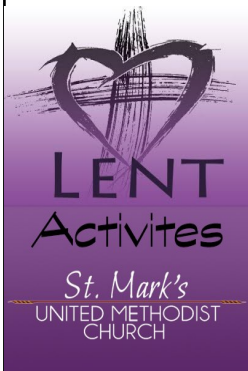


Truth or Mercy?

This Sunday morning John Hollon, Director of Student Ministries will be bringing the message in all three services. His message "Truth or Mercy" will come from John 8:1-11. In our world today people are labeled with a variety of names to classify them and send them to the extremes. We need to look at how we balance our own lives in the midst of these extremes. John will look at how Jesus specifically dealt with a situation where he was trying to be trapped into a label. Join us as we examine his response and then explore how we can live in the world today using Jesus as our model.



Living Out Lent

Lent is a Christian season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a personal time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others.

St. Mark's will be having a **Ash Wednesday service on March 1st at 6 pm.**

Through the Lenten season there will be two studies that will take place

that you are welcome to join. The first will begin on Sunday,

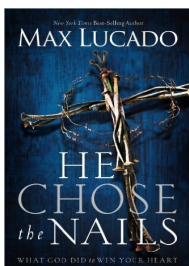
March 5th at 6:00 pm in the home of Gary and Letha Davis. The second

will begin on Thursday, **March 9th at 2:00 pm** in room 5 at the church

and led by Joey Pedigo. They will both run 5 weeks and will use the book

"He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado as a study guide. To be a part of one of the groups you can call the church office or sign up on the office counter.

Please register by February 22nd so materials can be ordered.





DADDY *daughter* DANCE



Saturday, February 18th, at 6:30 –8:00 pm St. Marks will be having our annual Daddy Daughter dance. This has always been a special event for dads, grandads, uncles, older brothers and others to honor daughters in the family with a special night out. The event will feature a DJ, snacks and great photo opportunities. Cost is only \$5 per escort (no additional cost for multiple dates!) Make your plans now to bring that special girl to this great memory making event.

Young Mother's Bible Study

An exciting new group is beginning at St. Mark's. The group will meet the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7 - 9 pm. They will be hosted each time at a different home and will focus on fellowship and Bible study for mothers. The group will be 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. This coming Friday, February 17th, will be the start of the study and we hope you can make it. The hostess this week is Susan Teague. For more information call the church office (789-9033).



Sweets for the Sweet

THANKS to everyone that made Sweets for the Sweet another success. From bakers to buyers and everyone else who helped organize and make it happen we just say how much it was appreciated. \$1050.00 was raised that will be used in ministry through the United Methodist Women.

Mom & Son - Bowling with the Boys

Sunday, March 5th at 6:00 pm St. Mark's will be having a special night for mom's and sons (Grandmother/grandson; aunt/ nephew; etc.). The evening will include 2 games of bowling together (with shoes) for \$7.50 a person. The event will be held at the AMF Bowling alley at 23rd and Meridian. You can sign up in the Narthex if you would like to attend. We need registrations by February 26th to reserve enough lanes. Take advantage of this exciting time together.





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 re-

new, 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.

February 15 - Matthew 7:28-29
March 1 - I Corinthians 15:3-4

February 22 - Hebrews 2:18
March 8 - Luke 9:23



STUDENT MINISTRY

We are busy this week with lots of great opportunities for ministry and connecting with God. I hope you are carving out time to meet the Lord during your week and can join us to strengthen that relationship. Now we will get to the happenings for this week!

Wednesday, February 15th- We will have youth worship from 6:30-8pm in the youth room and are continuing our series on Faith. This series has lead to some great conversations and thoughts.

Sunday, February 19th- We will be heading to Skyzone in Edmond. Where we will bouncing the calories away! We need to meet at church at 5pm and we should return around 7:45pm. Cost is \$10 and all students need a waiver signed. Please feel free to go online and use this link <http://www.skyzone.com/edmond>. They really need all waivers done in this online format. If you have questions please let me know.

Reminder

We have our first combined mission team meeting this Sunday at 12:30pm in Barnett Hall. Please make sure your missioner is at this meeting. It will be very important and crucial to our team building and going over instructions and expectations for the trip.

Please let me know if you have any needs or areas where I can be of service and help. Praying God's peace and love to wash over you this week.

In His Grip,
John Hollon
Youth Pastor



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Asher	Cromwell	Kenneth	Ketchersid	Jaylen	Riser
Lily	DelPierre	Kobe	King	Lori	Shenold
Ethan	Fletcher	Kylie	King	Lance	Skinner
Mika	Foster	Judy	Knight	Ashton	Smith
Janna	Greve	Lauren	McCellan	Irene	Stafford
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Pavelko family	Irene Stafford
Dale Johnson	George & Pauly Kloss
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