

## **E-Messenger**

**Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers  
where the lost are becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ**

### **Lenten Study On Prayer**

**Thursday Evenings**

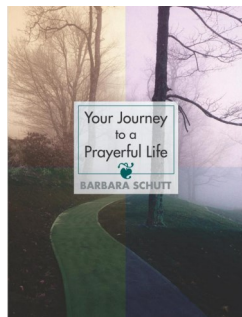
**February 19-March 26**

**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Sign up on Office Counter if**

**interested or see Esther Withers.**

**Sponsored by Prayer Ministry. Books  
will be provided. Donations accepted.**



### **Special Events in February this Issue**

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February is Heart Health month. The church will be holding a **health fair** on Sunday, **February 15th**, from 9 am to noon. You will be able to drop by and have your Blood Pressure checked in the Prayer room and gather information on health-related topics from A-Z in the Narthex. Don't miss it! See you there!

#### **NEW THIS YEAR**

#### **CAREGIVERS FUNDAMENTALS**

Following services, at noon there will be a luncheon with a speaker from Sunbeam Family Services. Her talk will focus on those who are caregivers or in the near future may become caregivers of aging family members. Come and learn how to care for the caregiver.

#### **Special Ash Wednesday Service**

We will be having our Ash Wednesday Service to start the Lenten season on Wednesday, February 18th. At 6:30 pm. This is a brief service involving communion and receiving the mark of the cross. Mark your calendar now.

## Surrender Your Sparkle, Renew Your Spirit

A special event for women

February 22, 3-5 pm

For more information talk with:

Vicki Pelligrini, Kellen Brooks, Gwen Sears,  
Beverly Ray or Adrienne Cressman

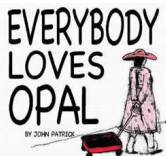
The event will include an accessory swap, a game, funny fashion show, a devotion, table discussion and a snack. The devotion will focus on - What are we relying on to Sparkle? Christ or things or behaviors?

Sign up for the event will begin on February 8th in the Narthex.

Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors to come.

## SECOND WINDERS

Second Winders will meet Thursday, February 12th for a turkey tetrazzini meal at noon Cost: \$4 Come early for coffee and conversation, stay afterward for the program, "**Prevent Slips, Trips and Broken Hips**".



Sunday, February 15th we will go to the Jewel Box matinee performance of "**Everybody Loves Opal**".

This is a comedy of a recluse and three people on the lam from authorities who plot to inherit money they believe she has hidden. Cost: \$11. Please sign up on office ledge and prepay Joy Imel by February 1st.

## SWEETS FOR THE SWEET

St. Mark's United Methodist Women will hold their annual Valentine, "Sweets for the Sweet" Bake sale on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Sale will be from 8:15 am to noon in the Narthex. All



*Sweets for the Sweet*

donations of homemade items will be appreciated. All proceeds go to UMW mission projects. Come and get something special for your special Valentine.



St. Marks UMC invites you to our annual

## Daddy Daughter Dance



Fathers, grandfathers, and uncles are invited to spend a magical evening with their little princesses.

February 14, 6-8 pm

Family Life Center

Create lifetime memories

\$5 per escort – Fathers, grandfathers, uncles, etc.

Contact David Miller for more info 405.850.4500.

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## SCOUTING NEWS

By now most of you have heard that our scouts have had their trailer stolen. There is a designated fund set up to assist them in their recovery. You can write a check to St. Mark's and put "Boy Scout Troop 553 Trailer Fund" in memo if you would like to help.



### **Pancake Breakfast February 14, 7:00 am - 11:00 am**

Come out and support our troop. They will be serving chocolate chip, blueberry and traditional pancakes along with the side stuff. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. They will be available on Scout Sunday, February 8th and also at the door.



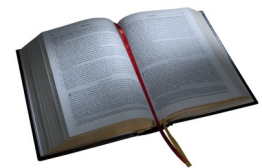
### **Pinewood Derby, Saturday, February 21, 9-noon**

## **Pastor Keith's Revelation Bible Study Open to all!**

**Thursdays at 3:30, Room 18**

Come join this interactive study of Revelation. We are trying to figure out what this is all about and how it applies to today.

**Breaking news:** Starting this week this group is now open to women also. We hope you feel free to join us as we explore together.



### **To All Members.....From the Evangelism Committee**

The Evangelism Committee is looking for fresh, bold, new ideas for a church event to be held in March.

The purpose of the event is to reach the un-churched, to introduce St. Mark's UMC to new communities and to spark new interest in knowing about our church.

Each member is asked to consider submitting an idea. The Evangelism Committee will vote on the most popular and feasible idea. The names of those submitting an idea will be put into a drawing for a very nice prize.

A few of the ideas are an in-door picnic, movie night and Indian taco dinner.

