

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

Experiencing Holy Week

at St. Mark's



"Experiencing Holy Week" will be our direction for this years Holy Week with an emphasis on making the week special through several hands on events. We encourage everyone to take part in the opportunities below as a ways 'Experience Holy Week' this year.

Project Easter

Palm Sunday, Luke 19:36-40

Last Supper, Matthew 26:26-30 and John 13:1-17

Gethsemane, Matthew 26:36-56

Good Friday, Luke 23:20-49

Easter Resurrection, John 20:1-16

These 5 main events from Holy Week will be emphasized as we encourage everyone (families, couples, singles, SS classes, etc.) to take one of these 5 areas discuss it, study it and then create way to share those thoughts. It could be a 3-D diorama scene from the story, a poem or prayer, a painting or drawing, a sculpture, an object that reminds you of that event, etc, etc.... The sky is the limit.

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Messy Easter is an opportunity for our church family to come together for an intergenerational experience that includes creativity, community, worship, food and celebration. All ages will work together to have fun and express the creativity that God has given us all in a relaxed setting. We will join together for on Wednesday, March 28th, for the D.O.W.N. meal at 5:30 and then move into the celebration at 6:15. Sign up on church counter or contact office to let us know you can be a part. A great place to invite friends, encourage others to take part and get on board for this time of living out the St. Mark's church community together.



Thursday, March 29th
Living reenactment of Last Supper

Project Easter

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Then, on Palm Sunday, March 25, each group that created a project will bring it to church and all will be on display for the entire congregation. That gives your family 4 weeks from now to work on this. The projects will be put on display throughout holy week, including Easter Sunday. I encourage your family to write a reflection on your study and/or your project - what did you learn, how did you decide to make this particular project, or something that the congregation/observers could take away for themselves. The written reflection is optional.

The overall goal is for you and your family to have a meaningful discussion about these events that happened to Jesus in the week leading to His death and resurrection, and to help focus our hearts and minds on following Jesus and allowing him to be Lord of our lives. Will you take the challenge?

Please pray about this opportunity to connect with God in a special unique way this Lenten season, and please let me know if you decide to participate and on which event you will focus. You can sign up in the Narthex, contact Alicia Schneider or the church office if you are willing to help will be in touch throughout the following weeks to update on how many families are involved and on which events have been chosen.



Dinner On Wednesday Night

Every Wednesday's from 5:30-6:15
Great place to get fed and fellowship before programming. Everyone welcome.
Cost is only \$2. a person.

Tonight!



Volunteers needed



We are in need of 2 volunteers to assist in the nursery on Wednesday, March 28th, from 6:15 to 8:00 pm during the "Messy Easter" event.

Our regular staff will be taking part in the event and we need people to free them so they can participate. Contact Sharon Hunt if you would be willing to help watch the babies.

Lent



Mom & Son - Bowling with the Boys



Sunday, March 11th at 6:00 pm St. Mark's will be having a special night for mom's and sons (Grandmother/grandson; aunt/ nephew;

etc.). The price is \$10. a person (2 hours bowling and shoes). The event will be held at the AMF Bowling alley at 23rd and Meridian. Take advantage of this exciting time together.

let the church *Arise*

Next meeting March 4th, 5:00 pm. Everyone welcome to join us as we grow together and seek God in looking at who God is calling us to be at St. Mark's. This session we will analyze the demographic data from our mission area and the interviews conducted by team members. Mike will bring a teaching on prayer and praying to hear God's ministry direction.

Easter egg candy needed

We need to fill a lot of Easter eggs for our Easter egg hunts and we need your help. Please bring individually wrapped candies to office as soon as you can so we can begin filling eggs. If you need more information contact the church office.



Spring Forward



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday

March 11, 2018



June 2nd

OKC Dodgers Faith Night

5 pm Unspoken concert

7:05 OKC Dodger baseball

Seems early but we need to make reservations and need it know if you might be interested in taking part.

Contact the church office or Sharon Hunt.



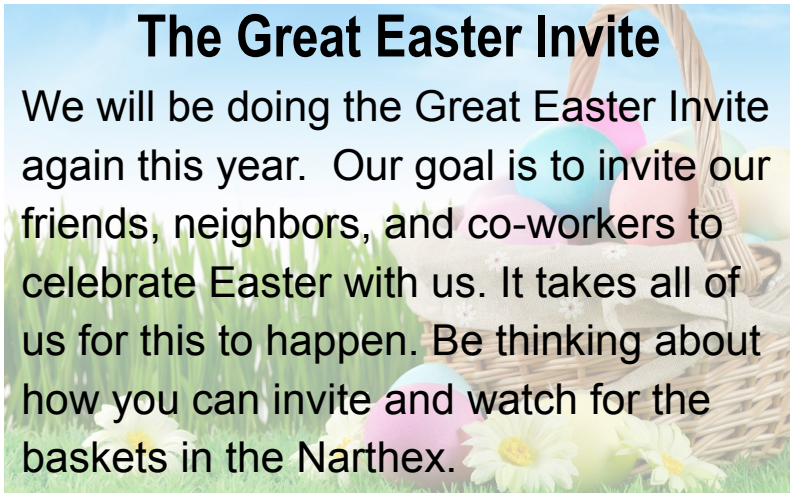
EASTER LILIES

There is a sign-up sheet on the counter outside the church office for ordering Easter Lilies. These lilies will decorate our sanctuary Easter Sunday, April 1st. Please indicate on the sheet if you are donating the lily in honor or memory of your loved ones. Orders and payment of \$15.00 is due by Sunday, March 25th, for each lily you donate. You may take your lilies home after services on Easter Sunday.



