

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

Ministry Opportunities Available



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.



Fall Fun Night Alternative

With restrictions still in place the church will be doing something different for Fall Fun Night. **Treat Street To-Go** is a Halloween alternative that brings the fun to families at home! Treat Street To-Go incorporates faith into Halloween by helping kids and families open the Bible and read the Word together all while having fun! Our Children's ministry leaders want to be a mission opportunity. To do this they will provide the resources and the supplies needed for each family and a neighborhood family they reach out to have a fun Halloween event at home! Just let us know numbers and ages and a package with everything will be provided for both you and another family. Watch for details on when packages will be available but for now be praying about this opportunity for your family and a family you choose to reach out to have a great time.



RICE BOWL Sunday has been moved to this coming Sunday, October 4th.
Please return all Rice Bowls by then.

Thanks for all the support you have shown.

Watch for the totals next week!.

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 Sensory items and candy for all. Your help is needed to make it all happen.

Ways you can help

1. Provide a Station (trunk) decorated with a Bible character theme and be present to hand out items (provided). To learn what themes are needed and to sign up go to this link. <https://www.stmarksbethany.com/trunk-or-treat>

2. Help provide items needed to hand out to children. Below is a list of items needed.

You can drop them by the church, there will be basket next to the food pantry table to collect the items.

Sensory items

animal erasers
 yellow & Orange fuzzy balls
 paper crowns
 mini kaleidoscopes

Glow sticks
 crayons
 play dough
 heart pencils

apple stickers
 wiki sticks
 whale stamps
 cross necklace

candy (all snack size not the bite size)

milky ways
 snickers
 red twizzles
 baby Ruth's
 M&Ms
 Hershey kisses

raisins
 skittles
 smarties
 whoppers
 three musketeers
 life savers

animal crackers
 crunch
 KitKat
 starburst
 gold fish & Twix

Any Monetary gifts are welcome as well.



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.

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.**

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 Social Media Links



Facebook.com

- search for "stmarksbethany"



Instagram.com

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



Twitter.com

- search "@stmarksbethany"

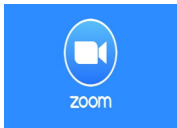


Youtube.com

- 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

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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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Alicia Schneider
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St. Mark's to do Care Share with Overholser again this year.



With everything else being so different over the last few months we are all looking forward to something a little normal. St. Mark's will again be providing gifts for children at Overholser and that not only feels to be a great "normal thing" but also a great way to share love in our community. We are in the process of putting it all together but be watching for details on how you can make Christmas of 2020 a blessing for a child who may not have much of a Christmas otherwise.

St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry is open every Sundays from 4pm - 6 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!		



OTHER NEWS NOTES

If you need to visit with someone

St. Mark's wants to extend an invitation to anyone feeling disengaged or just needing a friendly voice to share, pray and just hear a word of encouragement. If you would like to visit with someone who cares and wants to be there for you feel free to contact Jan Greve at (405) 641-5863 and she will help you make that connection.

Do you need a mask?

If you are in need of a mask for going out we have members who are making them for people at no cost. If you have a need please contact us and we will connect you with them.



PC West Football team Ministry Outreach

As with most everything with the pandemic the ministry to serve meals to the PC West football team looks different. We are still serving meals but they will be delivered to the students at the school. We will be serving four times and if you would be interested in helping deliver meals contact Shab Jupiterwala and he will let you know the needs. Pray for these students and this ministry as we seek to make a difference in our community.

RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Resource during quarantine



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.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now. Once on take time to look at all the opportunities. We are even adding a St. Mark's channel to see original content from the church (go to libraries and click on St. Mark's United Methodist Church). During this time we will be adding content to this regularly. If you have questions contact the church office.

Facts and Figures

2020 Annual Budget620,218
Rec'd toward Operating 9/27/2020 7,359

YTD 2020
Rec'd toward Operating 9/27/2020.....351,255
Expenditures 9/7/2020 368,621

Attendance
Sunday, October 4 Online 284

Prayer Box

Corona Virus issues
Don & Fran Nobles
Barbara Homer
Beverly Clark
Pam & Wayne Barnes
Doris Forwalder family
Mike Bevins
Gerald & Stacey Miller family
Matt Ferguson family

Letha Davis
John, Jason & Cole Talbot
Carolyn Rosenthal
Dianna Davidson
Pavelko & Knutson family
Phyllis Mosher
Sherry White
Jessica Moates
Sharon Erickson family
(sister of Judy McMinn)