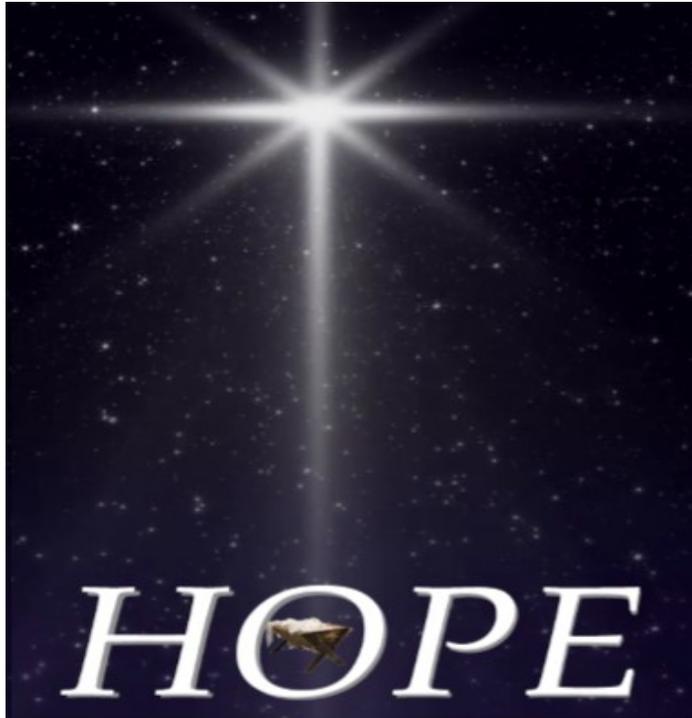


December 5, 2018

# 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



Messages of Hope Advent 2018

## Advent season kicks off at St. Mark's Hanging of the Greens



## Sunday School



Elizabeth & Zechariah



Mary & Angel Gabriel

## Messy Christmas



# CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICES

5:30 pm & 7:00 pm



Our Choir will be presenting a special time of

Christmas music on Sunday December 16th in the 9:30 am service. Join us as we sing songs of Hope.

## Night of Caroling

On December 19th join the Choir, children, students and anyone else who loves to sing and share Christmas love to join us as we go caroling to home-bound members of the church. There will be a supper at 5:30 and then we will gather at 6 pm to head out. Contact Becky Roman, Alicia Schneider or Lydia Cressman for more details. We would love for you to join us.



## NEW PEOPLE NEW PLACES

St. Mark's has been approved by the Oklahoma Conference to receive a grant from the New People New Places Committee. The grant will fund "**Comunidad**" (translated Community) designed to reach out to the Hispanic community around us. It will include hiring a person to lead us in this area. The search has begun for the person who will create the bridges between where we are and where God would lead us. The kickoff will be in March of next year. This is our second grant from the New People New Places committee. Our Kings & Queens program was kicked off with the group also. Please be in prayer as this ministry begins to form. It's another great opportunity for us to connect with our neighbors and share the love of Christ.

## Dinner On Wednesday Night



Every Wednesday from 5:30-6:15

Everyone welcome.

Cost is only \$3. a person..

### 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



*The families of Rebekah Cressman and Isaac Roman invite you to join them for the wedding of Rebekah and Isaac on Saturday, December 8, 2018 at New Covenant United Methodist Church, Edmond, 1:30pm. We hope you will join us on this festive day.*

*Please RSVP at  
www.Cressman-Roman.Wedding*

## Advent/Christmas Dates

December 6	Stephen Ministry Party
December 9	2nd Sunday of Advent
December 13	Second Winders
December 13	CDO Christmas Program
December 16	3rd Sunday of Advent
December 16	Choir Christmas Concert
	Christmas Party @ Cromwell's
December 17-20	Young Adult Mission
December 19	Church/Choir/Children Caroling
December 20	Last Day of CDO
December 23	4th Sunday of Advent
December 23	Plaid Sunday (wear plaid)
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight
	Services 5:30 & 7:00
December 30	Combined Services



Second Winders will meet Thursday, December 13th. The noon meal (pasta/Italian sausage casserole) will be prepared at church. Those with last names beginning H-M please bring a dessert. Meal cost: \$5.



