

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 13, 2019

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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



Spring Break

Bible Club March 18-21 12:30-2:30

St. Marks East Lawn
Children ages 4-11
Lunch Provided
All Free - Space Limited
Register @ stmarksbethany.com



GATHERING PLACESM
TULSA'S RIVERFRONT PARK

Family Outing
Friday, March 22nd

Join us as we head to Tulsa for a great day of family fun. We will caravan from the church and head for one of the hottest places in the country for families, "The Gathering Place" in Tulsa for a day of fun. We will eat at the park and need everyone to bring their own sack lunch (food trucks available if you would prefer). You can sign up on the church counter to let us know you are planning to be a part. Sign up and join us for this great St. Mark's Family event.



This Lenten season we will have the opportunity to make a difference in amazing kids lives. Rice bowls is an amazing organization feeding, orphaned and hungry children. On March 6th, you will have the opportunity to pick up your rice bowl and start filling it for hungry kids. Challenge your friends, members in your family, give up a drink a day and drop that change in the rice bowl and we will gather them all together on Easter morning and make a real difference. Watch for stories, and more information about the many ways Rice Bowls can make a difference and then pick up your rice bowl on or after the 6th and start filling those Rice Bowls.



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WITH YOUR HELP, SOME LEFTOVER CHANGE CAN BECOME
1000'S OF YUMMY MEALS FOR ORPHANED CHILDREN.



RICE BOWLS



Second Winders will meet for a noon meal on Thursday, March 14th.



The cost for the sloppy Joe and dessert meal is \$5. Darrel Brehm, a ham operator, will present our program. We will be collecting for the Skyline Urban Ministry food pantry. They are in need of cereals, pastas and hand or dish soap. (The manager says these are least expensive at Aldi's.)



Dinner On Wednesday Night



Every Wednesday from 5:30-6:15
Everyone welcome. Cost is only \$3.

Wednesday Programming

5:15 Strength/Stretch Class

5:30 D.O.W.N. Dinner

6:00 Prayer Team

6:15 Adult Studies

6:15 KID Team

6:15 Student Ministry

6:15 Adult Studies

6:30 Choir Rehearsal

General Conference 2019

Thank you for sending Adrienne and me to observe General Conference 2019 (GC). The conference was held at The Dome, St. Louis, February 23-26.

A letter from our Bishop

I would like to share some reflections but allow me to first share Bishop Nunn's letter to us:

"The conference voted to retain the traditional definition of marriage, continued the policy that does not provide for clergy to officiate or churches to host same gender weddings, and continues the current standards for ordination.

"The conference adopted legislation requiring bishops to provide additional certification that they will uphold provisions of the *Discipline* or face involuntary changes in relationship with the church, to insure persons nominated to credentialing bodies uphold all the *Discipline*, and to guide the process for the administration of complaints.

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"These matters were referred to the Judicial Council for a declaratory ruling regarding their constitutionality. When the Judicial Council releases their findings after their review of the legislation, the Church will then know what has been enacted. For now, please continue to pray for the church, for all who have felt pain and harm from the proceedings, and for God to guide us in the path ahead.

"A plan for a church to disaffiliate from the denomination was approved.

"The Oklahoma Conference delegates dedicated themselves to tasks before them. The process was emotionally challenging for everyone in the room, regardless of their convictions. Thank you for your prayers before and during the meeting. Please continue to pray for the church."

Why was the Conference called?

The task before GC was to determine how we might remain united as one church while holding two mutually exclusive understandings of human sexuality.

What was decided?

Considering the expectations leading up to GC, perhaps what is remarkable is how little actually changed. The 864 delegates from around the world voted definitively to:

1. Affirm the Church teaching on human sexuality, that the *practice* of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching,
2. Hold clergy, including bishops, accountable to follow the rules they vow to uphold at their ordination, and
3. Allow congregations who cannot live by the rules of the church regarding human sexuality, to leave with the blessing of those who remain. The terms of exit and the constitutionality of this decision are not yet clear.

Each decision of GC will be reviewed to determine whether it meets the constitutional requirements of the UMC.

Some other thoughts and observations

Did a winner emerge from GC? I would say that no one "won." The results reflect deep division within the UMC in the US and Europe, while the UMC located in other parts of the world is more united on these issues.

St. Mark's will continue to welcome and share the Gospel with all.

Both Adrienne and I are happy to visit about our experiences at GC2019.

Peace, mercy and grace,

Pastor Keith

The next General Conference will be at Minneapolis, May 5-15, 2020. Delegates will be elected this Spring during regional conferences around the world. In Oklahoma, we will elect delegates during Annual Conference, May 28-30, 2019 at Oklahoma City University.

Food Pantry

Things are in full motion for St. mark's upcoming food pantry. If you are interested in helping with it you can sign up on the church counter on get in contact with DJ or Kayla Gannon. We have cleaned out the small kitchen and begun prepping it. If you may have left something in the old kitchen, you may want to check the table in Barnett Hall where we have placed any remaining items. Be in prayer for the pantry as it is working on putting all the pieces in place for this new ministry.



