

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

Lenten season begins

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. "The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a season of the Christian Year where Christians focus on simple living, prayer, and fasting in order to grow closer to God as a time of preparation for Easter and the celebration of our Risen Lord.



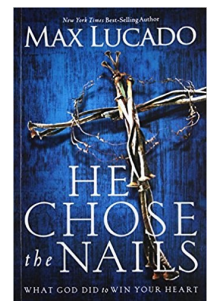
Ash Wednesday Services
February 14th 6:00 pm

Opportunities for discipleship for the Lenten season:

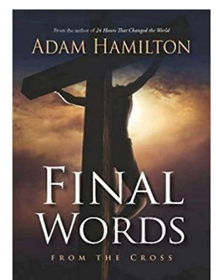
Sunday mornings will focus on moving boldly to the throne of grace... together.

The Sonshine class (8:15 am Room 17, Sunday am) will be doing a Lenten study "He Chose the Nails" beginning February 11th. A brief description of the study: "The wood. The thorns. The nails. Christ's sacrifice has defined the very essence of mankind's faith for the past 2000 years. And now, Max Lucado invites you to examine the cross, contemplate its purpose, and celebrate its significance with *He Chose the Nails*."

You are welcome to join be a part of this study.



A second group is being formed to study the book by Adam Hamilton, "Final Words From the Cross." This book will look at how in life and in death, Jesus' words were powerful and meaningful. Despite the serious effort and increased pain required for Jesus to speak as he hung on the cross, Jesus spoke seven 'final words' - statements that have much to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves. If you are interested in being a part of this study you can sign up on the church counter or contact Joey Pedigo.



Maundy Thursday will feature a living Lord's Supper.

Be watching for other means to draw close to Christ as we enter into this holy Lenten season this year.



Welcome

New Members

Getting To Know You



Ed & Gina Boerner

Ed & Gina Boerner are new members to the St. Mark's family. We want to help you get to know them a little better. Below you will find some information about them to help you connect better.

Ed

Works as a Reservations Agent for Southwest Airlines
Ed has a variety of hobbies and enjoys watching OU Football.

Gina

Teaches and is an artist (stain glass plus other modes)
Gina enjoys tending chickens, crochet and homemaking.
She also enjoys watch OU football and OSU. Likes watching old movies with Ed.



Second Winders

Second Winders will meet Thursday, February 8th. Our meal at noon will be a fish fry. The fish, fries, hushpuppies and preparation is being donated by Frank & Nadine Wilkerson.



Those with last names beginning A- G, please bring a dessert. There is no charge for the meal.

There will be a trip on Thursday, February 15th.



We will eat at 11 am at Florence's, a soul food restaurant on NE 23rd. After



the meal we will go to the Oklahoma Railway Museum.

Adult Sunday School Discipleship Classes Schedule

8:15 am

Room 17 - Sonshine Class

Room 18 - New Life Class

9:30 am

Room 18 - Discipleship Class

Ascent Room - College Age

10:55 am

Room 5 - Promise Class

Room 17 - Faithbuilders Class

Room 19 - R.O.C.K. Class

Choir Room - Good News Class



DADDY *daughter* DANCE



Saturday, February 17th, at 6:30 –8:00 pm St. Marks will be having our annual Daddy Daughter dance. This has always been a special event for dads, grandads, uncles, older brothers and others to honor daughters in the family with a special night out. The event will feature a DJ, snacks and great photo opportunities. A \$5 per escort donation is suggested (no additional cost for multiple dates!) Make your plans now to bring that special girl to this great memory making event.



Pancake Breakfast Boy Scout Troop 553 February 17, 7:00 am - 11:00 am



Come out and support our troop. They will be serving chocolate chip, blueberry and traditional pancakes along with the side stuff. Tickets for this all you can eat event are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and will be available on Scout Sunday, February 11th and also at the door.



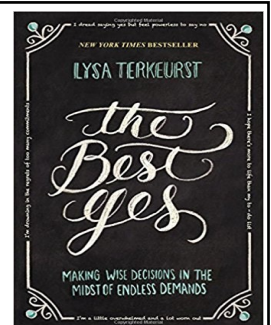
Sweets for the Sweet

“Sweets for the Sweet” Sunday, February 11, 2018

Again this year, St. Mark’s United Methodist Women will sponsor a “Sweets for the Sweet” bake sale. We are inviting **ALL** members of St. Mark’s who enjoy baking to participate, so fire up your stove/oven/microwave and share your favorite with us. Baked goods will be received at St. Mark’s Narthex on Saturday, February 11th from 9-11 AM. All proceeds from the sale will go to missions.

St. Mark’s Women’s Bible Study

The next meeting for the Women’s Bible Study will be this Friday, February 2nd at Kayla Gannon’s home. We will continue on the study “The Best Yes” by Lysa Terkeurst. You are encouraged to join this group of women seeking to grow in Christ and in fellowship with one another. For more information contact Kayla Gannon.



STEPHEN MINISTERS - THE "AFTER PEOPLE"



Stephen Ministers are there:

- ...After the phone call you hoped you'd never get.
- ...After the divorce papers are served and the bottom falls out of your life.
- ...After the funeral, when everyone has left and the emotions you've held at bay come crashing in on you.
- ...After the doctor says, "I'm sorry, but there is nothing more we can do."
- ...After the nursing home director shakes your hand and says "Welcome to your new home."
- ...After the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away--and the house suddenly seems empty.
- ...After the gavel goes down, and the handcuffs go on, and your loved one is led away.
- ...After the baby arrives, demanding more of you than you ever dreamed possible.
- ...After you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.
- ...After your family and friends have heard your story one too many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Your loving and dedicated Stephen Ministers are ready to walk along side you in your time of need.

