

E-Messenger

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

SUNDAY

All Saints Day - Communion - Commitment Sunday - Family Worship

This coming Sunday morning will be a full day of looking to our past and into our future as we celebrate All Saints Day, communion and make our commitments for the coming year as St. Mark's moves into the future. All services will have a time of remembering those who have gone on before us as well as celebration of our future. The 9:45 service

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UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH



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See page 3 for full size Service and Financial commitment cards

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep!



will be our monthly family worship designed specifically for families to worship together. One change that families need to be aware of is that children will begin the service in their regular classroom before being brought into the service later in the service. Be praying for a great day of worship and celebration and come expecting great things.

See you Sunday!



Ladies, INC,

Make your plans now for the upcoming Ladies, INC. event on November 1, 2015. It will run from 3 - 5 pm in the afternoon. You can sign up in Narthex or in your Sunday School class. Suggested donation of \$5 a person to cover expenses. Come enjoy great fellowship, inspiration and fun.

Family Scavenger Hunt

November 8-14

Bigger and Better than Ever!!

This years Scavenger Hunt will take on a new look that should provide for even more fun and excitement. The main event will take place on Saturday, November 14th from 10 am to noon. But this year an added component will take place starting Sunday, November 8th that will run through the week. The event promises to both challenge and provide a great family time together. You don't want to miss this so SAVE THE DATE(S)! #stmarksfamilyministry

#familyministriyscavenger

#stmarksfamilyscavenger

St. Mark's UMC - November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All saints Sunday Commitment Sunday 9:45 am Family Worship 3:00 pm Ladies, INC.	2	3	4	5 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry Cont. 6:30 pm Comm. On Lay Leadership	6 11:00 am Memorial for Bernard McGowan	7
8 2:00 pm UMW Retreat	9 9:45 am - J.I.M. Circle 	10 9:30 am - Caring Hands 6:30 pm SPRC Meeting	11 Veterans Day	12 12:00 pm Second Winders 6:30 pm Comm. On Lay Leadership	13 6:00 pm Kings & Queens 	14 10:00 am Church Scavenger Hunt 
15 12:00 Mission Comm. Meeting	16	17 7:00 pm Bertha Circle 	18 6:00 pm UMW Exec.	19 6:30 pm Church Council	20	21 6:00 Emmaus Gathering (offsite)
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving Day 	27	28
29 Sunday Weekly 8:30 am - Worship 9:45 am - Sunday School 9:45 am - Family Worship 9:45 am - Children's Adventure 11:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Wee Worship 11:00 am - J.U. (youth) 11:00 am - Discipleship 4:30 pm - Student Leadership	30 Monday Weekly 9:30 am - CDO 1:00 pm - Bridge 2:00 pm - Bible Study 6:00 pm - Girls Scouts 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts 7:30 pm - Boy Scouts	Tuesday Weekly 9:30 am - CDO	Wednesday Weekly 6:00 pm - Strength Class 6:30 pm - Discipleship Junction 6:30 pm - Student Ministry 6:30 pm - Adult Studies 6:30 pm - Prayer Team 7:30 pm - Choir	Thursday Weekly 9:30 am - CDO 5:30 pm - TOPS 6:30 pm - Worship Team		

Prayerfully seek God as you look at your stewardship for next year. Please feel free to cut out and use the forms to make your service and financial commitments for 2016. You can bring them with you to services on Sunday, drop them by the office or mail them.

Drive to Discipleship



SERVICE Needs Now!

If you are looking for a place to be in service the items listed below are needing assistance right now. Circle if interested

Nursery

1. Nursery volunteer for Sunday evening and Wednesday evening

Children

1. Elementary Sunday School small group leader, 11:00-12:00
2. Elementary Sunday School small group leader substitute, 11:00-Noon
3. Elementary Sunday School class time assistant substitute, 9:30-10:45
4. Computer sign-in helper
5. Hold a cradle baby at CDO to comfort child

Kings & Queens

1. Volunteers to be with kids for respite care 2nd Fridays and Sunday morning.
2. Buddies for children in Kings and Queens

Transportation

1. Drivers and chaperones to pick up and take home children on Sunday morning
2. Include a child when they attend a Family worship or other special event at church.

