St. Mark's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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April 19, 2017

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Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Easter 2017 - HE IS RISEN!

New Worship Services kick off this coming Sunday!

After an exciting Easter morning celebrating the risen Christ the excitement continues with our new services this coming Sunday. Join us this Sunday to continue to celebrate the risen Christ in our new services!

9:25 am - Classic Worship Service

11:00 am - Contemporary Service

See new Sunday School Schedule on next page

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New Sunday School Discipleship Classes Schedule
(some details still being worked out)
Starting Sunday, April 23rd

8:15 am
- Room 17 - New Start Class
  Contact Adrienne Cressman for details
- Room 18 - New Life Class

9:25 am
- Room 17 - New Class Start
  Contact Adrienne Cressman for details
- Room 18 - Discipleship Class

11:00 am
- Room 5 - Promise Class
- Room 17 - Faithbuilders Class
- Room 18 - New Class
  Details to follow
- Room 19 - R.O.C.K. Class
- Choir Room - Good News Class

This is a great time to invite your friends to join you, to grow classes and to provide a place for others to grow in their faith!

If your class has any further information please contact the church office.

Faith Promise kicks off Sunday, April 23rd

This year's Faith Promise drive kicks off this coming Sunday. The theme for this year is "Seed". Jesus spoke of the importance of planting seeds and as we move toward Faith Promise Sunday, May 7th, we ask you to pray about how you can plant seed through Faith Promise that will make a difference locally and around the world. Faith Promise supports missionaries, local and foreign missions trips, local projects and much more. As each of us plants our seeds through prayers, giving and living from Christ, an amazing harvest takes place. Begin now to seek God about the amount God may be asking you to provide for Faith Promise this year. Sign up for a work project on Saturday, April 29th, and plan to join us for a celebration Commitment Sunday with a meal after church on May 7th.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

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 MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten
Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age Kindergarten - 4th grade
Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

We have started our new series called "We Believe". Each week will focus on a section of the Apostle's Creed for kids to learn the basic beliefs of the Christian faith. Kids will be given tools to grow their faith with and get a better understanding of Christianity. Hope you can all make it.

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Wednesdays: Catching Air!

Catching Air is a term many of today's athletes use to indicate their best performance for those who leap, jump, or ride - literally to soar!

Catching Air wants kids to realize that even though their strength may eventually fade, those who trust God will renew, walk, run, and soar in His strength!

Each week, there will be a Bible lesson, worship time, prayer time, mission video, recreation, crafts, and snacks.

Wednesdays, at 6:30 p.m. in the children's brown room.

April 26 - 2 Corinthians 5:20
May 3 - Psalm 37:7-8
May 10 - John 20:21
May 17 - Galatians 2:20

STUDENT MINISTRY

I had an incredible journey on my trip to the Middle East and I look forward to sharing with you about the experience. Needless to say I can tell you the Church and Jesus Christ are alive and well in the Middle East. You would be proud of what our Brothers and Sisters in Christ are doing to share and spread the Gospel. For now we will get to the happenings for this week.

Wednesday, April 19th-We will have worship and finish our testimony series. We will worship from 6:30-8pm in the youth room. I hope to see all our students there!

Sunday, April 23rd- We will have our parent meeting after worship on Sunday. Please plan to be in Barnett Hall for this meeting. Lunch will be provided. Also this is our first Sunday of our new worship schedule. Don't forget we will have some breakfast ready at 9:15am and Sunday School right after. This is our Metro Worship night. We will gather with youth from all across the metro and beyond to worship in community together. This service is being held at OCU campus on the quad. In light of that we will be leaving a little early to enjoy the outdoor games and activities that will be set up. Please plan to be here at 4:30pm. We should be home around 7:45pm.

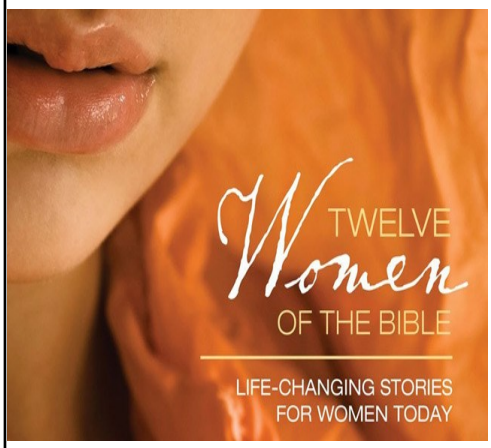
Thanks for all your support and prayers while I was away. They made a big difference.

In His Grip,
John Hollon
Youth Pastor

IN HIS GRIP

St. Mark's Women's Bible Study

An exciting new group has started at St. Mark's. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7 - 9 pm. The group is studying "Twelve Women of the Bible" by Lysa Terkeurst. The study will include a video teaching and then study and discussion together. You are encouraged to join this group of women seeking to grow in Christ and in fellowship with one another. The next meeting of the group will be this Friday April 21st. There will be a potluck meal to kickoff the evening. We will be looking at Rebekah. They will be meeting in the home of Alicia Schneider. Contact her for more information.



