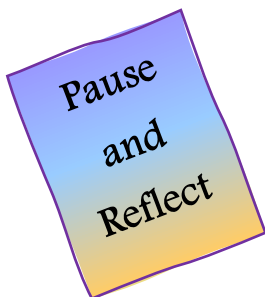


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Mother's Day Tribute

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CALENDAR REMINDERS

May 6 – Recycle and Shred Event at Lake Highlands PC
8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

May 28 – Blood Drive
9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The past two years have been quite a challenge for every individual on the planet, but especially Moms! (Don't worry, Dads, your day is coming soon).

While there are no classes on how to be a Mother during a Global Pandemic, if there ever is one in the future, Moms could write the workbook for it! Let's pray such a class is never needed, though!

While we are on the other side of this pandemic struggle, (seemingly) there are still challenges that parents face, especially if the goal is to raise a child to serve the Lord.

The Bible tells us this in Proverbs 22:6 (ESV):

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

We want to continue to be a church that comes alongside both Moms and Dads who have the tremendous responsibility of training the next generation to be friends of God.

If the past two years have shown us anything, it is that parents must pay close attention to what is taking place in our schools, and yes, even in our entertainment choices! We believe it is vital to be part of the church of Jesus Christ to provide families with greater assistance as they shepherd their children.

Mothers watch out for their children, pay attention to what they are taught, and are sure to know who their friends are. It is up to Mothers to speak life and emotional health to their children – they need to know that God has an amazing plan for their lives, and that everything will be done to facilitate that plan!

Mothers, please rest assured that we honor you! We applaud you! We thank God for who you are and encourage you never to let the enemy of your soul beat you down! You have a wonderful ministry right inside your home, so never doubt the importance of the task!

St. Mark Presbyterian Church celebrates you on Mother's Day and every day as special people on the front lines doing God's work! May God richly bless you this year and in the years ahead!

Blessings and peace!



Sunday Sermons and Events

May 7

5th Sunday of Easter

Communion Sunday

Guest Preacher – Rev. (Dr.) Randall McGee

May 14

6th Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher – Rev. Judy Fletcher

May 21

7th Sunday of Easter

Guest Preacher – Rev. Bev Hughes

May 28

Day of Pentecost

Guest Preacher – Rev. (Dr.) Richard W. Selby



God Bless You on Your Birthday

May 1

Edna Woods

May 2

Mike Parsley

May 8

Kathy Moore

May 10

Tricia Johnson

May 12

Drew Taylor

May 14

Harry Roberts

May 22

Travis Moore

May 25

George Schingle



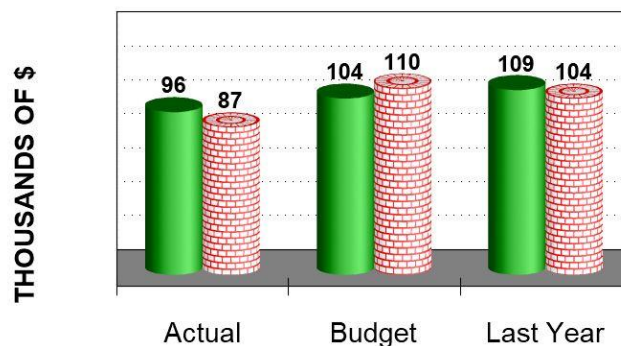
With Deepest Sympathy

Longtime St. Mark friend, Ann Zahn, was promoted to glory on April 9th. No information regarding arrangements has been received from her daughter, Barbara Walker. Please keep Ann's family and friends in your prayers for the loss of someone so dear.



Treasurer's Report

9 MONTHS THROUGH 3-31-2023



OPERATING FUND

■ +INCOME ■ -EXPENSE

Operating Fund – YTD unrestricted contributions are \$5,000 below budget, and \$18,000 below last year. YTD expenses are \$21,000 below budget, and \$18,000 below last year. Bottom line, we are approximately \$11,000 cash positive YTD which is \$15,000 better than budget and \$5,000 better than last year.

Special Easter Offering Update



Our Easter Offering goal of \$4,000 has been achieved! If you haven't had a chance to contribute this Easter season, the deadline to give is May 7th. This year, St. Mark will be contributing half of our Easter Offering to the One Great Hour of Sharing which supports many of the works of the Presbyterian Church, a fourth to Turkey and Syria Earthquake Relief, and a fourth to First Presbyterian Church in Pasadena, Texas. Thank you for your generous support!

