

# St. Mark's

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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February 6, 2019

## 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



*Sweets for the Sweet  
February 10, 2019*

This Sunday morning the UMW will be having their annual Sweets for the Sweet. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this great opportunity for some great home-made deserts while supporting the missional work of the UMW. If you

have a special dessert that you love to make they would love for you to support them by making a donation through sharing your cooking skills. Just bring your sweet tooth or your sweets this coming Sunday morning and take part in this 'Sweet' event.

**This Sunday, Feb. 10, is "Red Sunday" in children's ministry. Everybody, kids and adults, are encouraged to wear something red, and come expecting to experience activities, crafts, games, and the lesson centered around the color red.**

**Invite friends for RED Sunday! There will be lots of surprises - all in red!!**

## Getting to know some of our newest members



### Judy Browning

Judy is retired from Oklahoma Gas and Electric. She enjoys taking walks, playing cards and other games. She likes to watch football and the Cowboys are her favorite team. She is always up for a shopping trip and loves to eat out!



### Mat & Ladonna Matthews

Mat is a retired photographer. He loves music and teaching children. He was a lay leader in his church. He enjoys fishing and watching the cowboys play football.

LaDonna also retired as a photographer of 45 years. She teaches art, sews and makes stain glass. She also enjoys doing outside gardening. Together they enjoy working in the church and helping the church grow.



### Evelyn A. York

Evelyn is an asset Recovery Supervisor in loss prevention for Hobby Lobby. She loves to cook & eat, read, sew, do crafts and play board games. She enjoys watching basketball and football particularly OU and Kentucky. She has a Grand Kitty (Main Coon) and four rabbits.

# Personal Spiritual Growth Opportunities

## UMC General Conference Informational Class

The 5 week study led by Pastor Keith runs through February 17. They meet from 4 –6 on Sundays. The group is focused on updates on the direction the United Methodist Church is taking as they meet in a special charged conference to make critical You are welcome to join us for any or all of the sessions as we all seek to understand and grow in our faith. So if you have questions or just want to be informed join us.



2019 SPECIAL SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE



Do you long for a deeper relationship with God and to more fully experience life as Christ in-tended?

Men and women wanting to be equipped with tools for lifelong freedom will dig into a new key each week, encountering freedom at new levels and experiencing life as Christ intended. There will be two groups to be a part of in February.

**Wednesday, starting Feb 6**  
**Room 17 - R.O.C.K. Class**  
**Adrienne Cressman Leader**

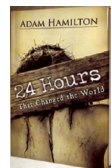
**Monday, starting February 11**  
**Room 5 - Promise Room**  
**Leaders: Beverly Ray & Julia Bevers**

Both will run 10 weeks and will be from 6:15-7:30 pm. For more details you can contact Beverly Ray, Adrienne Cressman or Julia Bevers. You can sign up for classes on the church counter.

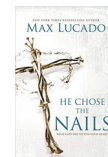
## Sign Up For a Lenten Study

There will be four different opportunities this Lenten season to be a part of a Bible Study. Sign ups will be on church counter.

**Sundays** "24 Hours that Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton  
Start March 10th 4:00 pm Led by Esther Withers at the Lyons home



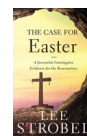
**Tuesdays** "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado  
Start March 12th 7:00 pm Led by Karen Kapka Rm. 17



**Wednesdays** "On the Road to the Cross" by Rob Burkhardt  
Start March 13th, 6:15 pm - Rm. 18 Class Led by Larry Gaston



**The Case for Easter" by Lee Strobel**  
Watch for details.



## Dinner On Wednesday Night



Every Wednesday from 5:30-6:15  
Everyone welcome. Cost is only \$3.

### Wednesday Programming

5:15 Strength/Stretch Class  
5:30 D.O.W.N. Dinner  
6:00 Prayer Team  
6:15 Adult Studies  
6:15 KID Team  
6:15 Student Ministry  
6:15 Adult Studies  
6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday Nights 6:15 –7:30 pm

Men's Bible Study

Women's Bible



**MY ONE WORD**  
CHANGE YOUR LIFE WITH JUST ONE WORD

### Pancake Breakfast

Boy Scout Troop 553

February 9,

7:00 am - 11:00 am



Come out and support our troop. They will be serving chocolate chip, blueberry and traditional pancakes along with the side stuff. Tickets for this all you can eat event are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 and will be available at the door.

### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study group has changed their meeting times to the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. They are still reading and discussing the book "Wait and See" by Wendy Pope. Their next meeting will be February on February 4. All women are invited to join these ladies as they grow in fellowship and faith together. If you would like more information about the group you can contact Kayla Gannon at [kayla@stmarksbethany.com](mailto:kayla@stmarksbethany.com) Watch the Facebook page for latest information St Marks Women's Bible Study

2019 Oklahoma Women's Retreat  
April 12-13

Falls Creek Convention Center

Registration \$75 through March 4

Register at:

[www.bgcocomen.org/okretreat](http://www.bgcocomen.org/okretreat)

Group Leader Name: Kayla Gannon

E-mail | [Kayla@stmarksbethany.com](mailto:Kayla@stmarksbethany.com)

**LIGHT**

#### SPEAKERS



Lysa TerKeurst



Rosaria Butterfield



Caleb Freeman



Point of Grace



For All Seasons

Optional to buy the t-shirt on registration.\

St. Mark's is going to have their own t-shirt for the event.

