

January 9, 2019

E-Messenger

Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

Learning Opportunities Coming Up

There are two great opportunities on the horizon that you may want to take advantage of.

Membership information & New members class

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in joining St. Mark's or just would like to explore what that means come join us on **Wednesday January 23rd and 30th** at 6:15 pm. Pastor Keith will lead the class and anyone is welcome who would like to know more about what church membership means.

UMC General Conference Informational Class

This will be a 5 week study led by Pastor Keith. It will kick off **January 20th at 4:00 pm and run through February 17.**

The first and last week will be focused on updates on the direction the United Methodist Church is taking as they meet in a special charged conference to make critical decisions.

The middle three weeks will focus on the book "Is God anti-gay?" and how it ties in with the understanding and theology of many of the issues the conference is working through.

You are welcome to join us for any or all of the sessions as we all seek to understand and grow in our faith. So if you have questions or just want to be informed join us. You can sign up on church counter.



2019 SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

DREAMS & VISIONS

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions. Joel 2:28

Prayer Targets 2019

Council Grove Elementary
Overholser Elementary
Yukon newer residents
House groups
Outreach

Your neighbors
and neighborhood

D.O.W.N. Meal Spring Semester

D.O.W.N. dinners will kick off at 5:30 pm Wednesday with a pulled chicken dinner. Cost for the meal is \$3/person. If you and your family would like to pre-pay you can do so at a cost of \$45/ person or \$180/family for 18 weeks worth of meals. Through the semester all of your favorites will again be served and it is a great way to feed your family and have great fellowship before Wednesday night programming. We will have a full spring menu available on the 9th. Take advantage of this opportunity for you and your family.



Second Winders will meet Thursday, January 10th for a covered dish meal at noon. Sheryl Presley for the sheriff's

office will return to speak to us about senior safety.

Come early for coffee and conversation.



Skyline Urban Ministries

Debbie Ingraham Director—Speaker

UMW Unit Meeting January 14, 10 am

Everyone is welcome to come and hear about what's new at Skyline Urban Ministries from the director Debbie Ingraham on Monday, January 14th at 10 am. The event will be in Barnett Hall and refreshments will be provided. The United Methodist Women are hosting the event. Here is a quick information sheet on Skyline.

For over 50 years Skyline has fulfilled its mission to impact lives, empower those in need, and address the roots of poverty to those living in the shadow of Oklahoma City skyline. Some of the various programs are PRIME TIMERS, EYE CLINIS, CLOTHING CLOSET, CLOTHES 4 KIDS, CHRISTMAS GRACE, FOOD RESOURCE CENTER. Reflect upon the thousands of patrons that are served this year. The young women from Metro Tech who came to Skyline together on a school bus to "shop" for Prom dresses and their faces glowed with anticipation of wearing the beautiful gowns and accessories they received through the Prom Event. The kindergartner, struggling down the hall with his bag of new school clothes from Clothes 4 Kids-so excited to start school. Prime Timers playing cards and being serviced a meal. The excitement in voice of patrons learning about nutrition and healthy cooking as they participate in the Wellness Program's Healthy Food Resource Center with groceries to feed their family for a week or more. A young man's face as he found just the right suit in the Clothes Closet to wear for his job interview. Just a few of the many stories of the patrons who are served at Skyline.





STUDENT MINISTRY

It's a Happy New Year! I am really thankful to start out 2019 with all of you. It's going to be a great year! Our ministry has so many things to look forward to!

Wednesdays

We're picking up youth again this week! Dinner is \$3/person at 5:30 and youth is from 6:15-7:30.

Sundays

Sunday School is at 9:45! This Sunday, most students will be gone at Winter Retreat, but there will still be Sunday School for those who are in town.

Winter Retreat! It's this week!!

- Be at the church Friday, Jan. 11, at 5pm!
- Bring money for a meal on the way.
- We'll be back Sunday, the 13th, about noon.
- I've re-attached the Winter Retreat registration form, so you can see the packing list and other details.

Parent/Leader Meeting

We will have a lunch meeting right after church on January 20! Come on out for info about upcoming trips, camps, and programming!

