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My son Owen recently started attending gymnastics class once a week, and one day, we discovered he left a sweater behind at the gym. The next week, I asked one of the staff members if they had a Lost & Found bin. I was escorted to an entire cabinet stuffed full of various articles of clothing and water bottles left behind by all the children and parents who shuffle in and out of the gym on a daily basis. Thankfully, Owen’s sweater (and the face mask he *also* left behind) were sitting right on top of the heap and I did not have to go digging through other people’s belongings!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

February 13th – Souper Bowl Sunday



The sight of this Lost & Found cabinet made me wonder how many bins, cabinets, and storage spaces are holding all of those precious and not-so-precious objects that get left behind at the places we frequent in life. My guess is that there are more objects that remain lost than there are objects that are found and reclaimed by their rightful owners. Personally, I know there is a beautiful library somewhere out there full of the books I have left behind in those airplane seat pockets.

During our Sunday services, we are journeying together through a sermon series that I have entitled Lost & Found. My sense is that this COVID-19 pandemic has caused many of us to feel a bit like those misplaced and forgotten objects languishing away in all those Lost & Found containers tucked away in gyms, movie theaters, and even churches. And we are left asking ourselves: *How much longer will we stay stuck behind closed doors? Will we ever be restored to the lives we knew before March 2020? How do I cope with a life that keeps aetina disrupted and disconnected from the*

If you do a search on the Internet for the author Diana Butler Bass’ reflections on “Religion After the Pandemic,” you will learn how she encourages faith communities and people of faith to focus on the present rather than speculate about what the future might hold. The task at hand, she believes, is to engage in the work of “relocation – finding what has been lost, repairing what has been broken, and re-grounding people into their own lives and communities.”

In this sermon series, we will look at what we have lost in these 5 areas: time, history, place, relationships and self. And we are turning together to the book of Genesis, whose stories were woven together at a time when God’s people knew a thing or two about feeling lost. I trust and believe we will find good news together as we regain our bearings and reignite our hope in God. As the Psalmist reminds us, no matter how much we have lost over these past two years, and no matter how lost we feel at this moment, “even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast” (Psalm 139:10).

Grace and peace,
 Pastor Kathy

Sunday Scriptures and Events

February 6
Genesis 11:1-9
Lost and Found: Place
Celebration of The Lord's Supper

February 13
Genesis 21:8-21
Lost and Found: Relationships

February 20
Genesis 32:33-31
Lost and Found: Self

February 27
Transfiguration Sunday



God Bless You on Your Birthday

February 1
Kathleen Hale
Linda Marshall
Karen Oney

February 2
Rick Brooks
February 5
Hunter Swift
Preston Swift

February 8
Bar Tuinstra

February 12
Rose Marie Stone

February 16
Gary O'Neal
JoAnn Parsley

February 17
Makenna Arthur

February 18
Colin Boring

February 19
Gerald Jones

February 23
Hannah Moore

February 25
Joshua Brown
Lucy Moore

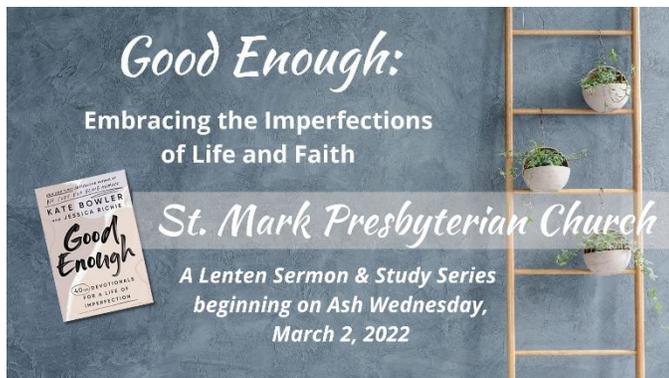


Ash Wednesday

March 2nd
7:00 p.m. Worship

"...for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
Genesis 3:19b

Pastor Kathy will begin her sermon series "Good Enough" on Ash Wednesday.



