



The Happenings

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

Our mission is to glorify God and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, provide opportunities for all people to know, love and follow Jesus Christ.

October 18, 2020 – 20th Sunday After Pentecost

Message from Paul Mebane, Stewardship Elder:



2020 Stewardship: Three weeks from this Sunday - November 8th - will be Consecration Sunday; the day when our pledge cards are received by the church. Pledging is important, as it is an expression of your intent of giving in the coming year. It provides Session an idea of how large the church can think. Our 2020 stewardship theme is **“Fully Alive with Faith in the Future”**. In this time when we cannot be as close as we might like, remember that the church remains the place where we can be alive together, helping one another. This coming week you will be receiving a letter in the mail with your pledge card in it. Pray about how you might be a blessing to others with your pledge. Thank you!

ALL SAINTS DAY IS COMING UP ON NOVEMBER 1st!! This is a very special time that we remember the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us. If you have lost a family member or close loved one in the year since last All Saints' recognition (Nov. 3, 2019), please submit the following information to the church office by Monday, Oct. 26:

Name of loved one:

Your name:

Date of loss:

Relationship:

Who will place rose in vase: (Please state whether you plan to be in church on Nov. 1 and if not, if you have a specific person you would like to name to place the rose in your place)

Be blessed! ~St. Mark Worship Ministry



Rev. Dr. Joan H. Watson, Interim Minister

Quote from J.R. Briggs, Christianity Today Magazine:

“Over the years I have made a career out of studying the most challenging management roles out there. After all of that I am now convinced the two most difficult jobs in the world are these – one, to be President of the United States, and two, to be the leader of a church”

Thank you for your service and dedication to St. Mark!

We also want to recognize the efforts of **CP Duane Manning**, **Rev. Mary D. D’Alessio**, Parish Associate, **Rev. Dave D’Alessio**, Worship Team Leader, **Rev. Betty Crowell**, Worship Elder, **Rev. Dr. Ed Brogan**, and all of the other great Pastors – past and present - who have served as Pastor or led a service at any point at St. Mark.

We appreciate you!

Nursery Protocol Update for October 2020

Our church nursery has returned to the Children's Ministry building. All the toys and equipment are sanitized and disinfected according to the regulations in light of COVID19. We routinely implement these standards and have added these additional recommendations:

- 1) Only children will be admitted at front door after touch less temperature check.
- 2) Sign-in and out will occur at front door.
- 3) Please send a change of clothes.
- 4) Please provide any snacks and drinks.
- 5) Sunday school will be taught during the 10am hour. 5) All facilities used by staff and children will be properly sanitized.
- 6) Sunday nursery hours are 9:30am—11:30am.

Please contact Marilyn Bonaguro at 210.857.3157

WORSHIP FOR THIS SUNDAY

Joan Watson, Interim Minister is leading service this Sunday

The Order of Worship and Lyric Sheet are attached as part of this email blast, and you can also view/print at www.stmarktx.org.

All the usual ways to access either the livestream or the video still apply:

1. You can use this [CLICK HERE](#) link to take you directly to our St. Mark YouTube channel directly from here in "The Happenings".
2. You can go to www.stmarktx.org and use the "CLICK HERE" link on the site, or go to the You Tube Icon at right in the Worship With Us Section.
3. You can copy and paste the link below to your browser for internet searching.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXwlwhMWXg5wR8WErS4RGkA> This too will take you directly to our St. Mark YouTube channel.
4. From the internet, you can search www.youtube.com, and then search for "stmarkpresbyterian boerne". It should be one of the first few streaming choices.



**STEADY AIMS FELLOWSHIP
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020**

Time: 3:00pm

The Steady Aims Fellowship will meet Saturday October 17th at 3pm at Apache Rifleworks in Comfort, TX. The topic will be conflict de-escalation followed by optional range practice and instruction. If you have any questions, please let James McCarthy know at jimccarthy45@gmail.com.

GOD'S GIFT FACTORY: God's Gift Factory is a fun opportunity for children to make and wrap gifts for their loved ones, enjoy the Nativity story, play, and have a sweet little lunch. We will be keeping our groups smaller this year and therefore, will need a few more group leaders. If you are interested in helping with this fun event (held on Saturday, 12/12/20 from 9:30-12:30), please join us for our first planning meeting on Sunday, Oct. 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the FLC or via zoom. Contact ChristianEd@StMarkTX.org for the link or more information.



HILL COUNTRY DAILY BREAD (HCDB) CRANBERRY DRIVE: HCDB provides a cook-at-home Thanksgiving meal for each of the families they service but could not do it without our help. **We are collecting 300 cans.** We hope you will consider contributing what you can. Please drop off at the St. Mark Outreach Table in the Hospitality Center by Sunday, November 1st. Thank you for your support! Questions? Please contact Toni Hensley at toni.hensley@gmail.com.

St. Mark Outreach Ministry Opportunity:

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child representatives came to our Outreach meeting and discussed how a shoe box filled with toys and some Biblical information can evangelize to thousands of people around the world who do not know Christ.

