind of celebration at home with family and friends with some kind of cookout or picnic, something relaxing and fun. This Labor Day, I'm spending it with a bunch of fellow United Methodists and people of faith as we remember the 1966 Starr County Farm Worker Strike and March thru San Antonio. 50 years ago, folks who had been working in the brutal South Texas sun under the harshest conditions for 40 cents an hour, gathered to march 400 miles to the State Capitol in Austin to seek a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour. Governor Connally would not meet with them or consider passing a Texas Minimum Wage Law.

I worked for 3 days as a young man in a melon field in Falfurrias, Texas. I couldn't take it. It was hard, back-breaking, tedious and monotonous, and I saw sights of brutality that would affect me to this day. When I quit, I still had the comforts and luxury of a home to go to, meals that were provided and a future that held incredible possibilities of hope. The folks who worked with me in the fields had no such hope. No pension, no insurance, no sanitation, no water, and no one to offer comfort other than their hope in Christ that, through God's mercy, justice would be realized.

On Labor Day, Sept 5, 2016 I hope that you will sacrifice your time and gather with me and Ann at San Fernando Cathedral to celebrate a mass that recalls the mass that was celebrated 50 years ago, supporting the cause of the workers. We can carpool together if you'd like; we can meet at St. Mark's at 9:15 a.m. and head on to the event. After the mass at San Fernando, there is a march from the cathedral to Milam Park, followed by a program at the Kiosk at Milam Park. You may not be able to attend all 3 aspects of this event, but if you can make any part of it, your soul will be blessed and God will be glorified. For more information, feel free to call me or visit with me so that we can all honor the people who faithfully provide the labor so that we can enjoy the fruits and blessings of God's bounty. I am grateful, beyond measure, for the folks who work so hard and sacrifice so much for our convenience and benefit, and I know you are, too. One way to express this gratitude is being present at San Fernando Cathedral this Labor Day. God bless you and God bless America!

Jay

September 2016

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FLU SEASON

It is that time of year again when the flu season is almost upon us. Flu season is between October and May. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommends everyone 6 months and older to get the flu vaccine.

How do I get the flu? Flu is a virus that is predominantly spread by coughing and sneezing of people who are infected with the flu but can also be spread through contact with an object that has the flu virus on it.

What are the symptoms of the flu? People with the flu **may** have a cough, fever, body aches, sore throat, feel extremely tired (fatigue) and have a running or stuffy nose.

Who should get the vaccine? Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu shot, especially children & infants, pregnant women, seniors, people with disabilities and people with chronic health conditions.

What are the types of flu vaccines? There are two types of flu vaccines, the flu shot and nasal spray. The flu shot is made with inactivated (killed) flu virus, is given by a needle, approved for use in healthy people older than 6 months and people with chronic health conditions. The nasal spray is made with weakened live flu virus, given with a mist sprayed in the nose and approved for healthy people between the ages of 2 and 49, except pregnant women. In June 2016, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted to **exclude** the "nasal spray" flu vaccine for the 2016-2017 flu season based on poor effectiveness from 2013 – 2016.

How can I prevent the flu? Getting vaccinated is one of the most important things you can do to prevent the flu. Other prevention measures is to cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough, wash your hands for 15-20 seconds with soap and water, limit your exposure to sick people and if you are sick with flu-like symptoms, STAY HOME.

News Flash: St. Mark's UMC will be partnering with Walgreens Pharmacy to offer a flu clinic during the mobile food pantry on September 22, 2016 from 8:00am – 11:00am.

For additional questions, please go to the Center for Disease Control's Website @ <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm> or call to speak with your Wesley Nurse at 210-344-8393.

*Charzes Flowers, RN
Wesley Nurse*

NOTES AND NOTICES



The Brick Fundraiser is still in process! We have made the first order and a second order will be placed at the end of September. An order form can be found on page 9.

Bob and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers during my procedures and hospital stays. Thank you, Jay, for the visits and prayers and to Imogene and Ron for visits and staying with Bob while I was in surgery. That meant so much to us. And to Dorothy and Bobby for the card. Hopefully, I will be able to be a regular member now after my strength is back. I miss you all! God is great!!!!!!

Mary Bailly

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



Thank you all for supporting our back to school supply and uniform drive! The drive is still in process at this writing, so watch for an update in the October Messenger! The uniforms are \$15 and we will provide gift cards for each uniform that is sponsored. All supplies will be delivered to Arnold the week of August 26th. Thank you for your continued generosity!!!

Reminder! Wednesday Bible Study

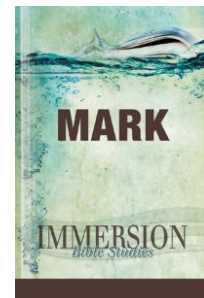
Our Bible Study will be starting back up in September!

The study runs 8 weeks: September 7th through October 26th.

We meet in the YAMS Classroom Wednesdays from 12-1:00 PM.

Study books are \$9.

Contact Patti in the church office if you are interested.



