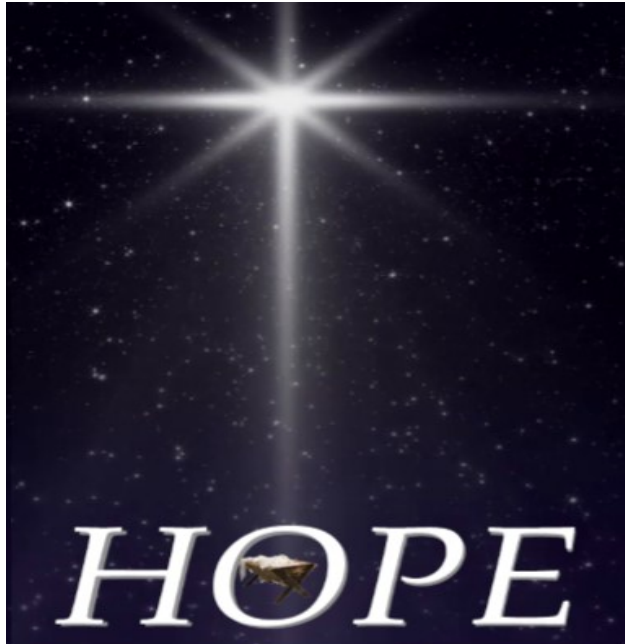


# E-Messenger

**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*

### Care Share gifts due December 3rd

If you took a child from the ChildShare tree, please remember that all gifts need to be returned by Monday, December 3rd to the church. Please do not wrap them and put identification on them. Thanks for being willing to share your love with these children.



## TONIGHT!!

Missionaries Kurt & Cynthia Zimmerman will join us for the DOWN dinner tonight They would love to visit with you. Come say hello to them! Following dinner and some time sharing with people they

## MESSY CHRISTMAS



Does your Christmas season sometimes seem to get messy? With all the activities, commitments, family, friends, and just busyness does the meaning of the season get lost. Well, this is just for you. A great place for children, parents, families, grandparents, and **EVERYONE** to come and experience the MESSYNESS of that first Christmas together. Bring your friends, grandkids, neighbors and family and be a part. You won't get dirty, but you will be blessed. Please sign up online @ [stmarksbethant.com](http://stmarksbethant.com) The event kicks off at 4:30 pm and will include a light meal for everyone involved.

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

## 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

## 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 homebound members of the church. We will gather at 5 pm at the church. Contact Becky Roman, Alicia Schneider or Lydia Cressman for more details. We would love for you to join us.



CHRISTMAS  
EVE CANDLELIGHT  
SERVICES



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.



*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](http://www.Cressman-Roman.Wedding)*



The Second Winders are going to the Philharmonic Christmas in Yukon on Thursday, December 20th. If you are interested in going contact Joy Imel for any available tickets.



To St. Mark's UMC members:  
Thank you for each & every prayer & word of comfort that you have given me after my husband's sudden death. I am so grateful for the many cards, the love & support from everyone & for the kind counsel that Pastor Keith provided me in the days following Ken's death.  
Thank you for being such a caring church family!

Sincerely,  
Cassie Wilson

## Advent/Christmas Dates

December 2	1st Sunday of Advent
December 2	Messy Christmas
December 6	Stephen Ministry Party
December 9	2nd Sunday of Advent
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



**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

Committees	2019	2020	2021
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

**Adult Sunday School**  
**Discipleship Classes Schedule**

- 8:15 am**  
**Room 17 - Sunshine 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**

**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. They will only meet once in December on the 3rd at Hazel Bremmer's home, because of holiday busyness. 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](mailto:kayla@stmarksbethany.com)



Our next Men's Breakfast will be on the December 1. We will have breakfast will be at 8:00 am and should be done by 9 am. Feel free to invite a friend, or bring your kids.



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



## SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age 1st - 5th grade

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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

November 28: God's kings reject Him, Matthew 21:42

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

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

December 19: Caroling with the choir



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# 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

November 28<sup>th</sup> – FROZEN TURKEY OLYMPICS

- Bring ALL of your friends
- D.O.W.N. is at 5:30 and the Olympics are from 6:15-7:30

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.

See you all at the Frozen Turkey Olympics!

## **Lydia Cressman**

*Director of Student Ministries*



## **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, November 18  
     Worship ..... 223  
     Sunday School ..... 161

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	Evylyene	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

## **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
Joy Imel	David Bremmer
Manharth family	Sherry Fisher
Hutchison family	