

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 8, 2021



Worship at St. Mark's, December 12

We invite everyone to come out this coming Sunday to join us in our 9:30 traditional service or 10:55 modern service.

Randy Wade will continue his series on Advent this week with the message, "Breathtaking". If you are not able to attend 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/hdYjd3KEqu4>

If you missed last weeks service you can still view it at:

<https://youtu.be/1D1igrVLKlg>

Advent Special Worship Opportunities



Advent Series Messages

December 12 Breathtaking Luke 2:1-4
December 19 Family Ephesians 3:14-21
December 24 Christmas is Jesus



Other Opportunities

December 13th UMW Christmas Party
December 14th CDO Christmas Program
December 15th Church Wide Caroling
December 19th St. Mark's Bell Choir in worship
December 19th Children Christmas program

Ministry at St. Mark's in Pictures





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kids

December 19, 2021
10:30 am

You are Invited

Kidmin will present "A Christmas Miracle, and the Night the Animals Spoke"
written by Gina Boerner.

The presentation will be at 10:20 am on Sunday, December 19th, in between services.
We would love for all the Sunday school classes to join us for this special presentation.



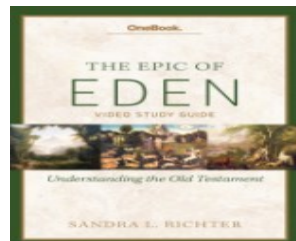
Our Christmas Eve offering will be to help build a church in Gungu, Tanzania. We will be working with Uмба & Ngoy Kalangwa, whom we have worked with on building a clinic and safe house in the past. We are truly excited about this partnership and the work going on there and the opportunity to help a church have a place to meet is truly exciting. The

foundations of the church are being laid now with faith that the building will continue to go up. Pray for your gift in this ministry. We also are working with other partners to help our funds go further. A special guest will be here to share with us this coming Sunday about that partnership as well as more details on the project.

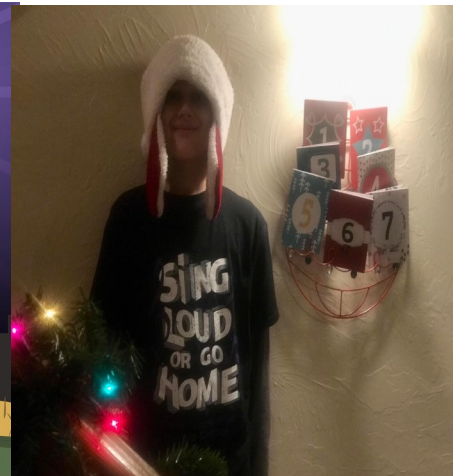
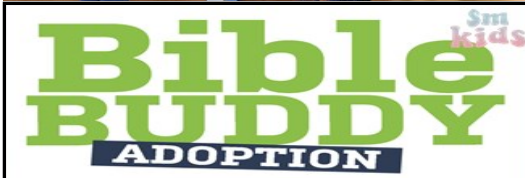


Wednesday Programming

We are looking forward to everyone being a part of our Wednesday night programming. The evening will kickoff with dinner at 5:30 pm with programming for children, youth and an Adult Bible Study starting at 6:15 pm. The prayer team will meet from 6:00 to 6:30 pm in the prayer room and choir will also meet from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. We want to provide opportunities for everyone to be a part. Be praying for God to use Wednesday nights for all of us to grow in Christ and in unity.



SM Kids Information



Join Us in Kidmin

The Gift of Joy—12/12/2021

Wednesday December 8

Christmas Fun

Wednesday, December 15

Kids and Families caroling with church

SECOND WINDERS

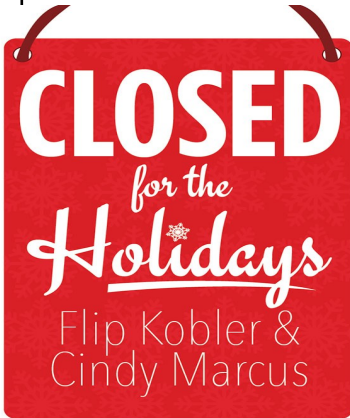
Second Winders will meet at 11:00 on Thursday, December 9. to enjoy the CDO Christmas play. Following the play we will be having our traditional ham and bean Christmas meal. The cost for the meal is \$5. Come enjoy the children as we celebrate the Christmas story and have great food and fellowship together.



RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Hopefully you have been taking advantage of the Right Now Media for personal, group and family opportunities offered by Right Now Media. But with the Corona virus having us all at home and isolated more than usual we hope you take advantage of the service to use the videos, studies and other resources to use this time to strengthen your faith. If you have not signed up go to <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/>

An Evening of Christmas



Come join us on December 14th as we head for Putnam City West High School for their production of, "Closed for the Holidays". We will leave the church at 5:15 pm for the 6:00 pm performance. This play performed by student is a heartwarming comedy with a dash of Christmas magic. It is about travelers stranded at a local community center on Christmas Eve, eve. For them to have a hoppy holiday, they are going to need a miracle. Cost is \$5/person for the show. You can sign up on the church counter or contact Phil or Cheryl Davis.



2022 Commitment Cards

If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2022, we ask that you prayerfully consider your gift to the church and turn it in soon. The church bases its ministries and budget off the gifts of God's people to the church.



Staff Emails

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

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Prayer Chain

St. Mark's is a praying church. If you would like to be a part of

St. Mark's prayer chain you can sign up on Remind for that also.

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St. Mark's Blood Drive December 19th, 7:30 am to 2:00 pm

St. Mark's will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive on December 19th. Sign up is now available for your spot to give blood and help others. There is a great need for blood right now and we hope you are able to help. Schedule your appointment at www.RedCrossBlood.org;
Sponsor Code: stmarksbethany



Facts and Figures

2021 Annual Budget	642,374
Rec'd toward Operating 11/21/2021.....	7,210
<u>Year to Date 2021</u>	
Rec'd toward offering	463,310
Expenses	453,933
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, December 5 Total	227
Classic Service	126
Modern Service	52
Online	49

Prayer Box

Pam & Wayne Barnes
Mike Kolar (Ruth Martyn's son)
Dianna Davidson
Lynn Landis (mother Deb Wade)
Trish (sister-in-law Deb Wade)
Kieth Ballard
Preston Fenton (GS of Diana & Jeff Davidson)
Marty Croy
Mary King
Winn Lusk
Marla (daughter of Mary Desmukes)

Darlene Hickman
Lisa Hutchison
Janice Brown
Curtis (son-in-law of Janice Brown)
Darrell Brehm
Vic Gammill
Lavina Bonifield (Daughter -in- law Margaret Bonifield)
Tiffany Montesano
Jim Brewer
Carol Hall