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St. Mark Connection

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Welcome Reverend Kathy Lee-Cornell

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reminders

November 7
10:30 Worship
All Saints' Sunday
November 14
50th Celebration
Gary and Ann O'Neal
November 21
10:30 Worship
Christ the King Sunday
The Reverend
Kathy Lee-Cornell
November 28
10:30 Worship
1st Sunday in Advent



The Supply Pastor Search Committee is pleased to introduce the **Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell** as our Supply Pastor. Kathy will be with us for the next year, and will help us through our transition as we determine the path that St. Mark follows as we move forward in our ministry.

The Rev. Kathy Lee-Cornell is an ordained Minister of Word & Sacrament with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a licensed social worker in Texas. She has experience serving in disaster recovery, children and family services, refugee resettlement, and is passionate about issues of social justice, compassion, and the embodiment of collective faith. She most recently served as Mission Pastor at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church.

Kathy is a first-generation Chinese American, born and raised in New Orleans, Louisiana. She received her undergraduate degree from Pepperdine University and her master's degrees from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the University of Texas at Austin (Hook 'em!). Kathy is married to Alex, who is also a PC(USA) pastor, and together they have two sons (Owen, 5 and Gabe, 1) and a dog named Thomas.

Kathy's first Sunday to preach at St. Mark will be Sunday, November 21. She will attend worship on November 14 to begin to meet our members. She will also join us for lunch after church on the 14th as we celebrate Gary and Ann's fifty years of music ministry at St. Mark. Please welcome Kathy to St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

Celebrating 50 Years of Service

St. Mark Presbyterian Church will be honoring Gary O'Neal, music director and organist, and his lovely wife, Ann, for his 50 years of dedicated service to our congregation.

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. The Reverend Daniel Gowan will be our guest preacher that Sunday.

Please remember that St. Mark requires everyone to wear masks covering the nose and mouth while inside the building.

Sunday Sermons, Scriptures and Events

November 7th – “The Work of Grief”
 Isaiah 25:1-10; John 11:32-44
 Guest Preacher – Rev. Krista Rasco
 Celebration of The Lord’s Supper
 All Saints’ Sunday

November 14th
 Hebrews 10:11-14; Mark 13:1-8
 Guest Preacher – Rev. Daniel Gowan
 50 Year Celebration and Luncheon for
 Gary and Ann O’Neal



November 21st
 Psalm 132:1-12; John 18:33-37
 The Reverend Kathy Lee-Cornell
 Christ the King Sunday

November 28th
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
 1st Sunday of Advent
 Guest Preacher – Rev. Dr. Richard Selby

God Bless You on Your Birthday

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| November 2
John Wahl | November 20
Teri Brooks |
| November 4
Alan Aulenbach | November 21
Julian Oney |
| November 7
Dorothy Moore | November 24
Vincent Oney |
| November 13
Charles Miller | November 28
Robert Mounts |
| November 19
Cheryl Nowlin
Troy Simpson | |



Directory Update

Kathy Moore
 Check with the church office.

Time Change



Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Don’t forget to set your clocks **back** one hour on Saturday night, November 6th.

Sock Tree Hats and Mittens Too

The Sock Tree is up early this year. Please consider bringing new warm socks for children, teens, and adults and deposit them into the basket below the Christmas tree in the parlor or the basket in the narthex. This year warm gloves and hats are also welcome. We will be delivering to Sharing Life Ministry in Mesquite.



If you are interested in serving your church as an usher or greeter, please contact Charlene Taylor.

Austin Street Update

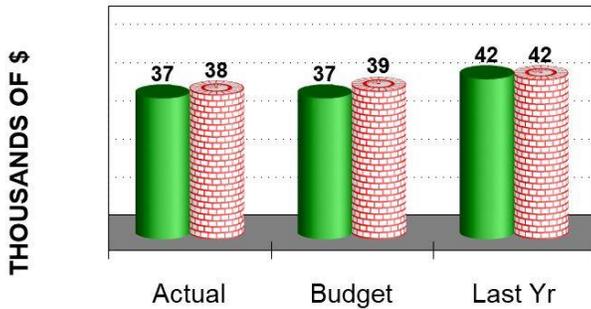
Thanks to everyone that contributed to making this another successful Sandwich Sunday! St. Mark was once again blessed with more than enough sandwiches to feed all the clients at Austin Street at least two sandwiches, a bag of chips, a piece of fruit and either a snack cake, cookies or some Halloween candy. The clients are very excited to be receiving some apples and oranges rather than just bananas. Our next Sandwich Sunday will be January 30. Thanks again for all your support!

