

St. Mark's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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November 27, 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

Advent Series Kicks off

A SAVIOR IS BORN

EXPERIENCE THE WONDER OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

December 1: HOPE

December 8: PEACE

December 15: LOVE

December 22: JOY

9:30 am Classic Service
10:55 am Contemporary Service



Our Choir will be presenting a special time of

Christmas music on Sunday December 15th in the 9:30 am service. Join us!

CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT
SERVICES

5:30 pm w/Worship Band & 7:00 pm w/Choir

Flannel Sunday

Combined Services - December 29th

Be festive and wear your favorite flannel

We are St. Mark's

During 2020, I commit with the grace and help of God, to know Jesus better and support the ministries of St. Mark's with my prayers, presence, gifts, service & witness.

The amount I intend to

give during 2020 is:

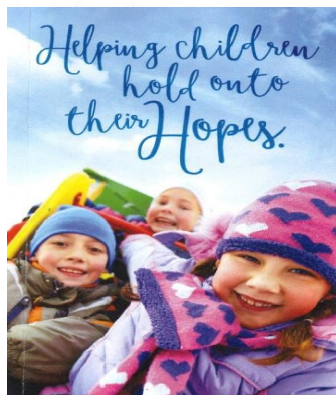
yearly ☐

monthly ☐

Prayers Study Presence Witness Service Gifts

If you have not turned in your pledge card for 2020, please do so as soon as possible. We will be working on the budget for next year and need to be able to make a reasonable estimate of giving. Thank you for the love you continually

show towards, God, and the church through your tithes and offerings.



Great Job St. Mark's All CareShare children have been taken by groups and families in the church.

Your generosity has assured to be a little better for our neighborhood Overholser children. Just a reminder that all gifts need to be returned to the church by Monday, December 2nd.

STRIVE UPDATE

A quick shout out to everyone who participated in STRIVE! Our students have raised over \$18,000 so far to go towards camps, retreats, missions, and Jesus University scholarships! We are blessed to be a part of such a generous church. I'm excited for the ways God will move in students' lives in 2020!

St. Mark's Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Food Pantry for Overholser is open on Sundays from 4pm - 6 pm.

Currently the following items are needed in the pantry.

- ♦ Canned Fruit
- ♦ Saltine Crackers



Christmas St. Mark's 2019

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 1 9:30 & 11 am
Children - What is advent?
Services - HOPE

Wednesday, December 4
DOWN Dinner 5:30 pm
Symbols of Christmas 6:15-7:30

Sunday, December 8 9:30 & 11 am
Children - The angel visits Mary
Services - PEACE
Choir Music Program

Wednesday, December 11
DOWN Dinner 5:30 pm
Symbols of Christmas 6:15-7:30

Sunday, December 15 9:30 & 11 am
Children - A baby named John
Services - LOVE

Sunday, December 15 5:15 pm
"Walk Through Bethlehem"
Church of the Servant

Wednesday, December 18
DOWN Dinner 5:30 pm
Caroling 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 22 9:30 & 11 am
Children - Jesus is born
Services - JOY

Tuesday, December 24 5:30 & 7 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight &
Communion Service

Sunday, December 29th
Combined Services - 10 am
Plaid Sunday

Sunday, January 5 4-6 pm
Messy Epiphany
"I AM THE LIGHT"

Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to be a part of this great study. It is on Mondays, starting November 4 and runs for 6 weeks. Even if you can't make it to every session we encourage you to join us and keep caught up on RightNow Media It will begin at 7:00 pm at Kayla Gannon's home.





Second Winders
will meet Thursday,
December 12th.

The noon meal will

be Ham & Beans and vegetable soup.

Meal cost: \$5.

Please note: we will meet in the
sanctuary at 11:00 am to enjoy the
Children's Day Out Christmas pro-
gram before our meal.

On Friday, December 13th we will
be taking a trip to PC West to see their musi-
cal program, "Yuletide". More details coming
soon.



ber 7th. We will have breakfast will be at 8:00
am and should be done by 9 am. Feel free to
invite a friend, or bring your kids.



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Adult Sunday AM Classes

8:15 am

Room 17

Sonshine Class

Room 18

New Life Class

9:30 am

Room 18

Discipleship
Class

Room 17

Young Adult

10:40 am

Choir Room

Good News Class

10:45 am

Room 19

R.O.C.K. Class

10:55 am

Room 5

Promise Class

Room 18

Faithbuilders Class

ISRAEL TRIP PLANNED



St. Mark's will be part of a team going to Israel in the first two
weeks of June, the 1st - 14th. The trip will include attendance at the
Hope and Resilience in a Broken World conference, as well as trav-
eling through the land known as "The Fifth Gospel".

If you are interested in

finding out more about this adventure of a lifetime,
contact David Roman at church or via email at:

dbjkni@gmail.com.

