

St. Mark's

BETHANY



August 9, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Randy continues his series "Seeking God" this Sunday with the message "Meeting God in Scripture" and we hope you are able to come hear it. The scripture lesson for the week comes from I Corinthians 11:23-26 & Galatians 3:26-27



All Sunday school classes will be at their regular time and area. If you don't attend a class drop by one and try it out.

Sunday School classes:

8:30 New Life Rm. 18
Sonshine Rm. 17

9:30 Books of the Bibles Rm 17,
Disciple Rm. 18,
Young Adults Rm. 17

10:45 Faithbuilders Rm 18,
Good News Choir room,
R.O.C.K Rm. 19

Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. If you are not able to attend Worship services there will be a live streaming of worship.

To watch the life stream, you can join us at:

[9:30 am Sunday morning](#) or at [10:55 Sunday morning](#).

Training for volunteers with Children/Youth and CDO

If you currently work with any of these groups or would like to work with them, you can join us for training on either **Sunday, August 13th at 12:00 pm** or; **Monday, August 14th at 10:00 am**. Both days will involve the same information and are required to work with children and youth. On Sunday, lunch will be provided. Both sessions will provide you with vital information for caring, leading and loving children and youth and will also include information on safety issues and other pertinent information. St. Mark's takes seriously the discipleship of young people and we are always looking for people who love Jesus and want to help young people grow. Contact Sharon Hunt, Kayla Gannon or Bequer Gomez for more information.



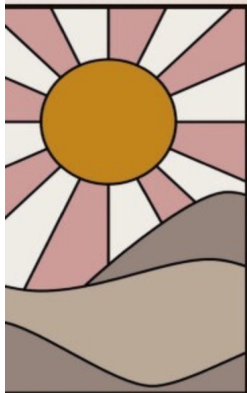
St. Mark's Bethany Women Meet



The St. Mark's Bethany Women will have their monthly meeting Monday, August 14th and 10 am in room 18. Becky Roman & Rev. Randy Wade will be sharing about the missions trips to Mexico and Tanzania. All are invited to hear them. Come Join Us!



COLLEGE AGE RETREAT RENEW



January 4-6, 2024
Camp Egan
Early Bird Cost: \$60
until September 1st

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Looking For A Place to Serve?



You may be new or maybe just never been asked. If you would like to have the opportunity to assist with communion by either setting the table or serving we would love to have you. It's always a blessing to be a part of communion and a privilege to be a part of helping at the Lord's table. If interested contact Kathi Fisher or give a call to the church office.

Come & Go Prayer Time

Wednesdays 5-6 pm (starting March 8)

Be Prayed For/With

Pray Alone

You are invited to spend time with God

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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Now Collecting Donations for:

- Newborn clothes size 6 Gently used or new
- Shoes up to size 13
- Bath wash and Lotion
- Bottles
- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6
- Good Start Formula

Collection Box
 outside of Sanctuary
 near West Entry



Thank You!

NEW ROOM CONFERENCE
KOINONIA
TEN YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP



Sept. 20-22, 2023
HOUSTON, TEXAS
(THE WOODLANDS METHODIST CHURCH)

St. Mark's is putting a team together to be a part of Seedbed's New Room Conference. If you are interested in going please contact the church office or any staff member to get signed up. Cost for the event will be \$249 plus travel and lodging. It will be a life changing event including some of the top Christian speakers from around the world, powerful break out sessions and God filled worship services. This is the chance to go to an event that is not that far from home that will challenge and equip you in your walk with Christ. You can learn more at: <https://newroomconference.com/>

Deadline for signing up is August 15th.

Overview from Seedbed:

We learned something about Koinonia through the recent days we spent at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky.

We have always known that Koinonia means the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, but our understanding now grows. We learned by experience that Koinonia is the community that gets generated under an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

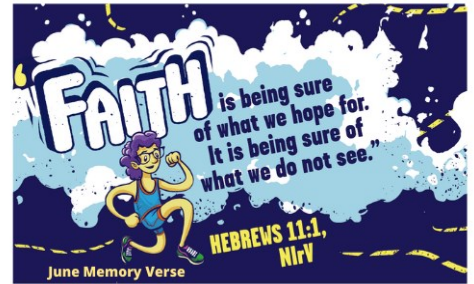
Since the very first New Room Conference back in 2014, Jesus has been building this fellowship as a community who is experiencing an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

At Asbury we witnessed in a profound and concentrated way what we have caught glimpses of every year in our New Room Gatherings.