The Great Easter Invite

We will be doing the Great Easter Invite again this year. Our goal is to invite our friends, neighbors, and co-workers to celebrate Easter with us. It takes all of us for this to happen. Be thinking about how you can invite and watch for the baskets in the Narthex.



New Lighting



The Church Council at their last meeting approved the replacement of fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs in church. Initially enough bulbs for about half the church were approved but excitement about the new lights and the savings that they would bring the church caught on and Sunday School classes and individuals provided over \$1,500 to complete the work throughout the church. A big thanks goes out to all those who gave to make this happen and particularly to Hardy Sears and the Monday morning crew for doing all the work of installation. Great job St. Mark's! The lights should pay for themselves in about a year in energy savings and will not only provide great new light but savings for many years to come

Praying for the Emmaus Walks



Pray for the upcoming Men's and Women's Walk to Emmaus weekends. The Men's walk will be March 1-4. Pastor Keith will be the spiritual director and Randy Reed will also be on the team. Mike Fisher and John Hollon will be participants on the walk. The Women's walk will be March 15-18. Kathy Fisher will be a participant.



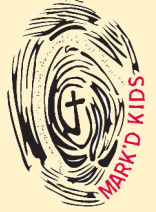
Easter morning, April 1st, we will be providing a selfie station for taking pictures of you, your family, and friends. It will be in the narthex and you can take your own picture or someone will be available to take pictures for you. This is a great opportunity to catch the moment and a memory together with your favorite people.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

MISSION: St. Mark's Children's Ministry exists to partner with parents to equip, train, and release children to be passionate disciples filled with the heart of Jesus to minister today!

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14



SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten
Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Age Kindergarten - 4th grade
Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday School for elementary aged children:

9:30-10:45 - "This I Know: dial 911: emergency!" Children will study various stories from the Bible in which there was an emergency or a scary moment. Children will be challenged to fix their eyes on Jesus, and walk in His ways.

We teach in a large group/small group format; we begin with worship and the Bible lesson in large group, then children are dismissed to small groups divided by grade/age to do activities such as games, crafts, Scripture memorization, or prayers to further understand how our lesson applies to their day to day lives.

11:-11:15 - Children are brought to the sanctuary to participate in the opening worship songs, prayers, and other aspects of the service. Children are encouraged to come and participate in a children's sermon time, and following that, are welcome to sit with their parents or guardians for the remainder of the worship service time, or they are welcome to go back to children's area with Ms. Alicia.

During this last hour, we will focus again on the lesson God is teaching us through the Bible story that was taught in the first hour. We will typically watch a short video to demonstrate the message, and participate in more activities which help the children understand the importance of living faithfully with God as their focus.

Elementary children's Sunday school is for children ages kindergarten through 4th grade. We do have a special needs ministry that is available upon request to help children with special needs during services.

TeamKID

Tonight at TeamKID, children will learn that God wants them to show His love to others by performing acts of **KINDNESS**. Children will learn that God wants them to be known as people who are kind. Memory verse is Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Looking forward to seeing everyone back tonight!

Feb 28: Be Kind Memory Verse

March 7: Be Humble

March 14: Be Wise

March 21: Spring Break No Team KID

Ephesians 4:32

Matthew 18:4

Proverbs 8:33

~Ms. Alicia

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SECOND WINDERS



Second Winders will meet on Thursday, March 8th. Our noon meal

will be pulled pork on buns, potato salad, chips and dessert. Cost: \$5. After the meal we will take a video trip to Ireland.



Our trip on the 15th will be to the Oklahoma History Center. We may make a return to Florence's Restaurant if there is interest. Admission cost at the History Center: \$5.



Adult Sunday School Discipleship Classes Schedule

8:15 am

Room 17 - Sonshine Class

Room 18 - New Life Class

9:30 am

Room 18 - Discipleship Class

Ascent Room - College Age

10:55 am

Room 5 - Promise Class

Room 17 - Faithbuilders Class

Room 19 - R.O.C.K. Class

Choir Room - Good News Class

Student Ministry

Rio Bravo, Mission

The Student ministries of St. Mark's UMC and New Covenant in Edmond will be in Rio Bravo, Mexico the week of March 17-23. The team of 40 students and their leaders will be working on an elementary school project in Rio Bravo. Pray for this team as they work, build relationships and grow together in Christ.



