



Messenger

St. Mark's
United Methodist Church

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210-344-8393

Things to Remember:

- † September 4 - Labor Day
Holiday - **Office Closed**
- † Nominations Committee
Meeting (FH) - Tuesday,
September 12 @ 7:00 PM
- † Saturday, September 16 -
BBQ (benefits PET)
- † Noisy Offering - Sunday,
September 24
- † F-Troop - Sunday, Sep-
tember 24th @ 6:00 PM
- † SA Food Bank - Thursday,
September 28th @ 8:00
am
- † Wednesday Praise @ 6:30
PM in the Fellowship Hall
- † **Exodus 15:2 The Lord is
my strength and my
might, and he has become
my salvation; this is my
God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will
exalt him.**

2017 DIRECTORY

Directory Pictures are being taken September 7, 8 and 9 in the Fellowship Hall. If you have not yet made an appointment to be photographed, please call the church office at 210-344-8393 and make your appointment. There are still several openings.

Please remember, there is **no cost to the church** to publish a directory. You will receive a free 8x10 of your choice and a free directory when you are photographed. The only charges are if **you elect** to purchase additional pictures. That is completely up to you.

The directory will be published by Lifetouch and we should have it before the end of the year.

Thank you!!!



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SERVING THE CHURCH

| <u>Sunday School</u> | 7/30 | 8/6 | 8/13 | 8/20 |
|----------------------|------|-----|------|------|
| Children | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Youth | 2 | 5 | | 2 |
| Adults | 12 | 21 | 16 | 17 |
| Total SS | 15 | 27 | 17 | 19 |
| <u>Worship</u> | | | | |
| Sunday | 57 | 74 | 60 | 60 |
| Wednesday Night | 16 | 15 | 21 | |

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Rob Remig, Joe Price, Johnny Mendoza



Altar Flower Calendar Openings

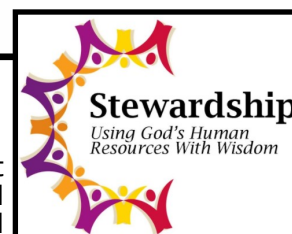
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| September 24 | 1 Opening |
| October 1 | 1 Opening |
| October 8 | 1 Opening |
| October 15 | 1 Opening |
| October 22 | 2 Openings |
| November 5 | 1 Opening |
| November 12 | 1 Opening |
| November 19 | 1 Opening |

September Liturgists

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| September 3 | John Williams |
| September 10 | Melinda Molina |
| September 17 | Cynthia Ramirez |
| September 24 | Joanne Green |



OUR WESLEYAN HERITAGE



John Wesley's theology of Christian stewardship is perhaps best summarized in his admonition to the people called Methodist: "Earn all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can." Wesley encouraged Methodists to work with diligence and discipline, making wise use of the gifts and resources entrusted to them by God.

Further, he urged them to live on as little as possible, setting by the example of his own living a standard of frugality and simple living that was as countercultural in his day as in our own. Finally, Wesley was adamant that everything saved by this practice should be given to address the needs of the poor. Wesley's followers were to engage in regular ministry with the poor and to give as generously as possible to them.

It was at the class meeting level that Wesley sought to address the financial needs of the growing organization of Methodists. Wesley recognized that classes, rather than individuals, could together be responsible for an additional assessment for projects such as the building of new preaching houses, support for the traveling preachers and other collective needs. By sharing this responsibility as a class, the varying levels of contributions by individual members could be pooled and contributed, allowing more affluent members to assist those of more limited means.

Since earliest days, Methodist giving has been both local and connectional. Mission at the local level was assumed, not optional. It was personal, relational and face-to-face. Additionally, connectional giving was understood as a corporate responsibility, a method of institutional support, which allowed every member of whatever level of financial means to participate through the class meeting. This giving, too, was assumed, as a means of undergirding organizational needs in ministry, church expansion, and later in the establishment of pension support for "worn-out preachers" and widows.

Three Simple Rules

In *Three Simple Rules*, Bishop Rueben P. Job writes of three ways to change the world. Although the rules are ancient, they are timely for today's world. According to Job, "The Wesleyan movement is a prime example of this new creation that is formed when these...rules are adopted as a way of living." These rules tie directly to today's goals of apportionment giving.

1. "Do no harm": We can live a life that God wants for us by helping others. Apportionments, taken together, enable us to help more people in more ways. As Bishop Job says, "It is possible to practice a way of living that is in harmony with the life of Jesus and survive, even thrive, in a world like ours. It is both a challenging and rewarding way to live; and each of us, with God's help, can live such a life fully, faithfully and joyfully."

2. "Do good": We can live a life that God wants for us by helping others, even those we will never meet, those we consider to have nothing in common with, or who might differ from us economically or culturally. "The words of Jesus and of Wesley suggest that doing good is a universal command. That is, doing good is not limited to those like me or those who like me." Doing good is directed at everyone.