Dee Huckaba
 St. Mark’s Sandwich Lady

Session Highlights

Treasurer's Report

3 MONTHS THROUGH 9-30-2021



OPERATING FUND

■ +INCOME ■ -EXPENSE

Operating Fund – YTD contributions are under budget by \$800, and \$5,600 less than last year. YTD expenses are \$900 below budget, and \$4,100 below last year. We are approximately \$1,300 cash negative YTD which is \$300 better than budget and \$1,300 behind last year.

Stated Meeting of the Session, September 20, 2021.

- Motion passed to welcome Journey Community Church, who will be worshipping in our Family Center.
- Motion passed to increase the number of parking spaces leased to DISD with a commensurate increase in the lease rate.
- Motion passed to approve the Temporary Leadership Request Form for a part-time supply pastor.
- Motion passed to close the Dog Park on September 30, 2021 and use the remaining funds to restore the playgrounds.
- Motion passed to approve the 2021-2022 Budget presented by the Stewardship/Finance Committee.

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



It's been a while since I have done a batch of "Odds and Ends." So that is what I am sharing with you this month. Here are a handful of things that are on my mind.

* It's November so that means Thanksgiving festivities for some of us. It's a good time to pause and list all the reasons we may have to be thankful. You might try making a list all at one time. Or you may want to pause for a moment each day and think of one thing that for which you are thankful. Perhaps you might want to write each one down. Then offer a prayer of thanks each day.

* I know one thing for which I am incredibly thankful. That is the ministry of Gary and Ann. I have had the joy of working with them on a number of projects through the years. I am sorry that I will not be able to be a part of the celebration later this month.

* If Thanksgiving is nearby then that means that the season of Advent is also just around the corner. The season of waiting and anticipation. It certainly is part of a season of anticipation at St. Mark as we look forward to interim pastoral leadership. And as we look forward to exploring what God is calling St. Mark to do and be in the coming years.

* Believe it or not it is not too early to start thinking about next summer. Gilmont has already published their dates for summer camp in 2022. Camp has been important to the children who are a part of St. Mark. I hope 2022 will be another year of great experiences. I am thankful for those who plan and lead the camping ministry at Gilmont.

Property Improvements in Progress

- The Playground restoration project is underway. To date, the equipment has all been power washed and sanitized, repairs have been made where needed and the support structures have been repainted. Landscape timbers are being replaced and the pea gravel is being reworked.
- In the Family Center, the kitchen HVAC equipment has been replaced, and all new kitchen lighting has been installed.
- The sidewalks around the Family Center, as well as the front porch, are being replaced with all new concrete this week, and the building will now be accessible from both the front and rear.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

(from *Chalice Worship*)



Let us give thanks for all God's gifts so freely bestowed upon us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends;

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve;

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play;

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity;

For the communion of saints, in all times and places.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

To him be praise and glory, with you,

O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



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Non-Profit Organization



November

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November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 4:30p Sandwich Sunday at Austin Street Center	1 6:00p Zoom Worship & Music Com.	2 6:00p Zoom Fellowship Com. Mtg.	3 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	4 6:00p Zoom Yoga	5	6 10:30a Zoom Membership/Evang Com. Mtg.
7 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Yoga 12:00p Mission & Outreach Com. Mtg. All Saints' Sunday	8	9 6:00p Stewardship & Finance Com. Mtg. 6:00p Zoom CE Com. Mtg.	10 6:00p Property Com. 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	11 6:00p Zoom Yoga 	12	13 9:00a Mini Workday
14 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 50th Anniversary Celebration 	15 6:30p Session Meeting	16	17 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	18 6:00p Zoom Yoga	19	20
21 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Yoga Christ the King Sunday	22	23 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	24	25 6:00p Zoom Yoga Thanksgiving Church Office Closed 	26	27
28 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Yoga 1st Sunday of Advent	29	30	1 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	2 6:00p Zoom Yoga	3	4 10:30a Zoom Membership/Evang Com. Mtg.

