

# St. Mark's

## BETHANY



January 3, 2024

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. This Sunday we will be back to regular worship times of 9:30 am for our Traditional Service and 10:55 am for the Modern service. Pastor Randy will be kicking off a new series. "We Have Questions". This week we will deal with the question, 'How Are We Saved'. The scripture reference for the week will be Ephesians 2:1-9. Join us this Sunday as we kick off 2024 worshipping the Lord together.

All Sunday school classes will be at their regular time and area. If you don't attend a class drop by one and try it out.

Sunday School classes:

8:30 New Life Rm. 18

Sonshine Rm. 17

9:30 Books of the Bibles Rm 17,  
Disciple Rm. 18,  
Young Adults Rm. 5

10:45 Faithbuilders Rm 18,  
Good News Choir room,  
R.O.C.K Rm. 19

Understanding God's Word Coming Jan. 7, Rm. 5

Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. If you are not able to attend Worship services there will be a live streaming of worship.

To watch the life stream, you can join us at:

[9:30 am Sunday morning](#) or at [10:55 Sunday morning](#).

## It's not too late to give to Christmas Eve Offering

St. Mark's has had a wonderful history with our Christmas Eve offerings. Each year money collected during Christmas Eve Services goes somewhere in the world to make a real difference in the world for the kingdom.

This year we will be assisting to build a Women's Center in Kigoma, Tanzania. The Center will be next to the St. Mark's Methodist Church we helped to build there and will be heavily involved in the community to provide opportunities for events, teaching, shelter and other community events.



# Looking into 2024



**January 3 Choir Practice Resumes**

**January 4-6 Youth Adult Retreat**

**January 7-12 CDC Children's Conference**

**January 8 St. Mark's Bethany Women Resume**

**January 9 Tuesday Bible Study Resumes (Larry Gaston)**

**January 11 Second Winders**

**January 13 Men's Breakfast**

**January 14 New Sunday School Class Understanding the Bible  
(Don & Jan Greve leading)**

**January 15 Wrapped in Love Resumes**

**January 17 Wednesday Night Dinner & Programming Resumes**

**Dinner, Sanctuary Prayer, Prayer Team, Children,**

**Youth and Adult Bible Studies**

**February 4 Kings & Queens Annual Chili Cook Off**

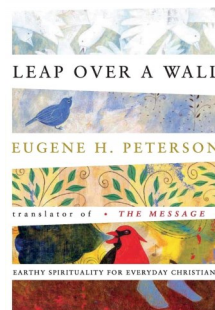
## New Sunday Morning Class



Starting Sunday, January 14th, 2024, at 10:50 a.m. in room 5, Don and Jan Greve will lead the class verse by verse with discussion and questions. Starting in the gospel of John, we will explore old and new revelations about God's word for His people.

To be a part scan code or sign up on counter

**Tuesday Bible Study at 1:00 pm**  
**"Leap Over A Wall" By Eugene Peterson**  
**Led by Rev. Larry Gaston**



This Bible study will resume on January 16th at it's regular time.

# Wednesday Night Return Jan. 17



5:00 pm



5:30 pm



6:00 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:30 pm

## 2 New Adult Wednesday Night Studies begins January 17<sup>th</sup>

"The best book I have ever read on the most important thing you will ever do." — John Mark Comer

### how to hear God

a simple guide  
for normal  
people

pete greig

Author of How to Pray

We were created to enjoy a real, conversational relationship with God. But how do we really hear God? Nothing could possibly matter more than learning to discern his authentic voice.

Join us as we explore the poignant conversation on the road to Emmaus with Christ and a couple of his followers. Next, we will discover the ancient approach to spiritual listening known as lectio divina. Lastly, we will be challenged to hear God's Whisper in the whole of life.

**If interested, contact Beverly Ray for more information.**

If you plan to attend, get a copy of the book. They are available on Amazon.



Snapshots of Luke and Acts will be a deeper look at some of the teachings of Luke in these two books that cover the life of Christ and the beginning of the Church. **Clayton Croy** will be leading the class and will use his vast experience in the scriptures and study to open up and give powerful Snapshots into Luke's writings.

You can sign up on the church counter or contact Clayton Croy for more information.

The only resource you will need will be your Bible. Come join us.





## St. Mark's Bethany Women kick off 2024, January 8th, 10 am

Everyone is invited to join the women as they meet for the first time in 2024 and begin to put together a service plan for the God in the church and community. The group will gather in room 18 at 10 am and have refreshments and a devotion. The rest of this first meeting of 2024 will be looking at, organizing and planning steps of service for the coming year. Join us as we seek to make 2024 a year of blessings and service.



The next meeting of Second Winders will be on Thursday, January 11th, with visiting at 11:30 and the meal at 12:00 in Barnett Hall. This month we will be doing a potluck meal. The meal will be divided into 3 groups, using the last names to show the group they are to bring from.