3. "Say in love with God": Seeing our apportionments help others not only gives us personal satisfaction; it also demonstrates concretely that we are in love with God. "Staying in love with God was the primary issue of a faithful life then, and it is today. For from such a life of love for God will flow the goodness and love of God to the world. It can be no other way."

Source: UMCGIVING.ORG

Pastor Maria's Basket



Hola! ¿Cómo están?

I hope that you are enjoying this summer season. And now that a new school year has started may the grace of God be with all of you. Families are back to their routine getting up even earlier so they can get kids ready for school. It is a new school year full with expectations, dreams and excitement. The school staff is ready to help them achieve all these. For families it might be a weary and heavy burden: financially, physically and emotionally. It requires lots of strength from parents, caregivers, grandparents and the whole family every day, every week. By the end of the week it may feel like you are running out of strength.

To see them grow and strive in life is the goal of every parent. Being involved in your child's education leading them to become productive professionals so they can have a better future. This makes you say: "It is worth all the sacrifice".



In Matthew 11:28 Jesus said: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." He offers us the rest which no one else can give. Rest from the labors, wearies and heavy burdens in life. Jesus also offers rest from the burden of sin. An invitation, a friendly request to all to come to the Master and rest. Come in faith and prayer for this blessing. Let us come and embrace the giver of life and the giver of rest. *"The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; **happy** are those who take refuge in Him."* Psalm 34:7-8. Peace be with you!!



Peace be with you!

Maria

September 2017

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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School Supply Update

A VERY LARGE THANK YOU to all of you for supporting our school supply drive this year. I wanted to give you a little update on what we received as compared to other years. I have been tracking our supplies donated over the last 3 years and the result is below. Also, we hold back some of the monetary donations so we can help Arnold throughout the year as they have requirements. They come back to us to request gift cards even up to the end of the school year so we keep some money dedicated to School Supplies throughout the year. This year, including what was already in our budget from prior years, we have approximately \$275 to use for gift cards later in the year. Each gift card is for \$30 and buys 2 uniforms.

| | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|
| Uniforms | 44 | 30 | 32 |
| Disinfectant Wipes | 6 | 15 | 22 |
| Plastic Folders | 10 | 5 | 26 |
| Kleenex Boxes | 12 | 14 | 34 |
| Composition Books | 12 | 23 | 37 |
| Hand Sanitizer | 31 | NR | 8 |
| Liquid Handsoap | NR | 10 | 8 |
| Bottles of Glue | 50 | 20 | 15 |
| Glue Sticks | 54 | 148 | 47 |
| Spirals | 68 | 30 | 76 |
| Crayola Markers | 200 | 100 | 230 |
| Colored Pencils | 288 | 240 | 240 |
| Crayons | 1248 | 888 | 1248 |
| Notebook Paper | NR | 1 | 5 |
| Scissors | NR | 79 | 11 |
| Pencil Pouches | NR | 40 | 13 |
| Rulers | NR | 10 | 12 |
| #2 Pencils | NR | 192 | 254 |
| Erasers | NR | 18 | 53 |
| Pencil Sharpeners | NR | 13 | 5 |
| Ear Buds | NR | NR | 1 |
| Yellow Highlighters | NR | NR | 16 |
| Binder | NR | NR | 4 |
| Black Markers | NR | NR | 33 |
| Water Colors | NR | NR | 5 |
| *NR = Not requested | | | |



NOTES AND NOTICES

Would you be interested in a Women's Self-Defense class? Constable Mark Vojvodich will have a personal class for us! This class is 1.5 hours teaching avoidance and break and escape techniques. I have taken this class and learned a lot.

If you are interested or if you have questions, contact Patti Gardner - 830-431-3157. If we have enough interest, I will work with the Constable's office and schedule a class in October.

Health & Wellness Center

The 4th Tuesday of every month, there is a rummage sale at the Wesley Health and Wellness Center. Kathy Jack will be collecting donations - or you can bring them to the church office and she will pick them up here.

BBQ!!

Saturday, September 16th
Benefits P.E.T.

Plates are \$8.00

Looking for a Handyman?
Johnny Mendoza
210-765-1869



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



Don't forget our Noisy Offering the last Sunday of every month!

THANK YOU

On behalf of the David Cavazos family and Centeno family. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude for all the support, prayers, cards, and calls. Your thoughtfulness and continued prayers are so appreciated.

*Sincerely,
Rosalinda Cavazos
Isabel & Diana Centeno*

Dear St. Mark's,

At the end of August, I will be taking a new full-time job with a consulting company. I have really enjoyed my time here as secretary of St. Mark's, but it is necessary for me to go back to full time employment.

I would like to thank everyone for their support over the past three years. It has really been a great experience for me, and I'm thankful to have the opportunity to serve you.

