

St. Mark's

BETHANY



October 4, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Pastor Randy will be starting a new series "Let Me Tell You the Story..." as he looks at some of the amazing stories and what we can learn from these characters. This week we will be looking at the story of Esther. The scripture reference will be Esther 4:12-14.

All Sunday school classes will be at their regular time and area. If you don't attend a class drop by one and try it out.

Sunday School classes:

8:30 New Life Rm. 18
Sonshine Rm. 17

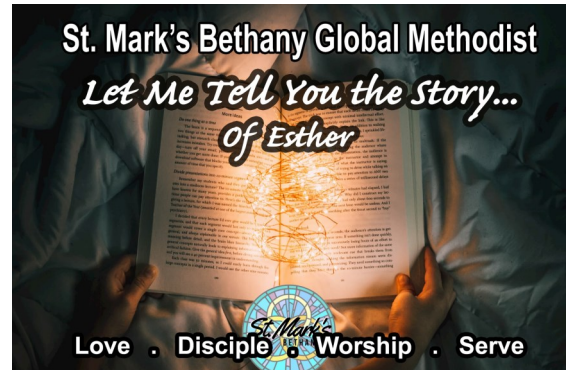
9:30 Books of the Bibles Rm 17,
Disciple Rm. 18,
Young Adults Rm. 5

10:45 Faithbuilders Rm 18,
Good News Choir room,
R.O.C.K Rm. 19

Traditional services are at 9:30 am and Modern services are at 10:55 am. If you are not able to attend Worship services there will be a live streaming of worship.

To watch the life stream, you can join us at:

[9:30 am Sunday morning](#) or at [10:55 Sunday morning](#).



Wednesday Night!



5:00 pm



5:30 pm



6:00 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:15 pm



6:30 pm



Sunday, October 15th
Following second service
Church provides meat - chicken

A-I bring vegetable
J-Q provide salad
R-Z bring dessert
Come enjoy a great time together.



Meet & Greet to be rescheduled



With the schedule so busy, we felt it best to reschedule the Meet & Greet. We encourage everyone to attend the potluck on the 15th. A new Meet & Greet date will be announced soon.

New Bible Study

Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm in room 18 starting Oct. 17th

"Leap Over A Wall" By Eugene Peterson

Led by Rev. Larry Gaston



LEAP OVER A WALL



EUGENE H. PETERSON



translator of • THE MESSAGE •



EARTHY SPIRITUALITY FOR EVERYDAY CHRISTIANS

Leap Over a Wall is Eugene H. Peterson's vibrant, insightful, and heartfelt exploration of one of the Bible's most controversial figures: King David. Peterson beautifully elucidates the Old Testament's rich depictions of David's failures and victories, recapturing their excitement and immediacy to reveal David himself as a crucially human example of how we relate to God. Leap Over a Wall is a unique opportunity to reconnect with David, a man simultaneously admirable, soulful, and dark, and one of the most complex and vital characters of the greatest story ever written. Sign up on church center, on church center or use the QR Code here.



Students Kick Off STRIVE DRIVE

STRIVE is the key fundraiser for student ministries

Stands for : **S**tudents **T**urning **R**esponsibility **I**nto **V**aluable **E**xperiences



This Sunday and next (Oct. 1st and 8th) students will be seeking your donations to help them on their mission trips, camps, retreats, college scholarships and so much more. When they have finished getting pledges they will have a community work-day to celebrate their work. Then throughout the year the students will use the money they have collected to pay for their mission trips, etc. This is the only fundraiser they student min-

Come & Go Prayer Time
Wednesdays 5-6 pm

*Be Prayed
For/With*

Pray Alone

October 5 Prayer Emphasis
Church Staff

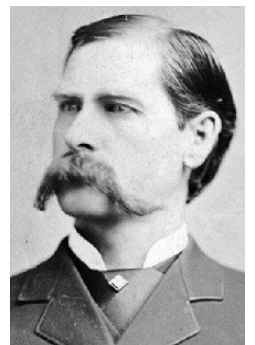
You are invited to spend time with God

Wednesday night prayer time has been a powerful time of coming before God and being filled with his love and presence. We are introducing a new element to each Wednesday night starting October 5th. Each week the regular prayer time will continue but there will be an area set aside for a prayer emphasis. There will be materials and guides to assist you if you would like to spend some time in prayer for the special emphasis. On the 5th the emphasis will be the church staff. We hope you take care of all the opportunities on Wednesday as well as the emphasis. God works in the midst of our prayers!



Second Winders will be meeting on Thursday, October 12th at noon in Barnett Hall. The meal for this month will be Chicken & Noodle Soup. Cost for the meal is only \$5. a person. The program is scheduled to be from the Oklahoma Historical Society. It will be a live historical presentation of the life of a US Marshall in the Old West.

Some come out and enjoy some great food and fellowship and take a step back in history and learn a little more about the old west.





St. Mark's Bethany Women Meet

The St. Mark's Bethany Women will have their monthly meeting Monday, October 9th, and 10 am in room 18. Our speaker will be Patti Marr who will share about the life of Rev. Charles Sturgeon who was known as the 'Prince of Preacher'. She will also be sharing about life as a Registered Nurse. All are invited to come and hear. Come Join Us!



