



ST MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Happenings

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.

April 13th – Palm Sunday

Please note that our Sunday School classes will NOT meet on Easter Sunday, 4/20.

YOU'RE INVITED TO
add your *Prayer*
to the cross

This Lent
March 5- April 13, 2025
take a streamer, write your
prayer and hang it on the cross

Streamers available in the Hospitality
Center and near the cross. If you need
assistance, we will hang it for you.

The Happenings is a weekly newsletter published each Thursday for the members of St. Mark. The deadline to submit articles is Noon on Tuesday! For more information, please contact: office@stmarktx.org or (830) 816-3000.

LENTEN CALENDAR

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday with Children's Palm Parade

April 13 at 10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

April 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner, Worship Service and Communion

Family Life Center

(Bring one pair of new fuzzy socks for chemo patients)

Good Friday

April 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

April 20

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. Continental Brunch, Egg Hunt and

Butterfly Release

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



In commemoration of the Last Supper, when Jesus celebrated His final Passover with His disciples, a Maundy Thursday worship service is planned for St. Mark. We will share a soup supper together on Thursday, April 17th, starting at 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center (FLC), followed by a worship service and communion. All activities will be held at the tables in the FLC. We hope as many of you as possible are able to attend this service.

This year, at the Maundy Thursday service, we will be focusing on the Spiritual Practice of “serving others.” As part of the worship service, a special project, that centers on writing a prayer or note of encouragement to go with much needed socks and baby booties, is planned to benefit the cancer center at San Antonio Medical Center (SAMC) and the pregnancy center here in Boerne. If possible, please bring a new pair of adult-size socks to the Maundy Thursday service.

These socks are a symbol representing when Jesus washed His disciples’ feet before celebrating the Last Supper. He then encouraged the disciples to wash each other’s feet, saying, *“Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another’s feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done to you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.”* **(John 13:14-17)**

Thank you and hope to see you there.



GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE



A Solemn Reflection for Holy Week

We are pleased to invite you to join us for our **Tenebrae Service**, a sacred and reflective observance that takes place during Holy Week. Tenebrae, which means "darkness" or "shadows" in Latin, is an ancient Christian tradition that commemorates the final days leading up to the crucifixion of Christ.

Date: Friday, April 18

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Sanctuary

This service, marked by its deep reverence, involves the gradual extinguishing of candles as we meditate on the suffering and passion of Christ. The Tenebrae Service serves as a profound moment of reflection, inviting us to walk with Christ through His final hours in the shadow of His sacrifice.

Throughout the service, scripture readings, hymns and anthems will guide us through the darkness, while the symbolic extinguishing of light represents the abandonment and sorrow Christ experienced.

We encourage you to come and experience this powerful tradition as we enter into the sacred mystery of Christ's Passion. This is a time for prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal.

All are welcome. Please feel free to invite family and friends to participate in this special observance.

Note: The Tenebrae Service is a contemplative and solemn event, so we ask that all attendees arrive quietly and remain in silence throughout the service.

May this Holy Week deepen your faith and understanding of Christ's love for us. We look forward to sharing this sacred time with you.

If you need transportation to any of our evening services, please contact the church office at 830-816-3000 or email at office@stmarktx.org

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAY, APRIL 13

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 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT



Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

Thanks to your heartfelt gift, One Great Hour of Sharing currently supports projects in over 100 countries. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

EASTER EGG HUNT NEEDS YOUR HELP

There are still eggs available TO BE FILLED. Please be sure to return donations this Sunday, April 13.

A colorful poster for an Easter egg hunt. The background is light blue with pink flowers. At the top, it says 'WE NEED Easter Eggs FOR OUR EASTER SUNDAY EGG HUNT'. Below this is a list of instructions: 1. Grab a basket from the hallway, 2. Fill some plastic eggs with prizes, candy (NO Chocolate please) or coins, 3. Return basket to St. Mark by April 16. At the bottom, two white rabbits are sitting in a grassy field with a basket of decorated Easter eggs and carrots. The words 'THANK YOU' are written in pink above the basket.

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THANK YOU

SNEAK PEEK ALL- CHURCH RETREAT MAY 4th AT 12:30PM

**SNEAK
PEEK**
FOR THE
 *All-Church*
RETREAT



Come for lunch and check out the new location for the annual All-Church Retreat (October 10-12, 2025).

