

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

Experiencing Holy Week

at St. Mark's



Messy Easter is an opportunity for our church family to come together for an intergenerational experience that includes creativity, community, worship, food and celebration. All ages will work together to have fun and express the creativity that God has given us all in a relaxed setting. We will join together for on Wednesday, March 28th, for the D.O.W.N. meal at 5:30 and then move into the celebration at 6:15. Sign up on church counter or contact office to let us know you can be a part. A great place to invite friends, encourage others to take part and get on board for this time of living out the St. Mark's church community together.

The Great Easter Invite

We will be doing the Great Easter Invite this year. Our goal is to invite our friends, neighbors, and co-workers to celebrate Easter with us. It takes all of us for this to happen. Be thinking about who you can invite. Pick up your baskets in the Narthex.



Thursday, March 29th, 6:30 pm
Living reenactment of Last Supper




Community
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, March 31st
Overholser Elementary
7900 NW 36th St.
10:30 Kings & Queens
11:00 am Community
Wide Egg Hunt

Easter Eggs & Candy

We still need people willing to bring individually wrapped candy. You can drop off the candy tonight, tomorrow or Sunday morning. We are planning on having twice as many eggs this year as we open it to the community at Overholser Elementary

EASTER LILIES

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter outside the church office for ordering Easter Lilies. These lilies will decorate our sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 1st. Please indicate on the sheet if you are donating the lily in honor or memory of your loved ones. Orders and payment of \$15.00 is due by Sunday, March 25th, for each lily you donate. You may take your lilies home after services on Easter



New Church Directories in!

Our long awaited directories are in and if you had your portrait made you can pick one up in the church office at your convenience. Please mark your name off the list when you pick your directory off so we know who still needs to get theirs.



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Join us for
7 Days of
Prayer
April 8 - 15, 2018
St. Mark's
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH

Plan now to be a part of our 7 days of prayer

Lent





We Need YOU!

This summer St. Mark's is hosting
 B.A.S.I.C. Elements Science VBS
 June 4-8, 5:30-8:30.
 Dinner served at 5:00.

In order to pull off this amazing week of hands-on science, crazy skits and devotional teaching, we need YOU! It is only through the work and dedication of volunteer servants that we can provide

such a memorable, gospel-focused experience for kids in our community.

We're looking for volunteers in all areas — VBS set up, room teachers, skit performers, musicians, prayer team, and more.

If you have older children not attending VBS, consider signing up to volunteer together. A recent research study showed that 75 percent of kids who are part of a strong evangelical church will leave the church and any connection to Christ from age 18-29. BUT, one common factor among the 25 percent who DO NOT leave the church was serving with their families in a faith-based ministry.

This summer could be the perfect opportunity for you to begin serving together as a family.

Contact Alicia Schneider to volunteer.

STUDENT MINISTRY

We have a great week planned and are fast and furious gearing up for our mission to Rio Bravo, Mexico. Please be in prayer for our team with traveling mercies and that we are the hands and feet of Jesus. We know He will do great things and your prayers are much appreciated as we do the work of the Lord and share in God's goodness.

Wednesday, March 14th-We will have youth small groups and praise and worship from 6:30-8pm. Please remember our \$2 dinner before programming that is open to everyone. This week we will be having pizza. Please RSVP by Wednesday morning if you wish to have some pizza.

NO PROGRAMMING THIS WEEK-Enjoy your Spring Break!

Thunder Up-We are going to watch the Thunder play on March 25th against the Portland Trail Blazers. We will meet at church at 5pm and return as soon as the game is over. Cost is \$10 a ticket and you will need to bring money for concessions at the game. Tickets are limited so please reserve your spot ASAP.

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John Hollon
 Youth Pastor





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

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 MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten
Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age Kindergarten - 4th grade
Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday School for elementary aged children:

9:30-10:45 - "This I Know: dial 911: emergency!" Children will study various stories from the Bible in which there was an emergency or a scary moment. Children will be challenged to fix their eyes on Jesus, and walk in His ways.

We teach in a large group/small group format; we begin with worship and the Bible lesson in large group, then children are dismissed to small groups divided by grade/age to do activities such as games, crafts, Scripture memorization, or prayers to further understand how our lesson applies to their day to day lives.

11:-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.

During this last hour, 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 kindergarten through 4th grade. We do have a special needs ministry that is available upon request to help children with special needs during services.

TeamKID

March 21: Spring Break No Team KID

~Ms. Alicia

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Easter morning, April 1st, we will be providing a selfie station for taking pictures of you, your family, and friends. It will be in the narthex and you can take your own picture or someone will be

available to take pictures for you. This is a great opportunity to catch the moment and a memory together with your favorite people.



Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255
 Rec'd toward Operating 3/18/2018 9,500
Year to Date
 Rec'd toward Operating 3/18/2018123,235
 Expenditures 3/18/2018.....116,909

Attendance

Sunday March 18, 2018

Worship 257
 Sunday School166

Kieth	Ballard	Brianna	Hardin	James	Parker
Nicholas	Bentin	Becky	Harned	Mary	Parker
Ed	Boerner	Darlene	Hickman	Roger	Pautsch
Chris	Brehm	Kruse	Holliday	Connie	Petillo
Carla	Brueggen	Cali Rose	Howard	Jess	Prince
Matt	Chaney	Megan	Johnston	J.B.	Rackley
Trevion	Collins	Harold	Kessler	Brian	Ray
Shelby	Cranford	Christopher	Knowles	Avery	Reimers
Adrienne	Cressman	Dorthy	Lynch	Preston	Risinger
Brad	Cromwell	Ruth	Martyn	Kyphla	Sadler
William	Daniel	Lia	Michali	Jenny	Shenold
Jeff	Davidson	Dave	Moore	Kimberly	Truitt
Jillian	Ferguson	Don	Nobles	Esther	Underwood
Kiyarra	Gonzalez	Ivy	Norvell	Lauren	Wurzer
Patty	Groves	Nevada	Norvell		

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Don Wonderly
Kieth Ballard	Montesano family
Betty Miller	Beverly Clark
Genie Funk	Jack Martyn
Vic Gammill	Doris Saxon
Dale & Jan Johnson	Frank Wilkerson
Jim Howerton family	Ed & Gina Boerner
Dot Lyon	Pauline Verhines family
Rosemary Nimo family	Tre & Ma'kiya Collins
Billie Blake	Dow Dozier & family
Kason Knutson	