Please note: we will meet in the sanctuary at 11:15 am to enjoy the Children's Day Out Christmas program before our meal.

A reminder to those who bought tickets for the December 20th Symphony performance in Yukon- we will leave the church at 6:45.

## COMBINED WORSHIP

**Sunday, December 30th,  
10 am**

## Plaid Sunday

**All Services - December 23rd**  
Be festive and wear your favorite plaid

**St. Mark's Leadership**  
**January 1, 2019 - December 31, 2021**  
Church Council

Chair	Jay Sears
Lay Leader	David Miller
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Sally Kilby
SPRC Chair	Steve Couch
Hospitality & Outreach SHIFT team leader	Dorothy Lynch
Mission & Service SHIFT team leader	Kathy Hamilton
Discipleship & Formation SHIFT team leader	Joey Pedigo

<b>Committees</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Trustees	Dot Lyon	Ruby Wilkey	John Evans
Finance	Christel Longoria	Bernadette Bishop	Mal Bucholtz

Pastor: Keith Cressman

**Additional areas of service not on Church Council**

**Committee on Lay Leadership**

Chair: Keith Cressman

2019	2020	2021
Don Greve	Rod Sipes	Lori Evans
Darlene Hickman	DJ Gannon	Brandy Miller
Carla Brueggen	Beverly Ray	Mike Fisher

**Staff Parish Relations Committee**

Chair: Steve Couch

2019	2020	2021
Brad Cromwell	Becky Chessmore	Barbara Gardner
Steve Couch	Susan Teague	Julia Bevers
Matt Risinger	Lorna Garner	Bobbie Gaston

Here is a full slate of church officers for 2019 as elected at Charge Conference. Our new format provides more opportunities for everyone to be involved in hands on ministry of the church. Pray for these leaders and seek God's direction in where you can serve Christ and his kingdom in 2019.

**Adult Sunday School**  
**Discipleship Classes 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 17 - Faithbuilders Class**  
**Room 19 - R.O.C.K. Class**

**Prayer Targets 2018-19**

**Council Grove Elementary**

**Overholser Elementary**

**Yukon newer residents**

**House groups**

**Outreach**

**STUDENT MINISTRY**

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying this holiday season! Here's what's going on in our ministry!

Sundays

Sunday school is at 9:45 and Big Church is at 10:55!

Wednesdays

December 5<sup>th</sup> – A “normal” youth night

- D.O.W.N. at 5:30, youth from 6:15-7:30

December 12<sup>th</sup> – CHRISTMAS PARTY (details coming soon)

December 19<sup>th</sup> – CAROLING (details coming soon)

December 26<sup>th</sup> – No youth

Coming up, we have **Winter Retreat!** It's Jan. 11-13 at Canyon Camp. The cost is \$80, but every student who did the STRIVE fundraiser gets to go free! Registration forms will be available soon.

**Lydia Cressman**

*Director of Student Ministries*



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten

Age 1st - 5th grade

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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9:30-10:45 "Agape National Park" – lessons on loving God and others. We will study a series of events from the Old Testament and New Testament that will guide us to learn that we should love God and love others. Some of the lessons included will be: Creation – Genesis 1:1-2:4, Moses' Last Journey – Numbers 27:12-23, Deut. 34, and Jesus is Born – Luke 2:1-20. Memory verse for this unit is Isaiah 40:31 "Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."

11:00-11:15 - Children are brought to the sanctuary to participate in the opening worship songs, prayers, and other aspects of the service. Children are encouraged to come and participate in a children's sermon time, and following that, are welcome to sit with their parents or guardians for the remainder of the worship service time, or they are welcome to go back to children's area with Ms. Alicia.

11:15 - Noon - we will focus again on the lesson God is teaching us through the Bible story that was taught in the first hour. We will typically watch a short video to demonstrate the message, and participate in more activities which help the children understand the importance of living faithfully with God as their focus.

