

ST. MARK'S BETHANY NEWSLETTER

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY FOR WORSHIP!

This Sunday we will be back to our regular worship times of 9:30 am and 10:55 am. Preaching will be our guest speaker, Rev. Daniel Dennison. His sermon is titled "Generosity Unleashed: Stirring Cities, Changing Lives," and he will be preaching from Matthew 21:1-11.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

- 8:30 **New Life** Rm 18
Sonshine Rm 17
- 9:30 **Books of the Bible** Rm 17
Disciple Rm 18
Young Adults Rm 5
- 10:45 **Faithbuilders** Rm 18
Good News Rm 5
R.O.C.K. Rm 19
Understanding God's Word
Rm 17 - Epistle of Romans

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday and in sharing the joy of worship together.

Traditional services begin at 9:30 am and the Modern service begins at 10:55 am. If you are unable to attend Worship services in person, there will be a live streaming of each service.

To watch the live stream, please join us at:

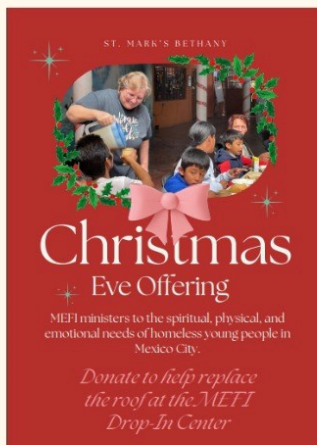
9:30 am Sunday morning 10:55 am Sunday morning

It's Not Too Late to Give to the Christmas Eve Offering

St. Mark's has a wonderful history with our Christmas Eve offerings. Every year money collected during our Christmas Eve Services goes to make a real difference in the world for the kingdom. This year we will be helping MEFI, one of our longest-standing mission partnerships. Their Drop-In Center is desperately in need of a new roof!

We don't have a total for the offering to date, however, online giving to MEFI so far is \$18,630! Thank you St. Mark's!!!

MEFI is a ministry reaching out to Mexico City's homeless children and young people and is aimed at saving street children from a life of drugs, prostitution, and abuse. Their vision is to equip and train the local churches of Mexico to unite and lead society in the eradication of homelessness among children and young people.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PROGRAMMING TONIGHT!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Second Winders Meeting January 9



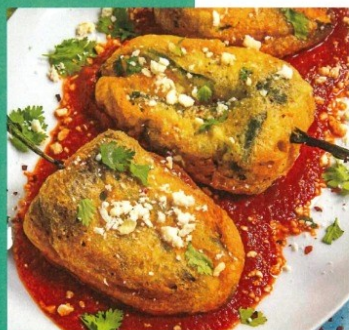
Second Winders will have their first meeting of 2025 on January 9th. They will gather at 11:30 and begin eating at 12:00.

Hope to see you there!!!

HEYA!!! COOKING CLASS

COME AND JOIN US MAKING
CHILES RELLENOS

BRING \$5 AND ENJOY YOUR MEAL!



JANUARY 9, 2025
BARNETT HALL
FROM 5:00-6:30 PM

EMAIL TO RSVP:
BEQUER@STMARKSBETHANY.COM
OR SIGN-UP ON THE CHURCH COUNTER

New Study Beginning in January - "The Prayer Practice"

Whether you think you
already know about and
how to pray ... or wish you
were better at ... or
practicing the way...

The Prayer
Practice

Practicing the Way

COME AND GO DEEPER!

There are two opportunities to attend "The Prayer Practice." One will start on Sunday, January 5th at 8:30 am in Room 17 (Sonshine), and/or ...

Another class will start on Tuesday, January 7th at 1 PM in Room 18. Same content, different times.

No books are needed for the study.

Kathi Fisher and Beverly Ray will be leading this study. Come join us!

Wrapped in Love 2024 Update!

