

## E-Messenger

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

### Worship at St. Mark's, June 13th

We invite everyone to come out this coming Sunday to join us in worship. Services are @ 9:30 and 10:45.

Rev. Bob Kanary will be bringing the message. If you are not able to attend there will be a live streaming of it. To watch the life stream you can join us at 9:30 am Sunday morning at

<https://youtu.be/7i1Jfx11LXA>



### ALL CHURCH Spruce-Up Set for Saturday, June 19

With everything returning to "normal" we want to get the church back in shape. Cleaning, straightening, small fixes, etc. need to take place and we need to get St. Mark's ready for a return of everyone and for a new start with Randy Wade and family. Bring your favorite Windex, gloves, favorite cleaners and tools and be a part. Our goal is to jump in at 8 am and be finished in a couple of hours. In the meantime, if you are around the church and see something that needs to be spruced make a note and let David Miller or the church office know about it and we will get it on the list.



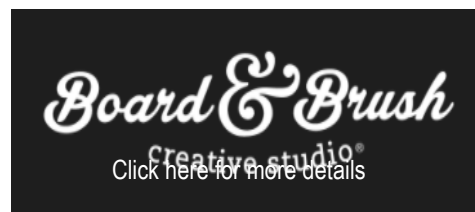
## Students attend Disciple Camp



It's exciting to see this group was able to attend Disciple Camp this year. It's been almost 2 years since students have been able to go to camp and it is exciting that this life changing experience has been reopened. If you get a chance to visit with any of them they can share how God moved during the week and a great time was had by all. Prayers for all of our camps and ministries as they reopen this summer for children and students.

## Women's Bible Study Plans Fun Outing to Board and Brush

The Women's Bible study has planned a fun night for June 27th from 2-5 pm on Board and Brush. There are only 12 spots available, so if you want to go please sign up soon. You can click the logo to sign up or contact Kay-Gannon. Come join us for a great time.



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## Great Resource Available

Feel free to pick up one of the boxes on the church counter if you are looking for a great way to open some great conversation around your family dinner table with these discussion starter questions.



## St. Mark's Food Pantry

**The St. Mark's Food Pantry is changing hours to 1st and 3rd Sundays from 4pm - 5 pm.** We appreciate everyone's help through the pandemic in helping to keep things supplied. THANKS for your patience. Currently the following items are needed in the pantry.

**Spaghetti Noodles**  
**Mac & Cheese**  
**Canned Meat**  
**Canned Beans**

**Spaghetti sauce**  
**Canned Vegetables**  
**Canned Fruit**



St. Markians,

We are always seeking to keep people informed and up to date on things going on at the church. Information on Key events, changes that come up, reminders, and other things come up from time to time that we want you to be aware of. To do that we try various methods from the Church Web Page, e-mails, texts, etc. we attempt to get the word out. One of our sources that has proved helpful lately has been texting. The service we have been using has gone up significantly in price and is continuing to limit the amount we can do. At the end of this month, we will be taking a different route with texting information to save money and improve the system.

We want to invite you to take advantage of this information source and want to help make the transition easy and smooth for you. We will be using a service called "Remind". It should be easier to use and gives you the option to respond which our old service did not do. Below is how you can sign up and start getting messages. If you have any trouble, please contact the church office and we will give you a hand getting signed up.



# Sign up for important updates from St. Mark's UMC, Bethany.

Get information for **St. Mark's UMC, Bethany**. **OK** right on your phone about upcoming events, news, and up-

Pick a way to receive messages from **StMarksBethany**:

To get text notifications from St. Mark's on your phone:

Text the message **@smbethany** to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@smbethany** to **(334) 269-8192**.

*\*Standard text message rates apply.*

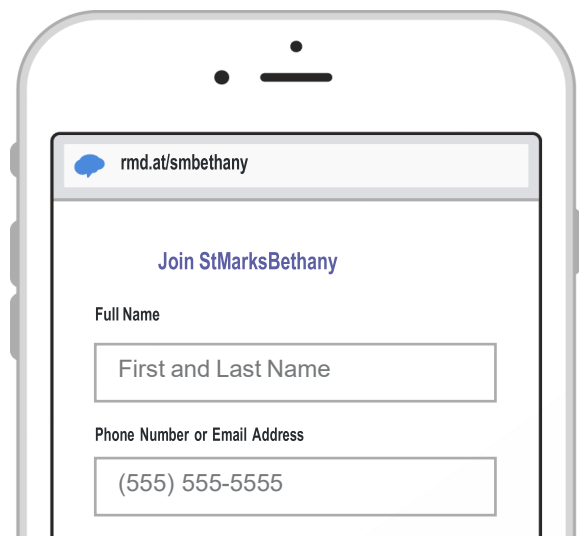


If you have a smartphone, you can get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/smbethany](http://rmd.at/smbethany)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You will be prompted to download the mobile app.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/smbethany](http://rmd.at/smbethany) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

## What Goes on Between Pastors?

St. Mark's leadership has planned for the time between when Pastor Keith retires and Pastor Randy Wade arrives.

