

October 20th – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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.,



We hope that you will pray about your ability to support our Church next year with its Sunday worship, outreach ministries to our community, religious education for all ages, facilities & grounds, congregational life, office staff, the Early Learning Center, and deacon's ministries to our members.

You will soon receive our letter with a Commitment Card, Consecration Card, and return envelope. The Commitment Cards will help the Session to determine the level of funding for next year's many ministries. Be assured that your card will remain very private, and it will not be shared beyond the Treasurer and the Finance Administrator. The Consecration Card provides an opportunity to volunteer for one or several of our many ministries and to offer prayers for the Church. We hope you will return these cards to the church office, mail them to the church, or bring the cards for presentation during the worship service on October 27th.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the church office at (830) 816-3000 or the Stewardship Chair, Wally Doppenberg. <u>wallydoppenberg@gmail.com</u>.

A MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED TO EVERYONE AFTER THE SERVICE ON CONSECRATION SUNDAY IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER, OCTOBER 27.



Dear Congregation, Staff, and Friends,

The Strategic Planning Committee and Session have finished the *Final Report to the Congregation*. We are excited to provide the Final Report which is a summary of all the work the Strategic Planning Committee has accomplished since January 2023.

This Final Report will be available for you to pick up after the Worship Service on **Consecration Sunday**, October 27th. This date is a very important for our Church, not only with bringing

forward our Commitment and Consecration Cards, but the celebration of our Vision – Mission – Values for the future, Where We Want to Be in Three to Five Years, and How Do We Get There?

Because we received and listened to you with the Questionnaires and Input Sessions, we heard loud-and-clear that we want to keep our Culture of being a warm, friendly, caring, welcoming church with a family-feel! This emphasis on Culture led to our theme from Colossians 2:7 *Rooted in God – Growing in Faith – Overflowing with Thanks*. This theme became the focus for where we are headed to Grow Deeper – Fuller – Wider.

The Strategic Planning Committee looks forward to hearing from you again as you review the Final Report. It has been a blessing to us in working with you and bringing to you the joy and hope for our future together.

Thank you,

• Dave Thomas • Steve Crowell • Calleen Friedel • Crystal McElhenney • Pastor Ann Marie



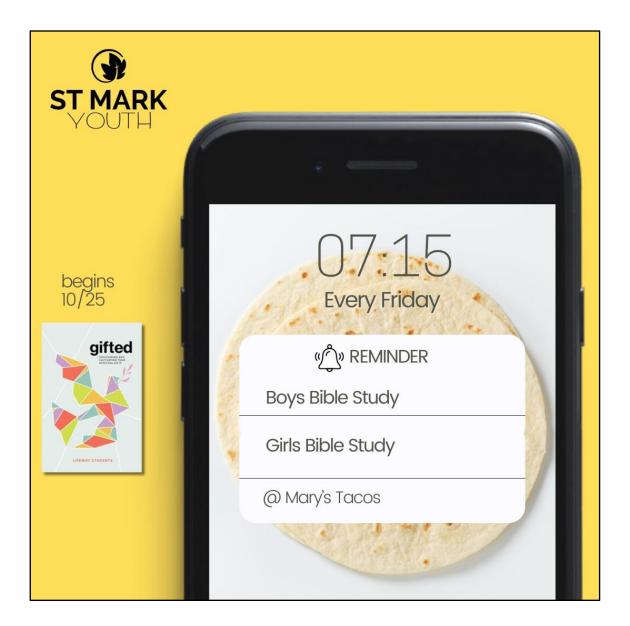
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BOYS AND GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Every Friday at 7:15 AM