COUNCIL GROVE ELEMENTARY TEACHER APPRECIATION

St. Marks will be distributing thank you bags to teachers and staff at Council Grove Elementary during teacher appreciation week May 1. We want to show the staff how much we appreciate their hard work with needy children at this school. We need cookies for these bags. Please sign up this Sunday, April 23, to bring cookies on Sunday, April 30.

SUMMER CAMP2

Go to camp without leaving town!

Dear Parents,

Send your child to Summer Camp without leaving town at Mark'd Kids Day Camp! This day camp meets each Tuesday and Thursday, beginning June 6 - July 27, 9:30- 2:30. Mark'd Kids is for children entering 2nd grade through graduated 5th grade.

This summer, at "Summer Camp" children will flood the church gate to get slimed, soaked, and slathered in chocolate syrup at the tug-a-war. CAMP is full of incredible experiences that will happen right on our church campus. Each session is full of activities, games, crafts, snacks, and real-life Bible applications kids can put into action right away!

Each Thursday, we take a field trip to a local attraction in the metro area. Places we have gone in previous summers include: zoo, Orr Family Farm, a new G-rated movie release, Jumpzone, OK Science Museum, Paintin' Station, etc. The cost for field trips is included in tuition fee.

Tuition is $160 for the summer, or $80 for children attending just one day a week for the summer. Tuition fee includes a t-shirt, pizza on Tuesdays, supplies, and field trip on Thursdays.

Enrollment is limited, so sign your child up now!
Serving you and your child,

Alicia Schneider,
MKDC director Children's Minister

A Night of Music

You are invited to A Night of Music
Featuring C. Dale and Emmalyn German
Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 6:00PM
Bethany First Church of the Nazarene Atrium

Wednesday Night Suppers
Pilot Program for Fall

The last 3 weeks of this years Wednesday nights at St. Mark's (May 3, May 10, May 17) we will be testing out serving a light supper prior to programming. The meal will be served from 5:30 - 6:15 pm. Cost will be $3 for adults and $2 for children. We are aware how difficult it is to get everyone home from work/school/ etc. and getting fed be 6:30 and want to see if this is helpful to people coming. We hope you use this and share your thoughts and opinions. Our hope is to work out the kinks so that we might be able to provide meals during the Fall and Spring sessions. Kim Preston Hyden will be working on this project and if you would like to volunteer to help or have questions you can contact her at: kim.preston123@gmail.com.

Charles	Barajas	Xander	Gannon	Jackson	Rackley
Julia	Bevers	Abigail	Garrison	Isabella	Ramirez
David	Bremmer	Leslie	Graham	Stacey	Risinger
Hazel	Bremmer	Jonah	Grisham	A'Tawjae	Sadler
Adi	Bruce	Abram	Hollon	Andrew	Schneider
Luke	Burpo	Bruce	Hunt	Jay	Sears
Jack	Butler	Breysi	Inestroza	Rod	Sipes
Colt	Centis	Jesse	Johnston	Mary	Svejkovsky
Edith	Chilcutt	Sally	Kilby	Elaine	Talbot
Violet	Conway	Lori	Knowles	John	Talbot
Crystal	Corbin	Ginger	Lusk	Zoe Beth	Vaughn
Candace	Crisswell	Lorelei	Lusk	Myion	Walker
Colt	Curtis	Gerald	Miller	Leland	Washington
Juleeonnah	Davis	Kaede	Montesano	Morgan	Weber
Jonathan	Derr	Kevin	Moore	Ozzy	Weeks
Mary Ann	Desmukes	Satine	Olivier	Skye	Westbrook
Lori	Evans	Sarah	Penland	Marie	Wolfgang
Judy	Ferguson	Benjamin	Price	Penny	Woolery
Tyler	Funk	Q'juanta	Prince-Sadler		

Facts and Figures

2017 Budget ……..…..... 595,337.00
Rec'd toward Operating 4/16/2017 ..…....8,144.48

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 4/16/2017 …. 162,645.51
Expenditures 4/16/2017 ……..…..…….. 165,343.34
Sunday April 16, 2017
Worship …….…… 490

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Members, others needing prayer

Michelle Funk
Jamie Wright
Earl Moore
Beverly Clark
Mackenzie Asher
Irene Stafford
Rita Wurzer
Don & Pat Wonderly
Leslie Earl
Family of Cele Short
Evelyn Moore
Billie Blake
Margaret Turner
Hank Brueggen
Sara Miller
Christie Agyemang
Dale & Jan Johnson
Tammy Van Dyke
Bob Kanary
Colleen Eisenburg
Northridge Elem.