MORE NOTES AND NOTICES

Thanks to all of you who helped with the End of Summer Slam on Sunday, August 14th. It was a lot of fun - and very wet! But it seems a large time was had by all!!



Don't forget!!

We are selling bricks! You can purchase a brick to commemorate your family name or a specific life event! Whatever you would like to say - you have 3 lines, 21 characters per line... These bricks will be set and displayed in a prominent place on our church grounds (to be decided). Bricks are \$50. Just fill out and mail this form in with your payment!

St. Mark's United Methodist Church Commemorative Bricks Order Form

Yes, we'd like to reserve a permanent brick to be installed in the new Memorial/Honor garden.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Bricks are 4" x 8". Each brick may contain up to 3 lines of copy, 21 characters per line.
All text is centered unless otherwise specified.

Example:

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Please return this form and your check for \$50.00 per brick, payable to:
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
1902 Vance Jackson
San Antonio, TX 78213

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Bashaw at (210) 833-5028.

SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

Operating Cash balance at 6/30/2016	4,945
Non-Designated Contributions - July	17,677
Operating Expenses:	
Council on Ministries	2,372
Special Mission Giving	0
Mission Giving	495
Administration Expense	716
Trustees	7,825
Pastor's Compensation	4,735
Lay Personnel Compensation	6,724
	22,867
Other Income/(Expense)	899
Operating Cash balance at 7/31/2016	654

Comments:

July contributions were \$2,606 less than budgeted but \$2,252 higher than 2015. Rental income was \$1,263 higher than budgeted. There were 5 Sundays in 2016 compared to 4 Sundays in 2015.

Operating expenses were \$2,288 lower than budgeted and \$1,554 lower than July 2015. Through July, all expense categories are favorable to

For the month, we had a cash outflow of \$4,952, which caused our operating cash balance to drop from \$4,945 to \$654. Our receipts for the month were and our operating expenses were \$22,867. Our year-to-date cash outflow is \$7,258. This includes \$1,500 per month in rental income from the Pentacostal Church. Without this \$10,500 our year-to-date cash outflow would be \$17,758. July is the last month we will be receiving this unbudgeted rental income.

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!

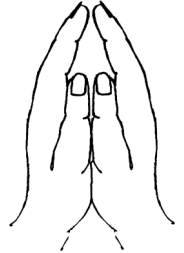
ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S . . .



Bob Ailerson
 Jill Anderson
 Connor Benjamin
 Kylee Brown
 Megan Brown
 David Cavazos
 Bucky Coley
 Esdras Cuervo
 Alice & Ben Logan
 Michael Mendoza
 Eric Miletti
 Jean Newman
 Ann Payette
 Cindy Payette

Gloria Reedy
 Steve Reyes, Sr.
 Will Schuetze
 Kirk Tomerlin
 DeVonte Williams
 Kathryn Wilson
 Joyce Codd
 Mary Bailly
 Daniel Alvarez
 Family of Roland Rodriguez
 Molina Family
 Gerald Morriss
 Destiny Mendez
 Bea Sieler

Family of Bea Kunkel
 Family & friends of Art Snow
 Dana Lecoq
 Emma & Stella Davis
 Sandy Molina
 Family of Irene Longoria
 Rudy Ramirez
 Nora Ramirez



09/04
 Violet Hinton
 Jack Kiesel

09/05
 Nancy Sutton

09/08
 Ashley McMillian

09/11
 Marilyn Bonner
 Kathy Jack

09/12
 Candace Baird

09/13
 Veleta Mixon

09/16
 Gloria Reedy
 Susan Kosmich

09/18
 Elizabeth Schott

09/20
 Sharon Somerville

09/23
 Betty Black

09/25
 Carolyn Hahn

09/27
 Ron Brown



Bea Kunkel
 January 7, 1920 - August 13, 2016

Bea Kunkel was born in Kingsbury, TX in 1920 and died on August 13, 2016 moving from this world to her new home. Her life center was always home and family as she found great strength in her church and her God. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Anne and William Brawner; her husband, Bill; 4 sisters, Ola Mae, Cleo, Lucy, and Doris, one brother William; two nephews and three nieces. She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Bill and Becky Miller, Shelley and Tommy Cox; four grandchildren and spouses, Melissa and Wayne Blough, Amanda and Erik Hansen, Megan and Marty Vahlenkamp, and Jonathan and Daniela Cox; nine great grandchildren: Christian and Luke Blough, Kai, Miller, Keller, and Hale Hansen, Kyle and Rylee Vahlenkamp, and Sophia Cox plus numerous nieces and nephews that she loved dearly. Although her family was always her greatest source of pride, she collected friends throughout her life and cherished each and every one. She was a faithful member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church where she taught Sunday School for many years.

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MISSION STATEMENT

- 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, 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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 CLOSED on Friday

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SECRETARY	Patti Gardner
WESLEY NURSE	Charzes Flowers
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Carolyn Hahn
ORGANIST	Joseph Scutti
CUSTODIAN	Johnny Mendoza