Sunday Mornings

- Aug 13 - Paul Shipwrecked Acts 27:7-28:10
- Aug 20 - The Church Heb. 10:23-25
- Aug 27 - Heaven Rev. 21:3-5a

Sunday Morning Kidmin times
 Nursery 9:30-12:00 ages 0-4
 Kidmin 9:30-10:45 ages 4 thru 5th grade
 Wee Worship 10:45-12:00 ages 3 thru K



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COMING SOON

Aug. 20th
Team ION

Aug 26th
Bible Boot Camp

Sept. 6th
Wed. Evenings

Sept. 10th
Fall Picnic



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

COMING
 AUGUST 26TH
 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
 LEARN HOW TO
 USE YOUR
 BIBLE

Happy Birthday

- Madelynn Risinger
- Owen Zink

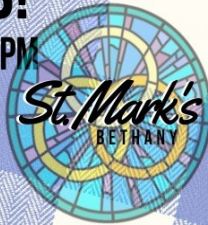
Save the Dates

ST. MARK'S PICNIC

BURGERS AND HOT-DOGS -BOUNCE HOUSES- DUNK TANK- MUSIC -GAMES



COME JOIN US!
SEPTEMBER 10 FROM 5-7PM



BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE
COME DUNK YOUR FAVORITE
STAFF MEMBER!

Kickoff, Wed. September 6th



5:30 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:00 pm



6:15 pm



6:30 pm

Ministry Highlight

There is an active AA group taking place weekly at St. Mark's. The group kicked off last month and is being held each Thursday morning. It is great to have a healthy AA group meeting here as a way to provide support to the community around us. If you would like more information on the group feel free to contact Fred Dalton and he will get you the information you need.



Found

A necklace was found in the parking lot this past Sunday. If you have lost one please contact the church office and we will try to get it back to it's rightful owner.

CHURCH CENTER

 church center
DOWNLOAD TODAY



We need you to sign up if you haven't. Imagine being able to have the church calendar, directory, giving and financial records, access to latest news, live services and more available at one spot. On your phone, pad or computer you will always be up to date. To download the app just click on this link and it will walk you through step by step instructions. [Download Church Center](#) The whole process should take just a few minutes.

YOUNG ADULT GET TOGETHER



JOIN US ON THE 20TH AFTER
CHURCH FOR A GET
TOGETHER AND FOOD

SIGN-UP
HERE



ROC Still Needs Your Help



St. Mark's you have done a great job of meeting needs. We will keep the grocery cart set up in the narthex for your donations of canned and

boxed food for a couple more weeks. Ramen noodles, pasta, any type of canned beans and cake mixes have been requested. Plastic and paper bags are always needed to pack the food. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Thank you!

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

St. Mark's offers a wonderful opportunity offered through Right Now Media. Right Now Media offers family devotions, Bible Studies, Christian Children's programming and so much right in your own home. Through Right Now you can take advantage of the service to use the videos, studies and other resources to strengthen your faith. If you have not signed up go to <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now. If you have questions please contact the office and we will help you get started.

August 2023

Prayer Guide

The Way to the Kingdom



Photo: John Wesley's prayer kneeler – The birthplace of Methodism.

Each morning at 4 a.m., John Wesley would kneel in prayer in his London home. It was in this place that the fires of Methodism began. As we seek to reconnect to our Wesleyan heritage, it seems the best place we can begin is in prayer. Join us in our monthly prayer series: The Way to the Kingdom.

THE WAY TO AWAKENING

By: Rev. David Thomas

When all the dust has settled, it's hard to predict all the details of what form our new connection will take. But this we know for certain: what our moment requires is not just a better Methodism. Long ago we left behind the times when denominational improvements were a sufficient hope. If denominational corrections were enough to stem the tide of societal decay and renew the church, it would have happened by now. We are the best-resourced Christians who have ever lived, and look where we find ourselves. At the least, our current ecclesial crisis is confronting us with unambiguous proof of how human excellence is too small a thing. What we are needing is something only God can do. We need awakening.