St. Mark Food Pantry

The church food pantry needs the following items:

- Canned meat products, such as soups, ravioli, SpaghettiOs, etc.
- Chicken, tuna or ham salad kits.
- Fruit cups especially applesauce.
- Bottled water.



Thank you so much.

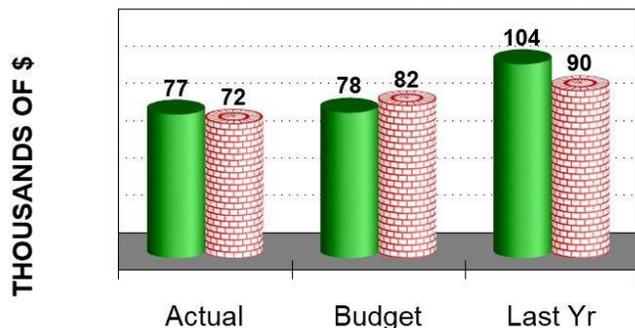
Adult Sunday School Class

The Adult Class will be starting up again on Sunday, 2/20 in our Parlor at 9:15 am

Mark your calendars for February 20th as the date to restart our GPS studies. More information to follow in the weekly email.

Charlene Taylor

Treasurer's Report 6 MONTHS THROUGH 12-31-2021



OPERATING FUND

■ +INCOME ■ -EXPENSE

Operating Fund – YTD unrestricted contributions are under budget by \$1,800, and \$27,000 less than last year. YTD expenses are \$10,000 below budget, and \$18,000 below last year. Bottom line, we are approximately \$5,000 cash positive YTD which is \$8,500 better than budget and \$9,000 less than last year.



Thank you all for your help in feeding the homeless at the Austin Street Center on Sunday, January 30! We had more than 600 sandwiches, plenty of chips, over 300 pieces of fruit, including apples, oranges and bananas.

The folks at Austin Street were very appreciative and offer God’s blessings to you all! Thanks again! We’ll do this again in May.

Your Sandwich Lady,
Dee Huckaba

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 13th will be Super, that’s S-U-P-E-R Bowl Sunday. It’s also going to be the S-O-U-P-E-R Bowl of Caring Sunday. The youth here at St. Mark will be collecting non-perishable food as well as cash or check contributions on February 13th. Checks should be made out to St. Mark with a notation that it’s for Souper Bowl of Caring. All contributions will be given to White Rock Center of Hope.



Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money, and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

Thanks, Wylie Matthews



Stated Meeting of the Session, December 20, 2021.

- Motion passed to approve that Alice McLean be allowed to borrow a children's table and 4 children's chairs and a play seat between December 23-30, 2021.
- Motion passed to elect Pelham Swift as second Session member on the Nominating Committee.
- Motion passed for the church office to be closed on the following holidays in 2022: Memorial Day - Monday May 30, Independence Day – Monday July 4, Labor Day – Monday September 5, Thanksgiving Day – Thursday November 24.

WELCOME JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH



The Family Center has been cleared out and renovated. We welcome Journey Community Church who will have their first worship service at this location on February 6th.

We are blessed to be able to provide a facility for Journey and feel this partnership in ministry holds the promise of great benefit to both St. Mark and Journey.



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FEBRUARY



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February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 4:30p Sandwich Sunday at Austin Street Center	31	1 6:00p Zoom Fellowship Com. Mtg.	2 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	3 6:00p Zoom Yoga	4	5 10:30a Zoom Membership/Evang Com. Mtg. (TBA)
6 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service Welcome 	7 6:00p Zoom Worship & Music Com.	8 6:00p Zoom CE Com. Mtg.	9 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	10 6:00p Zoom Yoga 7:00p Zoom Property Com. Mtg.	11	12 9:00a Mini Workday Grace Presbytery Meeting
13 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Mission & Outreach Com. Mtg. 	14	15 6:00p Zoom Stewardship & Finance Com. Mtg.	16 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	17 6:00p Zoom Yoga	18	19
20 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service	21 6:30p Session Meeting	22	23 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	24 6:00p Zoom Yoga	25	26
27 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service Guest Preacher - Rev. Richard Selby	28	1	2 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5 10:30a Zoom Membership/Evang Com. Mtg.