Grace and peace,
David Roman



Kenya Mission Trip Team Forming for Trip August 1-11, 2020

Mark and Kinsey serve in central Kenya where they are active with a pizza & coffee shop, the One World Cafe', in the town of Nyahururu. Mark is currently working with area officials to develop plans for drilling wells that will provide clean water for area residents, like the one we funded in Magomano, and the Foglemans are active in discipleship and missionary training with local organization called God's Grace for All Nations. Team members will be doing some combination of assisting with a VBS at the Children's Home, working on the Magomano Water Project, helping with the Cafe' and training residents in biblical or business issues.

If you have interest in being a part of the team from St. Mark's grab a brochure at the Welcome Center and learn the details of the trip.



Christmas Eve Offering Set

As is our tradition at St. Mark's our Christmas Eve offering is designated to go into ministry to those around us. This year we will have a two-fold giving. 1/2 of the offering will go towards providing another water well in Kenya that will serve a community in dire need of clean water. The over 1/2 will go to YFS (Youth & Family Services) in El Reno to update some of their furnishings creating a loving environment for children and families who have been displaced and have need for safety, security, food and shelter. We are excited to part-



ner with both of these ministries who are reaching out locally and around the world to make a real difference in the lives of people.



Night of Caroling

On December 18th join the Choir, children, students and anyone else who loves to sing and share Christmas love to join us as we go caroling to home-bound members of the church. There will be a supper at 5:30 and then we will gather at 6 pm to head out. Contact Becky Roman, Alicia Schneider or Lydia Cressman for more details. We would love for you to join us.





Spring Semester for Perspectives

January 14-May 6, 2020

Quail Springs Baptist Church

In a Perspectives class you get to experience 15 powerful lessons that have equipped thousands of every day believers with greater vision, hope and passion. You study scripture, history, culture, and strategy to reveal the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes. He is on a mission to bless the peoples of the earth, and you're invited to join him. You can learn more and sign up for the class at perspectives.org. If you are an alumni remember that you can attend any or all sessions at no cost. If you haven't been check it out. It's a life-changing experience.



Young adult ministry is extremely important to student ministry, because it gives our students something to look forward to and a way to stay plugged into the church after they graduate from high school!

At St. Mark's, we have a Young Adult weekly Sun School class that meets at 9:45. We also have

a couple upcoming events!

Christmas Mission

- Dec. 16-19
- We will serve local ministries each day!
- In the evenings, we will have worship, make meals together, go on fun outings, and hang out
- On Mon, Tues, and Wed night, we will sleep at St. Mark's

- \$50 (partial scholarships available)
- If a person can't make it for the entire mission, that's ok! Just let me know and the cost can be adjusted.

• **Let me know if you're coming by Dec. 8!**

Renew Retreat

- Jan. 2-4
- Several churches have planned this college aged (18-24 yr olds) retreat together!
- We will meet at St. Mark's then head out together to Canyon Camp!
- \$75 (partial scholarships available)
- Register online at the following link. Payments go to St. Mark's.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdSD_mQLIMkfa2BYxk2wfnDY-Y9zRxcEyDFNhwDiB6IA78kTQ/viewform

• **Register by Dec. 8!**

Poinsettias for Advent

We have been able to extend the purchase of Poinsettias a few days since such notice was given. If you have a poinsettia in



the sanctuary through Advent in memory of in honor of someone call the church office or sign up on counter by this coming Sunday, December 1st. The price for the Poinsettia is \$20. and you are welcome to take them home following services on Christmas Eve.

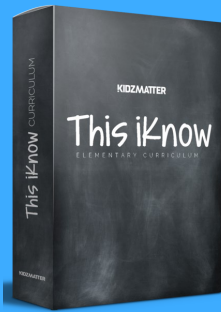
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SUNDAY MORNING:

Ages: Nursery - Kindergarten
Elementary Age 1st - 5th grade
Time 9:30 am - 10:45 am
10:45 am - 12:00 pm



“THIS I KNOW”

Current lesson Plan :
"Look at the Mess"

Each Bible account highlights someone who got in a mess and how God was

faithful to them through the entire experience. God realizes our lives can get messy and God is not intimidated in the least by them.



EARLY CHILDHOOD MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Sharon Hunt
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Wednesday Evenings

On December 4 & 11 Wednesday will take on a different look as we look at "Symbols of Christmas". We will meet in Barnett Hall following the DOWN dinner and explore many of the symbols of Christmas we all have around our home. Parents are invited to join the children as well as any other adult who would like to take part. It will be a great time to invite friends, neighbors and other guests to join us.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR:
Alicia Schneider
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“Symbols of Christmas”

Everyone is invited to join us for this special time of learning about some of the symbols we use all the time that represent our Christian tradition.

This is a very family, and visitor friendly event.
Read more about it above.



