

St. Mark Connection

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Celebrating 50 Years of Service

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reminders

October 31st –
Reformation Sunday

St. Mark Presbyterian Church USA invites you to join in the celebration honoring Gary O'Neal, music director and organist, and his lovely wife, Ann, for 50 years of dedicated service to our congregation. This is an unprecedented term of service in St. Mark's history.

Our celebration begins with worship service at 10:30 A.M. on Sunday, November 14, 2021, followed by a catered luncheon and program in the Family Center at 12:30.

Music is one of the most important and fulfilling ways we worship as a corporate community. With his God-given talents and inspiration, Gary has helped us to more fully worship as a congregation for 50 years. And, as you know, Ann has been his spiritual and musical partner in this wonderful ministry.



You will receive an official invitation in the mail this week and we ask that you return the enclosed RSVP postcard by October 27, 2021. We hope you can join us in celebrating this very special event with Gary and Ann on November 14.

St. Mark may be in transition, but we are going to be ok. We are a family, and like a family we have our challenges. I know everyone has questions. These are our next steps:

- The Session formed a committee to work with Grace Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) to search for a pastor.
- We have requested resumes for part-time stated supply pastors from COM and are waiting for the Presbytery to approve our request.
- Once our request is approved by Presbytery, we will begin interviewing pastors.
- We hope to have a minister in place soon. However, Susie Miller and the Worship Committee have arranged for pulpit supply ministers through December.

Please contact the church office if you know of any PC(USA) ministers that are looking for part-time pulpit supply work.

Marilyn Jackson, Bill Grayson, Tricia Johnson, Sheila Wahl



Sunday Sermons, Scriptures and Events

October 10

“Come As You Are but

Please Don't Leave as You Came”

Psalm 22:1-15; Mark 10:17-22

Guest Preacher – Rev. Charles Cooper

October 17

Guest Preacher - Rev. Amy Moore

October 24

Guest Preacher – Rev. Lil Smith

October 31

Guest Preacher – Rev. Dick Selby

Reformation Sunday



God Bless You on Your Birthday



October 16

Bill Oney

October 18

Myrtle Harbaugh

Lorraine Stephen

October 19

Rose Curry

Arthur Jones

October 3

Cheryl Simpson

October 4

Mary Beckham

October 6

Jo Schindler

October 7

Elli Guinnee

Dick Waters

October 11

Jeff Taylor

October 13

Emily McIntosh

October 20

Karl Crawley

October 25

Dean Anderson

October 27

Ellen Roberts

October 30

Richard Arthur

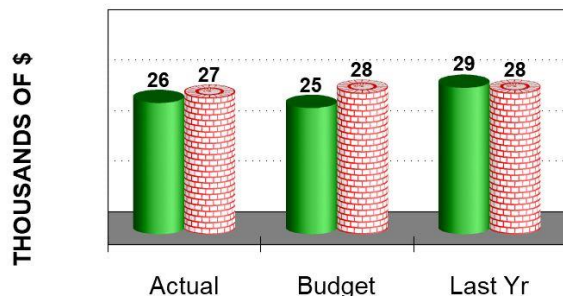
Carolyn McInnis

October 31

Wylie Matthews

Treasurer's Report

2 MONTHS THROUGH 8-31-2021



OPERATING FUND

■ +INCOME ■ -EXPENSE

Operating Fund – YTD unrestricted contributions are ahead of budget by \$400. YTD expenses are \$1,300 below budget. Bottom line, we are approximately \$1,200 cash negative YTD which is \$2,000 better than budget.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Stated Meeting of the Session, August 16, 2021.

- Motion passed to receive Rev. Brooks Dissolution request and set a Called Meeting of the Congregation for August 29, 2021.
- Motion passed that St. Mark will require wearing masks covering the nose and mouth while inside the building effective immediately.
- Motion passed to plan a celebration for Rick and Teri Brooks.

Called Meeting of the Session, August 30, 2021

Motion passed to appoint a Temporary/Interim Search Committee.





It is no secret that I sometimes reuse or update old newsletter articles. I am doing that again this month. But with a twist. Usually, I wait at least a year before revisiting an old article. But not this time! I want to look at last month's article. I think the suggestions and activities are still timely in our lives at St. Mark this month. So here goes.

Last month I shared these questions with you with the hope that you would spend some time pondering and reflecting on them.

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?

I'd like you to ponder them again this month. Perhaps your thoughts have changed a little bit. Or maybe not. Or they may have changed a lot. Or maybe not. For many of us a lot seems to be in constant flux these days. Others of us have settled into new routines. Some of us may be in between depending on the day.

So, ponder away. Then try this prayer activity:

- Breathe in (something to embrace, something that has energized you)
- Breath out (something to let go of something that has drained you)

Let me know how it goes and what you are thinking.

A reminder:

The activity comes from a resource called "Post Pandemic Pondering and Planning: A resource for Faith Reformation." It is from the next to the last page. If you want to look at the original, you can find it at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/wp-content/uploads/Post-Pandemic-Pondering-and-Planning.A-Resource-for-Re-Formation.pdf>



**Adult Classes
Meets in the Parlor at 9:15 am**

On October 3rd a new adult Sunday school class began with a series on The Nine Essentials of Spiritual Health – practicing what we learned this summer. This series continues through December 12th. Please put this on your calendar to join us if you are able. If not, you can follow along with us using the information that will be sent weekly in this email prior to the Sunday morning meeting.



For those of you who already saw Reverend Dr. Paul Burns' sermons this past summer, this will be the next phase – maintenance mode. If not, please join us if possible or follow along on your own with a partner. We are still able to take the assessment at <https://soul-metrics.com/> How to take the test: Add it to the cart, but you don't need to purchase it. Use the coupon code **2021!** and "proceed to checkout" and add your information. Once you place your order, your assessment will begin. Please contact Charlene Taylor if you have any questions or want additional information.



The Dog Park



The Dog Park has been closed effective September 30, 2021. St. Mark Presbyterian Church has enjoyed providing a safe spot for neighbors to meet and dogs to play.

The Property Committee has begun to restore this area to its original use as the children's playground for the congregations using our facilities.

This fall, PCHAS is hosting special fundraising events that will showcase the life-changing work they are doing in your community. Join them on Wednesday, November 3, for a virtual Dallas luncheon. Please RSVP to Kathy Dodson at PCHAS.



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OCTOBER



St Mark Presbyterian Church, Dallas Texas



October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Yoga</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:30a Zoom Membership/Evang Com. Mtg.</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Yoga</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00p Zoom Worship & Music Com.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Fellowship Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30p Property Com. Mtg. 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Yoga</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00a Mini Workday</p> 
<p>10</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Mission & Outreach Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Stewardship & Finance Com. Mtg. 6:00p Zoom CE Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Yoga</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30p Session Meeting</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Yoga</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
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<p>31</p> <p>9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 4:30p Sandwich Sunday at Austin Street Center</p> <p>Reformation Sunday</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>7:00p Worship & Music Com.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00p Fellowship Com. Mtg.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:00p Zoom Yoga</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30a Zoom Membership/Evang Com. Mtg.</p>