All ideas must be received by **February 1, 2015**. E-mail your ideas to Deloris Freeland at [delorisf@cox.net](mailto:delorisf@cox.net) or to Pastor Patricia at [patricia@stmarksbethany.com](mailto:patricia@stmarksbethany.com). The winning idea will be announced the following Sunday and the prize awarded.

Each member is asked to pray for a successful event and to consider how you can be a part of communicating to your home community, friends and the un-churched of this up-coming event. Also, Volunteers will be needed to put the plan into action.

We as members are the church body. Our purpose is to further God's Kingdom and bring hope and love to each other and to those who are lost.

*With everyone participating and with God's blessings, this will be a success. Success is achieved not by a few but by the willingness of many to step forward.*







st. mark's student ministries

## Confirmation

Confirmation is coming! The 7-9th graders will be starting confirmation on February

15 during the 11 o'clock Sunday School hour. If you would like your student to participate, please let Rebekah Cressman know. We are going to be spending three months learning what it means to be a Christian, a member of a United Methodist Church, and a member of St. Mark's.



Street Reach is our Highschool Spring Break mission trip, and it is just around the corner. March 15-20 we will be spending in Memphis, TN helping run a VBS and completing local service projects. This is a great opportunity for students to be able to learn about social justice in a tangible way. Registration forms are due Feb. 4.



**Congratulations** - Anthony Montesano was sworn into the Navy this past Wednesday, January 14. He will be leaving for basic training on August 18th. Keep Anthony in your prayers

## SHARE THE LOVE

Valentine's Day is Coming. Remember your Special Valentine with Share



the Love Hearts. St. Mark's United Methodist Women will place Hearts at the home you request. 3

DAYS FOR \$15.00 or 5 DAYS FOR \$25.

This is also an excellent way to recognize a special day such as a birthday, Anniversary or to show someone you care. Share the love with your family and friends. Contact Barbara Gardner 721-0511 or Frankye Flemins 470-3797 to make arrangements. All proceeds go to UMW mission projects.

## NEW MEMBER WELCOME

We are excited to welcome George Roberts to our St. Mark family. Pray for George and take a little time to meet and greet him in the next couple of weeks.



**Come Join us!**

## **Discipleship Junction: Sharing God with Others**

Sharing God with Others studies the lives and ministries of Bible-time and modern-day missionaries. By getting to know these heroes of faith as people who serve God, children will learn the importance of sharing their faith with others as real people.



Jan 28: "No Turning Back" Studying: Silas and Mary Slessor,  
Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:29

Feb. 4: "Teamwork" Studying: Timothy and Cook Communications Ministries,  
MV: Eccles. 4:9

Feb. 11: "On the Home Front" Studying: Stephen and George Mueller,  
MV: 1 John 3:18

**PLUS Valentine's Party on FEB. 11 (children will need to bring Valentine's for DJ friends, plus a snack to share)**

Feb 18: "Eager to Encourage" Studying: Barnabas and Betty Greene,  
MV: Zeph. 3:17

Come and learn about Missionaries and be inspired to BE a Missionary!

**Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00. Children's Brown Room.**

## **Mark'd Kids Adventure, Sundays @ 9:45 & 11:00**

Sundays in Elementary Kids' Adventure:

META-STORY: Life of Jesus

Feb 1: I AM the Bread of Life, John 6:35

Feb. 8: Faith the size of a Mustard Seed, Matt. 13:31-33

Two Sunday school hours: 9:45-10:45 (HOUR 1) and 11:00-Noon (HOUR 2)

HOUR 1 is a review of previous lessons, and a craft, game, or activity related to lesson for that day.

HOUR 2 has a large group Bible lesson for the day, and an application small group time.



## Classes offer leader training for laity

On Feb. 7, the Conference Board of Laity will sponsor a leadership training day for church members from across the state. This is a great place for getting great training for any of our St. Mark's leadership.

"I AM LAITY" Summit '15 starts at 9:30 a.m. that Saturday at OKC-St. Luke's Church. Advance registration is necessary. Sign up at: <https://okumc-reg.brapp.com/IAMLAITYSUMMIT2015>

Each participant may choose two classes to attend, and Bishop Hayes will preach. Fee, \$15, includes lunch and class handouts. Child care is free.

Conference Lay Leader Chuck Stewart said the Board plans this day of training in place of the Re-Ignite Workshops, not scheduled this winter.

Class choices:

1. Lay Leader: Uncovering the leader in you;
2. Being a Lay Delegate to Annual Conference: How to navigate the system;
3. Church Council/Chairperson: ministry and administration;
4. Trustees: "It's not just mowing the lawn";
5. Finance;
6. Show Me the Money: Where to find grants and additional resources for your church;
7. Missional Area 1: How to relate in your district; and
8. An Exploration Into God's Calling.



