



St. Mark Connection

St. Mark Presbyterian Church

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reminders

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October 7 – World Communion Sunday

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October 28 – Reformation Sunday

October 30 – PCHAS Luncheon

I get lots of e-mails every day. Many of these are spam, those unsolicited virtual versions of junk mail. Most of these are caught in the spam filter to be deleted later. But I also receive some communications via e-mail that really give me a lift and even change my perspective by bringing my perceptions back to God's reality. This is an e-mail that reflects on God's priorities concerning how people conducted their lives:

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove, but God will ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house, but God will ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, but God will ask how many you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask what your highest salary was, but God will ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was, but God will ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, but God will ask how you treated your neighbors.
7. God won't ask how many friends you had, but God will ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
8. God won't ask about the color of your skin, but God will ask about the content of your character.

Overlooking the theological deficiencies and plagiarism, I actually appreciated this one. While this e-mail does not contain an exhaustive list of definitive Christian behavior, it reminded me of the way St. Mark Presbyterian Church collectively lives into the response to God's grace in Jesus. Once Christ followers grasps the enormity of how much we are loved by God, we realize that we must indeed pass God's gift of love on to others. I think that's a worthy goal.

Blessings, Pastor Rick



Directory Updates

Colin Boring

Bruce and Dee Huckaba

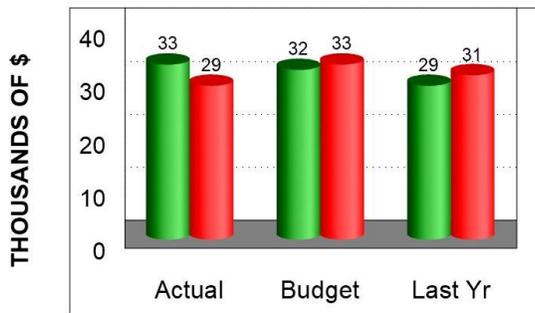
Kim and Kenneth Price

Cody Robinson



Contact the church office for details.

Treasurer's Report Two Months Ending August 31, 2018



OPERATING FUND

■ +INCOME ■ -EXPENSE

Operating Fund income was \$1,600 above budget and expenses were \$3,500 below budget, for a net \$5,100 better than budgeted.

Fund Balances – Total fund balances are up \$1,500 from the previous month and up \$4,800 from the beginning of the fiscal year.

Kitchen Table Talk Sunday, October 14th



The Session invites you to attend a brief Kitchen Table Talk presented by the Stewardship and Finance Committee. Please join the committee in the sanctuary for about 5- 10 minutes after the worship service on Sunday, **October 14th**.

Keys



If you have church keys and no longer need them, please return to the church office. Thanks so much.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

Whether a member of St. Mark or one whose path has crossed this ministry, the Pastor's Discretionary Fund is there to help those in need during hard times. The need has been great this year and your pastor has been fortunate to help many. However, in helping many, the Pastor's Fund is now low. If you are able, please consider giving to the Pastor's Fund.



Lost and Found

The following items are in the lost and found box in the church office. Please let Kat know if any of these items belong to you. If not claimed in the next two weeks, they will be given away. Thank you.

1 Presbyterian Planning Calendar
2 leather St. Mark bookmarks
Books: *Cracking DaVinci's Code*, *Beautiful Mercy*,
The Peace Maker

1 pair of black gloves
1 black glove
1 pink child's belt
Numerous sunglasses and glasses



Upcoming Events

Sunday Sermons, Scriptures and Events

October 7 – “No Child Left Behind”
Hebrews 1:1-4; Mark 10:13-16
Celebration of The Lord’s Supper
World Communion Sunday

October 14 – “Heavier Purse, Tighter Strings”
Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 21 - “How’s Your Serve?”
Psalm 104:1-9; Mark 10:35-45

October 28 – “I Can See Clearly Now”
Romans 3:21-28; Mark 10:46-52
Reformation Sunday



God Bless You on Your Birthday

October 3

Cheryl Simpson

October 4

Mary Beckham

October 6

Jo Schindler

October 7

Elli Guinnee
Dick Waters

October 11

Jeff Taylor

October 13

William Higgins

October 14

Emily McIntosh

October 16

Bill Oney

October 18

Myrtle Harbaugh
Lorraine Stephen

October 19

Rose Curry
Arthur Jones

October 20

Karl Crawley
Breanna Waldrop

October 25

Dean Anderson

October 27

Ellen Roberts

October 30

Richard Arthur
Carolyn McInnis

October 31

Wylie Matthews



PCHAS Luncheon



The annual PCHAS luncheon will be held Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Each year we at St. Mark have one or two tables for our congregation. If you would like to attend, please let Dick Waters know. The event is free – good food and fellowship – a worthwhile event. The time is 12:00 noon and it ends at 1:00 PM – always a one-hour event.

If you wish to attend contact Dick Waters, also contact Dick if you need transportation. The venue is the Doubletree Hotel on US 75 and NW Highway.

VETERAN’S DAY

The Mission and Outreach Committee would like us to remember our Military on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2018. This year we would like to help the homeless Vets by collecting needed toiletries. Some suggestions are: antiseptic cream, band aids to cover blisters, combs, deodorant, lip balm, razors, soap, shampoo, tooth brush & holder, tooth paste, & wet wipes. The 2 items most requested are women's pads & good socks (not from the dollar stores). Please find items in small containers.



Baskets are placed by the parlor door for your donations. We will be collecting October 1st through the 28th and delivering the items to the VFW Post 6796 on Garland Road.