Mark Your Calendars

CDO Spaghetti Dinner



Admit One

November 16, 6-7 PM

Kitchen needs your empty plastic containers!

If you have extra leftover containers the kitchen is in need of them. We go through a lot of them for storage and to give to families as leftovers, etc. cool whip, cottage cheese, etc. containers are used all the time and we are running low at this time. You can just drop them off in the kitchen anytime. Thanks!!



ST. MARK'S &
OVERHOLSER ELEMENTARY

**FALL
FEST**

**FREE FOOD, GAMES &
TRUNK OR TREAT!**

**FRIDAY OCTOBER 27TH
FROM 5:00-6:30PM
AT THE SCHOOL**



Circle the Date

**Start planning
your Trunk or
Treat**

**Be a part of
Serving our
Community**

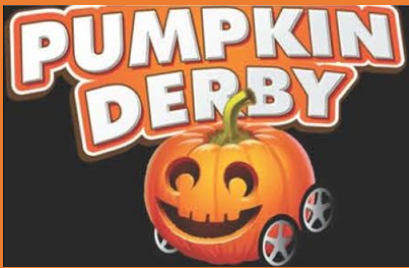
Exciting New Outreach Ministry Wrapped in Love

On the 3rd Monday each month at 10 am Room 18, come join us as we crochet and knit shawls and caps for newborns. We are partnering with Willow Pregnancy Support ministry. Along with a crocheting & knitting we will have a devotion and an amazing time of fellowship. This is open to all, young and old, male and female.



Come Join us on October 16th!

Be a part of Pumpkin Derby 2023



November 5, 2023

It's time to get excited about St. Mark's hosting another Pumpkin Derby. The event is open to all ages - kids, teens,



and adults. We will gather on November 5th to give those pumpkins one last hurrah! You can enter the race as a family, Bible study group, Sunday School class or individually to try and take home the grand prize Pumpkin Derby Championship Trophy. Awards for creative pumpkin decorations will be presented as well.

- ♦ The rules are simple—roll your pumpkin down the ramp and have fun making it! We want to see your coolest and fastest pumpkins.
- ♦ No electronics, NO flames, No explosives!
- ♦ Pumpkins must stay connected to whatever wheels you design
- ♦ Pumpkin may be hollowed out, (watch out for pre-race rotting)
- ♦ Total weight of race should not exceed 20 pounds and should not be more than 18 inches wide (TOTAL)



Register on Church Center or Sign Up in the Narthex

We have 10 pumpkin kits for your racer. They are available for \$25.

Sm
kids
NEWS



Sunday Mornings
September

Kidmin

9:30 - 10:45 ages 4-5th grade



Contact:
Kelly Jo Poss
for more
information



PUMPKIN DERBY
NOV. 5TH

CONTACT: JACQUE SWENSON FOR MORE
INFORMATION

RACING KITS AVAILABLE \$25

kidmin 0-2nd grade
join us Oct. 7th
9:30-11:30 am
for fun @

We Rock The Spectrum
KID'S GYM
For All Kids - Y'all

Register on church center
Parents come enjoy fellowship

Nursery

9:30 - 12:00 ages 6mo - 4

Wee Worship

10:45 am ages 2 1/2-kindergarten

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



Wee
Worship

Opening on the First Sunday of
the Month beginning October 1



Bible Words
"God saw everything he had made. And it
was very good."



Basic Truth:
God made me.



Bottom Line:
God made everything.



Train up a child in the way he should go,
even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

CHURCH CENTER

Over the next few weeks we are going to make a special effort to get people more familiar with Church Center. If you still haven't downloaded it or would like help doing so we will have a table available in the Narthex with people to assist you. We also want to get as many people as possible loading their information into the directory so we can all get to know one another better and can put out a updated directory.

Also, if you just want a little help navigating around church center and learning all of it's features feel free to drop by. Our goal is to have better communication in the church and there is no better means that we can find to do it than Church Center. Thanks!



COLLEGE AGE
RETREAT

RENEW



January 4-6, 2024
Camp Egan
Early Bird Cost: \$60
until September 1st

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**SIGN-UP
HERE**



@RENEW__RETREAT



PC West Football Team Meal

We will feed the PC West Football Team twice this year. If you would like to help, contact Shab Jupiterwala.

We will be looking for lots of cookies to for each of the events. Thanks St. Mark's for how you always come through for the community.

Dates October 5th & 19th



ROC Still Needs Your Help



REACHING OUR CITY
COMPASSION • COMMUNITY • CHRIST

St. Mark's you have done a great job of meeting needs. We will keep the grocery cart set up in the narthex for your donations of canned and boxed food for a couple more weeks. Ramen noodles, pasta, any type of canned beans and cake mixes have been requested. Plastic and paper bags are always needed to pack the food. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

Thank you!