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study group has changed their meeting times to the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month . They are still reading and discussing the book "Wait and See" by Wendy Pope. Their next meeting will be on March 15. All women are invited to join these ladies as they grow in fellowship and faith together. If you would like more information about the group you can contact Kayla Gannon at kayla@stmarksbethany.com. Watch the Facebook page for latest information St Marks Women's Bible Study

Wednesday Nights 6:15 –7:30

Men's Bible

Women's Bible



MY ONE WORD
CHANGE YOUR LIFE WITH JUST ONE WORD

Adult Sunday School Schedule

8:15 am

Room 17

Sonshine Class

Room 18

New Life Class

9:30 am

Room 18

Discipleship

Ascent Room

College Age

10:40 am

Choir Room

Good News Class

10:55 am

Room 5

Promise Class

Room 18

Faithbuilders Class

Prayer Targets 2019 Council Grove Elementary

Overholser Elementary

Yukon newer residents

House groups
Outreach

Your neighbors
and neighborhood



Church Council meets
on Thursday, March
14th at 6 pm

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING:

Ages: Nursery - Kindergarten
Elementary Age 1st - 5th grade
Time 9:30 am - 10:45 am
10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Current lesson Plan

"Extreme"

Studying Bible stories that are extreme. God goes to great lengths to reach, love and guide us.



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

Sharon Hunt

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WEDNESDAY EVENING:

D.O.W.N. Dinner - 5:30-6:15
Team KID - 6:15—7:30

Going Vertical is a team used today to indicate reaching their highest and best. On Wednesday's we seek to go vertical with God.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:

Alicia Schneider

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Volunteers
Needed



Volunteers are needed for VBS in early June. If you would be willing to help please contact Kirsten Collins.

**COMING SPECIAL
EVENTS**


**WEAR
GREEN
DAY
Sunday
March 17th**

March 21st 10 am
 **GATHERING PLACE**
TULSA'S RIVERFRONT PARK


**Messy
Easter**
April 17, 5:30 pm


**Easter
Egg
Hunt**
APRIL 20TH



I hope you're well! Spring has been great so far! I've started going to school lunches with students, and I've got to say, those lunches are the best part of my week! We have amazing youth!

There's so much to look forward to! Here's what's going on!

Thunder Game!

I don't have the date set yet, but I've been talking with the Thunder people about either March 13th or March 27th! I'll keep you posted!

Spring Break Mission!

- This is for both Middle School and High School students!
- March 18-21 the youth are leading a Bible Club for local kids (this includes St. Mark's kids). The Bible Club will be from 12:30-2:30 and the youth and leaders will need to be there from 12-3.
- March 22-23 we'll be celebrating on a trip to Six Flags over Texas! We're leaving early Friday morning and we'll be back midday on Saturday.
- Students must participate in each day of the mission in order to go to Six Flags. Guests are the exception. They can go to Six Flags without having participated in the mission.
- The Six Flags trip costs \$160, while the mission has no cost to students. Let me know if there's a scholarship need! STRIVE covers so many of our students! (Shout out again to the students who amazingly raised so much money for STRIVE!)
- There are three mandatory planning sessions during the Sunday School hour on March 3rd, 10th, and 17th. If a student isn't participating in the mission, they should still come to Sunday School on these days, because they'll undoubtedly have some great ideas!
- Registration forms will be out this week!! They're due March 6th!

Camp and Summer Mission Dates

- Disciple, May 31-June 3
- **Youth Force, June 16-21** (I accidentally originally told everyone the dates were June 16-24. That was incorrect. Sorry!)
- Dayspring, July 5-8

Parents and Leaders, with all upcoming events, please, let me know what you're interested in and available to help with asap!

Please, let me know if you have questions or ideas! I love you all and I'm so thankful to be serving you!

GO TEAM!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries





Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
 Rec'd toward Operating 3/3/2019 14,776

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 3/3/2019 87,679
 Expenditures 3/3/201892,881

Attendance

Sunday, March 10
 Worship 192
 Sunday School 242

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| Kieth | Ballard | Brianna | Hardin | Ivy | Norvell |
| Nicholas | Bentin | Becky | Harned | Nevada | Norvell |
| Ed | Boerner | Darlene | Hickman | Mary | Parker |
| Chris | Brehm | Kruse | Holliday | Roger | Pautsch |
| Carla | Brueggen | Megan | Johnston | Brian | Ray |
| Matt | Chaney | Harold | Kessler | Preston | Risinger |
| Adrienne | Cressman | Chris | Knowles | Kyphla | Sadler |
| Brad | Cromwell | Dorthy | Lynch | Jenny | Shenold |
| Jeff | Davidson | Ruth | Martyn | Esther | Underwood |
| Jillian | Ferguson | Dave | Moore | Lauren | Wurzer |
| Victor | Gammill | Don | Nobles | Evelyn | York |

Prayer Box

Kieth Ballard
 Beverly Clark
 Harold Kessler
 Knutson/Pavelko family
 Funk family
 Laurie Bucholtz
 Barbara Homer
 John Baumeister
 Edith Chilcutt
 Derwin Jones
 Fisher family

Barbara Gardner
 Earl Moore
 Wenonah Shaw
 Cheryl Pavelko
 Teresa Kruta
 Betty Underwood
 Clint Hutchison
 Glenda Morrison
 Mike Fisher
 Boerner family health
 Glenn Hendrickson family