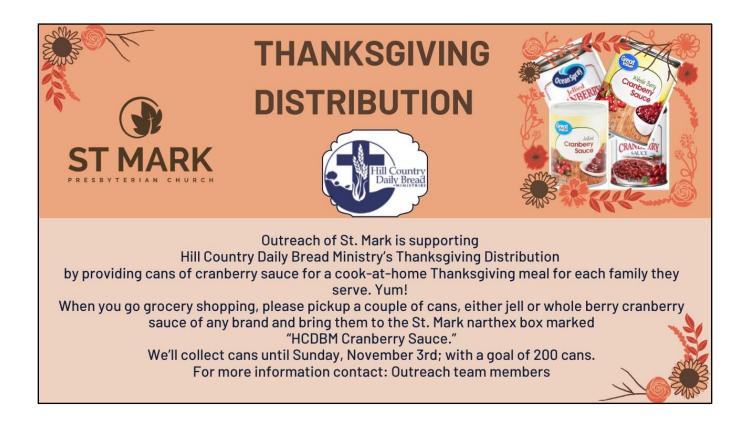


FIRST FRIDAY IS NOVEMBER 1



Registration opens Monday, 10/21 https://forms.gle/2VmRvRMQ3WSCTDA68

ST. MARK IS SUPPORTING HILL COUNTRY DAILY BREAD MINISTRY'S THANKSGIVING DISTRIBUTION







ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 2024

On All Saint's Sunday, November 3rd, St. Mark will remember and give thanks for members, for family and close friends of members, who entered into the Church Triumphant within the past 12 months. During the worship service, as each name is called, a rose will be placed into an empty vase and their picture will be shown. If you have lost a relative or a friend over the past year and would like to remember that person on All Saints' Sunday, please take time to fill out the form at the end of each pew in the sanctuary and place it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Forms can also be picked up during the week from the church office, and pictures can be left at the church or sent to Julie McCarty at <u>imccarty@gvtc.com</u>. Please submit your form no later than October 27th.

BOW-MAKERS NEEDED



If you can make wired-loop bows, your skills are needed to assist in making bows for (8) wreaths for Christmas we are refurbishing. Time: Tentatively Wed or Friday morning of next week, 10:00 am. Please call or text Pam Brant at (210) 392-5718. Thank you!

EARLY LEARNING CENTER NEWS



ST. MARK LEADERSHIP 2024

ELDERS	
Adult Christian Education	Dan Garber
Children and Youth Christian Education	Kathleen Ramey
Communication	Karen Ragsdale
Congregational Life	Christine Snyder, Gina Klein
Finance/Stewardship	Wally Doppenberg
Outreach	Lynn Bellow, Woody Paul
Personnel	Neal Patton
Property	Rick Eckersley
Strategic Planning	Dave Thomas
Worship	Andy Phillips, Rylynn Fenton
Clerk of Session	Julie McCarty
Treasurer	Bill Manzini
Deacon Liaison	Lynn Bellow
ELC Liaison	Dave Thomas
DEACONS	
Card and Flowers	Monica Phillips - Clerk
Driver Assistance	Wanda Pounders - Moderator
Member Care	Crystal McElhenney
Member Care and In-Home Communion	Ruben Trono
Pastoral Support	Pat Anderson
Receptions	Nona Annett, Paula Witt
Visitors Follow Up	Melanie Doppenberg
TRUSTEES	
Member	Gina Klein
Chair	Andy Phillips
Secretary	Dave Thomas



Weekly Calendar October 20th – October 26th

Explorers Class Nursery Care (Birth to pre-kinder) Elementary Sunday School Youth Sunday School Engaging God's Word St. Mark Worship Service in Person <u>https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianc</u>	9:00 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 9:15 AM 10:30 AM churchbo7319/streams	FLC # 107/108 FLC # 106 FLC # 104 FLC # 103 FLC # 101 Sanctuary Online	
Monday, October 21 st			
Session Meeting – Julie McCarty	6:30 PM	FLC 107/108	
Tuesday, October 22 nd			
Staff Meeting Pickleball – Carol Trono Worship Team Rehearsal – Ron Thompson	12:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	Parlor FLC Sanctuary	
Wednesday, October 23 rd			
Morning Glorias Bible Study – Rev Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson Compassion in Action – Betty Parr Centering Prayer – Lynn Bellow Youth Meeting – Angela Grover A Few Good Men – Rob Klein Choir Rehearsal – Mary Beth Thomas	8:00 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM 6:00PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	ZOOM FLC #107/108 FLC # 107/108 ZOOM FLC Parlor Choir Room	
Thursday, October 24 th			
Women of the Word – Angela Grover Pickleball – Paul Cashion	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	FLC #107/108 FLC	
Friday, October 25 th			
Youth Bible Study	7:15 AM	Mary's Tacos	
Saturday, October 26 th			
Fall Fest	9:00 AM	Whole Campus	