



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.

January 19 — 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Exodus 20:1-11
Matthew 11:28-12:8



THERE WILL BE NO YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL. THE YOUTH WILL BE AT MO RANCH.

The Annual Meeting of Congregation and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. (following worship) in the sanctuary.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will include 2024 highlights, financial reports, election of a Deacon to the Class of 2027, and a vote on changes to the terms of call for the pastor. The Annual Meeting of the Corporation will include a report from the Trustees.

NEXT STEP CLASS, SUNDAY, JANUARY 26



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, January 26

9:00am - Library

(in the Hospitality Center)

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

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.

REGISTER NOW >



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

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

Wednesdays from January 22nd to February 26th

VISIT Stmarktx.org

Soccer Shots 

[Click here for more information!](#)

**WOMEN'S GATHERING IS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST
PLEASE REGISTER BY JANUARY 20**

A poster for a Women's Gathering event. The background is light gray with decorative floral elements on the sides. The text is centered and includes the church logo, the event title in a mix of fonts, the date and time, the location, a description of the event, cost information, a QR code, and a biblical quote.

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WOMEN'S
Gathering
2025

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1
8:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.
FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Join us for a morning of fellowship and renewal in God's Word!

Cost: \$25 includes breakfast and lunch
Childcare available
Register by 1/20/2025



... think on such things.
PHILIPPIANS 4:8

[Click here for more information!](#)

THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE CHILI COOKOFF IS IN THE CHURCH HALLWAY.

A poster for a chili cookoff event. The background is red with a white decorative border. It features a photo of a bowl of chili, the church logo, and the event title and date.

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ANNUAL
CHILI
COOKOFF!

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2025

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



begins
10/25





REFLECTIONS: THE PRACTICE OF CIVILITY

*You've got to try a little kindness, yes show a little kindness
Yes, shine your light for everyone to see.
And if you'll try a little kindness and you'll overlook the blindness
Of the narrow-minded people on the narrow-minded streets.
(Try a Little Kindness, Glen Campbell, 1969)*

If we are being truthful, there are people in our lives who we disagree with, perhaps strongly, and others we simply just don't like. The challenge is being civil when you are in the presence of people you don't care for. How might we prioritize good manners over opinions and negative feelings? Maybe trying a little kindness as Glen Campbell suggests would help.

Being civil or not is a choice one makes. What follows are some keys to consider when choosing to be civil:

- 1) Choose to be polite. Shun rudeness, insulting inuendoes, and negative non-verbal behaviors such as eye rolls. Saying "please" and "thank you" with sincerity can be disarming.
- 2) Keep conversations brief and avoid controversial and known areas of disagreement.
- 3) Active listening is a basic tenet of any successful communication. Even when you disagree, listen without interrupting before you speak.
- 4) Don't allow frustration to show in your body language or your tone of voice. Stay composed!
- 5) Sometime avoidance is the best solution. If you find it difficult to manage your frustration or disapproval, politely disengage to avoid a confrontation.

One other thing: A few years back, a dear friend who has since passed away shared a time when he had strong feelings of dislike for a fellow member of the congregation who had offended him and his wife. The anger he felt every time he encountered this fellow began to really trouble him to the point it was even impacting his sleep. Ultimately, he discussed this with the minister who suggested he pray for this person every day as a way to dilute his anger feelings. After a short period of time, his intense anger had indeed disappeared. While my friend would never become friends with this man, he could be civil and tolerate being in his presence. There is much to be said about the power of prayer.

If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them! (Luke 6:32 (NRSV))

Offered by Larry Warren



ELC NEWS:

The ELC reopened this week after a long Christmas Break. The children were so excited to see their friends and teachers again upon returning to school!

We had a special visit from **Opera San Antonio**. The children learned what opera is, and how music can tell a story and make a listener feel different emotions. We were delighted to hear 2 opera singers perform several pieces for us. Bravi Tutti!



ST. MARK LEADERSHIP 2025

ELDERS	
Adult Christian Education	Dan Garber , Karen Ragsdale
Children and Youth Christian Education	Faith Cleary
Communication	Dave Thomas
Congregational Life	Gina Klein
Finance/Stewardship	Wally Doppenberg, Kim Heinze
Outreach	Woody Paul, Crystal McElhenney
HR	Lynn Manzini
Property	Rick Eckersley
Strategic Planning	Dave Thomas
Worship	EJ Warren, Kathleen Ramey
Clerk of Session	Julie McCarty, Dave Thomas
Treasurer	Bill Manzini
Deacon Liaison	Kathleen Ramey
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 January 19th – January 25th

Sunday, January 19th

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
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	Pure Country BBQ

Monday, January 20th

Session Meeting	6:30 PM	FLC # 107/108
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Tuesday, January 21st

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

Wednesday, January 22nd

Morning Glorias – Carlyn Crawford	8:00 AM	ZOOM
Bible Study – Rev. Ann Marie Quigley Swanson	10:30 AM	FLC # 107/108
Compassion in Action -Betty Parr	12:00PM	FLC # 107/108
Faithful Friends and Family Nights	4:00 PM	FLC
Centering Prayer – Lynn Bellow	5:00 PM	ZOOM
Choir Rehearsal – Mary Beth	6:30 PM	Choir Room
A Few Good Men – Robert Klein	6:30 PM	Parlor

Thursday, January 23rd

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

Friday, January 24th

Youth Bible Study	7:15 AM	Mary’s Tacos
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