St. Mark's Leadership

January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2020

Church Council

Chair	Monte Tull		
Lay Leader	Chris Teague		
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Sally Kilby		
SPRC Chair	Steve Couch		
Hospitality & Outreach SHIFT team leader	Dorothy Lynch		
Mission & Service SHIFT team leader	TBD		
Discipleship & Formation SHIFT team leader	Joey Pedigo		
Committees	2018	2019	2020
Trustees	Miller Gerardy	Dot Lyon	Ruby Wilkey
Finance	Terry Pope	Gerald Miller	Bernadette Bishop

Pastor: Keith Cressman

Additional areas of service not on Church Council

Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair: Keith Cressman

2018	2019	2020
Gwen Sears	Emily Hollon	Rod Sipes
Stacey Miller	Darlene Hickman	Kayla Gannon
Ben Longoria	Carla Brueggen	Beverly Ray

Staff Parish Relations Committee

Chair: Jim McMinn

2018	2019	2020
Kevin Moore	Randy Reed	Becky Chessmore
Kathy Hamilton	Steve Couch	Susan Teague
Jim McMinn	Matt Risinger	Lorna Garner

Here is a full slate of church officers for 2017 as elected at Charge Conference. Our new format provides more opportunities for everyone to be involved in hands on ministry of the church. Pray for these leaders and seek God's direction in where you can serve Christ and his kingdom in 2018.

STUDENT MINISTRY

We are moving along this week and hoping this nicer weather stays around so we can get back in action. I pray you will be able to get refreshed and relaxed this week and now on to the festivities!

Wednesday, February 28th-We are having praise and worship along with our youth small groups from 6:30-8pm. Before youth is our weekly \$2 dinner and this week the menu is potato bar and mac and cheese. Please plan to join us!

Upcoming Reminders

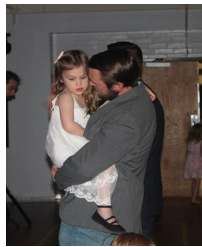
Mission Mexico-please remember if you did not get me a copy of your passport ID, please do so. You can email it to me or use the church to make a copy if needed. Also our last meeting is March 11th right after church in Barnett Hall this will be for mission team members. Lunch will be provided and we will pray and worship for our upcoming trip. Please know also we will be commissioned in the 10:55am service this morning so please do all you can to be present in worship that morning. Thanks!

Thunder Up-We are going to watch the Thunder play on March 25th against the Portland Trail Blazers. We will meet at church at 5pm and return as soon as the game is over. Cost is \$10 a ticket and you will need to bring money for concessions at the game. Tickets are limited so please reserve your spot ASAP.

John Hollon
Youth Pastor



Daddy Daughter Dance Huge Success





Kieth	Ballard	Brianna	Hardin	James	Parker
Nicholas	Bentin	Becky	Harned	Mary	Parker
Ed	Boerner	Darlene	Hickman	Roger	Pautsch
Chris	Brehm	Kruse	Holliday	Connie	Petillo
Carla	Brueggen	Cali Rose	Howard	Jess	Prince
Matt	Chaney	Megan	Johnston	J.B.	Rackley
Trevion	Collins	Harold	Kessler	Brian	Ray
Shelby	Cranford	Christopher	Knowles	Avery	Reimers
Adrienne	Cressman	Dorthy	Lynch	Preston	Risinger
Brad	Cromwell	Ruth	Martyn	Kyphla	Sadler
William	Daniel	Lia	Michali	Jenny	Shenold
Jeff	Davidson	Dave	Moore	Kimberly	Truitt
Jillian	Ferguson	Don	Nobles	Esther	Underwood
Kiyarra	Gonzalez	Ivy	Norvell	Lauren	Wurzer
Patty	Groves	Nevada	Norvell		

Facts and Figures

2018 Budget 590,255
 Rec'd toward Operating 2/25/2017 6,500
Year to Date

Rec'd toward Operating 2/25/2018 92,701
 Expenditures 2/25/2018.....66.593

Attendance

Sunday February 25. 2018

Worship 241

Sunday School191

Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles
 Don Wonderly
 Montesano family
 Greg Spiser
 Funk family
 Vic Gammill
 Steve Harriot
 Frank Wilkerson
 Jack Martyn

Kason Knutson & family
 Kieth Ballard
 Betty Miller
 Beverly Clark
 Joanna Ryan
 Monte Tull family
 Dale & Jan Johnson
 Jim Howerton

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST
 CHURCH

8140 NW 36th Street

St. Mark's Staff

Keith Cressman, Pastor

Becky Roman, Mission & Music Director

Sharon Hunt, Early Childhood Ministries Director

Alicia Schneider, Children's Minister

Amanda Peters, Kings & Queens Director

John Hollon, Student Minister

Colin McCartney, Mid High Minister

Pat Morford, Administrator, Communications

Christy Kiespert, 8:30 Keyboardist

Kevin & Jackie Swedlow, 9:45 Leaders of Worship

Kaleb Siler, 9:45 Leaders of Worship

Roger Pautsch, 11:00 Organist

Jackie Swedlow, Accountant