Christian Growth

1. Participate in / Lead Financial Peace University
2. Participate in / Lead The Art of Marriage
3. Participate in / Lead Disciple Bible Study
4. Train to be a Stephen Minister

Name: _____

Areas of Interest

- _____ Keeping the church building and grounds repaired, maintained and looking nice.
- _____ Sharing the Gospel with others.
- _____ Traveling abroad to help share Jesus.
- _____ Projects to help people suffering from natural disasters, hunger, inadequate housing, etc.
- _____ Helping others grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- _____ Playing a musical instrument.
- _____ Which one(s) _____
- _____ Teaching biblical truth.
- _____ Praying for or with others.
- _____ Help children to read better.
- _____ Welcoming people and helping them feel comfortable at church.
- _____ Listening to people share stories of their life.
- _____ Driving church vehicles for special events.
- _____ Assisting in events to setup, clean up and provide support.
- _____ Volunteer work in office to answer phones, help with mailings, fill in for vacations.
- _____ Other _____

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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

Oct. 28: NO DJ, Fall Fun Night

Nov. 4: Bethlehem Bound Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 31:8

Nov. 11: Angelic Invitation Memory Verse: Psalm 92:4

Nov. 18: Call Him Jesus Memory Verse: Psalm 97:6

Nov. 25: NO DJ, Thanksgiving

Dec. 2: A Gift from Heaven Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:15

Dec. 9: Happy Birthday, Jesus Memory Verse: John 1:14



Stephen Ministry is a Confidential Ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remains private.

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.



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.



Faith Promise Stories - If you have a testimony to share about how God made a way for you to fulfill your Faith Promise, please contact Becky Roman or Keith Cressman.

St. Mark's UMC
Faith Promise 2015

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free.
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.
Galatians 5:1

Mark your calendar and get working on your special recipes

ST. MARK'S UMC 1ST ANNUAL CHILI COOKOFF

+ SECOND ANNUAL DESSERT COOKOFF



JANUARY 10, 2016

5:00 PM

**REGISTER AT CHURCH OR
AT STMARKSBETHANY.COM**

CDO Fundraiser Sale



St. Mark's CDO is having their annual Otis Spunkmeyer sale. If you are interested in purchasing any cookies or other goodies contact someone involved with CDO or Sharon Hunt and they can help you out. Great way to support the ministry and satisfy your sweet tooth.



st. mark's student ministries

Tuesday, October 27th-We are having our first ever Kings and Queens Fall Fun Night! This is shaping up to be an incredible night. We have visitors from Purcell and the Children's Center coming to join us for this occasion. Because of this we need more help, specifically 5-10 more adults and some youth would be fantastic. If interested please contact Sharon today and she will fill you in on more details.

Wednesday, October 28th-We will be volunteering for our annual Fall Fun Night. This takes place from 6:30pm-8pm. However there is a hotdog dinner provided to volunteers, so please feel free to join us at 5:30pm to eat. If you are volunteering and can't eat with us, please make sure You are here no later than 6:15pm. This will be a great night of celebrating Jesus and candy come join us! November 1st-Please don't forget to fall backwards in your clock setting! We will have regular evening programming. That means small groups from 6-7:30pm and we will be in week 2 of our Grace series, which is great for discussion. Hope to see you there!

Alex and Brenda Awad to visit St. Marks

After almost 30 years of service in Israel/ Palestine Alex and Brenda are preparing for retirement. St.



Mark's has been one

of their sponsors for quite some time. This coming

Saturday, October 31st,

they will be coming to St. Mark's to visit and share with anyone who would like to join them. They group will gather in Barnett Hall

from 10 am to noon to share about their ministry at

Bethlehem Bible College, East Jerusalem

Baptist Church and their work with the Is-

raeli/ Palestinian Reconciliation move-

ment. Come out and wish them the best

and hear of God's working through them in the Middle East.



Connecting Church and Family

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These commandments that I give you today are to be on

your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deut. 6:5-9

Even when parents know they should be teaching their children about faith, they're not always sure how to go about it. St. Mark's Family Ministries has developed easy-to-use tools to help parents disciple their children with grace – anytime, anyplace. These tools will help connect what children learn at church to life at home. Parents, did you know that your child's Sunday school lessons usually dovetail with the sermon topics? Resources are now available to help parents use teachable moments each day to build upon these topics. **Check out the new tools available on line for the Disciple series!**



Burdick's Mission Blog

The Lausanne Movement: Impacting Global Christianity

One of the joys I have had recently is to work with the Lausanne Movement. In addition to working with the Center for Intercultural Training, which I highlighted in my last letter, I also coordinate Lausanne's Global Classroom Project. The Lausanne Movement was started in 1974 out of the vision of Billy Graham to bring together evangelical Christians around the world in a common statement of faith. Global Christian leaders met in Lausanne, Switzerland and the result was the Lausanne Covenant, which set the standard for what it means to be an evangelical Christian in today's world. Since that time, Lausanne has sponsored many other global gatherings where church leaders study and discuss key topic areas affecting Christians and the church globally.

