

# St. Mark's

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 24, 2022



Join us this Sunday in worship at St. Mark's. Randy will be starting a new series "The Lord and His Prayer". This week's message will be "Our Father in Heaven" and will come from Ephesians 3:12-21

Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. All Sunday school classes will be back at their regular time and area. If you don't attend a class drop by one and try it out.

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 at:

<https://youtu.be/jrzWZVQGHtk>

### St. Mark's votes in Special Called Church Conference to disaffiliate from United Methodist Church

This past Sunday at the church conference St. Mark's voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. The final vote was 158 to disaffiliate; 10 not to disaffiliate; and 3 Abstentions. This came to a 92% majority which surpassed the 66.7% majority vote needed.

So what is the next step? More importantly, things at St. Mark's will continue to look the same and we will continue to follow Christ. The church council will be hard at work taking all the steps necessary to complete the paperwork needed for disaffiliation. When the Annual Conference meets on October 20-21, they will vote to allow us to disaffiliate. Over the next few weeks we encourage all members to be in prayer for the church, its people and leaders, the United Methodist Church and for God's presence in the midst of the transition.

Our transition team is available to you if you have any questions about the process we are in the midst of our transition to disaffiliation. Feel free to contact any of them with anything dealing with our disaffiliation. We want St. Mark's to be a place where all feel loved and accepted.

#### Members of Transition Team

Jay Sears  
Julia Bevers  
Leslie Sipes

David Miller  
Mike Kilby  
Lorna Garner



### Special Offering Sunday for our Missionary JeDene Reeder

This coming Sunday, August 28th, there will be a special offering in each service to help provide a vehicle for one of the missionaries we support. She is traveling a lot on her time away from translation ministries and our mission committee felt called to assist her. Pray about your gift and bring it with you on Sunday. Thanks St. Mark's.



Family Life Center  
Saturday August 27th  
8am – 4pm

## UMW ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

It's Here! This Saturday is the UMW Arts & Crafts Show. We encourage everyone to come out and browse the 20+ booths that will be there. Doors open at 8 am and will close at 4 pm. Several of the booths will feature some of our own St. Markians talents. There will also be a lunch available from 11 am to 1 pm. Grab the family, friend or neighbor and come join us for a great time.

## Transitional Prayer Team

With all the conversation and activity going on around the transitions taking place the Church Council felt that this was a critical time for us as a church to set aside a time of prayer. A team has been put together to help us all join together in prayer as we seek God's wisdom during this time. Each Monday a Prayer guide will be available listing specific areas for us to be in prayer together in. It will be sent to the church email and be available on the Church Center app also. If you are not getting it please let the office know so we can make sure you are connected. Below is a copy of the third weeks guidelines. St. Markians believe in the power of prayer and during this time we expect to see God move.



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**St. Marks is in a time of transition as we consider disaffiliating. Our Church Council has put together a team to oversee a time of emphasis on prayer over the next few weeks seeking God in prayer and reflection. Over the next few weeks we ask that you pray daily for our church as we journey through this time that God has called us to. Each Monday we will send out some areas of emphasis for prayer.**

Transitional Prayer Needs August 22 – 28  
Bible Reading : Colossians 3:12 – 17

Please pray for:

- Our transitional team as they work through the necessary requirements to disaffiliate
- Our church that we would maintain our focus on glorying God and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- Our church to have a Spirit of unity and peace as we continue the journey God has called us to
- Our church to have increased opportunities for outreach and discipleship



# ST. MARK'S PICNIC

BURGERS AND HOT-DOGS -BOUNCE HOUSES- DUNK TANK- MUSIC -GAMES

## COME JOIN US!

SEPTEMBER 11 FROM 5-7PM



BRING A SIDE DISH TO SHARE  
COME DUNK YOUR FAVORITE  
**STAFF MEMBER!**



## Safe Sanctuary—Leadership Training

With School getting started and with programming beginning to get planned for the Fall St. Mark's is looking at how to make ministry the best and safest we can for all. We will be making some changes in the way we train and do security checks. Over the next few weeks all those who are in ministry to children, youth and vulnerable adults will be receiving new material that we will have all staff and volunteers go through. On top of that you may want to check with your team leaders for any additional training that may be going on. The Children, CDO, Kings and Queens will be having a specialized training on August 28th at noon and August 31st at 6 pm. We will be using a company called Ministry Safe as a tool for training also. They have decades of experience training and provide a sound ministry basis. Be watching and let's make St. Mark's an even safer and more





