



Messenger

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

- † Praise, Bible Study, Communion, Wednesday, September 4 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, September 8 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wed, Sep 11 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Sermon, Sunday, September 15 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study, Wed, Sep 18 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, September 22 @ 10:45 am
- † Praise & Bible Study Wed, Sep 25 @ 6 pm
- † Children's Church, Sunday, September 29 @ 10:45 am

September is Pot Luck Month!

Let's have a Picnic!
Bring your favorite Picnic foods.

Sunday, September 29th
after morning worship.

For information contact Susan Philbin.



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SERVE

SUNDAY SCHOOL	7/28/2019	8/4/2019	8/11/2019	8/18/2019
Youth	3	2	4	5
Adults	11	18	18	14
Total SS	14	20	22	19
WORSHIP				
Sunday	52	51	52	56
Wednesday Night	9	9	8	



Tom Jack
 Bob Bailly
 Bob Mace
 Braden Somerville

Altar Flower Calendar



September 1 - 1 Opening
 September 8 - 1 Openings
 September 15 - 1 Openings
 September 22 - 2 Openings
 September 29 - 1 Opening



Children's Church

September 8 - Melinda Molina
 September 22 - Deborah Molina
 September 29 - Samantha Alvarez



September 1 - Leticia Mercado
 September 8 - Joanne Green
 September 15 - Dorothy Mace
 September 22 - Melinda Molina
 September 29 - Susan Philbin



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

SCHOOL BUS STOP MINISTRY KEEPS KIDS HAPPY AND FULL.

For Andrea Gentry, a former teacher, kids have always been near and dear to her heart. "I love helping people, and this was a neat and ongoing experience where I could help kids on a regular basis and eventually develop relationships with these kids," Gentry said.

Gentry, a member of the First UMC in Wynne, has organized and started a school bus stop ministry for the Wynne School District. She and other volunteers hand out snacks to kids once they reach their bus stop.

"Honestly, this area of town, (the kids) are just happy to have it and will take anything," Gentry said. "They are so thankful. I'm hoping to get to know them a little better, build a relationship and eventually be a mentor-type person. "The kids are very welcoming, and I get hugs every now and then."

Gentry said the idea of the ministry stemmed from 200,000 Reasons initiative by the United Methodists of Arkansas. She said she received a grant of more than \$1,000 in October, but thanks to donations and support, has not had to fully dip into the funds for the snacks. "I have had great community support, and they have provided snacks for me," she said. "They will buy them and give them to me."

"By sharing it on Facebook, and word of mouth, we have received wonderful community support. People will volunteer their time, or donate money or donate snacks for us to use. We have a closet full of snacks. "It has really been unbelievable the amount of support we have received. One of our Sunday School classes has committed to helping me on a monthly basis, once the grant money runs out. "But I'm doing great. The community support we have is just amazing."

"I see 50 to 60 kids in Perkin everyday, and I have been giving snacks to 20 kids at each stop.": Gentry said. "When deciding on where to be, we think about what area of town needs it the most."

"The church themselves hasn't made a donation, yet, but members and classes have stepped up and helped," Gentry said. "Women from my church have volunteered their time and snacks and will help out regularly."

"We don't know their life," Shaw said. "But to me, it is an easy way to reach out to other people and take a little time to build that trust with every single one of them."

One of seven apportioned giving opportunities of The UMC, the World Service Fund is the financial lifeline to a long list of Christian mission and ministry throughout the denomination. Through the Four Areas of Focus churches are Engaging in ministry with the poor with their communities in ways that are transformative. www.umcagiving.org



Apportionments

ST. MARK'S FINANCIAL OVERVIEW FOR MONTH OF JULY - 2019

Operating Cash Balance on June 30, 2019	4,528
Non-Designated Contributions - July	10,477
Operating Expenses	16,270
Other Income/(Expense)	333
Operating Cash Balance on June 30, 2019	(932)

July operating expenses were lower than budgeted. The most significant favorable spending occurred in Mission Giving which was the result of not making an apportionment payment, Pastor Compensation as a result of the July housing allowance being paid in the first payroll in August, and Lay Personnel compensation as a result of not paying a choir director. Year-to-Date spending is favorable to the budget. Our operating cash balance on July 31, 2019 was negative.

