



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.

November 10– 25^h Sunday after Pentecost

NEXT STEP CLASS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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Next Step Class

Do you want to learn more about St. Mark?
Are you considering membership?
Do you want to get involved in the mission and ministries of St. Mark?
Are you looking for a connected community?

Join us on Sunday, November 17
9:00am - Library
(in the Hospitality Center)

Questions? Contact Melanie Doppenberg at
melanie.doppenberg@gmail.com
or call at (229) 224-3186



Dear Members of the Congregation,

The **Generation-to-Generation (G2G) Committee** was excited to provide you with the brochure *Leaving a Legacy* as we celebrated the birthday of the church on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024. Copies are available in the Hospitality Center, hallways, or church office.

The Generation-to-Generation Fund multiplies the blessings of planned gifts and bequests by current generations to make a difference for future generations. A periodic gift from you, or a bequest from your estate, demonstrates your gratitude for the gifts God has given you.

The G2G Committee wants to share with you periodically the status of the Endowment Funds invested with the Texas Presbyterian Foundation (TPF). We maintain two separate accounts: (1) the Endowment - **Restricted**, where the principal may not be used without the donor's permission; and (2) the Endowment – **Unrestricted** where the funds may be authorized by the Session for ministry programs, capital improvements, or future needs of the church as they arise.

These are the current **Balances** and **Year-to-Date Gains** as of 9/30/2024:

- Restricted: \$134,757.27 \$5,629.37
- Unrestricted: \$424,547.93 \$15,036.02

If you have questions or would like to learn more about Leaving a Legacy, members of the G2G Committee are available to meet with you. Please let us know by calling the Church Office at (830) 816-3000 or by sending an email to office@stmarktx.org

Your G2G Committee thanks you and are willing to meet with you.

Dave Thomas Steve Crowell Doug Mikus Lisa Paul Susan Penrod

TEAM SHAGGY WON THE TROPHY ON SUNDAY'S ANNUAL YOUTH IRON CHEF CHALLENGE! THANK YOU TO OUR JUDGES AND THOSE WHO CAME OUT TO TASTE AND SUPPORT THE YOUTH. IT WAS GREAT TIME WITH GOOD FOOD!



CRANBERRY SAUCE OFFERING EXCEEDED GOAL

Wow! The cranberry sauce donations for Daily Bread exceeded expectations. Outreach thanks you for the 332 cans of cranberry sauce donated for the 2024 Hill Country Daily Bread Ministry's Thanksgiving distribution. Your donations will help provide cook-at-home Thanksgiving meals for the most vulnerable in the Hill Country.



**BOYS AND GIRLS BIBLE STUDY
EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:15 AM**

**ST MARK
YOUTH**

begins
10/25

gifted
EXCITING AND
INSPIRING YOUR
SPIRITUAL GIFT

LIFEWAY STUDENTS

07:15
Every Friday

🔔 REMINDER

Boys Bible Study

Girls Bible Study

@ Mary's Tacos

CHRISTMAS LOVE IS IN THE AIR AT ST. MARK

November 17- December 8

Once again St. Mark will be participating in the community wide Salvation Army Angel Tree. By becoming part of this community outreach endeavor, you will brighten a child's life on Christmas morning. We are adopting children from Herff Elementary School and making their wish list come true. The names will be posted December 17 on the display board in the Hospitality Center.

More information is to come.