STUDENT MINISTRY

Sun, Nov. 24 - **Regular Sunday!** (bring your instruments)

- Sunday School at 9:45 and Big Church at 10:55
- At the start of Sun School, we're going to help out in the children's area for just a couple minutes.
- The kids are learning about worship through music, so bring whatever instrument you play!
- You'll get to play a couple notes on it and Alicia, the children's pastor, may ask you a couple questions about what it's like to play an instrument and whether or not you've ever played that instrument in a worship service.
- It'll be fun! Get to church by 9:45, meet in the youth room, and we'll head over to the children's area together with all our instruments.

Wed, Nov. 27 - **No Youth!** Happy Thanksgiving!

Sun, Dec. 1 - **Regular Sunday!**

- Sunday School at 9:45 and Big Church at 10:55
- I'll be on vacation and I'll miss you all!

Wed, Dec. 4 - **Regular Wednesday!**

- Dinner is at 5:30 for \$3/person and youth is from 6:15-7:30

Sun, Dec. 8 - **Regular Sunday!**

- Sunday School at 9:45 and Big Church at 10:55

Wed, Dec. 11 - **Christmas Party!!!!**

- Dinner is at 5:30 for \$3/person and the party is from 6:15-7:30
- Bring a snack, dessert, or drink to share!
- Dress festively (there will be a prize for the person dressed with the most Christmas spirit)
- Bring all your friends!!!

Sun, Dec. 15 - **Regular Sunday!**

- Sunday School at 9:45 and Big Church at 10:55
- Sun School will be combined. Come hear Jay share with us!

Wed, Dec. 18 - **Caroling!**

- Dinner's at 5:30 for \$3/person
- We're taking the church vans to drive to several homes to sing Christmas songs!

Sun, Dec. 22 - **Regular Sunday!**

- Sunday School at 9:45 and Big Church at 10:55
- Sun School will be combined to do a Christmas-y activity!
- I know everyone already dressed festively for the Christmas party, but pull that outfit back out and wear it this Sunday!

Wed, Dec. 25 - **No Youth!** Merry Christmas!

Sun, Dec. 29 - **Combined Worship!**

- Combined Worship at 10:00!
- There will be no Sun School.
- This is all-church Flannel Sunday, so pull out your plaid shirts for this day!

Camp/Mission/Retreat Info - SOME NEW INFO!

Leaders, for each of these events, please, let me know if you're able to come! Thanks!

Winter Retreat: MS-HS @ Sky Ranch - Feb. 14-16

- Spring Break Mission: HS @ McAllen, TX - details coming soon!
- Guys' and Girls' Retreats: MS-HS @ tba - April 24-25
- Disciple: MS camp @ Heart o' Hills - June 4-7
- Youth Force: MS-HS mission @ Ardmore - June 14-19
- Dayspring: HS Camp @ Sky Ranch - July 20-24

Chrysalis is coming up Jan 1-4 at New Covenant UMC in Edmond! This is a highly valuable, transformative retreat that is available to older high school students. It is not directly connected to our student ministries, but many of our students have been before and I highly recommend going. Let me know if you're interested and I'll get that info to you!

Lydia Cressman

Director of Student Ministries



Laura	Brown	Donna	Harder	Avery	Meisenburg
Mildred	Brown	Megan	Hendrickson	Tate	Miller
Selah Grace	Cassidy	Evylen	Hickman	Draven	Montesano
Don	Deal	Mary	Holliday	Evelyn	Moore
Mildred	Dix	Gabrielle	Jones	Chris	Pavelko
Billy	Fallon	Shab	Jupiterwala	Kelli	Pavelko
Jamie	Fallon	Brian	Kiespert	Sharon	Payne
Joelle	Ferguson	Christine	Kiespert	Betty	Pope
Josie	Ferguson	Michael	Kilby	Beverly	Ray
Matt	Ferguson	J.B.	King	Becky	Roman
Jackson	Firkins	Kason	Knutson	Robert	Sample
Mike	Fisher	Donna	Lautzenhiser	Steven	Shenold
Deloris	Freeland	Elena	Le	Kaylyn	Skinner
Michael	Fryman	Ashley	Lusk	Eilee	Stanfill
Christine	Funk	Jarrel	Lyon	Sandy	Tull
Don	Greve	Kirsten	Mc Cartney	Patricia	Vasquez

Facts and Figures

2019 Annual Budget605,361
 Rec'd toward Operating 11/17/20194,918

YTD 2019

Rec'd toward Operating 11/17/2019...449,450
 Expenditures 11/17/2019.....475,859

Attendance

Sunday, November 24

Worship 264

Sunday School188

Prayer Box

Funk family
 Don & Fran Nobles
 Votaw family
 Mark Summers
 Mat Mathews
 Greg Gerardy
 Chris Pavelko
 Barbara Gardner
 Barbara Homer
 Marty Croy
 Boemer & Savill families

Betty Underwood
 Stacy Morgan
 Larry Kelly
 Vic Gammill
 Pam Barnes
 Bremmer family
 Hutchisons
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 Betty Underwood
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