Recycle and Shred Event

Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church is hosting a Recycle and Shred Event on Saturday, May 6th from 8:00 a.m. – 12 Noon. Please see the inserted flyer for more information.



So... I was just thinking about how we are living in a time with so many challenges. Of course, there are all kinds of social challenges. A lot of us are facing personal and family challenges. And even as we look forward to celebrating 70 years of ministry, we know there are challenges ahead for St. Mark. It's a lot.

So... while I was thinking, I thought about a new book I have been exploring. It's called "Why Presbyterians Are Like That." It is by John Williams, the chaplain at Austin College.

I know many of you have met or heard of John through the years. In the book, John looks at 10 different words that are important to Presbyterians. You might guess some of the words he explores. Bible, Grace, and Sin are all there.

But... the word I am thinking about this morning is Hope. John starts that chapter with the statement that "Presbyterians are like they are because Presbyterians are Christians who believe God isn't finished."

So... I was thinking that I would share several lines about what John has to say about Presbyterians and hope. Our experience is that, as we study the Bible prayerfully and together, we are addressed from beyond ourselves by a living and faithful God who continues to respond to human sin by pursuing and loving. We believe God continues to call, empower, and inspire us to live with hope in a world where sin and death are real, but where Easter is true.

That's why we go to church.

It's why we continue to study the Bible together and participate in the ongoing story of God's interaction with the world through Christ and his body the church.

It's why we continue to celebrate the Lord's Supper and baptize new church members.

It's why we continue to work for justice and help others who are having a hard time.

Presbyterians believe God isn't finished.

So... what do you think about that? I kind of like it. That's why I am sharing it with you. What do you think it means to live as a people with hope and who believe that God isn't finished?

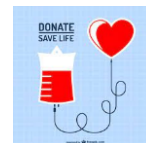
By the way... John's book is available online for free. It was published by our denomination, and you can find the .pdf at the following link.

[https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Why Presbyterians Are Like That Congregation.pdf](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Why_Presbyterians_Are_Like_That_Congregation.pdf)

I hope you'll look it over. And let me know what you think.

CARTER BLOODCARE BLOOD DRIVE

May 28, 2023



The lives that can be touched and saved by giving a pint of blood are countless, so save your blood!

The Carter BloodCare Bus will be in the parking lot at St. Mark on Sunday, May 28, 2023, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendars!



ST. MARK 70th JUBILEE

In June, St. Mark Presbyterian Church will celebrate its 70th anniversary! To celebrate 70 years of the Lord's faithfulness, we will gather together in June for a jubilee to praise God for all the work He has done through our church. The celebration will include an anniversary worship service, special music, a luncheon and more!

Please watch for more information during the next few weeks!



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May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Yoga 4:30p Sandwich Sunday at Austin Street Center	1 6:00p Worship & Music Com Mtg	2	3 6:00p Handbells Rehearsal 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00p Zoom Yoga	5	6
7 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Yoga 12:00p Fellowship Com Mtg	8 6:00p Admin & Personnel Com Mtg	9 6:00p Stewardship & Finance Com Mtg 6:00p Christian Educ Com Mtg	10 6:00p Handbells Rehearsal 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	11 6:00p Zoom Yoga	12	13 8:00a Property Com Mtg 9:00a Mini Workday 
14 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Yoga Mother's Day 	15 6:30p Session Meeting	16	17 6:00p Handbells Rehearsal 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	18 6:00p Zoom Yoga	19	20
21 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Yoga	22	23	24 6:00p Handbells Rehearsal 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	25 6:00p Zoom Yoga	26	27
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Saturday, May 6th, 2023 8 am to 12 noon

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DOCUMENT SHREDDING

\$10 FOR FIRST BOX; \$5 EACH ADDITIONAL BOX

Help avoid identity theft. Documents destroyed on site.

Note: Paper clips, rubber bands, and staples are okay, but no binders or binder clips, please. Bring documents in boxes, bags or tubs that you take back with you.
Size guideline: letter/legal banker's box or tall kitchen bag.

HARD DRIVE SHREDDING (Off-site) \$20 EACH

Please remove from computer or server beforehand.

RECYCLE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS FREE

Electronics (any condition; no old tube TVs or old CRT computer monitors)

Video games

Multimedia items

Clothing, jewelry and accessories

Sporting goods

Musical instruments

Toys and games

Collectibles

Books

Pots, pans, dishes, etc.

**See item list at <https://bubbfundraising.com>*

Paper Purge



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