CAMP CAPERS

Comfort, Tx

LUNCH TICKETS \$15

Available now thru 4/27

**5.04.2025
12:30 p.m.**

Get your tickets today! Available in the Hospitality Center or in the office during office hours. Contact Gina Klein with any questions at ginaklein@gmail.com

ST. MARK SCHOLARSHIP

Application packets for the 2025 St Mark Presbyterian Church Scholarship(s) are now available on the church website; go to "About Us" and click on "Resources." There is a PDF version to make applying even easier. Or click on this link: [Scholarship Application](#)

Applications must be completed and turned into the church office or via email to Gina Klein at ginaklein@gmail.com. The deadline is May 1, 2025.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A colorful poster for Vacation Bible School 2025. The title "Discovering God's Mysteries" is written in large, stylized letters. Below it, "VBS 2025" is written in blue. The dates "June 9-13" and time "9:00 a.m. to Noon" are listed. The St. Mark Presbyterian Church logo is present, along with the text "4 yr. old - 5th grade students and adults with special needs". A QR code is shown with the text "Free Event Registration Opens 4/1". On the left, there are two circular icons of a detective and the text "Faith Detectives wanted". At the bottom, a quote reads: "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good..." Genesis 50:20.

[Registration for volunteers is open now!](#)
(childcare available for volunteers with children under age 4 as of June 1, 2025)

We still need:

- leaders and helpers for preschool groups
- games leader and helpers
- helpers for the special needs group
- snack helper
- greeters

If you can't help the whole week, just make a note on your registration.

Please click on the [link](#) to register.

CALLING ALL DINNER THEATER ENTHUSIASTS!

St. Mark is going to host a Dinner Theater on Saturday, September 20th and Sunday, September 21st to benefit a planned international mission trip in 2026.

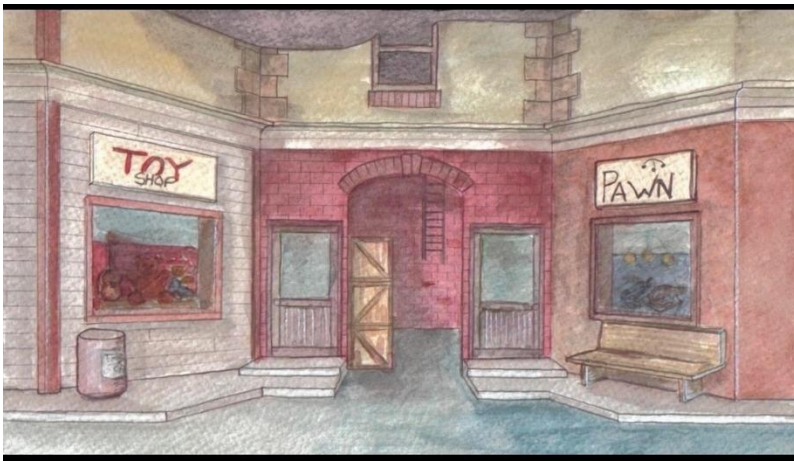
The title of the play is "***The True Meaning of Christmas***" written and with Music/Lyrics by our very own Dion Denevan!

If you are interested in being part of this event, whether that's acting, being a host/hostess, cooking, decorating, etc., please let Calleen Friedel know by **April 15th** via text or call at 210-376-7236.

Even though we expect to sell out the shows, it's not time to make a reservation quite yet. More information on that will be coming!

Thank you,

Outreach Ministry



GROWING FULLER at Table Fellowship

This Sunday April 13th

Albi's Vite Italian Kitchen – Leon Springs

Next Sunday April 20th

Easter Sunday

Following Sunday April 27th

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JOIN US FOR OUR HABITAT PROJECT IN KERRVILLE!

St. Mark Volunteer Day

Every Hand Makes a Difference

No Experience Needed

Saturday, May 3, 2025

8:00AM - 12:00PM

**121 McGinnis Court
Kerrville, TX**

Habitat for Humanity
Kerr County

For those of you that put “Habitat for Humanity” as a service opportunity on your surveys last year, Outreach Ministry listened. On **Saturday May 3rd**, we have an opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity in Kerrville from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

The home under construction we were going to work on will be completed prior to our May 3rd service date ... great news for the homeowner! So the project Habitat would like us to help with is repainting the exterior of their model home office.

A group of 10-15 people is ideal. Habitat would like any age to come help, but they feel safest with minors 14 years old or older; 16 and up do not have to have a parent or guardian accompanying them.

If interested in serving, please click on the image below to sign up, or contact Calleen Friedel at 210-376-7236.



ELC NEWS

The ELC has been re-certified as a Texas Rising Star 4-Star School! Congratulations to our staff who have worked so hard to maintain this highest rating!



This week the ELC has been celebrating NAEYC's **Week of the Young Child**.

