

Our Mission Statement To build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ

St. Mark's continues moving Forward

Thanks to a lot of work St. Mark's is continuing to find ways to be in ministry. The Reopening team has been working hard along with the Church Council to search ways to make a difference in the midst of the pandemic. Sunday morning worship continues to grow and the online services numbers continue to be good. Resourceful classes continue to find ways to meet and care for one another. CDO

will be opening on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting September 1st, the children will begin meeting on Sunday mornings beginning September 6th, Bible studies still continue online as well as many other things.

September 6th will be our next step in moving forward.

The day will be full with both live and online services in the morning followed by another baptism and then an All Church Picnic on the East lawn. It will provide a way for the church family to gather in a social distancing atmosphere and have a time of fellowship together.. Be watching for even more to come and as you feel comfortable we hope you join us. During September we





During September we will be resetting and moving forward with Rice Bowls. Rice bowls is an amazing organization feeding orphaned and hungry children. You can pick up new bowls anytime. We will kickoff on September 6th and wrap it up (finally) on October 4th. Challenge your friends, members in your family, give up a drink a day and drop that change in the rice bowl and we will gather them. Watch for stories, and more information about the many ways Rice Bowls can make a difference and then start filling those Rice Bowls.



ALA KAZAM!

WITH YOUR HELP, SOME LEFTOVER CHANGE CAN BECOME 1000'S OF YUMMY MEALS FOR ORPHANED CHILDREN.



RICE BOWLS

will also be finishing up our Rice Bowls campaign we started prior to the pandemic. Thanks to everyone for being so faithful in so many ways. Christ is being lifted up!



“WOW” VBS Worldwide has been experience by more than 1000 churches across 65 nations and now is your chance to be a part. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbors, or know someone who does you want to take advantage of this. WOW is designed for anyone to do it at home with children. Watch the link here and see the excitement:

<https://youtu.be/dYcoiKVv5bw>

If you want to be involved or would like to share this information with others contact Sharon Hunt (sharon@stmarksbethany.com). We have all the necessary, links, lessons and helps available.

Hope you are able to join in!

St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry is open every Sundays from 4pm - 6 pm. We appreciate everyone's help through the pandemic in helping to keep things supplied. We know it has been difficult with limited access but with services kicking back off and the office beginning to return to normal we hope it will be easier for people to bring items. THANKS for your patience.

Currently the following items are needed in the pantry.

**Jelly
Bean
Soups**

**Uncooked Pasta
Spaghetti Sauce**



**Watch
For
Details
on how
you can
be a part**

Worship Services Continue

In addition to our continued support of online worship, we are excited to say the live service went very well this past week. If you would like to join us this coming Sunday remember that safe spacing requirements result in a limited number of available seats. Thank you for following the steps below to make your reservation.

Before Saving Your Seat for the Service:

Are any of the following true for you or anyone in your party:

- Showing any flu-like symptoms
 - A fever of 100.4 or higher in the past 14 days.
 - Prolonged exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- Any medical reason to think you should not be around others.

If you answered yes to any of these, we strongly encourage you to watch the services online rather than attend service. You can participate online by going to YouTube.com and searching for St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Bethany, OK, there you will find a link to the service on Sunday morning.

If your health self-assessment indicates that none of the above symptoms or situations apply to you or anyone in you party, then go ahead and make a reservation to attend worship.



RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Resource during quarantine

Hopefully you have been taking advantage of the Right Now Media for personal, group and family opportuni-

ties offered by Right Now Media. But with the Corona virus having us all at home and isolated more than usual we hope you take advantage of the service to use the videos, studies and other resources to use this time to strengthen your faith. If you have not signed up go to <https://www.righnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/stmarksbethany> and do so now. Once on take time to look at all the opportunities. We are even adding a St. Mark's channel to see original content from the church (go to libraries and click on St. Mark's United Methodist Church). During this time we will be adding content to this regularly. If you have questions contact the church office.

St. Mark's Social Media Links



Facebook.com

- search for "stmarksbethany"



Instagram.com

- search for "St. Mark's United Methodist Church"



Twitter.com

- search "@stmarksbethany"

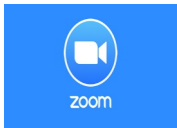


Youtube.om

- search St. Marks United Methodist Church, Bethany, OK



RightNow Media.com - "St. Mark's United Methodist Church"



Zoom.com - sign up and then watch for upcoming announcements on Bible Studies, Sunday School classes and other things you can join with other members of St. Mark's

Children's Ministry

Be watching your email for links to children's programming during this time to provide opportunities to stay in contact with one another through lessons and other concepts that Miss Sharon and Miss Alicia are working on. They have returned to doing a Sunday lesson each week and you won't want to miss these opportunities to grow with your children. Some will be interactive and others will just be lessons and updates. Hope you and your family take advantage of these.

Starting September 6th the children will be meeting again on Sunday mornings. They will meet during the live worship time and parents can drop their children off in the back and then pick them up following services. There is a protocol that will take place. Watch your email for all the details. If you need more information contact Sharon or Alicia.

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OTHER NEWS NOTES

If you need to visit with someone

St. Mark's wants to extend an invitation to anyone feeling disengaged or just needing a friendly voice to share, pray and just hear a word of encouragement. If you would like to visit with someone who cares and wants to be there for you feel free to contact Jan Greve at (405) 641-5863 and she will help you make that connection.

Do you need a mask?

If you are in need of a mask for going out we have members who are making them for people at no cost. If you have a need please contact us and we will connect you with them.

Facts and Figures

2020 Annual Budget620,218
Rec'd toward Operating 8/16/2020
8,754

YTD 2020

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8/16/2020.....293,459
Expenditures 8/16/2020
304,838

Attendance

Sunday, August 23 248
Life Service

Prayer Box

Corona Virus issues
Don & Fran Nobles
Barbara Homer
Beverly Clark
Pam & Wayne Barnes
Don Greve
Mike Spiser
Edith Chilcutt family

Grace Howell
Marty Croy
Letha Davis
John, Jason & Cole Talbot
Greg Gerardy
Dot Lyon & family
Carolyn Rosenthal
Dianna Davidson