



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 17– 26th Sunday after Pentecost



St. Mark is growing, and we've been blessed with a new sign. The sign is located at the corner of Water Street and Bandera. Mark your calendars for our Sign Dedication immediately after worship on November 24.

NEXT STEP CLASS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17



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

TABLE FELLOWSHIP IS AVAILABLE EACH SUNDAY AFTER CHURCH SUNDAY



We are all familiar with Lunch Bunch which meets on the first Monday of the month at Sauced. There is now another opportunity to share a meal and get to know one another beyond passing of the peace.

Table Fellowship is available each Sunday after the church service. All are welcome. There is a schedule of rotating restaurants in the Boerne area where we all gather. Typically, no reservations are required. We request tables of 8 or less so that those at the table can join in the conversation and be heard. We've had as few as 3 or as many as 21.

There's something special about sharing a meal with someone you may not know well. It begins with small talk and common experiences and points of interest begin to be discovered. Those who have been meeting for a while have discovered that this leads to deeper discussions and frequent sharing of our faith.

Like the Communion Table, this is open to all. Please feel free to invite extended or visiting family, your neighbors and members of the communities you are involved in. Look for the current Sunday's restaurant in the Happenings on the calendar page. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Ragsdale at karen.ragsdale@hotmail.com or 713-443-3025.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR TREE DECORATION
Please call or text Pam Brant for more information (210)392-5718



CHRISTMAS DECORATION ACTIVITIES
Join us to prepare our Church for the Christmas Season!

NOVEMBER 18 - 10:00 AM -- DECORATE TREE

NOVEMBER 19 - 10:00 AM -- DECORATE TREE

NOVEMBER 25 - 9:30 AM -- DECORATE SANCTUARY

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

ADVENT BEGINS DECEMBER 1

Prepare your hearts for
Christmas...

Advent

ACTIVITY

open to everyone



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1
9:15 A.M.
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

We will create two "Chrismon" ornaments + you can
take a kit home to make more during Advent

RSVP to ChristianED@StMarkTX.org by 11/22

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY
Sunday, December 15



CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY!

Sign up to create or join a team to deliver cards to those unable to attend worship.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

Christmas Cards will be made by children at God's Gift Factory and bundled for delivery to friends and members of St. Mark.

Delivery teams will depart after worship on 12/15

Sign up in the Hallway or Contact ChristianED@stMarkTX.org



We will have a sign-up sheet in the hallway beginning 11/17.

THE SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE IS HERE



St. Mark will be participating in the community-wide Salvation Army Angel Tree. Outreach is asking for your help to brighten a child's life on Christmas morning. The need this year is great. We have 81 children's wishes to grant from Herff Elementary School. These students are selected by the Boerne ISD with the help of other agencies.

Ways to Adopt an Angel

- * You can purchase gifts for a child or for a family, or
- * Let us do your shopping with a monetary/Walmart gift card donation to be applied towards gifts.

How:

Select a Salvation Army child(ren) from the Hospitality Center display.

- * Detach the top portion, write your name on the back and leave it in the basket; take the bottom portion with you.
- * In lieu of purchasing a large ticket item, gift cards will be applied toward the child's gift.
- * December 8 & 15: return all unwrapped gifts to the Hospitality Center. No early birds. If you bring your gifts during the week, deliver gifts to the office. Gifts will be delivered to Herff Elementary School December 16.
- * Make sure you attach the package code and your name securely to your bag.
- * If you want us to do your shopping, please let us know no later than December 8; leave the angel in the basket.

"Let the Heavens Rejoice and the Earth Be Glad"

Psalm 96: 11

Questions: Toni Hensley; toni.hensley@gmail.com or 830.446.2287

Crystal McElhenney; crystal@quadalupebend.com 830.336.2330

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**

Please click the link for more information <https://forms.gle/uDNoZKygMpa8wyMf7>

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME CHRISTMAS PARTY & GIFT GIVING

Each year PCHAS invites St. Mark to attend their Christmas party. Perhaps you or your small group would like to RSVP to this fun event by contacting Banner Huggins directly.

If you're interested in helping the PCHAS Children's Christmas Shoppe with gifts for their parents, the collection box is on the Outreach table with a list of items of interest. Collection deadline : December 1



The invitation card features a light blue background with several white snowflake icons scattered throughout. The text is centered and uses a mix of purple and dark blue colors. On the left side, there is a brown silhouette of a reindeer with large antlers. On the right side, there is a green silhouette of a Christmas tree with a white angel figure on top. The text reads: "You're Invited to our Christmas Party" in purple, "Saturday, December 14, 2024" in dark blue, "11:30 am - 1 pm" in purple, "PCHAS San Antonio Campus" in dark blue, "6355 Whitby Road, San Antonio, TX 78240" in dark blue, "RSVP" in purple, "Banner Huggins" in dark blue, "banner.huggins@pchas.org" in purple, and "210.843.5477" in purple.

You're Invited
to our
Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14, 2024
11:30 am - 1 pm

PCHAS San Antonio Campus
6355 Whitby Road,
San Antonio, TX 78240

RSVP
Banner Huggins
banner.huggins@pchas.org
210.843.5477

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

**ST MARK
YOUTH**

begins
10/25

gifted
EXPLORING AND
DISCOVERING YOUR
SPIRITUAL GIFTS
LIFEWAY STUDENTS

07:15
Every Friday

🔔 REMINDER

Boys Bible Study

Girls Bible Study

@ Mary's Tacos

FAITHFUL FRIENDS AND FAMILY NIGHTS AT ST. MARK

Each Wednesday from 4:00-5:30pm.

JOIN US FOR
FAITHFUL FRIENDS AND FAMILY NIGHTS @ ST MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Each Wednesday from 4:00 to 5:30 students cared for by St Mark volunteers while they enjoy soccer shots, Art/Drama/Story & Stretch, Snack.

5:30 to 6:30, Families arrive and join children and church members for dinner!

150\$ for first child and 50\$ for each additional sibling

REGISTER NOW >

WEDNESDAYS FROM JANUARY 22ND TO FEBRUARY 26TH

VISIT Stmarktx.org

Soccer Shots®

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 17th – November 23rd

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
Officer Training – Ann Marie Swanson	11:30 AM	FLC 107/108
Table Fellowship – Karen Ragsdale	11:30 AM	Various Locations
God's Gift Factory Meeting	11:45 PM	FLC # 105

Monday, November 18th

Session Meeting – Julie McCarty	6:30 PM	FLC # 107/108
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Tuesday, November 19th

Staff Meeting	12:00 PM	Parlor
Communication Meeting – Karen Ragsdale	2:30 PM	FLC #109
Pickleball – Carol Trono	6:00 PM	FLC
Worship Team Rehearsal – Ron Thompson	6:30 PM	Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 20th

Morning Glorias	8:00 AM	ZOOM
Bible Study – Rev Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson	10:30 AM	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 21st

Women of the Word – Angela Grover	9:00 AM	FLC #107/108
Pickleball – Paul Cashion	11:00 AM	FLC
Elder Training – Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson	6:30 PM	FLC # 107/108

Friday, November 22nd

Youth Bible Study	7:15 AM	Mary's Tacos
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FLC -Family Life Center