The ladies who come each month to knit and crochet are a faithful group of women! In 2024, the ladies gave the following to Willow --



47 BLANKETS
3 QUILTS
36 CAPS
21 SETS OF BOOTIES AND CAPS
5 WASH CLOTHS

They also gave 4 BLANKETS to new Moms in our church circle!

THANK ALL OF YOU FOR THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHARED THIS YEAR WITH YOUR TALENTS!!!!

Come join them on January 20th at 10:00 am in Room 18!!!

Long time St. Mark's member, Dawn Behrens, passed away on Thursday, December 19, 2024.

Funeral Services will be held in Stillwater at 11:00 AM Saturday, January 4, 2025, at the Dighton Marler Funeral Home in Stillwater. The service will be followed by a reception at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 516 W. Third Ave.

Our Local Missions

Check out the LOCAL MISSIONS on the wall across from the sanctuary!!! Remember them this Christmas season!



ROC can always use our donations of canned and boxed food, especially cereal. A Grocery Basket is in the narthex for your donations!

Thank you!!!



Willow Pregnancy Support can always use our donations of newborn - 6 clothes, shoes to size 13, diapers size 4, 5, and 6, bottles, bath wash and lotion and Good Start Formula. Thank you so much for your donations!



Don't forget to pick up your poinsettias!!! There are still several left at the church!



Difference Makers Needed

Want to make a difference in a child's life? Difference Makers are needed for smKids on Sunday mornings at 9:15 to 10:45 or 10:45 to 12:00 noon.

Contact Sharon Hunt to find out how YOU can make a difference!



Let's keep our children safe!!!



St. Mark's Bethany is a designated SAFE CHURCH. We take the safety of our children very seriously. Only children, parents or caregivers who have been approved by church leadership may enter or pass through this area during the hours of regularly scheduled children's programming:

Sunday - 9:00 am to 12:15 pm
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Wednesday - 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

All others, for the safety of our children, please do not enter or pass through this area except in an emergency or to access emergency exits.

(Ref: St. Mark's Procedure for implementation of the Safety Policy for Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults, Paragraph 2.c.)

THANK YOU!!!!

Men's Breakfast January 9th

The men will be meeting for their first breakfast of 2025 on Saturday morning, January 9th at 8:00 am. Be sure to get there early to enjoy the fun and fellowship!



St Mark's Bethany Women Meeting

As we stand on the threshold of a New Year, let's embrace the hope that comes from knowing God's mercies are new every morning.

Moving forward in 2025, St. Mark's Women thanks Jo Edwards for serving as our secretary in 2024 and welcomes Tina Elliott as the new secretary in 2025. Sara Miller will continue to serve as President, with Carol Dalton, VP, and Carol Brown, Treasurer.

Wishing all a Happy New Year to you and yours!

Confirmation Class

CONFIRMATION 2025
confirm your faith

REGISTER NOW IN THE CHURCH APP!
FROM LATE FEBRUARY- APRIL
8-10TH GRADE

(SM)² STUDENT MINISTRY
St. Mark's BETHANY

Mission Trip 2025

SPRING BREAK

MISSION TRIP 2025

MARCH 16-21 JUAREZ, MEXICO
MORE DETAILS TO COME

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT 24

YOUTH WINTER RETREAT 24
BEING THE CHURCH

February 14-16 at Sky Ranch Cave Springs
Get ready for it! Cost: \$135
or you can use STRIVE Credits

Deadline to Sign up is February 1st
For Questions get ahold of Bequer
bequer@stmarksbethany.com

(SM)² STUDENT MINISTRY
SCAN FOR REGISTRATION FORM

The Youth Winter Retreat is coming up February 14-16 at Sky Ranch in Peoria, Oklahoma.

Use the QR code to sign up!

The group will leave St. Mark's on Friday at 5:00 PM and return to OKC around 4:30 PM on Sunday.

Cost of the retreat is \$135 and includes a t-shirt and meals!