We have an opportunity to evangelize by shopping for 25 children (various ages). The Outreach Ministry will be here this Sunday 10/18 to distribute small shopping bags with a suggested shopping list if you would like to be a part of evangelizing or stop by the church office. Please return the shopping bag full by 11/1. We will then have a packing party after church on 11/1 in the parking lot, where you can put the items in a shoebox and decorate it if you want.

When the shoeboxes are distributed to children in hard to reach countries, the Greatest Gift Booklet is given out with each shoebox. This tells them how much God loves them and that he sent his Son to die for him. The children will go back to their homes, villages and share about Jesus and often change whole villages. The children are challenged with a note to share the gospel with ten more people in their community. A 9-year-old girl in one of the hard to reach countries brought 52 people to Christ. The effect is far more than we will ever know or see until we get to heaven and we meet all of these precious souls. For more information, please visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. Thank you!



OCTOBER IS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Statistics show it take 9 tries for a woman (can be a man too but stats are mostly re. women) to leave a violent situation before she permanently leaves. Here at St. Mark there may be silent issues that we deny, avoid or ignore. Domestic violence is one of them but there are many forms of silent suffering: addiction, depression, labor/sex trafficking, victims of crime/violence, etc. Below are just some of the resources that are available to us in Kendall County or San Antonio. ~St. Mark Outreach Ministry

Resources:

1. Domestic Violence
 - a. Kendall County Women's Shelter www.kcwstexas.org, 934 N. School St, Boerne, TX 830-331-1001, Hotline 800-495-8078
 - b. San Antonio 24/7 Hotline 210-733-8810. Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc. <https://fvps.org>. Possible free legal assistance
2. The Rape Crisis Center <https://rapecrisis.com> 24/7 Hotline 210-349-7273
3. Kendall County Mental Health Help; <https://www.hillcountry.org/mental-behavioral-health/> Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Center. Crisis hotline 1-877-466-0660
4. National Alliance on Mental Illness; www.nami.org/home. San Antonio phone # 210-734-3349 or nami-sat.org
5. Kendall County Victims of Crime Services www.co.kendall.tx.us or call 830-249-9343
6. Kendall County Veterans 24/7 Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 press 1.
7. Sex Trafficking Help. No Strings Attached organization...spiritually based. www.nsagirls.org
8. Kendall County Alcoholics Anonymous <https://www.aadistrict62.org/>
9. Google any type of addiction, like sex addiction, porn addiction, cocaine addiction, etc. and help is close by.



First Friday Returns!

**First Friday Returns on Friday,
November 6, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**

We will be hosting smaller groups of children for safety and therefore will need a few more volunteers. To register a child or to serve, please email ChristianEd@StMarkTX.org

PRAYER CONCERNS



In addition to our Prayer Chain, there are families that we have had permission to include in our bulletins, so that they may receive prayers from the Congregation at large. We are listing in “The Happenings” to keep you current on who they are. Below are the current members with concerns on our Prayer Board at the church. Please continue to pray for them and all of those who have made requests through our Prayer Chain.

Edna Elsworth

Juanell Feller

Carol Ann Keith

Rob Klein Family (Stanley Klein)

Helen Mikus

Gerry Pfeil Family

Chris Snyder Family (Manuel “Butch” Ramirez)



NEXT OUTREACH MINISTRY ZOOM MEETING is scheduled for **Friday, October 16, 2020** at 9:00am Central. All are welcome. Please contact Calleen Friedel or Toni Hensley for the meeting link and ID information, and/or If you have questions or concerns.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER AGENCY - HURRICANE LAURA

To contribute to the PCUSA Disaster Relief-Hurricane and Typhoon Relief (DR00194) and help those suffering in the path of Hurricane Laura and the Wildfires). To give by phone, call 800-872-3283. To send a check, please designate where you want your gift to go on the memo line and mail to:

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PAA 15264-3700**

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SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Please see Article on Page 4

ST. MARK CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, October 18:

8:45am - Engaging God's Word Sunday School – FLC #109 / ZOOM

10:00am - St. Mark Sunday Worship Service – In Person / Livestream

10:00am - Nursery (Birth-4 years) CMB Rm 2 - *not available on Zoom

11:00am - Sunday School Classes

Children's SS – Kinder to 5th Grade – FLC #104/105 and ZOOM

Youth SS – Grades 6 to 12 – FLC #102/103 and ZOOM

Friendship Class (Youth and Young Adults w/Special Needs) – FLC #101 / ZOOM

Monday, October 19:

6:00pm - Ladies Evening Group – ZOOM

7:00pm - A Few Good Men – FLC #104/105

Tuesday, October 20:

6:30pm - Worship Team Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 21:

1:00pm - Compassion In Action – FLC # 107-109

6:00pm - 6:45pm - Ensemble Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

6:00pm - Youth Meeting – FLC Main Floor & #103

6:30pm - Men's Group – Parlor

6:45pm - 7:30pm - Ensemble Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, October 22:

9:00am - Women of the Word – At Group Member's Home

9:30am - ELC Chapel Time – Sanctuary

Friday, October 23:

Church Office Closed

CMB = Children's Ministry Building

ELC = Early Learning Center

FLC = Family Life Center

HC = Hospitality Center

Deadline for Submissions to "The Happenings": 12:00pm on Tuesdays