The Methodist tree sown and husbanded by our forebears, the fruit and shade of which shaped our society, has deteriorated down to little more than a stump compared to the great "oak of righteousness" (Is 61:3) that we once were. In its deep taproot beneath that stump, however, Methodism was—and, I believe, still is—an awakening movement. We began as a protracted movement of God that produced deep wholeness in people, renewal of the church, evangelization of generations, and transformation of society. And that awakening sap still lies dormant in the cherished root system of what we are becoming. We steward the archetype in our story of what the Church can be when it expresses the fullness of "plain scriptural Christianity," in John Wesley's words.

"There is a wide-open door for a great work here," Paul wrote the Corinthians (I Cor 16:9 [NLT]), and we could say the same of our moment now. The stakes are too high for the Global Methodist Church to be about little more than cobbling together whatever remains of traditionalism in the hope that liberated affinity will revitalize us. We will have to dig deeper than that, beneath the surface, down to the sacred root system from which we came and where there is awakening life still nascent.

What we find there is not complicated. Thirst, heart cry, and holy love. Safe and honest soul-friendship among the faithful. Passionate concern for the unbelieving. Endurance married to urgency. Overflow into culture-change. It's all down there in our inheritance.

We can never squeeze new life out of this legacy any more than we can restructure ourselves back into vitality, now or at any other time. Awakening is not something we can manufacture. But we can remove impediments to it. We can position ourselves to receive it. We can crucify careerism and offer ourselves afresh to these hopes. And we can join hands and hearts to cry out to God for His new work of grace until He sends it. More than at any other moment in our lives, this could be the way to awakening.

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A Suggested Pattern of Prayer

As you pray through the following prayer points, invite the presence of the Lord into your time of prayer. Each day’s prompt has a Scripture reference for you to pray through. As you pray also allow time to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. When you have prayed through the Scripture and prayer point, you may be led to add your own prayers. Pray and consider what action steps you might take in response to the Lord’s leading. Repeat this prayer pattern weekly for the month.

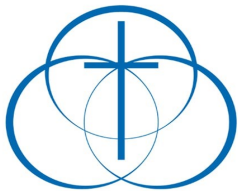
Sunday: Give thanks to the Father for the gift of forgiveness and pardon through Christ. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Monday: Ask the Lord to reveal to you any places where you have departed from the way of holy love and ask for the Holy Spirit to enable you to return to the way of holy love. (1 John 1:9)

Tuesday: Pray for the leaders of our movement to be captured by holy love and freed from “love of the world, the love of pleasure, of ease, of honor, of money.” (1 John 2:15-17)

Wednesday: Pray for God to open doors for you to share God’s holy love with others. (Mark 16:15)

Thursday: Thank the Lord for all of the faithful witnesses to holy love God has raised up who provide examples for us to learn from and follow. (Hebrews 12:1-2)



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Friday: Reflect on God’s perfect love for you and ask the Father to help you receive his holy love more deeply. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)

Saturday: Ask God to revive the people called Methodists. (Psalm 85:4-7)

Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 7/30/2023	9,029
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 7/29/23)	313,676
Expenses (thru 7/29/23)	295,814

Attendance

Sunday, August 333 Total	306
Traditional Worship	164
Modern Worship	81
Online Worship	61

Prayer Box

Nancy Lyon (Dot Lyon's sister)	Diana & Jeff Davidson
Rob Ivins (friend of Dennis & Robin Hatcher)	Mary Desmukes
Jane Foreman	Paula Galt
Dan & Norma Boland	Jim & Judy McMinn
Mary Jane Svejkovsky	Roger Pautsch
Earl Moore	Dorothy Sipes
Mary King	Karen Hall
Annie Imel (DIL of John & Joy Imel)	Carol Hall
Cheryl Andrews	Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)
Hank Brueggen	Jeff & Tiffany Montesano
	Logan Sears