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PREGNANCY SUPPORT

Now Collecting Donations for:

- Newborn clothes size 6 Gently used or new
- Shoes up to size 13
- Bath wash and Lotion
- Bottles
- Diapers size 4, 5, and 6
- Good Start Formula

Collection Box
outside of Sanctuary
near West Entry



Thank You!

October 2023

Prayer Guide

The Way to the Kingdom



Photo: John Wesley's prayer kneeler – The birthplace of Methodism.

Each morning at 4 a.m., John Wesley would kneel in prayer in his London home. It was in this place that the fires of Methodism began. As we seek to reconnect to our Wesleyan heritage, it seems the best place we can begin is in prayer. Join us in our monthly prayer series: The Way to the Kingdom.

The Way of Patience

By Rev. Keith Boyette

In *"The Patient Ferment of the Early Church,"* Alan Kreider says Christians "believed that God is patient and that Jesus visibly embodies patience. And they concluded that they, trusting in God, should be patient – not controlling events, nor anxious or in a hurry, and never using force to achieve their ends." We must confess that we live in a world of frenetic anxiety. Many of us are impulsive. We desire instantaneous resolution to any challenge or adversity. We detest waiting. Isn't that the human condition?

But God calls those who walk with Him to a different rhythm. We are to move in alignment with the unforced rhythms of His grace (Matthew 11:29 The Message). The witness of Scripture is that the purposes of God cannot be defeated. God, the Alpha and Omega, sees the beginning and the end and all that is to occur in between. He takes the long view. His way is established. He is inexorably persistent.

Being time bound, we feel the urgency of our condition and we forget how the great movements of God were accomplished over decades, even centuries, in human history. Although we are tempted to run ahead of God, even take things into our own hands, a survey of Scripture and human history reveals the folly of doing so. When things do not occur on our timetable, we become frustrated, anxious, and distraught. We want to be in control. But we are not. We are tempted to manipulate, to look for shortcuts, to trust in ourselves, others, even in things, rather than to trust in God.

The witness of God's people is that God does not waste even what seems to us to be delays and detours. He "causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them" (Romans 8:28 NLT). We are called to depend not on our own understanding, but to trust in the Lord with all our heart (Proverbs 3:5).

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A Suggested Pattern of Prayer



As you pray through the following prayer points, invite the presence of the Lord into your time of prayer. Each day's prompt has a Scripture reference for you to pray through. As you pray also allow time to listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. When you have prayed through the Scripture and prayer point, you may be led to add your own prayers. Pray and consider what action steps you might take in response to the Lord's leading. Repeat this prayer pattern weekly for the month.

Sunday: Give thanks for the purposes of God. Pray for revelation of how those purposes are being realized in our present circumstances. (Romans 8:28)

Monday: Confess your impatience and all that is in you that would run ahead of God. Pray for faith to trust the timing of God. (2 Peter 3:9)

Tuesday: Pray that we might abide in Christ so that our hearts might be perfectly aligned with his heart, and so that we might bear fruit pleasing to him in this season. (John 15:5)

Wednesday: Confess the limitations of your own understanding and wisdom. Cry out for the wisdom of God to be poured out upon you and our movement. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Thursday: Ask God to guide us into the unforced rhythm of his grace and show each of us the next faithful step we are to take with him for his glory. (Matthew 11:28-30)

Friday: Pray that God might bring forth the fruit of the Holy Spirit – especially patience – in your life and in our movement. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Saturday: Pray for God to reign in our hearts, minds, and actions so that we would live in complete harmony with one another giving praise and glory to God. (Romans 15:5-6)

They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31 ESV)

The Rev. Keith Boyette is the Transitional Connectional Officer for the Global Methodist Church, its chief executive and administrative officer.

Facts and Figures

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| 2023 Annual Budget | 601,800 |
| Rec'd toward Operating 10/1//2023 | 6,706 |
| Year to Date 2022 | |
| Rec'd toward offering (thru 10/2/23) | 420,968 |
| Expenses (thru 10/2/23) | 404,161 |
| <u>Attendance</u> | |
| Sunday, October 1 Total | 309 |
| Traditional Worship | 169 |
| Modern Worship | 61 |
| Online Worship | 79 |

Prayer Box

Esther Withers
Kristen & Mike Musick
Barbara Hill
Winn & Ginger Lusk
Diana & Jeff Davidson
Judy McMinn
Jane Foreman
Earl Moore
Dan & Norma Boland
Mary Desmukes
Cheryl Andrews
Greg Spiser
Brent Lawrence
Paula Galt
Roger Pautsch
Dorothy Sipes

Frank Wilkerson
Cindy Wilkerson (DIL Frank & Nadine)
Karen Hall (friend of Sally Kelly)
Curtis Scott (SIL of Jim Brown)
Jeff & Tiffany Montesano
Geo Montesano
Carol Hall
Joey Pedigo
Mary Jane Svejkovsky
Beth Bidne
Rob Ivins (friend of Dennis & Robin Bratcher)
Brittany Ivins (friend of Dennis & Robin Bratcher)
Roger Hahn
Christina Baisden
Kathy Miller
Kamden Goff
Judy Knight