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August 19, 2015

St. Mark's United Methodist Church

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

Don't Miss this!

Sunday, August 23rd, 5:30 pm

BLOCK PARTY

St. Mark's Fall Kickoff

Things to Bring: Blanket or chair; sides for meal, Dessert for contest, family, friends, neighbors

Food

Church will provide hot dogs and fixings. We are asking that everyone else bring something that goes well with hotdogs, i.e. chips, beans, etc.)

DUNK TANK

Tentative Schedule

5:40 Austin Miller
5:50 Pastor Keith
6:00 Alicia Schneider
6:10 Mystery Guest ???
6:20 Nick Bremmer
6:30 Sharon Hunt
6:40 John Hollon

Inflatables

We will have a castle and a 32 foot obstacle inflatable.

Dessert Contest

Bring your families favorite dessert and enter it into the dessert contest. We will have special dessert experts coming in to judge the event Prizes will be awarded. Cakes, pies, cookies, etc. whatever is your specialty.

Adult Discipleship Studies this Fall at St. Mark's

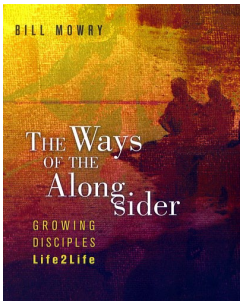
On August 26th, new ministry opportunities and studies will kick off at St. Mark's. The 26th will serve as an introductory and final sign up for each of the groups. You can also sign up for any of these by clicking on the link at the bottom of each and signing up online. You can also sign up on the counter outside the church office. Some of these classes will have limited enrollment to keep groups great discussion groups so sign up now. Check them all out below.

Disciple Your Family

On Wednesday August 26th, at 6:30 pm you are invited to come learn about an exciting new ministry for families. The group will meet in room 19. The goal is to partner the church with families in providing tools and resources to help families in discipling together. This meeting will be informational as the ministry will be available on an ongoing basis and will tie together things we are doing at church with our family life. Come out and join us and learn more! You can sign up on the church counter or click on link below to sign up NOW!

Ways of the Alongsider

This group will meet in room 5 starting September 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 with an option to run until 8:00 for those who can stay a little longer. The group will study and share together using "The Ways of the Alongsider" as there guide. It is a Bible centered guide taking a fresh approach to making disciples in the world we live in daily. Each week will include diving into God's Word and sharing our journey together. Cost for the materials is $15. Brian Ray and Bob Kanary will be the leaders of this group. The class will run for through December 2nd. The group size will be limited so sign up soon at link below.



Gods at War

This group will meet in room 18 starting September 2nd from 6:30 to 7:30 with an option to run until 8:00 for those who can stay a little longer. "Gods at War" will be the book the group will be studying. The book will challenge you to look at the idols in your life that keep you from pursuing God. Lively discussion and sharing will be a part of the weekly time together. Cost for the materials is $15. Keith Cressman will lead this 6 week course. We will be limiting groups size so you are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. You can sign up by clicking on link below are on church counter.

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st. mark's student ministries

Wednesday, August 19th- We will be celebrating school starting and sharing a meal together. Please have your student at church at 6pm with $10 for our meal. We will be taking a vote and going out to eat and fellowship together as we prepare for the upcoming school year. We will be back around 8pm for pickup.

Saturday, August 22nd- This is our JU banquet celebrating last year and kicking off our new year! Please arrive at 6pm and we will eat, share awards and announcements, and head home. This will be a great evening and I look forward to celebrating with you all!

Sunday, August 23rd- This is our first Sunday that counts towards JU so make sure and be up bright and early for Sunday school. Also that evening beginning at 5:30pm we will be having our church wide block party! This will include free food, a dunk tank filled with the church staff, and inflatables for the little ones. You don't want to miss this as we celebrate with the community and kick off our regular fall programming season. Don't miss out!

Sunday, August 30th- This will be our STRIVE fundraiser kick-off Sunday. This is our annual student ministry fundraiser where students get sponsorship for an 8-hour workday. This is important our ministry and helps make a ton of what we do happen, so please encourage your student to participate and check on their progress as we go throughout this incredible fundraiser. Also remember you JU student is required to participate and raise money in STRIVE. This is crucial to our student ministry and helping us reach out beyond our walls. We have a great and loving church that wants to support us through this endeavor!

STRIVE SWEET SIXTEEN

Student Booklet and New Website- This week we will be launching our new website www.stmarkssm.com and producing our student booklets to have in your hands! These will be packed with great information and announcements please be on the look out for those!