Metro Worship

Mark your calendars for the evening of Jan. 27 because The St. Mark's Youth are actually hosting! Youth groups from all around the OKC area will come out for worship and community at our church that evening.

Pretty soon, I'll have details on some special things that are coming up, such as the Spring Break Mission, service days, Winter Jam, and a Thunder game!

I hope to see you all on Wednesday! If you have any thoughts or questions, please, let me know!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age 1st - 5th grade

Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

9:30-10:45 "Agape National Park" – lessons on loving God and others. We will study a series of events from the Old Testament and New Testament that will guide us to learn that we should love God and love others. Some of the lessons included will be: Creation – Genesis 1:1-2:4, Moses' Last Journey – Numbers 27:12-23, Deut. 34, and Jesus is Born – Luke 2:1-20. Memory verse for this unit is Isaiah 40:31 "Those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint."

11:00-11:15 - Children are brought to the sanctuary to participate in the opening worship songs, prayers, and other aspects of the service. Children are encouraged to come and participate in a children's sermon time, and following that, are welcome to sit with their parents or guardians for the remainder of the worship service time, or they are welcome to go back to children's area with Ms. Alicia.

11:15 - Noon - we will focus again on the lesson God is teaching us through the Bible story that was taught in the first hour. We will typically watch a short video to demonstrate the message, and participate in more activities which help the children understand the importance of living faithfully with God as their focus.

Elementary children's Sunday school is for children ages 1st grade through 5th grade. We do have a special needs ministry that is available upon request to help children with special needs during services.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

D.O.W.N. Dinner 5:30 - 6:15

Team Kid 6:15 - 7:30

TeamKID, Going Vertical

Going Vertical is a term many of today's athletes use to indicate they jumped their highest and performed their best. We are using Going Vertical for that sports connection but also to imply the importance of growing closer to God (so a vertical connection) through studying His Word and in fellowship with others. Going Vertical is a step in helping kids grow closer to God - a kid-friendly study of God's Word. In a world where the Bible isn't revered as a holy book Going Vertical will help kids understand the message and power of God's Word. Issues such as the importance of the Bible, what makes it up, what's the message and how does it all fit together as well as enabling the kids to learn to read and grasp the Bible on their own. We hope you join us weekly on this adventure of GOING VERTICAL! Kick off is September 5th



January 9th: TeamKid resumes

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January



Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255

Rec'd toward Operating 12/30/2018 ... 12,722

Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 12/30/2018 ... 48,027

Expenditures 12/23/2018535,905

Christmas Eve Offering ... 11,385

Attendance

Sunday, January 6

Worship 256

Sunday School 196

Reed	Brooks	Lorna	Garner	Valerie	Pautsch
Jerry	Calvert	Dale	German	Cheryl	Pavelko
Bravery	Clemenceau	Kathy	Hamilton	Sophia	Preston
Mary	Collins	Everly	Hance	Kim	Preston
Steve	Couch	Kalen	Hancock	Ethan	Sandburg
Keith	Cressman	Tristan	Hickman	Samuel	Schneider
Letha	Davis	Cody	Hunt	Gwen	Sears
Vonnie	Deal	Joy	Imel	Dale	Stafford
Jennifer	Fallon	LaDonna	Mathews	Ella	Stiffler
Joely	Ferguson	Shelley	Meisenburg	Chris	Teague
Harper	Flanagan	Austin	Miller	Beverley	Tully
Royden	Freeland	Paul	Moon	Chris	Ulmer
Nevaeh	Gannon	Merrick	Mullin	T.J.	Weeks
Kayla	Gannon	Houston	Norvell	Rita	Wurzer

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Pat Wonderly & family
Kieth Ballard	Beverly Clark
Harold Kessler	Dale & Jan Johnson
Greg Spiser	Mike Fisher
Knutson/Pavelko family	Funk family
Laurie Bucholtz	Barbara Homer
Pam Barnes	John Baumeister
Michelle Ballhorn	Chris Pavelko
Laura Kohler	Doris Saxon
Abbey Stowe	Penny Hays
Sandy Rutherford	Shab Jupiterwala