Sm Kids

Happy
New Year

2025

Sunday Mornings
Kidmin

Nursery

9:30 - 12:00 ages 6mo - 3

Early Childhood

9:30-10:45 ages 3-Kindergarten

Wee Worship

10:45 - 12:00 ages 3-kindergarten

Elementary

9:30-10:45 ages 1st-5th grade

**LIFT OFF
JANUARY
15TH**



MISSION MOSES

A 9-Week series for elementary kids exploring the EPIC Adventures of Moses and the ways God used an ordinary man to accomplish an extra-ordinary mission that changed the world!

MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU



Why Go to Church?



**BECAUSE....
THERE IS A KIDMIN
PARENT MEETING
1/26/24 ... AFTER
CHURCH**

GOD'S family



Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
Psalm 90:2 (NIV)

Word of Wonder

Before You created the whole world, You are God. You will always be God.
-from Psalm 90:2

Word of Wonder



SMKids Camp is coming




MARGARET EMSLEY BOOTH
11/21/2024 7LB 20Z

GARRETT & ERIN BOOTH
SISTER-ELEANOR BOOTH

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD FACE SHINE UPON YOU

WINDSOR POSS ON BEING CREATED NEW IN HER BAPTISM

AMAYA POSS ON HER DEDICATION TO THE LORD

Be Wonder FILLED



Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

KING'S AND QUEENS

DECEMBER 2024



Kings and Queens is not just a Respite program, we also help families plug into our Wednesday nights and Sunday morning programs. Reach out to Kayla Gannon for information!

What a phenomenal Christmas Respite!! We all had a great night all together! Lots of fun, snowball fights, stories and gifts with Santa, and time with our friends and buddies!

Special Thanks!

We are so grateful for the generous donations from the Methodist Women's group to help purchase Christmas gifts for our Kings and Queens kids! They were all excited about their gifts!

JESUS is the Reason for the SEASON!!



COMING UP!

January 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
NO WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS
Wednesday Meals begin January 15

January 7 - Prayer Practice Study

January 9 - Second Winders
- Cooking Class with Bequer

January 10 - King's & Queen's

January 11 - Men's Breakfast


January 13 - St. Mark's Bethany Women

January 15 - Wednesday Night Meals
begin again

January 16 - Mexico Mission Trip Leaving

January 20 - Wrapped in Love

January 28 - Advance Commitment
Gathering



God doesn't expect you to bear your burdens alone
If you know someone who could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister
contact a Stephen Leader or our church office



Come Pray With Us

Prayer Tools
Intercessory Prayer

Pray Alone
Be Prayed For/With
Come & Go
EXPERIENCE GOD


Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 pm
Prayer Team meets 5:00-5:30 pm

FACTS & FIGURES

2024 Annual Budget	603,578
Rec'd toward Operating	
12/28/2024	13,075
Year to Date 2024	
Rec'd toward offering	
(thru 12/28/24)	595,799
Expenses (12/28/24)	578,298

ATTENDANCE

Christmas Eve,	
December 24 Total	475
Family Service (4:00)	132
Traditional (7:00)	191
Online (7:00)	117
Modern (11:00)	35
Sunday, December 29 Total	345
Combined Worship	204
Online Worship	141



Prayer Board

LaDonna Matthews Billy Joe Watson (friend of Wayne Barnes) Adrienne Layton (granddaughter of Diane Layton) Melissa (neighbor of Bob Canary) Beverly Clark Barbara Homer Barbara Hill Sara Miller Michelle (co-worker of Sara Votaw) Evelyn Moore Cindy Wilkerson (DIL of Frank & Nadine Wilkerson)	Jan Greve Dennis Bratcher Lief Hill (son of a friend of Wayne Barnes) Fred Dalton Winn Lusk Ginger Fenton (daughter of Jeff & Dianna Davidson) Dianna Davidson Judy McMinn Cheryl Andrews Tiffany Montesano
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