

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 10, 2022



Join us this Sunday in worship at St. Mark's. Randy will continue his series "Final Words". This week's message will be "It Is For This We Are Called" and will come from I Peter 3:8-9

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 live stream, you can join us at 9:30 am Sunday morning at:

<https://youtu.be/uCTrcNgHDQY>

Information Meeting

Sunday, August 14th at 6:00 pm Rev. Leah Hidde-Gregory will join us for an information meeting. Rev. Hidde-Gregory is the leader of the WCA's Church Revitalization Taskforce. She will let us know what is going on in the midst of all the transition.

Nursery will be available . <https://stmarksbethany.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1393838>

Meeting will be live streamed 1at: <https://youtu.be/dxjxY3N9mfc>



Rev. Leah Hidde-Gregory

Church Conference for Disaffiliation Vote Set

A Church Conference has been set for a vote on disaffiliation on Sunday, August 21st at 6 pm in the sanctuary. All members of the church are encouraged to come and cast their vote on the issue of disaffiliation.

Childcare will be available (use link) <https://stmarksbethany.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1393838>

Our transition team is available to you if you have any questions about the process we are in the midst of on decisions about disaffiliation. Feel free to contact any of them with anything dealing with the Church conference, the voting process, the ballot, or any other relating matters. The team members are shown to the right.

Members of Transition Team

Jay Sears	David Miller
Julia Bevers	Mike Kilby
Leslie Sipes	Lorna Garner

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 second weeks guidelines. St. Markians believe in the power of prayer and during this time we expect to see God



St. Marks is in a time of transition as we consider disaffiliating with the UMC and joining GMC. 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.

Prayer needs for week of August 8th

St. Marks is in a time of transition as we consider disaffiliating with the UMC and joining GMC. Please pray daily for our church as we journey through this time that God has placed us in.

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

Please pray that during this time of transition St. Marks as a church and as individuals will

maintain a focus on our mission of glorifying God and making disciples of Jesus Christ

Encourage one another and live in peace.

continue to have grace filled conversations

Please pray for the Information Meeting coming up this next Sunday, August 14th at 6 pm in the sanctuary with Rev. Leah Hidde-Gregory. Leah is a leader of the WCA's Church Revitalization Taskforce.

Please pray for the Church Conference for Disaffiliation vote which will be taking place on Sunday, August 21st at 5 pm. Prayers that each person voting will have a settled, peaceful spirit about how God is leading them to vote.

Mark Your Calendars



STIR UP THE
Fire!
CONFERENCE

Save The Date

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

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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 are in need of items to help young women who are pregnant. If you would like to help out just drop off your items on the table set up in the Narthex of the church and we will get it to them. The items the need right now are:

Children's clothing sizes newborn-size 6
Wipes

Diapers sizes newborn - size 6

You can learn more about the great work they
are involved with at: willowpregnancy.org

Safe Sanctuary—Leadership Training

With School just around the corner 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 loving place for all.





KIDMIN NEWS

Staying Up to Date with the Latest Happenings

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, Aug 7th @ 9:30 - Back to School Breakfast



Children, youth and families are invited to participate. No nursery during this time. Church will provide waffles, fruit, and juice. Please bring a breakfast casserole to share!

- Sunday, Aug 28th @ 12:00 - Safe Sanctuary Volunteer Training (lunch provided)
- Wed. Aug 31st @ 6:30 pm - Safe Sanctuary Volunteer Training
- Sunday, Sept 4th - Labor Day One service @ 10 am
- Wed. Sept 7th - Wednesday night programming resumes
- Saturday, Sept 17th, 9 am - 3 pm - Bible Bootcamp



Kids in 3rd thru 5th grade. Registration coming soon.



KIDMIN NEWS

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KidMin's summer of
learning about
Confidence.



Seeing ourselves as
God sees us!



UMW ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW



Mark your calendars for our first annual Arts & Crafts show that the United Methodist Women will be holding. There will be 22 booths of marvelous merchandise to browse through. We are beginning to sell out of booths so if you are interested in having a booth now is the time to sign up. If you are interested in reserving a booth, please see Barbara Hill. Her email is emsmom1954@gmail.com or call at 405-201-6618.

St. Mark's Garden Club

He has made everything beautiful in His Time
Ecclesiastes 3:11

If you would like to be involved in keeping the gardens of St. Mark's maintained and beautiful, please contact Leslie Sipes at 405-850-8743



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 7/31/2022	5,695
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 6/30/22)	229,587
Expenses (thru 6/30/22)	262,113
Attendance	
Sunday, August 7 Total	260
Traditional Service	126
Modern Service	84
Online	50

Prayer Box

Sandy Kelley
Karen Kapka
Kathy Moore
Gary Davis
Letha Davis
Dianna Davidson
Jared Fenton (Son-in-law Davidson's)
Paula Galt
Tiffany Montesano
Mike Kolar (son of Ruth Martyn)
Phil Davis

Marla Desmukes
Ronnie Williams
Lavina Bonifield (DIL Margaret Bonifield)
Cheryl Andrews
Mary Jane Svejksky
Kelly (daughter of Cheryl Pavelko)
Marty Croy
Esmeralda Manuel
Patsy McDowell
Ina Walker (sister of Bobbie Pinkerton)
Dale & Irene Stafford
Mary Desmukes