During **May and June**, we will be blessed by the **preaching** of some of the retired pastors who call St Mark's their home. They will also be on call to respond to emergencies during the week following their message. Either Pat Morford or Julia Bevers can help you reach one if needed.

Pat Morford will be serving as "Staff Manager" during the interim. He will be able to assist with scheduling and ministry related questions. He will be helping coordinate the mission and ministry work of our **staff** during the first several busy months of summer.

Becky Roman will be coordinating **worship** services and related events. Music, praise teams, and special events occurring during worship services (e.g. Senior Sunday) will be scheduled, approved, and coordinated through her.

Remember that Jay Sears, Chair of Church Council, and David Miller, Lay Leader, are available to serve and help in any way they may be able.

Do not hesitate to reach out to any of the leaders mentioned for help and clarification. We appreciate the effort leaders are taking to help the next two short months be a constructive and beneficial time in St Mark's history. Thank you for your prayerful support and encouragement for each other and for them.

Anticipate...the best is yet to come!

With His Peace,

Pastor Keith

*Live committed to Christ, One another and World outreach and evangelism (COW).*

## In Person Services Guidelines

In addition to our continued support of online worship, we are excited to say the live service has been and going well. When you feel comfortable we invite you to join us for services.

Before attending the Service ask yourself these questions:

Are any of the following true for you or anyone in your party:

- Showing any flu-like symptoms
- A fever of 100.4 or higher in the past 14 days.
- Prolonged exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days.

Any medical reason to think you should not be around others.

If you answered yes to any of these, we strongly encourage you to watch the services online rather than attend service. You can participate online by going to YouTube.com and searching for St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bethany, OK, there you will find a link to the service on Sunday morning.





## **Wednesdays in June & July**

6:00—7:30 pm 5 years old through 5th graders

### **Children**

Be a part of this Xtreme summer as we come together for amazing Bible lessons, super fun and exciting activities. Every Wednesday will have an XTREME activity such as Nerf Wars, Water Slides, Minute to Win it and much more. This is our Xtreme alternative to VBS taking it to the next level. A great place to invite your friends and neighbors as we enjoy an XTREME time together. Registration coming. Watch for them and get ready for an Xtreme Summer.

### **Volunteers**

We need volunteers to make Xtreme Summer Blast a powerful experience for young people. Volunteers will be needed each Wednesday from 5:30 to 8:00 pm for setup through clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex where you can sign up for the entire summer or for weeks when you are available. You are the key to this event and we ask that you prayerfully consider being a part.

# St. Mark's Social Media Links



Facebook.com - search for "stmarksbethany"



Instagram.com - search for "St. Mark's United Methodist Church"



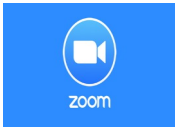
Twitter.com - search "@stmarksbethany"



Youtube.com - search St. Marks United Methodist Church, Bethany, OK



RightNow Media.com - "St. Mark's United Methodist Church"



Zoom.com - sign up and then watch for upcoming announcements on Bible Studies, Sunday School classes and other things you can join with other members of St. Mark's

## Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

### Facts and Figures

2021 Annual Budget 642,374

Rec'd toward Operating 5/24/2021.....10,327

#### Year to Date 2021

Rec'd toward offering .....219,994

Expenses ..... 199,962

#### Attendance

Sunday, June 6th Combined 241

Classic Service..... 108

Contemporary Service .....44

Online ..... 89

### Prayer Box

Corona Virus issues

Don & Fran Nobles

Barbara Homer

Pam & Wayne Barnes

Carolyn Rosenthal

Dianna Davidson

Letha Davis

Mary King

Katrina Lambert

Norma McMurtry

Margaret Bonifield

Daughter in law—Lavina

Paula Galt

Alan Joy

Pat Wonderly

Norma Boland

Pat McDowell

Jane Foreman

Marty Croy

Ladonna Mathews

Janice Brown

Don Greve

Carol Sandburg

Pavelko family

Dorothy Sipes

Darell Brehm

Tiffany Montesano

Justin Roming