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

September 2019



Greetings to you. Hope that you all are doing well and that you are taking care of yourself in this very hot summer. Now that a new school year started we pray for the parents, school staff , bus drivers, and those who help the kids cross the street in the morning and afternoon when they go back home. May God keep them all safe. May God's love rain over his people and the whole world.

In Psalms 92 the psalmist says: ¹ It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High, ² proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, ³ to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp. ⁴ For you make me glad by your deeds, LORD; I sing for joy at what your hands have done. ⁵ How great are your works, LORD, how profound your thoughts! ⁶ Senseless people do not know, fools do not understand, ⁷ that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be destroyed forever. ⁸ But you, LORD, are forever exalted.

This is a song for the Sabbath day. Though it is encouraging and uplifting to contemplate this beautiful Psalm in the morning and at night. Every morning I wake up early to begin my day thinking of all that I need to accomplish for that day and it becomes overwhelming in my mind. But poetry of this psalm provides a new perspective every morning. And then at night the thoughts of knowing that the Lord has been faithful, helps me go to sleep. How great are the works of our Lord and God.

Let us make music, proclaim God's love. The Lord has made us glad and we can sing for joy to our creator and loving Heavenly Father.

Peace be with you and your family.

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September 2019

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"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.



August 11, 2019

Children made craft sticks with inspirational messages which they handed out to the congregation. They also shared fresh fruit cups and delicious strawberry dessert. YUM! St. Mark's loves children!



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NOTES AND NOTICES

Don't forget our Food Pantry!



Noisy Offering
the last Sunday of every month!



TREE REMOVAL & TRIMMING

You will notice that the Arizona Ash tree on the church grounds has been totally trimmed. The tree that once provided shade and beauty was rotted and deemed unsafe. To ensure the safety of our wonderful members, numerous visitors and surrounding property it was necessary to have it trimmed.



"He Touched Me"

While the choir was on vacation during the month of July, the congregation was blessed during worship by a trio featuring Carolyn Hahn and Velma & Donald Pinedo. Their song was "He Touched Me" by Bill Gaither. The Gaithers have a lot of inspirational songs and we hope our own talented trio will bless us again with another selection soon.



BEHIND THE SCENES



Ever wonder who gets to church before everybody else, unlocks doors, turns on the lights, adjusts thermostats, starts the coffee, picks up trash that has found its way onto our property, and deals with homeless issues?

Well, it's the trusty Trustees! Thank you Bob Bailly, Tom Jack, Bob Mace, Eddie Rodriguez, and John Williams for making our worship experience just a little nicer and safer.

Pictured here is Eddie Rodriguez, caught early one Sunday morning, making the rounds (often joined and assisted by Jessica).

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE 2019

Arnold Elementary Representative Veronica Gonzalez (far left) was excited to receive supplies and gift cards from St. Mark's for the 2019-2020 school year.



We collected several boxes of paper, binders, folders, notebooks, pencils, crayons, markers, erasers, scissors, and sanitizing wipers. Plus, \$510 for gift cards to buy 34 uniform sets (khaki slacks and polo shirt). Arnold Elementary is thankful for the continued support.

PRAYERS & PRAISE



Bob Ailerson	Michael Mendoza	Tom Jack
Jill Anderson	Eric Milette	Raul Mendoza, Sr.
Kennedee Bailey	Will Schuetze	Those impacted by
Kylee Brown	Warren Dunetz	mass shootings in El
Bucky Coley	Joyce Codd	Paso, TX & Dayton, OH
Esdras Cuervo	Karen Diaz	Everyone going back
Sylvia Gonzales	Max Harvey	to school
Alice Logan	Isaac Ybarra & sons	Pray for each other



*Sandy Sanchez on the passing of her beloved aunt,
Jovita F. Lopez, who passed away peacefully
 on August 9, 2019.*

September 4 Violet Hinton
 September 5 Nancy Sutton
 September 11 Marilyn Bonner
 September 11 Kathy Jack
 September 13 Veleta Mixon
 September 15 Melissa Mendoza



September 16 Susan Kosmuch
 September 17 Velma Pinedo
 September 18 Elizabeth Schott
 September 20 Sharon Crippen
 September 25 Carolyn Hahn
 September 27 Ron Brown
 September 29 Scott Crippen



Grandparents Day is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Labor Day. This year it falls on September 8, 2019.



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