I am also very happy to announce my replacement: Ms. Lillian Herrera. Lillian has been a part of St. Mark's for some time now, attending Wednesday Night services, helping with Vacation Bible School and heading up our Bus Stop Ministry for our middle schoolers. She brings a wealth of experience -- not only in ministry, but also in administration. She will be a wonderful addition to our church family. Please call or stop by and give her a warm welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Patti

REMEMBERING MEL DAVISON

Over the past few years, several faithful members of the congregation have supported the St. Mark's Food Pantry with donations of food and cash. Since the church does not have a line-item in the budget designated for the Food Pantry, we rely solely on your generosity for this "second offering." Each can of vegetables and every bag of beans is critical to meeting the needs of our hungry neighbors.

About once a month, Mel Davison would approach a Pantry volunteer and ask what our specific needs were at that time. A few days later, a couple of cases of the requested food would mysteriously arrive in the Pantry, just waiting to be bagged up and distributed as needed. It didn't take much investigative work to learn that these gifts were from Vee and Mel, items added to their shopping list at Costco.

Mel was so devoted to helping take care of neighbors in need that he named the St. Mark's Food Pantry for consideration of donations in lieu of flowers for his memorial service — and there was strong support for his request. We remember Mel's sensitive heart for the needs of others, his generosity in supporting so many church and community functions, and his friendship.



Thanks to all the July Food Truck volunteers. I know it was very hot. I appreciate all of you and thank you for doing God's work. It is a blessing to help others. We feed 150 families.

Thanks again,
Patti Austin



Arnold is looking for adult volunteers to work with First Graders. If you



would be interested in helping, please let Lillian know. She will help coordinate with Katanna at Arnold. Thanks!!

When you buy Box Tops products, please clip the Box Tops and bring them to the church office. These will be donated to Arnold Elementary! Thanks!!



On Wednesday, August 16, 2017, St. Mark's Youth group minus one spent the day doing a City Scavenger Hunt downtown. We bought the hunt through Groupon and picked a day to get together before everyone headed back to school. We met at 10 in the morning and headed to our starting point. After calling the number provided we downloaded the app to each of our phones (the app was called Goose Chase, ha ha). We were given a long list of interesting items to find downtown including landmarks, signs, words, sculptures, historical markers, etc. We had so much fun finding each item, performing live videos for bonus points, falling down steps, meeting people downtown and talking to them.

I have included a few pictures of Brianne Somerville, Brooke Somerville, Carl Swatzell, and Zach Wilke. Sadly, Braden Somerville was already at band practice and couldn't join us. It's too bad you can't see the great videos we made and submitted. If you would like to see more of our adventure check out this Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/operationcityquest>. Our next plan is to check the "Escape Room" game during the Christmas break. If you would like to go on an adventure like we did check out Groupon and look for City Scavenger Hunts. You will have a great time, I just know you will.



SOUNDS FROM THE BEANCOUNTERS

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

| | |
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| Operating Cash balance at 6/30/2017 | (7,572) |
| Non-Designated Contributions - July | 14,530 |
| Operating Expenses: | |
| Council on Ministries | 1,309 |
| Special Mission Giving | 0 |
| Mission Giving | 405 |
| Administration | 479 |
| Trustees | 5,012 |
| Pastor's | 3,593 |
| Lay Personnel Compensation | 5,644 |
| | <u>16,442</u> |
| Other Income/(Expense) | <u>4,500</u> |
| Operating Cash balance at 7/31/2017 | <u>(4,984)</u> |

Comments:

July contributions were \$3,089 less than budgeted and \$3,146 less than July 2016. Other income was \$900 less than budgeted and \$62 higher than 2016.

Operating expenses were \$5,418 favorable to the budget and \$6,424 favorable to 2016. Expenses were favorable primarily due to lower Trustee Expenses (repairs and maintenance), Lay Personnel compensation, Pastor Compensation, and Mission Giving.

July had a cash outflow of \$1,611. Our operating cash balance improved to a negative \$4,984 as a result of transferring \$4,500 from the Parsonage Account at TMF to help offset the Pastor's housing allowance.

The Finance Committee thanks your continued support during 2017. Please keep the Committee in your prayers as decisions impacting the finances of the church are made.

God Bless you all.

ST. MARK'S BUZZIN'S . . .



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| Bucky Coley | Kathryn Wilson | Back to School |
| Carol Crenwelge | Family of | Walker Family |
| Esdras Cuervo | Bob Cermin | Family of |
| Sylvia Gonzales | Family of | Hector Saldaña |
| Alice Logan | Louise Harnes | |



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Jack Kiesel

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Nancy Sutton

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Ashley McMillian

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**Please make welcome our newest member
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Sincere Sympathy to the family of :

Bob Cermin

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You remain in our thoughts and prayers.

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