For more information contact Kayla Gannon or Sharon Hunt

We hope you take advantage of this great event at a great price.

Sign up Today!

**DREAMS & VISIONS**

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions. Joel 2:28

Please be in prayer for the upcoming 2019 Special Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church as they gather to find the way forward. They meet February 23-26 in St. Louis.

**PRAYING OUR WAY FORWARD**





## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### SUNDAY MORNING:

Age Nursery - Kindergarten

Age 1st - 5th grade

Time 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

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**This Sunday, Feb. 10, is**

**"Red Sunday" in children's ministry.**

9:30-10:45 "Extreme" – studying Bible events that are extreme - extremely hard to believe in many instances. We will study a series of events from the Old Testament and New Testament that will guide us to learn that God's love is extreme for us. God goes to great lengths to reach us, love us, and guide us. A few extreme events we will study are: Saul's Road to Damascus, Elijah and the chariots of fire, Jesus' temptation, and the extreme love of Jesus to go to the cross for us. Memory verse for this unit is 1 Corinthians 2:9 "It is written that no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no human mind has known. God has prepared these things for those who love him."

11:00-11:15 - 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.

11:15 - Noon - 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 1st grade through 5th grade. We do have a special needs ministry that is available upon request to help children with special needs during services.

### WEDNESDAY EVENING

D.O.W.N. Dinner 5:30 - 6:15

Team Kid 6:15 - 7:30

### TeamKID, Going Vertical

Going Vertical is a term many of today's athletes use to indicate they jumped their highest and performed their best. We are using Going Vertical for that sports connection but also to imply the importance of growing closer to God (so a vertical connection) through studying His Word and in fellowship with others. Going Vertical is a step in helping kids grow closer to God - a kid-friendly study of God's Word. In a world where the Bible isn't revered as a holy book Going Vertical will help kids understand the message and power of God's Word. Issues such as the importance of the Bible, what makes it up, what's the message and how does it all fit together as well as enabling the kids to learn to read and grasp the Bible on their own. We hope you join us weekly on this adventure of GOING VERTICAL! Kick off is September 5th



Feb. 6: Lesson 17 - God has a Plan, Nehemiah 4:20

Feb 13: Lesson 18 -

God Saves His People,

Esther 4:14b

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**February 24  
6:00 pm**

**Mom - Son / Grandmother - Grandson / Aunt Nephew / Etc.**

**Save the Date and watch for more details**

**Broncho Bowl \$10/person (2 games and shoes)**

**Sign up in Narthex by February 17th (need minimum number)**



*St. Mark's UMC Presents the Annual*

**DADDY-DAUGHTER**

**DANCE**

*Come dance with us!*

**February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8**

*Snacks, DJ, and Great Photo  
Opportunities*

*Honor your daughters with a special night out*

*Free*

*(Suggested donation \$5 per escort)*

*Contact David Miller @ (405) 850-4500*



# STUDENT MINISTRY

It's a Happy New Year! I am really thankful to start out 2019 with all of you. It's going to be a great year! Our ministry has so many things to look forward to!

## Wednesdays

Come join us for youth this week! Dinner is \$3/person at 5:30 and youth is from 6:15-7:30.

## Sundays

Sunday School is at 9:45! This Sunday, most students will be gone at Winter Retreat, but there will still be Sunday School for those who are in town.

Pretty soon, I'll have details on some special things that are coming up, such as the Spring Break Mission, service days, Winter Jam, and a Thunder game!

I hope to see you all on Wednesday! If you have any thoughts or questions, please, let me know!

**Lydia Cressman**

*Director of Student Ministries*

# February



## Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget .....605,000  
Rec'd toward Operating 1/13/2019 ..... 7,695

### YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 1/13/2019 ..... 19,060  
Expenditures 1/13/2018 .....5,485

### Attendance

Sunday, February 3  
Worship ..... 234  
Sunday School ..... 190

Juanita	Hancock	Fran	Nobles
Katrina	Harkey	Danny	Payne
Bill	Harned	Greg	Pinkerton
Emerson	Jenks	Kelsey	Pope
Judy	Knight	Lori	Shenold
Mat	Mathews	Irene	Stafford
Lauren	McClellan	Jackie	Swedlow
Brock	McLaren	Mia	Teague
Jeff	Montesano	Betty	Underwood
Steve	Mullins	Grace	Watson
Chase "Bear"	Nichols		

## Prayer Box

Don & Fran Nobles  
Kieth Ballard  
Beverly Clark  
Harold Kessler  
Greg Spiser  
Mike Fisher  
Knutson/Pavelko family  
Funk family  
Laurie Bucholtz  
Barbara Homer  
John Baumeister  
Edith Chilcutt  
Barbara Gardner

Cheryl Pavelko  
Teresa Kruta  
Betty Underwood  
Dale Johnson family  
Jason Talbot  
Lawanda Matzek  
Larry Kelly  
Mike Welch  
Ray Wright  
Marilyn Cook  
Brenda Spencer  
Christie McDowell family  
Carolyn Bright family