## Wednesday Night Fall Programming Gearing up

Fall programming is ramping up at St. Mark's. Starting this Wednesday (August 24th) the prayer team will meet at 6 pm in the prayer room. Also, this week the choir will be having rehearsal and kick off their fall time. On September 7th, all other programming will begin. Children, Youth and adult studies will follow our meal together which kicks off at 5:30 pm.

DAWN - Dinner & Worship Night  
Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm

### Schedule:

5:30-6:15 Meal (family style)  
6:00-6:30 Prayer Team  
6:15-7:30 Children's & Student Ministry  
6:15-7:30 Adult Bible Studies  
6:30-8:00 Choir Practice



## Second Winders Returns

After a summer hiatus Second Winders will kick off their monthly meeting on September 8th at noon. The meal will be Indian Tacos followed by a program celebrating Native American Culture. Following the meal there will be an optional extended times for those who would like to play games and have some fellowship. Everyone is welcome

to second winders.

Then on September 19th, they will take a road trip to the First American Museum. You can sign up for that trip on the office counter. Come join us.



**STIR UP THE**  
*Fire!*  
**CONFERENCE**

## Save The Date

An event we hope a lot of St. Markians are able to attend.

Learn More @ [Stirupthefire.com/about](http://Stirupthefire.com/about)

*Brent Taylor Live*  
*Spirit*  
@ TRUTH

A TRAINING AND RENEWAL CONFERENCE FOR  
THOSE WHO WANT TO REIGNITE GOD'S GIFT IN  
THEMSELVES, THEIR CHURCH & THEIR COMMUNITY.

*Sept. 30 - Oct. 1, 2022*  
Weatherford, Oklahoma

We have been in contact with the Willow Pregnancy Center here in Bethany and they need items to help young women who are pregnant. The items the need right now are:

### Winter Coats –newborn to 8

- Winter Clothes – newborn to 6
- Baby Carriers & Bouncy Chairs
- Toys & Books

### Blankets

Boy's Shoes Size 2 – 8  
Bankers Boxes

You can learn more about the great work they are involved with at:  
[willowpregnancy.org](http://willowpregnancy.org)



## Mark Your Calendars



## CHURCH CENTER

We need you to sign up if you haven't. Imagine being able to have the church calendar, directory, giving and financial records, access to latest news, live services and more available at one spot. On your phone, pad or computer you will always be up to date. This Sunday we will be giving a quick overview of it. To download the app just click on this link and it will walk you through step by step instructions. [Download Church Center](#) The whole process should take just a few minutes.



## Staff Emails

If you have questions please feel free to contact the staff.

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## Facts and Figures

2022 Annual Budget	635,934
Rec'd toward Operating 8/21/2022	11,028
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 8/7/22)	285,773
Expenses (thru 8/7/22)	318,496
<b>Attendance</b>	
Sunday, August 21 Total	236
Traditional Service	149
Modern Service	39
Online	48

## Prayer Box

Jane Foreman	Marty Croy
Ronnie Williams (Hickman's friend)	Patsy McDowell
Phil Davis	Dianna & Jeff Davidson
Cheryl Andrews	Jared Fenton (GS Jeff & Dianna)
Tiffany Montesano	Paula Galt
Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield)	Kelli (daughter Cheryl Pavelko)
Ina Walker (sister Bobbi Pinkerton)	Esmeralda Manuel
Mike Kolar (son of Ruth Martyn)	Mary Desmukes
	Letha Davis
	Jeremy Kinsey (Dot Lyon nephew)