Our Homeless Veterans, men and women, thank you and the Mission Committee thanks you for your generosity! For more information, contact Donna Simes or Dick Waters.



St Mark Presbyterian Church, Dallas Texas



October 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p AA Group 12:00p Yoga 5:00p Sandwich Sunday at Austin Street Center 7:30p AA Group	1 12:00p AA Group 4:45p OASIS 7:30p AA Group	2 12:00p AA Group 6:30p Fellowship Com. 7:30p AA Group	3 10:30a Wednesday Bible Study (WBS) 12:00p AA Group 5:15p Yoga 6:30p Handbells 7:30p AA Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	4 12:00p AA Group 4:45p OASIS 5:00p Volunteers to The Bridge 7:30p AA Group	5 12:00p AA Group 7:30p AA Group	6 9:00a Grace Presbyterian Meeting - FPC Longview 12:00p AA Group 7:30p AA Group
7 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p AA Group 12:00p Yoga 12:00p Membership & Evangelism Com. 7:30p AA Group	8 12:00p AA Group 4:45p OASIS 7:00p Worship & Music Com. 7:30p AA Group	9 12:00p AA Group 6:30p YoungLife 6:30p CE Com. 7:30p AA Group	10 10:30a WBS 12:00p AA Group 5:15p Yoga 6:00p Stewardship & Finance Com. 6:30p Property Com. 6:30p Handbells 7:30p AA Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	11 12:00p AA Group 4:45p OASIS 6:00p GriefShare Support Group 7:30p AA Group	12 12:00p AA Group 7:30p AA Group	13 8:00a Breakfast and All Church Beautification Day 12:00p AA Group 7:30p AA Group 
14 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 11:45a Kitchen Table Talk 12:00p AA Group 12:00p Yoga 12:00p Mission & Outreach Com. 7:30p AA Group 	15 12:00p AA Group 4:45p OASIS 6:30p Session Meeting 7:30p AA Group	16 12:00p AA Group 6:30p YoungLife 7:30p AA Group	17 10:30a WBS 12:00p AA Group 5:15p Yoga 6:30p Handbells 7:30p AA Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	18 12:00p AA Group 4:45p OASIS 7:30p AA Group	19 12:00p AA Group 7:30p AA Group	20 10:30a Set-Up for Luncheon 12:00p AA Group 6:00p Game Night 7:30p AA Group 
21 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p AA Group 12:00p Mexican Fiesta Luncheon 7:30p AA Group 	22 12:00p AA Group 4:45p OASIS 7:30p AA Group	23 12:00p AA Group 6:30p YoungLife 7:30p AA Group	24 10:30a WBS 12:00p AA Group 5:15p Yoga 6:30p Handbells 7:30p AA Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	25 12:00p AA Group 4:45p OASIS 6:00p GriefShare Support Group 7:30p AA Group	26 12:00p AA Group 7:30p AA Group	27 12:00p AA Group 2:00p Birthday Party (FC) 7:30p AA Group
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Upcoming Events

All Church Beautification Day

Saturday, **October 13th**
8:00 Breakfast in the parlor
9:00 Work begins.



HELPING HANDS ARE NEEDED!!

Mexican Fiesta Potluck Lunch

Please join us for a Mexican Fiesta Potluck Lunch on **Sunday, October 21st**, following worship. Bring your favorite Tex-Mex food or Mexican-style dish. Chips, salsa, beverages and desserts will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.

Game Night

Join us for game night on **October 20th** from 6:00 – 8:30.



Bring your favorite game, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverage. Hope to see you all there for a fun event. Please contact George Schingle if you plan to attend.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Earlyne Chesser. Earlyne was promoted to Glory on September 13, 2018. A graveside service was held at Restland Funeral Home, 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 26th, with Pastor Rick Brooks officiating.



St. Mark Presbyterian Church Christmas Luncheon

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Save the Date and Mark your Calendar



Following worship, please plan to join your friends and family for fellowship and a delicious catered buffet. Plus, we will be entertained by a special performance from the children of St. Mark.

The menu includes chicken almondine topped with caramelized grapes, roast pork loin with light pan gravy, lemon broccoli, wild rice almondine, mixed grilled vegetables and dinner rolls. Dessert is lemon pound cake.

The cost of this delicious meal is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 6 -12. Children ages 5 and under are free.

Please make your reservation through the church office or with Marilyn Jackson. Reservation deadline is November 25.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Stated Meeting of the Session, August 20, 2018

- Motion passed to name Charles Miller, chair and Dick Arthur, assistant chair, of the 2018-2019 Nominating Committee. Congregational members include Allison Curry, Sheila Wahl, and Karl Crawley.
- Motion passed to form the Long-Range Facilities Planning Task Force, to include members of the session, trustees, and the congregation.
- Motions passed to utilize the Memorial Fund to purchase 2 chalices for Communion.
- Motion passed to allow the Spay Neuter Network to use the front parking lot for mobile pet spay/neutering and vaccinations on September 27.
- Motion passed to elect Bill Grayson and Pelham Swift as Commissioners and Teri Brooks as alternate to the Stated Presbytery Meeting, Saturday October 6, 2018, First Presbyterian Church, Longview, 9am – 4pm.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the cradle cross and for supporting us as we raise our boys. We are so grateful to call St. Mark home and to have a place of worship that is understanding and supportive of our children. With gratitude, The Shea's Ryan, Mercy, Charles and Finnegan



WORLD **COMMUNION** SUNDAY

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 7th



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