Today, Lausanne's vision is to "connect influencers and ideas for global mission". One aspect of that vision is to equip emerging global leaders with information and learning experiences that will help the church be more effective. That vision has resulted in the Lausanne Global Classroom project, which is an educational experience consisting of a video documentary on a global topic along with readings, a discussion guide, assignments, and community application

projects. The Global Classroom experience will be available on the Lausanne website for use by small groups, churches, seminary and Bible colleges, mission agencies, and even individuals.

The first Global Classroom, set for release in January 2016, is on the topic of Diaspora. Diaspora is a fancy word for people who immigrate from one country to another to find a job or because of war, persecution, and so on. Lausanne hosted a global consultation on Diaspora in Manila last March. Several of the speakers at the consultation were interviewed by the Global Classroom team about why people in Diaspora are so important to understand and minister to in today's global context. We are currently piloting this first Global Classroom with seminaries and church groups around the world. We will make final improvements over the next couple of months in time to release it in January.

Another Classroom that will be produced and available soon is on the importance of research for the church around the world. I went to Malaysia last May to attend the Lausanne's global consultation on Christian research where we interviewed on camera leaders from around the world who study trends, data, and statistics on various aspects of church and mission. Global Christian leaders use this information to make decisions on where to allocate resources and people for more effective ministry. After we release the Classroom on Diaspora, we will begin working on this one. A release date has not been set yet. Our hope is that those who study the Classroom and go through the experiences we design will be better informed for more effective ministry in those areas.

Pray for our team as we meet online weekly to plan and discuss all that is needed to produce these important resources. Your prayers and support for me in this ministry enable you to have a global impact for Christ. Thanks!

Holiday **BAZAAR** @ New Hope Methodist Church 11600 N. Council Road, OKC

Saturday, November 7, 2015

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Call 405-721-5015 for more information

Lunch available

Get your Christmas shopping done early!
Stop by and visit booths filled with goodies,
such as

Clothing	Homemade Goods	Toys
Baby Items	Jewelry	Candles
Crafts	Kitchen Towels	Gifts
	and more!	

Looking Ahead...

Ladies, INC. - November 1, 3-5 pm

Theme "Creating with a purpose"

Church Scavenger Hunt - November 14th

Christmas Events

Bethlehem Bound - December 6

Choir Christmas Program - December 13

Church Caroling - December 13

Christmas Eve Services - December 24

3:30 - 6:00 - 7:30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY November

Christie	Agyemang	Ethan	Ferguson	Joe	Owen
Ramsey	Alexander	Sylvia	Foster	Connie	Reed
Wayne	Barnes	Genie	Funk	Evan	Rodriquez
Knix	Barton	Nina	Gerardy	Cale	Sample
Connor	Benton	Jarrett	Grisham	Alicia	Schneider
Cole	Bounds	Randal	Hancock	Donna	Shriver
James	Bowman	Julie	Harlow	Emmanuel	Sinnathamby
Nick	Bremmer	Judah	Henley	Camden	Snapp
Kellen	Brooks	Mary	Hoisington	Diona	Speer
Audrey	Buthion	Sam	Kapka	Carson	Teague
Darlene	Calvert	Lucy	LaPat	Catherine	Thomas
Nora	Cantwell	Breanna	Meisenburg	Isabella	Thomas
Lydia	Cressman	Nate	Meisenburg	Jax	Verdalette
Ester	Davis	Billie	Meniffee	Porter	Wiseman
Karrick	Dillon	Sherry	Mullins	Addison	Young

Facts and Figures

2015 Budget 615,000.00

Rec'd toward Operating 10/25/2015 4,852.26

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 10/25/2015464,095.43

Expenditures 10/25/2015 452,903.59

Sunday, October 25, 2015

Sunday School 213

Worship..... 219

Prayer Box

Members, Active others known Ill or Hospitalized

Members, others needing prayer

Michelle Funk	Beverly Bevins	Talbot Family
Lois Ballard	Phil Bonifield	Romona McKibben
Bill Rosenthal	Tre Collins	Jamie Wright
Don Greve	Steve and Beverly Clark	
Jean Schneider	Hudson Haws	



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St. Mark's Staff

Keith Cressman, Pastor

Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director

Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries Director

Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister

Kings & Queens Director, Amanda Peters

John Hollon, Student Minister

Austin Miller, 5th & 6th Grade Minister

Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications

Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist

Kevin & Jackie Swedlow, 9:45 Leaders of Worship

Kaleb Siler, 9:45 Leaders of Worship

Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist

Phillip Bond, Accountant