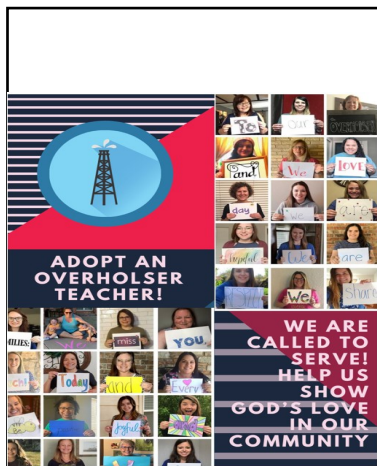


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Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

St. Mark's Trunk or Treat Bible Walk **New Look in 2020 - Same Ministry - You are Needed** **October 24, 5:00 pm—6:30 pm**

October 24th will be the date for our annual fall event. This year it will involve a drive through Bible Walk with Trunk or Treat cars providing the stations for the Bible walk. You will experience each of the stations and then at the end you will receive a sack with all the sensory and candy goodies. This event will include safe distancing while still enjoying all the benefits of both Trunk or Treating and the Bible Walk. Is it open to everyone from church families, neighbors, Special needs, and anyone interested. Invite your family and friends. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Adopt An Overholser Teacher Kicks Off

We need people who are willing to adopt a teacher from Overholser. If you sign up you will be given a teacher along with a picture, their email, phone number and other details about them. We would encourage you to pray for them, send them encouraging notes and just creatively let them know they are cared for. Our goal is not only to bless them but also through them reach and care for each of their students. You can watch a quick video with more details with this link:

https://youtu.be/e_oOrof3J_k

or go to St. Mark's Facebook page. To sign up you can call the church office and we will get you assigned to a teacher and other details.

Blood Drive Set for November 1 at St. Mark's

We hope you are able to take part in this community event.

Blood Drive Information

Please review the following information :

Date : 11/1/2020
Start Time : 07:30 AM
End Time : 01:30 PM
Where : St Mark's United Methodist Church Bethany
Address : 8140 NW 36th St., , Bethany, OK 73008

Link to sign up: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=stmarksbethany>



St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry is changing hours to 1st and 3rd Sundays from 4pm - 5 pm. We appreciate everyone's help through the pandemic in helping to keep things supplied. We know it has been difficult with limited access but with services kicking back off and the office beginning to return to normal we hope it will be easier for people to bring items. THANKS for your patience. Currently the following items are needed in the pantry.



Cereal Oatmeal Crackers
Soup Peanut Butter Jelly
Canned goods are always welcome!

Holiday Help for Food Pantry Families Needed

The Food Pantry is also wanting to provide holiday meals for those they are serving. Currently 5 families are consistently being helped and our goal is to provide a basic holiday meal for these families for Thanks giving and Christmas. If your family, Sunday School class or other group you are a



part of would like to make that happen please let us know. You can either go out and shop for all the items or supply the funds and let the Food Pantry team get it. Cost for a meal for a family is \$75. We will need the meals by the 3rd Sunday of November (Thanksgiving) and the 3rd Sunday of November (Christmas) so we can distribute to the families. Contact Kayla Gannon for more information.

You Are Able To VOTE Even If Your Are Concerned About Going to the Poll

If you have not registered to vote you have until Friday, October 9. Here is a link to the voter registration form:

<https://www.ok.gov/elections/documents/VoterRegistrationApplication.pdf>

If you would like to request an absentee ballot you have until Sunday, October 25. Here is a link to the absentee ballot request form:

<https://www.ok.gov/elections/documents/OklahomaAbsenteeBallotApplicationfillable.pdf> **Vote.**

Worship Services Continue

In addition to our continued support of online worship, we are excited to say the live service has been growing and going well. This week the Children will be meeting again in the back. If you would like to join us this coming Sunday for worship or for your children remember that safe spacing requirements result in a limited number of available seats. Thank you for following the steps below to make your reservation.

Before Saving Your Seat for the Service:

Are any of the following true for you or anyone in your party:

- Showing any flu-like symptoms
- A fever of 100.4 or higher in the past 14 days.
- Prolonged exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Any medical reason to think you should not be around others.

If you answered yes to any of these, we strongly encourage you to watch the services online rather than attend service. You can participate online by going to YouTube.com and searching for St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bethany, OK, there you will find a link to the service on Sunday morning.

Facts and Figures

2020 Annual Budget620,218
Rec'd toward Operating 10/4/2020 13,849

YTD 2020

Rec'd toward Operating 10/4/2020.....365,103
Expenditures 10/4/2020 397,174

Attendance

Sunday, October 18	246
In Person	101
Online	145

Prayer Box

Corona Virus issues
Don & Fran Nobles
Barbara Homer
Beverly Clark
Pam & Wayne Barnes
Matt Ferguson family

Letha Davis
John, Jason & Cole Talbot
Carolyn Rosenthal
Dianna Davidson
Pavelko & Knutson family
Sherry White
Jessica Moates

Children's Ministry

Be watching your email for links to children's programming during this time to provide opportunities to stay in contact with one another through lessons and other concepts that Miss Sharon and Miss Alicia are working on. They have returned to doing a Sunday lesson each week and you won't want to miss these opportunities to grow with your children. Some will be interactive and others will just be lessons and updates. Hope you and your family take advantage of these.

Starting September 6th the children will be meeting again on Sunday mornings. They will meet during the live worship time and parents can drop their children off in the back and then pick them up following services. There is a protocol that will take place. Watch your email for all the details. If you need more information contact Sharon or Alicia.

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St. Mark's to do Care Share with Overholser again this year.

Mission Opportunity Coming in November



St. Mark's will again participate in the Putnam City Care-Share Christmas Program which will benefit Overholser Elementary School. The counselor will identify families that need help providing gifts for their children. The first of November the names of the child and their "wish list" will be available. Unwrapped gifts will need to be brought back to the church the first week of December. We need you to start talking in your Sunday School classes and in your families about this mission opportunity. Last year we helped 36 children and I know the need will be greater this year due to

COVID. More information about how and when you can sign-up will be provided later. Right now we need all of you to start praying about how you can help.

Thank you,

Kathy Hamilton & Julia Bevers

St. Mark's Social Media Links



Facebook.com

- search for "stmarksbethany"



Instagram.com

- search for "St. Mark's United Methodist Church"



Twitter.com

- search "@stmarksbethany"

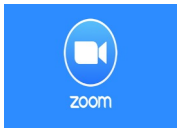


Youtube.com

- search St. Marks United Methodist Church, Bethany, OK



RightNow Media.com - "St. Mark's United Methodist Church"



Zoom.com - sign up and then watch for upcoming announcements on Bible Studies, Sunday School classes and other things you can join with other members of St. Mark's

St. Mark's Memorials Updated

During the coronavirus pandemic we have not been able to gather as usual for services that celebrate eternal life in Jesus Christ and the earthly lives of members of St Mark's. To help us remember, mourn, grief and celebrate we have created a page on our web site. We will be posting short biographies of those who are a part of St. Marks but for whom we have been unable to hold a service in the usual way. Several new memorials have been updated with a few more still coming.

The link is on the homepage or go directly to it at: <https://www.stmarksbethany.com/memorials-title>

Sources publicly published obituaries and the compilation of interviews with family and/or friends. Biographies will be posted as they are completed (more to come). Please be patient.

We hope this method of celebrating life and acknowledging our losses will be healing.

If you have comments or input please contact pastorkeith@stmarksbethany.com