- **Musical Monday:** Andy Phillips and Kayla Young demonstrated different instruments in the sanctuary.
- **Tasty Tuesday:** The children all got to taste some Thai cuisine made by teacher Parawee Yuan.
- **Work Together Wednesday:** The children will plant flowers in all the ELC garden beds to help beautify our campus.
- **Artsy Thursday:** Special Art projects
- **Family Friday:** Families are invited to join their children for a special afternoon snack.



ST. MARK LEADERSHIP - 2025

ELDERS	
Adult Christian Education	
Children and Youth Christian Education	Faith Cleary
Communication / Evangelism	Dave Thomas
Congregational Life	Gina Klein, Sally West
Finance/Stewardship	Wally Doppenberg, Kim Heinze
Outreach	Woody Paul, Crystal McElhenney
HR	Lynn Manzini
Property	Rick Eckersley
Worship	E-J Warren, Kathleen Ramey
Clerk of Session	Julie McCarty, Dave Thomas
Treasurer	Bill Manzini
Deacon Liaison	Kathleen Ramey
ELC Liaison	Dave Thomas
Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)	Dave Thomas, Kathleen Ramey
DEACONS	
Moderator/Pastoral Support / Prayer Chain Support	Pat Anderson
Receptions	Nona Annett
New Member Integration	Tonya Beilstein
Visitor Follow Up Ministry	Melanie Doppenberg
Member Care Ministry	Lisa Paul, Kim Hodge
Receptions / Diaconate Clerk / Flower Delivery Ministry	Monica Phillips
Driver Assistance Ministry / Meal Coordinator	Wanda Pounders
Member Follow Up Ministry	Betty Robertson
Card Ministry	Paula Witt
TRUSTEES	
Chair	Dave Thomas
Member & Registered Agent for St. Mark	Gina Klein
Recorder	Lynn Manzini
STAFF	
Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson	Pastor, Head of Staff
Claudia Beldean	Office Manager
Marilyn Bonaguro	Nursery Coordinator
Jennifer Dillard	Financial & HR Associate
Angela Grover	Dir. of Christian Education & Youth
Kristine Luisi	Dir. of Early Learning Center (ELC)
Andy Phillips	Pianist
Lynn Puckett	Organist
Alan Reyes	Sexton
Mary Beth Thomas	Chancel Choir Director
Ron Thompson	Worship Team Leader
Kayla Young	Christian Education Associate

WEEKLY CALENDAR APRIL 13th – APRIL 18th

Sunday, April 13th

Explorers Class - Rick Eckersley	9:00 AM	FLC # 107/108
Nursery Care (Birth to pre-kinder)	9:15 AM	FLC # 106
Elementary Sunday School	9:15 AM	FLC # 104
Disciple Class – Dan Garber	9:15 AM	FLC # 109
Youth Sunday School	9:15 AM	FLC # 103
Engaging God's Word	9:15 AM	FLC # 101
Elementary Class Kinder – 5 th graders	9:15 AM	FLC # 104
Breakfast Club	9:30 AM	Parlor
St. Mark Worship Service in Person	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
Online: https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams		YouTube
Table Fellowship – Albi's Vite Italian Kitchen	12:30 PM	Leon Springs
Lenten Devotional Group (Mary Jane Elly)	5:00 PM	Menger Springs
Lenten Devotional Group (The Mangums)	5:30 PM	FM 474, Boerne

Monday, April 14th

Hill Country Newcomers	9:00 AM	FLC
Jericho	6:00 PM	FLC
TGIF Group	6:30 PM	Library
Finance Ministry	6:30 PM	FLC # 107/108

Tuesday, April 15th

Staff Meeting	12:00 PM	Parlor
Lenten Devotional (The Mebanes)	5:30 PM	Fair Oaks Ranch
Pickleball – Carol Trono	6:00 PM	FLC

Wednesday, April 16th

Morning Glorias – Carlyn Crawford	8:00 AM	ZOOM
Maundy Thursday Setup	4:00 AM	FLC
Bible Study – Rev. Ann Marie Quigley- Swanson	10:30 PM	FLC # 107/108
Property Evaluation Task Force	3:30 PM	FLC # 109
Lenton Devotional Group (Children & Families)	4:00 PM	FLC
Worship Prep	4:00 PM	FLC
Centering Prayer – Lynn Bellow	5:00 PM	ZOOM
Choir Rehearsal – Mary Beth Thomas	6:30 PM	Choir Room
A Few Good Men – Robert Klein	6:30 PM	Parlor

Thursday, April 17th

Women of the Word – Angela Grover	9:00 AM	FLC # 107/108
Maundy Thursday	6:00 PM	FLC

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday	6:30 AM	Sanctuary
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