



St. Mark Connection

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Dear Saint Mark Family,

Thirteen years ago in August, we were welcomed into the life of Saint Mark Presbyterian. We were adjusting to being back in Texas in the hottest part of the year, but that didn't dampen our excitement in beginning this journey with you.

The many parts that had fallen into place to bring us to Saint Mark assured us that God was guiding us to accept this call. And we are certain now in his guidance not only for the two of us, but also of his love for the people of Saint Mark and their steadfastness in service.

As we write this letter, we reflect on the first sermon series that Rick preached in 2008, which was based on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Two words stand out: one is the word "faithful" and the other is the word "joy." Those two words informed the series and after all these years, perfectly describe Saint Mark.

We've continued to watch Saint Mark grow in faithfulness to the gospel and experienced the tremendous joy that is in the DNA of Saint Mark. Year after year, Sunday after Sunday, the church has used the gifts of time, talent, and treasure to further the Good News of Jesus, and because of that we have been greatly blessed.

We leave Saint Mark having been amply supplied through the years by your joyous faithfulness. Thank you.

And now coming full circle, we return to Paul's wise words in Philippians 4:

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

With love and appreciation,
Rick and Teri Brooks

this issue			reminders
BULLETIN BOARD RANDALL'S PEN SESSION HIGHLIGHTS CALENDAR	P. 2 P. 3 P. 4 P. 5		September 5 – Reception for Rick and Teri Brooks September 6 – Church Office Closed Labor Day



*A Reception for Rick and Teri Brooks
will be held in the parlor immediately after worship
on Sunday, September 5, 2021*

Sunday Sermons, Scriptures and Events

September 5 – That’s the Way the Big Ole Goofy World Goes Round”

Psalm 146; Ephesians 2:4-10

Celebration of The Lord’s Supper

Reception for Rick and Teri Brooks

Guest Preacher – The Rev. Dr. Randall M



September 12 –

Guest Preacher – Traci Truly

September 19 - “The Formula”

Guest Preacher – Rev. Alice Hernandez-Richardson

September 26 –

Guest Preacher – Traci Truly

God Bless You on Your Birthday

September 2

Joanne Szalay

September 4

Ben Taylor

September 8

Susan Bell

September 9

Bailey Guinee

Christi Malouf

September 11

Ruth Crawley

September 12

Diana Kettle



September 15

Neill Howard

Anne Thomas

September 19

Jo Farley

September 21

Melba Hale

September 24

Charley Taylor

September 26

Rebecca Moore

September 27

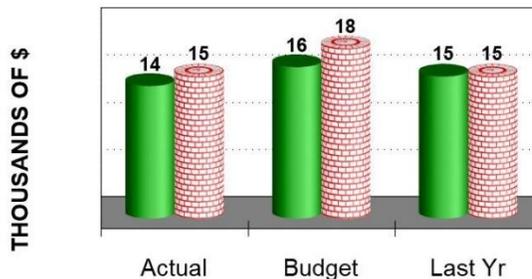
John Hale

September 28

Maureen McMahon

Treasurer's Report

1 MONTH THROUGH 7-31-2021



OPERATING FUND

■+INCOME ■-EXPENSE

Operating Fund – YTD unrestricted contributions are \$1,200 less than last year. YTD expenses are about the same as last year. Bottom line, we are approximately \$1,300 cash negative YTD which is \$1,000 behind than last year.

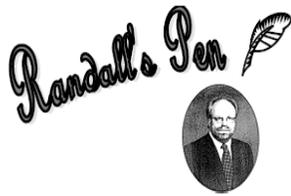
Sympathy and Prayers

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Philip Cheek, cousin of Sheila Wahl. Phillip was promoted to Glory on August 16, 2021. Prayers are greatly appreciated.



Directory Update

Call the church office for information.



Some of you know that earlier this year I was part of a small team of educators in our denomination that produced a guide called “Post Pandemic Pondering and Planning: A Resource for faith Reformation.” You can find it on-line at this link:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Post-Pandemic-Pondering-and-Planning.A-Resource-for-Re-Formation.pdf>

This month I would like to suggest that everyone look at the next to last page titled “Self-Reflection.” I think you might find this to be a helpful set of exercises to ponder at this time. You don’t have to be formally involved in Christian Education to work through the questions on the page.