Fall Programming Starts- After our block party kickoff on August 23rd, we will be into our regular fall programming. This means starting Wednesday, August 26th, we will have youth worship from 6:30-8pm with special set apart time for middle school and high school. Sundays will have small groups from 6-7:30pm. This will be time to be in gender specific and age appropriate groups to have accountability and learn scripture. We will also spend time Sunday evenings doing team building and having great fellowship time.

CHURCH GARAGE SALE

September 4th, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Start Setting back all your clean clothes, books, working appliances, furniture and other things now. Take items evening of 2nd (8-9 pm) and all day 3rd. Contact a UMW member if you have large items needing picked up.

Hospital Visits

St. Marks would like to make sure we never forget anyone needing a hospital visitation. Please contact Bobbi Pinkerton at 773-8200 (home) or 659-8728 (cell) if you or a family member would like to have a hospital visit.

MISSION: St. Mark's Children's Ministry exists to partner with parents to equip, train, and release children to be passionate disciples filled with the heart of Jesus to minister today!

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
~Matthew 19:14

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
Age Kind. - 4th grade
Room Brown Room
Program The Adventure

Sunday morning, our goal is to teach the Bible, plain and simple. We believe the Word of God is essential to study and learn in order to grow in faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. Children are encouraged to bring their personal Bibles from home in order to practice looking up Scripture. If a child does not have a Bible, we will give one to the child for them to take home and keep.
During Hour 1, 9:45-10:45, children get an overview of the day's Bible lesson and do a craft, game, or activity related to that Bible story.
During Hour 2, 11:00-Noon, children spend 25-30 minutes in a large group lesson time, then split into small groups for the last half hour. Small groups are divided according to grade.

WEDNESDAY EVENING:

Dates: Aug. 26 - Dec. 9
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Age: 4-4th grade
Room: Brown Room
Program: Discipleship Junction

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

For hundreds of years, people waited for the Savior to arrive. But who would it be? And what would he be like? In Happy Birthday Jesus!, kids embark on a journey through the Bible to discover God's plan for salvation. From the early prophecies to the angels' joyful announcement, children will learn about the character, the name, and the person of Jesus. Then it's time for the ultimate birthday celebration!

Throughout the series, children will find that:
- **we need a Savior**
- **God had a wonderful plan**
- **God keeps His promises**
- **Christ is our hope**

Aug 26: Adam and Eve and Me? Memory Verse: Romans 1:16
Sept. 2: God Promises a Savior Memory Verse: 1 John 4:14
Sept. 9: Ruth Becomes Part of God's Promise Memory Verse: John 8:12
Sept. 16: From Shepherd to King Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7
Sept. 23: A Promise is a Promise Memory Verse: Isaiah 43:3
Sept. 30: Jesus' Family Tree Has Long Roots Memory Verse: Psalm 27:14

PIONEER COUNTRY EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS

"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31

You are Invited: Come on a *Walk to Emmaus!*

The *Walk to Emmaus* is a spiritual retreat designed to help Christians grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Many people at St. Mark's participate and find it a good experience. If you have not attended, please consider it.

The *Walk to Emmaus* is not literally a 'walk.' The reference is to a walk the Disciples' took with Jesus after his resurrection. One of the funny things is that they did not even recognize him at first. Later, they realized who he was after he explained the Scripture and shared Communion with them. *Luke 24:13-49*.

The *Walk to Emmaus* is designed to provide an opportunity for participants to walk with Jesus as Scripture is explained, Communion is shared, and Christian fellowship is enjoyed. Along the journey, people discover Jesus in new ways.

The *Walk to Emmaus* begins on a Thursday evening and concludes on a Sunday afternoon. It lasts 72 hours. Men and women attend separately. The next *Walk to Emmaus* events are scheduled for October 1-4, 2014 (men) and October 15-18 (women).

You will need a sponsor to help you register and help in other ways. A sponsor needs to have already attended a Walk or the youth version, called Chrysalis. The cost is $100, partial scholarships are available as needed.

If you would like to attend, please contact me and I will gladly find a sponsor for you.

Enjoy the Journey with Jesus.

Pastor Keith

For more information: http://pioneercountryemmaus.org.dnnmax.com/Home.aspx

Women's Bible Study

Join us at 2:00 pm on Mondays. Any woman is welcome to join us. We will meet through the school year and are through by 3—3:30. Through the year we will use varied resources such as Upper Room, Serendipity Bible and the Discipleship Journal Studies.