Elementary children's Sunday school is for children ages 1st grade through 5th grade. We do have a special needs ministry that is available upon request to help children with special needs during services.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

D.O.W.N. Dinner 5:30 - 6:15

Team Kid 6:15 - 7:30

### TeamKID, Going Vertical

Going Vertical is a term many of today's athletes use to indicate they jumped their highest and performed their best. We are using Going Vertical for that sports connection but also to imply the importance of growing closer to God (so a vertical connection) through studying His Word and in fellowship with others. Going Vertical is a step in helping kids grow closer to God - a kid-friendly study of God's Word. In a world where the Bible isn't revered as a holy book Going Vertical will help kids understand the message and power of God's Word. Issues such as the importance of the Bible, what makes it up, what's the message and how does it all fit together as well as enabling the kids to learn to read and grasp the Bible on their own. We hope you join us weekly on this adventure of GOING VERTICAL! Kick off is September 5th

December 5: God builds a kingdom, Luke 17:20-21

December 12: God uses suffering, Job 1:21b

December 19: Caroling with the choir

December 26: NO TeamKID



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Christmas Eve Offering 2018

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Hope  
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Our Christmas Eve offering will be shared among international ministries and Oklahoma United Methodist Ministries.



Internationally we will be helping Syrian refugees living in Jordanian refugee camps. The ministry is operated by the Christian Alliance Church of Mafraq. They run schools for the children, shelters for the refugee families, employment training, job placement, basic food and furnishing distribution and efforts to evangelize a multi-cultural and multi-faith refugee population.



The Oklahoma missions support the efforts of the United Methodist Annual Conference to support foster home families, church start-ups, campus ministries, and some of the administrative costs of missions and ministries.



**Thank you for making a difference at home and around the world.**

# GOD SIZED

During 2019, I commit with the grace and help of God, to know Jesus better and support the ministries of St. Mark's with my prayers, presence, gifts, service & witness.

The amount I intend to give during 2019 is:

yearly   
monthly



If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2019, please do so as soon as possible. We will be working on the budget for next year and need to be able to make a reasonable estimate of giving. Thank you for the love you continually

PRAYERS STUDY

PRESENCE WITNESS SERVICE

GIFTS

show towards, God, and the church through your tithes and offerings.

## GREAT JOB ST. MARKS

Because of your generosity all the families at Overholser Elementary School will have a nicer Christmas. You came through with gifts for 10 families with 36 kids.



## Kings and Queens

Kings & Queens will be having their last respite of 2018 on December 14th. This one is always special in December as they celebrate the season together. Be in prayer for the leaders, volunteers, participants and families as this vital ministry continues to grow and share the love of Christ.

## DECEMBER



Laura	Brown	Michael	Fryman	Draven	Montesano
Mildred	Brown	Christine	Funk	Evelyn	Moore
Grace	Cassidy	Don	Greve	Chris	Pavelko
Jamarion	Collins	Donna	Harder	Kelli	Pavelko
Kirsten	Collins	Evylyne	Hickman	Sharon	Payne
Don	Deal	Mary	Holliday	Megan	Pedigo
Mildred	Dix	Brian	Kiespert	Betty	Pope
Billy	Fallon	Christine	Kiespert	Beverly	Ray
Jamie	Fallon	Michael	Kilby	Becky	Roman
Joelle	Ferguson	J.B.	King	Robert	Sample
Josie	Ferguson	Aubrey	Lamb	Steven	Shenold
Matt	Ferguson	Donna	Lautzenhiser	Jay	Skinner
Mike	Fisher	Ashley	Lusk	Sandy	Tull
Stevi	Franklin	Jarrel	Lyon	Patricia	Vasquez
Deloris	Freeland	Avery	Meisenburg	Zuri	Vinson
Gabriel	Freeland	Tate	Miller	Charlie	Whetton

## Facts and Figures

2018 Budget ..... 590,255  
 Rec'd toward Operating 11/18/2018 ..... 5,227  
Year to Date  
 Rec'd toward Operating 11/18/2018 ... 458,086  
 Expenditures 11/18/2018 ..... 489,125  
Attendance  
 Sunday, December 2  
 Worship ..... 233  
 Sunday School ..... 185

## Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Don Wonderly
Kieth Ballard	Beverly Clark
Harold Kessler	Boerner family
Dale & Jan Johnson	Greg Spiser
Knutson/Pavelko family	Funk family
Linda Moon	Randy & Connie Reed
Mike Fisher	Hutchison family
Manharth family	Sherry Fisher
Laurie Bucholtz	