Main dish (N-Z) Sides/salad/vegetable (N-Z) Dessert (A-G).

The program details are still being worked out but it should be another informative interesting time. Come join us!



## AA Group meets weekly at St. Mark's

Every Thursday at 10 am there is an open AA meeting at the church. During this time of year this is a very difficult time for those who struggle with substances.



If you know anyone who needs a hand let them know about our group.

## ROC Still Needs Your Help



St. Mark's you have done a great job of meeting needs. We will keep the grocery cart set up in the narthex for your donations of canned and boxed food for a couple more weeks. Ramen noodles, pasta, any type of canned beans and cake mixes have been requested. Plastic and paper bags are always needed to pack the food. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Thank you!



Now Collecting Donations for:

- Newborn clothes size 6 Gently used or new
- Shoes up to size 13
- Bath wash and Lotion
- Bottles
- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6
- Good Start Formula

Collection Box  
outside of Sanctuary  
near West Entry



Thank You!



Sm  
kids  
NEWS

WEDNESDAY

EVENING BEGINS JANUARY 17TH

LEVEL UP BIBLE READING PLAN 2024



Trust in the Lord with all  
your heart  
and lean not on your own  
understand;  
in all your ways submit to  
him,  
and he will make your  
path straight

Proverbs 3:5-6



More Ways to  
Engage with  
Your Kid

Faith &  
Character  
Activities



Worship Song  
of the Month



Download the  
Parent Cue app

AVAILABLE FOR APPLE  
AND ANDROID DEVICES



Sunday Mornings  
November  
Kidmin

9:30 - 10:45 ages 4-5th grade

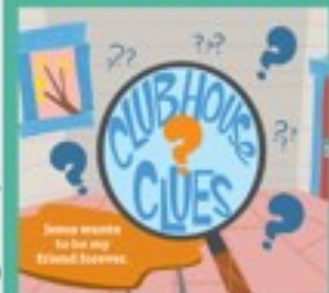


Nursery

9:30 - 12:00 ages 6mo - 4

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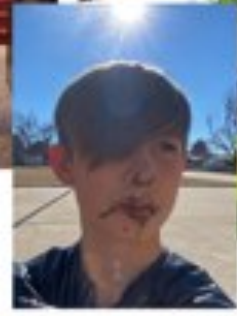
10:45 am ages 2 1/2-kindergarten



Train up a child in the way he should go,  
even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6



## A large, colorful collage of numerous small photographs showing various scenes of children and adults participating in activities, likely at a school or community event. The photos depict children playing, singing, dancing, and interacting with adults in various settings.

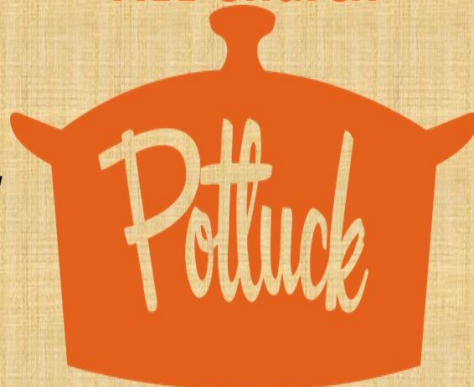




 **Mark Your  
Calendar  
Sunday, January 28**

**Immediately  
following  
Second  
Service**

**ALL Church**



St. Mark's Kings & Queens Ministry Fundraiser



Mark Your Calendar Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

## Exciting New Outreach Ministry Wrapped in Love

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month at 10 am Room 18, come join us as we crochet and knit shawls and caps for newborns. We are partnering with Willow Pregnancy Support ministry. Along with a crocheting & knitting we will have a devotion and an amazing time of fellowship. This is open to all, young and old, male and female.



**Come Join us on January 15!**

 **church center**  
**DOWNLOAD TODAY**



## Facts and Figures

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 12/30/2023	2,835
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 12/30/23)	585,161
Expenses (thru 12/30/23)	561,521
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, December 31 Total	285
Combined Worship	155
Online Worship	130

## Prayer Box

Alan Van Sickle  
Jonas Brown (brother of Jen McCay)  
Frank Wilkerson  
Miller Gerardy  
Laurie Bucholtz  
Kristen & Mike Musick  
Winn & Ginger Lusk  
Barbara Hill  
Diana & Jeff Davidson  
Judy McMinn  
Jane Foreman  
Norma Boland  
Greg Spiser  
Paula Galt

Roger Pautsch  
Dorothy Sipes  
Donna Denton (SIL Sandy Kelly)  
Jeff & Tiffany Montesano  
Geo Montesano  
Hand Brueggen  
Carol Hall  
Mary Jane Svejkovsky  
Beth Bidne  
Cindy Wilkerson  
Mary Desmukes  
Kelli Pavelko  
Larry Gaston  
Elaine Talbot