### With Heartfelt *Sympathy*

Please continue to pray for these families who have lost loved ones the last couple of weeks:



The families of:

**Tom Kyle**

**Betty Dick**

**Dale Schmitt**

### Fellow St. Markians,













Happy new year. As we begin the year we want to say "thank you" on behalf of countless beneficiaries of your generosity on Christmas Eve. You donated over \$18,000 that will be used to help homeless children in Mexico City experience hope in Christ, to shelter children in emergency situations through Youth and Family Services, to connect college students with the church will away from home, and to assist families and children break general poverty in north Memphis.

Finally, your continued generous support of St. Mark's through general fund gifts supports our **ongoing ministries** with people of all ages, varied needs, and diverse socio-economic circumstances right here at home.

Your brother in Christ,  
Pastor Keith Cressman



# St. Mark's UMC - February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Communion Family Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6 pm Perspectives 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:30 pm Stephen Ministry - Cont. Ed.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Boy Scout Sunday 8:15 Sweets for the Sweet  5:30 Metro Worship	<b>9</b> 9:45 am - J.J.M. Circle	<b>10</b> 9:30 am - Caring Hands 6 pm Perspectives 	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11 am Stephen Ministry Network 12 pm Second Winders	<b>13</b> 6 pm Kings & Queens 	<b>14</b> 7 am Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast 6 pm Daddy Daughter Dance
<b>15</b>  9:00 am Health Fair 12:00 pm - Lunch for Caregivers 1 pm Second Winders—Jewel Box	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6 pm Perspectives  7:00 pm Bertha Circle	<b>18</b>  6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service	<b>19</b> 7:00 pm—Lenten Study on Prayer 	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 8 am Boy Scout Pinewood Derby
<b>22</b> 3:00 pm - Surrender Your Sparkle, Renew Your Spirit 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6 pm Perspectives 	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 pm—Lenten Study on Prayer 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Sunday Weekly</b> 8:30 am - Worship 9:45 am - Sunday School 9:45 am - Family Worship 9:45 am - Children's Adventure 11:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Wee Worship 11:00 am - J.U. (youth) 11:00 am - Discipleship 5:00 pm - Impact	<b>Monday Weekly</b> 9:30 am - CDO 1:00 pm - Bridge 2:00 pm - Bible Study 6:00 pm - Girls Scouts 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	<b>Tuesday Weekly</b> 9:30 am - CDO	<b>Wednesday Weekly</b> 6:00 pm—Strength Class 6:30 pm - Discipleship Junction Peak - (Mid High) Fuel - (St. High) 6:30 pm - Prayer Team 7:00 pm - Choir	<b>Thursday Weekly</b> 8:30 am - Capstone 9:30 am - CDO 3:30 pm - Pastor Keith Bible 5:30 pm - TOPS 6:30 pm - Worship Team		



# Happy Birthday February

Ryan	Agyemang	Bill	Harned	Fran	Nobles
Todd	Attalla	Joy	Hicks	Raker	Nowlin
Mike	Benton	Blake	Hull	Ed	Orr
Dan	Boland	Emerson	Jenks	Danny	Payne
Darell	Brehm	Joey	Keck	Greg	Pinkerton
Nikala	Bremmer	Kenneth	Ketchersid	Kelsey	Pope
Pat	Brock	Kobe	King	Hunter	Reimers
Asher	Cromwell	Kylie	King	Jaylen	Riser
Lily	DelPierre	Judy	Knight	Lori	Shenold
Mika	Foster	Bella	Kolajo	Lance	Skinner
Christopher	Garner	Rico	LaPat	Ashton	Smith
Janna	Greve	Garrett	Mackey	Irene	Stafford
Jacob	Grisham	Brock	McClaren	Jackie	Swedlow
Red	Groves	Alex	McNeill	Mia	Teague
Juanita	Hancock	Grant	Merhib	Betty	Underwood
Katrina	Harkey	Jeff	Montesano	Artavius	Washington
Beth	Harned	Steve	Mullins	Quintavion	Washington

## Facts and Figures

2015 Budget ..... 595,000.00

Rec'd toward Operating 1/25/2015 ..... 7,526.44

### Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 1/25/2015..... 36,819.31

Expenditures 1/25/2015 ..... 20,181.78

### Sunday, January 25, 2015

Sunday School ..... 222

Worship..... 277

## Prayer Box

### Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Longoria family	Jamie Wright	Talbot family
Schmitt family	Phil Bonifield	Dick Family
Brehm Family	Carrie Attalla	Bill Rosenthal
Lusk Family	Nathaniel Sadler	Larry Watson
Pavelko Family	Connie Reed	Candice Criswell
Jack McNelly	Romona McKibben	Steve & Beverly Clark



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### St. Mark's Staff

**Keith Cressman, Pastor**

**Patricia Johnson, Associate Pastor**

**Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director**

**Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries Director**

**Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister**

**Rebekah Cressman - Student Minister**

**Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications**

**Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist**

**Kevin & Jackie Swedlow, 9:45 Leaders of Worship**

**Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist**

**Phillip Bond, Accountant**

**Crystal Barlow, Custodian**