And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. Luke 1:14 ESV



GOD'S GIFT FACTORY
December 7, 2024



God's Gift Factory

Saturday, December 7, 2024

9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Drop-off event for children ages
1 year to 5th grade

Children will make gifts for
family and friends, hear the
Nativity story and enjoy a
special lunch



Cost is \$10*
Register in advance
www.StMarkTX.org

*scholarships available upon request

<https://forms.gle/uDNoZKyGMpa8wyMf7>



DECORATING FOR
CHRISTMAS
AT ST. MARK

Come decorate with us - Fun & Fellowship

2024
November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 9am - Move decor from storage	5	6	7 11am - Fluffing Party	8	9
10	11	12 10am - Decorate Rotunda	13	14	15	16 
17	18 10am - Decorate Christmas Tree	19 10am - Decorate Christmas Tree	20	21	22	23 
24	25 9:30am - Decorate Sanctuary	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

QUESTIONS?
 CALL OR TEXT PAM BRANT (210)-392-5718



REFLECTIONS: FINDING YOUR PURPOSE

Recently when we were visiting a family in Colorado, I came across a t-shirt at Peterson Space Force Base with this caption on it: *Maybe your purpose on this planet isn't on this planet.* I later learned that this had served as the title for the U.S Space Force's first recruiting video a few years back. The suggestion seems to be that maybe a person's true calling lies in space exploration especially if they feel unfulfilled or limited by life on earth.



As I pondered this evocative phrase, I was led to other worldly possibilities beyond the Space Force's intent. Initially, I had thoughts about angels and the great cloud of witnesses that surround and inspire us by their love and graced filled lives. We can aspire to be one of these heavenly beings in our afterlife. For now, I am comforted knowing that there are saints that walk along besides us on our life journey and also by this Bible verse, "the angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them" (Psalm 34:7, ESV). In that same vein, I remembered my good friend Reade before he passed away telling me that he intended to be a Warrior Angel for the Lord when he got to Heaven. This would be his new purpose: to watch over loved ones and to go to battle against Satan if directed by God.

However, while we're still living, I would assume most of us are content with finding purpose here on Earth and not on some galaxy in distant space. This may involve making a good living, supporting our family, acquiring power, or any combination of the before mentioned. Yet, for we the living, remember our ultimate purpose on this this planet is to glorify God. To underscore this, Isaiah 43: 7 tells us that the Lord created us for his glory. So how do we glorify God? Let me offer some of the ways for us to that: 1) start by obeying His commandments; 2) worship regularly with a community of believers; 3) converse often with Him in prayer; 4) express gratitude for your blessings; 5) serve others with acts of kindness; 6) share your faith with others; and 7) use your God given gifts for good as you honor your Heavenly Father. If you choose to not to honor God with your life, the Holy Spirit may give you a message similar to this:

*You're off your course, direction's wrong
Can you hear me Major Tom?
Can you hear me Major Tom
(David Bowie, Space Oddity)*

Offered by Larry Warren



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 November 10th – November 16th

Explorers Class	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
Youth Sunday School	9:15 AM	FLC # 103
Disciples Class	9:15 AM	FLC #109
Engaging God's Word	9:15 AM	FLC # 101
St. Mark Worship Service in Person	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams		Online
Table Fellowship – Karen Ragsdale	11:30 AM	Various Locations

Monday, November 11th

Hill Country Newcomers	9:00 AM	FLC
Jericho – Jenny Cashion	6:00 PM	FLC
Finance Ministry – Wally Doppenberg	6:30 PM	FLC # 107/108

Tuesday, November 12th

Staff Meeting	12:00 PM	Parlor
Pickleball – Carol Trono	6:00 PM	FLC
Worship Team Rehearsal – Ron Thompson	6:30 PM	Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 13th

Morning Glorias	8:00 AM	ZOOM
Bible Study – Rev Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson	10:30 AM	FLC #107/108
Compassion in Action	1:00 PM	FLC # 107/108
Centering Prayer – Lynn Bellow	5:00 PM	ZOOM
A Few Good Men – Rob Klein	6:30 PM	Parlor
Choir Rehearsal – Mary Beth Thomas	6:30 PM	Choir Room

Thursday, November 14th

Women of the Word – Angela Grover	9:00 AM	FLC #107/108
Pickleball – Paul Cashion	11:00 AM	FLC

Friday, November 15th

Youth Bible Study	7:15 AM	Mary's Tacos
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