Contact: Joey Pedigo, with questions or inquiries as to format of the group at 720-7814 or 819-8100

You are invited to be a part of this musical journey featuring our own Christine and Brian Kiespert

Kings & Queens - A special needs ministry director is being hired in the next few weeks. Spread the word and if you need more information contact the church office.

ST. MARK'S FALL MINISTRY Ministry Opportunities

As fall programming approaches there are a wide variety of chances for you to be involved in ministry. Look over the list and spend some time praying about where God might have you serve.

Family Ministry (Disciple Your Family)
Monday Women's Bible Study Monday 2:00
Kings and Queens Ministry (2nd Fridays)
Discipleship Junction (Children) Wed. Evenings
Choir Wednesday Evenings
Gods at War Bible Study Wednesday Evenings
The Way of the Alongsider Group Wed. Evenings
Second Winders 2nd Tuesday each month
Good News Festival (Franklin Graham) Aug. 22-23
Discipleship Conference Navigators Aug 25-26
UMW Garage Sale September 4
Stephen Ministry Training September 26
Men's Walk to Emmaus October 1-4
Women's Walk to Emmaus October 15-18
Fall Break Bible Club October 15-19
Fall Fun Night October 28

To find out more about these go the stmarksbethany.com and click on Ministry opportunities on home page to learn more and sign up for any of these.

ST. MARK'S FALL PROGRAMMING SAVE THE DATE

It takes a lot of volunteers to make the list on the left happen but we also want to make sure everyone is aware of all the Fall Calendar events. Below is some of the highlights of this Fall. Get your calendar outs now and mark these dates so you don't miss them. Many of them are also a great place to invite a friend, neighbor or acquaintance.

Fall Kickoff/Block Party August 23
Good News Festival
(Franklin Graham) Aug. 22-23
Discipleship Conference Navigators
August 25-26
UMW Garage Sale September 4
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Men's Walk to Emmaus October 1-4
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Fall Break Bible Club October 15-19
Fall Fun Night October 28
Commitment Drive October—Nov 8
Family Scavenger Hunt November
Ladies, INC. event November 8
Christmas Program –Bethlehem Bound
December 6
Choir Christmas Program December 13
Church Caroling December 13
Christmas Eve Services December 24
3:30, 6:00 and 7:30

Abigail	Ramirez	Ethan	Pedigo	Mary	King
Alicia	Benton	Frankye	Flemins	Millie	Hargrave
Alixsandria	Linn	Geodano	Montesano	Nathan	Swedlow
Alleigha	Barlow	Hunter	Mullins	Norma	Boland
Amy	Kilby	Jack	Martyn	Patric	Morford
Ann	Kessler	Jad	Hanner	Phillip	Bond
Aryanna	Gonzalez	Jan	Johnson	Robert	Rhea
Austin	Baker	Jane	Foreman	Ruby	Wilkey
Ava	Cantwell	Jimmie	Sears	Sally	White
Avery	Ware	John	Imel	Samuel	Harkey
Barbara	Homer	Karen	Kapka	Sara	Miller
Barbara	Pinkerton	Katherine	Dulin	Susan	Teague
Beverly	Clark	Keile	Homer	T.J.	Johnson
Beverly	Blake	Kristin	Nimo	Tessa	Miller
Bill	Underwood	Larry	Watson	Wenonah	Shaw
Bradin	Wheat	Laura	German	Wesley	Alden
Carmen	Goding	Lily	Hummel	Wesley	Graybill
Dale	Johnson	Linda	Moon	Willa	Knight
Dianna	Davidson	Lisa	Skinner		
Ella	Cantwell	Makaia	DeBray		

Facts and Figures

2015 Budget ……..……..... 615,000.00

Rec'd toward Operating 8/16/2015 ..... 4,511.26

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 8/16/2015 …. 362,633.18

Expenditures 8/22015 ……..…….. .....… 350,249.74

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Sunday School ……..…… 215

Worship…….....…….. 262

Prayer Box

Garner Family	McGowan Family	Jeff Montesano
Harold Kessler	Phil Bonifield	Teresa Kruta
Brehm Family	Longoria Family	Bill Rosenthall
Hank Brueggen	Michelle Funk	Attalla Family
Talbot Family	Chessmore Family	Jamie Wright
Ben Wurzer	Romona McKibben	Brad Cooper
Steve & Beverly	Laura German	

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A Stephen Minister is available to be there for you. Call Gwen Sears (261-6019), Jan Greve (350-0959), Dorthy Lynch (789-2556) or Carla Brueggen (203-8555) for more information.

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