

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

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.

To make your reservation, reply to worship@stmarksbethany.com and include your name, the names of all those attending with you and the total number of people in your party.

You will receive a confirmation email that will give more details about the service. If the capacity limit has been reached you will receive an email letting you know and inviting you to attend online.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Mark's is hosting a Blood drive for July 12th. The hours are 7am till 1:30pm. The signup sheet is online at:



<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=stmarksbethany>

and those who cannot get to the signup sheet, they can contact the church office or Shab Jupiterwala. There are 47 slots planned for the blood drive as the need is great with all hospitals resuming normal services. They will have four staff members and one volunteer to provide all services.

Please encourage each other in Sunday school or other gatherings to get the word out for this worthy cause.

St. Mark's Food Pantry

Food Pantry will not be open this Sunday due to holiday. All families have been served.

Currently the following items are needed in the pantry.

- ◆ Cereal
- ◆ Peanut Butter
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Peas
- ◆ Carrots
- ◆ Pancake Mix
- ◆ Syrup



St. Mark's Social Media Links



Facebook.com - search for "stmarksbethany"



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



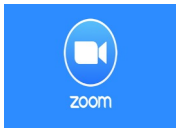
Twitter.com - search "@stmarksbethany"



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

What is Going on at St Mark's?

That is a great question. The best answers may keep changing as we continue working to contain the spread of COVID 19 in our communities. You understand that the idea is to limit the spread from person to person by keeping people physically away from each other. We want to do our part to keep each other and our communities safer. Here is a smattering of **responses to common questions:**

In person **Sunday worship** has returned with limited seating. If you would like to be a part watch for invitation email on Wednesday. We still take reservations through Friday noon. You may also. Our children are meeting in popup church settings. Contact Alicia or Sharon for the dates of upcoming Popup church events.

Office Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:30 am to 3 pm at this time. As a whole staff is still working at home

The **church phones** will be forwarded so that we can respond to phone calls.

The **usual ways** you have been using will continue to be the best and quickest means to reach each other and those who serve on staff. The nation has a strong communications infrastructure.

The **prayer chain** remains active and may be contacted in the usual ways.

If for some reason, **you come into the church building, you are responsible** to use the available disinfectant clothes to wipe down everything you touch - doorknobs, light switches - everything. Wearing gloves protects you but not others, you still need to wipe down all surfaces.

Several **classes and study groups** are finding ZOOM and other means effective ways to gather online.

You can make **contributions** to St Mark's by clicking the link on the home page of our website. Click on it and it will take you to a secure donation page. Of course, the US Mail is still delivering, allowing us to also mail gifts to the church.

Communications: We are emailing information, prayer updates, or prayer guides as needed. A list of online resources can be found on the following page. This is a great way to stay connected.

I am looking forward to when we meet in person again. How about you? Until then...

Remember God is still God and he is not quarantined. Let's keep in contact with each other. Pray for each other. Encourage each other. God's Holy Spirit is stirring among us. We are in this together, you are not alone.



The screenshot shows the top portion of the St. Mark's United Methodist Church website. At the top, the church's name "St. Mark's UNITED METHODIST CHURCH" is displayed in a serif font. To the right of the name are social media icons for Facebook (Share) and Twitter (Follow). Below the name is a search bar with a magnifying glass icon. The church's address "8140 NW 36th St., Bethany, OK 73008" and phone number "(405)789-9033" are listed. At the bottom of the screenshot, there is a link that says "Click here to give your tithes & offerings online" and another set of social media icons with the text "Check us out on Social Media".



RIGHT NOW MEDIA

Resource during quarantine

Hopefully you have been taking advantage of the Right Now Media for personal, group and family opportunities 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.rightnowmedia.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.

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. Some will be interactive and others will just be lessons and updates. Hope you and your family take advantage of these.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Alicia Schneider
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Pop up Church available for Children

Our children's ministries continue to find new ways to minister during this pandemic. The latest is a pop-up church. In the pop-up church a time and place is set where children (and their families) can come together for a time of celebration, learning and fun in a safe, social distance environment. The next of these will be July 1st, at 6:30 pm in the field east of the church. There will be a lesson and other fun activities. Bring you lawn chairs, a water gun, maybe some snacks and join us. You might come ready to get wet. We are looking to continue these and if you would like to host one at the church, your lawn, backyard or neighborhood contact Sharon Hunt or Alicia Becker and we will work out the details.



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 6/21/2020 5,405

YTD 2020
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Expenditures 6/21/2020 221,917

Attendance
Sunday, June 28
Life Service 58
Online182

Prayer Box

Corona Virus issues
Don & Fran Nobles
Barbara Homer
Beverly Clark
Pam Barnes
Don Greve
Cheryl Pavelko
Mike Spiser
Cole Talbot
Marty Croy
Letha Davis
John Talbot
Gale Mills family
Bret Davis family
Greg Gerardy
Bill Underwood