Please call one of the following Stephen Leaders for a referral:

Jan Greve 350-0959
Dorothy Lynch 789-2556
Carla Brueggen 203-8555
Bobbi Pinkerton 659-8728

Or you may call the office and speak to Pastor Keith or any staff member and they will start the referral process.

STUDENT MINISTRY

I hope this wacky weather is not getting the best of you and you are avoiding the flu. God has continued great things for us this week and beyond and I hope you can join in what Kingdom work God is doing. Now we will get to our week and some happenings coming soon!

Wednesday, January 31st-We will be having our small groups and praise and worship from 6:30pm-8pm in the youth room. Please remember dinner is offered from 5:30-6:15pm and this week our menu is pulled chicken, french fries, and green beans. Cost is \$2, please reserve your spot with me or through the church texting program.

Upcoming Events

Mission Mexico-We have 2 meetings left for before we depart on our mission to Rio Bravo, Mexico. If you have not obtained your passport yet, please do so starting today. Our next two meetings are must attend so please mark them down in your calendar. Feb. 25 and March 11, both will be after church and both will be at St. Marks with lunch provided. The February meeting is a paperwork meeting and all minors are encouraged to have both parents there if possible. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Metro Worship- Feb 11 we will travel to FUMC downtown to hear the Bishop speak and worship with many other youth from around the metro area. Plan to be at church by 5:30 and return no later than 8pm. Thanks!

John Hollon
Youth Pastor





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

MISSION: St. Mark's Children's Ministry exists to partner with parents to equip, train, and release children to be passionate disciples filled with the heart of Jesus to minister today!

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14



SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten
Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age Kindergarten - 4th grade
Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Beginning January 7, elementary children will be studying EPIPHANY - the unveiling of the incarnate Jesus Christ. We will be exploring different events from the life of Jesus, along with his promise to return again as clues to what our One True God is like and what he has in mind for his people - us.
February 4: Jesus' return

Children ages Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to attend Sunday school from 9:30-Noon. At 9:30, the main lesson is presented, followed by small group time to apply the lesson to their personal lives. At 11:00, children are taken to the sanctuary to experience integrated worship with the rest of the congregation. After the children's moment is presented, Pastor Keith will then dismiss those children who wish to return to more children's Sunday school with Ms. Alicia, or they are welcome to stay with their parents in service for the remainder of the worship hour.

We value the presence of children in worship with the rest of the congregation, and encourage parents to model worship through singing, tithing, liturgy recitation, prayer, communion, and all parts of Sunday worship. The children will be learning the same topics that Pastor Keith preaches on, so families can go home discussing what they have all learned and will strive to live out in their lives. Blessings to our children and their families!

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TeamKID

Tonight at TeamKID, we will look at how God wants us to be thrifty. Children can learn the importance of saving, budgeting, and spending money wisely - responsible habits that please God. Memory verse is 1 Peter 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in it various forms." Looking forward to seeing everyone this evening at 6:30!

January 31	Be Thrifty	Memory verse	I Peter 4:10
February 7	Be Available	Memory verse	Acts 1:8
February 14	Be Honorable/Valentine Party	MV	Romans 12:17

~Ms. Alicia





Facts and Figures

2018 Budget TBD
 Rec'd toward Operating 1/28/2017 4,960
Year to Date
 Rec'd toward Operating 1/28/2018 36,731
 Expenditures 1/28/2017 19,047

Attendance

Sunday January 28, 2018

Worship 240

Sunday School 180

Ryan	Agyemang	Katrina	Harkey	Chase "Bear"	Nichols
Todd	Attalla	Bill	Harned	Fran	Nobles
Mike	Benton	Joy	Hicks	Danny	Payne
Dan	Boland	John	Hollon	Greg	Pinkerton
Darell	Brehm	Blake	Hull	Kelsey	Pope
Nikala	Bremmer	Beau	Jackson	Hunter	Reimers
Pat	Brock	Emerson	Jenks	Lori	Shenold
Asher	Cromwell	Judy	Knight	Irene	Stafford
Colt	Fletcher	Garrett	Mackey	Jackie	Swedlow
Ethan	Fletcher	Brock	McClaren	Mia	Teague
Mika	Foster	Lauren	McClellan	Betty	Underwood
Chris	Garner	Grant	Merhib	Brisa	Valdez
Janna	Greve	Jeff	Montesano	Quintavion	Washington
Red	Groves	Steve	Mullins	Grace	Watson
Juanita	Hancock				

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles	Kason Knutson & family
Don Wonderly	Jo Manharth
Kieth Ballard	Tiffany Montesano
Betty Miller	Jennafer Marchant
Will Kohn family	Beverly Clark
Genie & Brandon Funk	Debbie Howell
Becky Horrigan	Robin Frey
Dave Moore	Kevin King
Larissa Miller	Frank Hill

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH
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St. Mark's Staff

Keith Cressman, Pastor

Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director

Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries Director

Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister

Amanda Peters, Kings & Queens Director

John Hollon, Student Minister

Colin McCartney, Mid High Minister

Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications

Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist

Kevin & Jackie Swedlow, 9:45 Leaders of Worship

Kaleb Siler, 9:45 Leaders of Worship

Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist

Jackie Swedlow, Accountant