

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 18, 2021



Worship at St. Mark's, November 21

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 bring the message, "Magic Words, 'Thank You'". If you are not able to attend 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/6CKu1KfL9rl>

If you missed last week's service you can still view it at:

<https://youtu.be/lkhXjVuq7O8>

Ministry at St. Marks Last week in Pictures



The
Seedbed
Daily Text



ADVENT STUDY

A great Study devotional for your Sunday School class, small group or your family. The Advent Mission is a 37 day event

leading us through the Advent season with an eye towards being a part of God's mission on earth. The study includes a 6 week video session along with a 37 day individual study to enhance the session. If you or your class is interested in joining this adventure please let us know. You can contact the church office or Joey Pedigo and we will work out the details. To get a quick look at how the study looks check out this link: <https://vimeo.com/367082327>



What a great job! All the students are taken for CareShare at Overholser School. Remember, each child will take a minimum of \$75. for a gift and we ask you to follow the wish lists on the child's card. Gifts must be turned back in by November 29th. You can help make a difference in this student's life by this showing of love.



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.



We're back with STRIVE, our youth fundraiser! We missed STRIVE last year, but, thanks to your generous support the year before, we were still able to send many students to camps and on missions!

Over the past 22 years, our church family has donated about \$230,000, allowing camp, mission trip, and retreat scholarships for numerous students.

These STRIVE donations have also provided many of our high school graduates with scholarships for continuing education through Jesus University.

This year, our goal is to raise at least \$10,000!

If you'd like to donate, watch for us. We'll be handing out donation envelopes on the Sundays of November 7th and the November 14th.

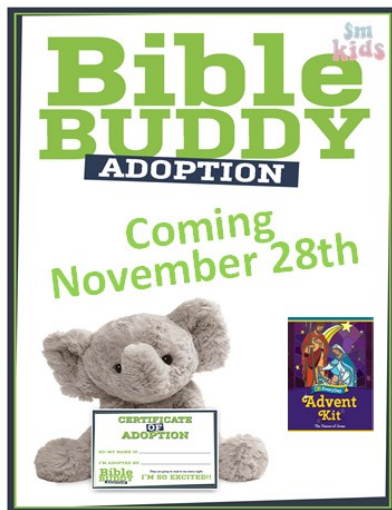
Donations to a specific individual are due no later than November 25th. After this date, donations go to the students who need it most.

At the end of the fundraiser, we will have the STRIVE workday, a service day to say "thank you" for all of your generous donations.

Thank you so much for the support you've given us for over two decades, and we are so thankful for all the support you'll give us in the future!

THANK YOU!

Children's Ministry News



This is family discipleship—welcoming the Christ Child by learning more about Him!

It's easy to get so caught up in the extra events and expectations of the Christmas season that we neglect to keep its true meaning before us. The DB EveryDay Advent Kit was created to help families anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth.

Whether you have children at home or not, you will value the daily Scripture reading and short devotions about one of the names for Jesus. Use the Keep Talking feature to continue discussing the questions provided and others that you think of. (The first question from each day's devotion is particularly aimed at children.) You'll find a family activity for every day—whether it is playing a game together, gathering old toys, or reading through Christmas cards. You'll also find a simple ornament to make together to remind you of the name of Jesus you studied that day.

We give you many ideas to consider. Some will work for your family and others may not. Some days your schedule may allow for all of the ideas to be explored, and other days you may only be able to do one of the suggestions. We want you to choose what works best for your family's schedule and avoid feeling pressure to do it all. If all you do is reveal the name of Jesus for a given day and read the short devotional thought, you have succeeded in helping your family focus on Jesus and the reason for this season!



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Sign up for news updates from St. Mark's UMC, Bethany

Get information for **St. Mark's UMC, Bethany**. OK right on your phone about upcoming events, news, and updates.

To get text notifications from St. Mark's on your phone:
Text the message **@stmarksbe** to the number **81010**.

If you would prefer to receive updates by email, you can go to:
rmd.at/stmarkbe on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.



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.

To get text notifications from St. Mark's on your phone:
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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 11/7/2021.....	18,094
<u>Year to Date 2021</u>	
Rec'd toward offering	442,144
Expenses	435,614
<u>Attendance</u>	
Sunday, November 14 Total	252
Classic Service	121
Modern Service	73
Online	58

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)
Mary King
Winn Lusk
Mal Bucholtz family
Maisie Kelly (daughter-in-law Sandy Kelly)

Beverly Clark family
(loss of sister Kimberly)
Lisa Hutchison
Janice Brown
Don Greve
Darrell Brehm
Vic Gammill
Lavina Bonifield (Daughter-in-law Margaret Bonifield)
Tiffany Montesano
C.J. & Jason Talbot
Jim Brewer
Kieth Ballard