

St. Mark's

BETHANY



October 25, 2023

Join us this Sunday for worship at St. Mark's. Pastor Randy will be continue the 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 Ruth. The scripture reference will be Ruth 4:13-17.

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



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6:30 pm

ST. MARK'S &
OVERHOLSER ELEMENTARY

FALL FEST

FREE FOOD, GAMES &
TRUNK OR TREAT!

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

THIS FRIDAY NIGHT!

**Your help is needed:
Check board below**

Trunk or Treat

**Be a part of Serving our
Community**

FALL FEST!

Volunteer Sign-Up!

5:00 - 5:45

5:45 - 6:30 PM

COTTON CANDY	① Koral Gannon ② ③	① Jay Sears ② ③
POP-CORN & HOT-DOGS	① Veronica Edson ② Naveah Gannon ③ Lily	① Naveah Gannon ② ③
MECHANIC BULL	① Votaw Family ② Beebe's ③	① 4. Fortuna Manuel ② ③
ERRAND RUNNER	① Logan Sears ② ③	① Gannon ② Logan ③
ST MARK'S INFO AREA	① Esther ② Longoria ③	① ② ③

★ You can
SIGN UP AS
AN INDIVIDUAL
OR PICK UP
A BUCK AS A
FAMILY!

DATE
October 27
5:00-6:30 PM

★ YOU CAN SIGN UP
FOR TRUNK OR
TREAT ON THE
CHURCH COUNTER!

Set-UP CREW
① Steve Couch
② Christie Couch
③ SHAB J.
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★ TAKE DOWN CREW
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 **church center**
DOWNLOAD TODAY





Come & Go Prayer Time
Wednesdays 5-6 pm

Be Prayed For/With *Pray Alone*

October 25 Prayer Emphasis
Sunday School Teachers

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. 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 25th the emphasis will be the Sunday School Teachers. We hope you take care of all the opportunities on Wednesday as well as the emphasis.

God works in the midst of our prayers!



Missing Cup?

These cups are all looking for their owners. If you recognize any of them you can drop by and pick them up at the church office.

ALL SAINTS COSTUME & BOWLING Night

Come dressed up and bring \$20

 OCTOBER 29

 5:30-8:30 PM

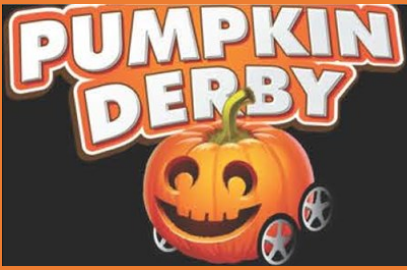


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STUDENT MINISTRY



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ST. MARK'S STUDENT MINISTRY

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.

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.



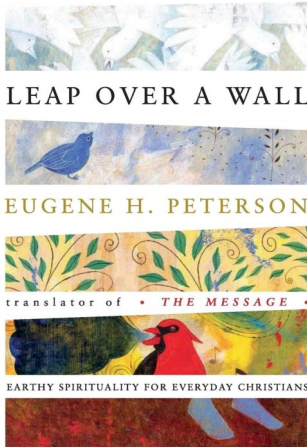
Come Join us on November 19!

New Bible Study

Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm in room 18

“Leap Over A Wall” By Eugene Peterson

Led by Rev. Larry Gaston



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.



WORSHIP MEDIA TECHS NEEDED



Sound, Video, Graphics, Live Stream, etc. are all critical to St. Mark's sharing God's Word in house and beyond. We are needing a few creative, teachable, people who are willing to help produce our Sunday morning services. If you have any interest contact the church office.



Join us for a trip to the
Oklahoma Historical Society
Monday, November 6th,
meet at church at 1:30pm

Cost \$9

Includes guided tour and
admission to all exhibits

Sign up on church counter
Or contact Phil Davis



Putnam City West Football Team Meals



Thanks to everyone who helped make both of the meals go so well. From cookie makers, setup, cooking, serving, hosts and cleanup it took a great crew **THANKS!**

Sm kids NEWS



Sunday Mornings
October
Kidmin
9:30 - 10:45 ages 4-5th grade



PUMPKIN DERBY NOV. 5TH

CONTACT: JACKIE SWEDLOW FOR MORE INFORMATION

RACING KITS AVAILABLE \$25



[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



PARENT CUE

Download the parent cue app
This app provides resources for our families
to connect church with home

FALL FUN NIGHT @ OVERHOLSER

Friday Oct. 27th - 5:30-7pm

Kidmin has the opportunity to have a night of fun and serve the community. Wear your costumes, sign up to serve, and have FUN!



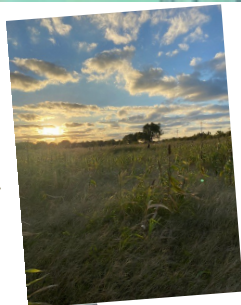
Nursery

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

Wee Worship

10:45 am ages 2 1/2-kindergarten

LAKEVIEW FARMERS MARKET



Bible Words

"God...knows everything"
1 John 3:20

Basic Truth:

God knows what is best for me

Bottom Line:

God Loves me



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



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!!

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

2023 Annual Budget	601,800
Rec'd toward Operating 10/21/2023	4,205
Year to Date 2022	
Rec'd toward offering (thru 10/14/23)	451,557
Expenses (thru 10/14/23)	423,068
Attendance	
Sunday, October 22 Total	332
Traditional Worship	154
Modern Worship	64
Online Worship	114

Prayer Box

Mark and Ruth DeJarnette (brother Veronica Peterson)	Paula Galt
Esther Withers	Roger Pautsch
Kristen & Mike Musick	Dorothy Sipes
Barbara Hill	Karen Hall (friend of Sally Kelly)
Billy Dollins (nephew Mary Hill)	Jeff & Tiffany Montesano
Winn & Ginger Lusk	Geo Montesano
Diana & Jeff Davidson	Hank Brueggen
Judy McMinn	Carol Hall
Jane Foreman	Joey Pedigo
Earl Moore	Mary Jane Svejkovsky
Dan & Norma Boland	Beth Bidne
Cheryl Andrews	Rob Ivins (friend of Dennis & Robin Bratcher)
Greg Spiser	Karen (daughter of Barbara Homer)
Mike Spiser	Judy Knight
Brent Lawrence (nephew Mike Spiser)	Cindy Wilkerson
	Mary Desmukes