The best way to ponder the questions will be to follow the link above and print out that one page. Then get your pencils or markers and get to pondering. But in case you can’t do that here are some highlights from the page:

It has been a year!

Where have you seen God at work?

What has given you strength/life?

What was lost?

What are you mourning from this past year?

What do you need to leave behind in order to move forward?

What would rest or renewal look like for you?

Prayer activity:

Breathe in (something to embrace, something that has energized you)

Breath out (something to let go of, something that has drained you)

I hope you will spend some time doing this self-reflection. Let me know how your pondering goes.



White Rock Center of Hope Giving Sunday, September 12th



Items needed this month are: canned meat products, canned Tuna, canned fruit, canned green beans and other beans, canned corn and other vegetables, canned tomato products, boxed mac and cheese, peanut butter, any shelf products such as Hamburger Helper, Suddenly Salad, Jell-O, Ramen Noodles, etc.

Baskets for donations can be found in the hallway outside the parlor. Thank you.

Thank You

Dearest St. Marks,

Thank you so much for everything you have blessed Hailey and I with. Your generosity has been overwhelming. We love all of you. Thank you for your prayers and words of comfort during Randy’s passing.

Love,
Elaine and Hailey



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Stated Meeting of the Session, July 19, 2021.

- Motion passed that St. Mark proceed with negotiations between St. Mark Presbyterian Church and Journey Community Church of the Nazarene and ask Trustees to prepare a lease agreement for use of the Family Center.
- Motion passed to appoint Bill Grayson as Treasurer and John Carver as Assistant Treasurer for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- Motion passed to add \$15,000.00 to the Property budget for remodeling and repair projects.

A full set of the minutes above are available to read on the Session bulletin board.

Sandwich Sunday News



Thanks for another successful Sandwich Sunday! Once again, the congregations of St. Mark and El Divino Salvador have stepped up to feed the clients at Austin Street Center. Through your loving contributions and hard work, we provided 700-800 sandwiches, 300-350 bags of chips, an assortment of 300 bananas, oranges, and apples as well as cookies, snack cakes and brownies. Thank you all for your faithfulness to this vital mission.

Your "Sandwich Lady" - Dee Huckaba

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

Annual luncheon is November 3. More details to follow.



SEPTEMBER

Three red apples with green leaves are positioned below the word "SEPTEMBER". The apples are set against a background of horizontal bars in blue, green, and blue.



St Mark Presbyterian Church, Dallas Texas



September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School 10:30a NLCL Worship 10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>12:00p AA Group 12:00p Yoga 4:30p Sandwich Sunday at Austin Street Center 7:30p AA Group Rev. Dr. Paul Burns</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6:30p Handbells 7:30p New Life Comm. Lutheran Bible Study 7:30p AA Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Yoga 7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>12:00p Zoom Membership/Evang Com. Mtg. 7:30p AA Group</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School 10:30a New Life Comm. Lutheran Worship 10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>12:00p AA Group 12:00p Reception for Rick and Teri Brooks (Parlor) 7:30n AA Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Worship/Music Com. Mtg. 7:30p AA Group</p> <p> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00p Younglife (FC) 6:00p Fellowship Com. Mtg. 7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30p Zoom Property Com. Mtg. 6:30p Handbells 7:30p NLCL Bible Study 7:30p AA Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Yoga 7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00a Mini Workday 7:30p AA Group</p>
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<p>19</p> <p>9:15a Back to Church Celebration 10:30a NLCL Worship 10:30a Worship Service</p> <p>12:00p AA Group 12:00p Yoga 7:30p AA Group National Back to Church Sunday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30p Session Meeting 7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00p Younglife (FC) 7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:30p Handbells 7:30p NLCL Bible Study 7:30p AA Group 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Yoga 7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>24</p> <p>7:30p AA Group</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:30p AA Group</p>
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