

# St. Mark Connection

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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

**June 5 - Pentecost**  
**10:50**  
**Worship/Communion**

**5:00 Combined Worship**  
**with Journey Community**  
**Church**

**June 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Officer Installation Sunday**

### **Come, Holy Spirit Come... But Do As I Say!**

There is a whole sub-genre of movies created for certain audiences who enjoy spending two hours watching the slow unraveling of someone's grand plans until a final catastrophe manages to teach the main characters (and us) the lesson of the film. You know those movies – *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, Ben Stiller's *Meet the Parents* series, *Bridesmaids*, and the Griswolds embarking on yet another *Vacation*.

While I love a great comedy, I hate the feeling of cringing my way through each misstep as plan after plan goes insanely awry. Rather than take in the hilarity of the plot, my mind cannot help but wonder how much hospital bills or car repairs will cost. And my stomach is in knots with each uncomfortable confrontation.

If you haven't figured it out, I am a bit of a Type-A person. Also known as a Control Freak. I like things to be predictable, like a good ol' fashion Rom Com. I like things to be orderly, which is why I love being Presbyterian! And yet, I painfully learn each and every day how little control I really have over my life, the state of the world, the people I love the most, and especially the people I have difficulty appreciating.

Throughout the Summer, we will be turning to the Book of Acts to hear stories of the Holy Spirit moving in unpredictable, surprising, and unexpected ways as the apostles and their best-laid plans go completely off-kilter. There are strange visions, prison doors breaking open, and transformations of their hearts and minds and perhaps even ours! Together we will witness a **God Unbound**, discover the spiritual habit of welcoming an unpredictable God, and learn to expect the wonderfully unexpected.

We are used to the Summer season as being a time of pressing pause on much of our usual activities and plans. It's too hot to do much anyway! My hope is that we will also use this time to see God alive and at work in our world in new and surprising ways. For the Holy Spirit doesn't simply blow like a light breeze, but "like the howling of a fierce wind" (Acts 2:2). That's almost as good as A/C, right?

How might a little chaos be a welcomed addition to your spiritual life these days? Do you yearn for God to shake things up or are you tightly gripping onto the ways things are for fear of feeling out of control? Let's take this journey together like the early followers of Jesus who were gathered on the Day of Pentecost and were left never the same again. As Ferris Bueller reminds us, "Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it."



Grace and peace,  
Pastor Kathy

## Sunday Sermons, Scriptures and Events

June 5 – Pentecost Sunday  
Recognizing the Living God: Holy Spirit  
John 14:8-17 (25-27)  
Celebration of The Lord's Supper  
5:00 Worship with Journey Community Church

June 12 – Trinity Sunday  
God Unbound: Breaking Free and Standing Firm  
Acts 5:27-32

June 19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
God Unbound: Eyes to See  
Acts 9:1-20

June 26 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
God Unbound: Deliberate Practice  
Acts 9:36-43



## God Bless You on Your Birthday

**June 1**  
Harriett Anderson  
**June 4**  
Daniel Robinson

**June 25**  
Leon Johnson  
Ruth McGowan  
**June 29**  
Dee Huckaba



## Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>

Canned Meat Products, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Canned Green Beans, Canned other Beans, Canned Corn, Canned other Vegetables, Boxed Mac and Cheese, Peanut Butter, Any Shelf Items (Hamburger Helper, Jell-O, Suddenly Salad, Condiments, etc.), Newspaper bags.

## CHURCH PANTRY

The church pantry needs the following items:  
Fruit cups, canned meat products, peanut butter crackers, tuna or chicken salad kits. Thank you!!



## Welcome New Elders and Trustee



Newly elected elders Bill Grayson, Daniel Robinson and Leigh Taylor will be installed on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. Sheila Wahl will be installed as trustee on that Sunday as well.

Thank you for your service, Class of 2022: Elders Tricia Johnson, Pelham Swift, Daniel Robinson, Lorraine Stephen, and Trustee Bill Grayson.

## SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Stated Meeting of the Session, April 18, 2022.

Motion passed to make our playground available to the neighborhood, leaving it unlocked, and signage to be determined.

A copy of these minutes can be found on the Session bulletin board.

*Congratulations*

Congratulations on your retirement!!  
Leigh Taylor and Sheila Wahl

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# Thank You!



It's been an incredible 6 ½ years working as your administrative assistant here at St. Mark and I cannot thank you enough.

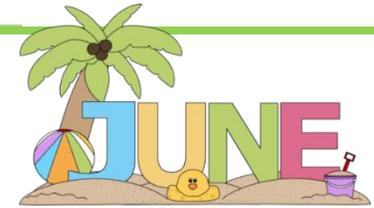
I have been so blessed to work with Pastor Rick Brooks, Reverend Kathy Lee-Cornell and various visiting pastors, with Gary and Ann O'Neal, Randall McGee, Elaine Burgess and Bob King. I have had the most wonderful group of volunteers who are on call should I need office coverage or extra help in the office. Pauline Millender, Alice McLean, Marilyn Jackson, Dee Huckaba, Allison Curry, Tricia Johnson, Donna Simes and the late Jo Farley. My sincerest appreciation for the help of Diane Llywelyn, Sheila Wahl, Leigh Taylor, Marilyn Jackson and Bill Grayson during this transition time. These are only a few of the amazing people who are helping or who have helped in the past. I've enjoyed working with the elders who have served and are currently serving on the session. Your hard, dedicated work is so very appreciated.

St. Mark has one of the kindest and most generous congregations. You truly walk the walk, and I am certain God has great things for the future of this church. I will always feel this to be my second church home and will miss you all very much.

*Kat*

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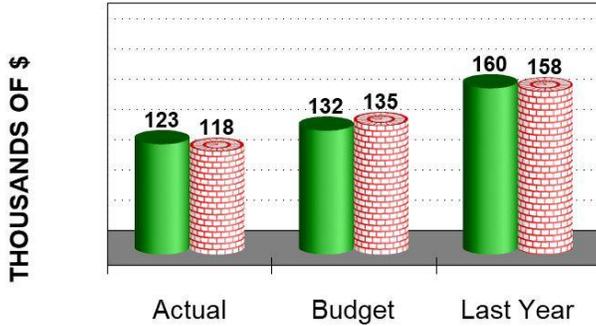
June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9:15a Sunday School <b>10:30a Worship Service</b> 12:00p Yoga 4:30p Sandwich Sunday at Austin Street Center	<b>30</b> Memorial Day Church Office Closed	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 6:00p Zoom Yoga	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:30a Zoom Membership/Evang Com. Mtg.
<b>5</b> 9:15a Sunday School <b>10:30a Worship Service</b> 12:00p Yoga 5:00p Worship with St. Mark and Journey  	<b>6</b> 6:00p Zoom Worship & Music Com.	<b>7</b> 6:00p Zoom Fellowship Com. Mtg.	<b>8</b> 6:00p Property Com. 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 6:00p Zoom Yoga	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00a Mini Workday
<b>12</b> 9:15a Sunday School <b>10:30a Worship Service</b> 12:00p Yoga 12:00p Mission & Outreach Com. Mtg.  	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 6:00p Zoom GE Com. Mtg. 6:00p Zoom Stewardship & Finance Com. Mtg.	<b>15</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 6:00p Zoom Yoga	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:15a Sunday School <b>10:30a Worship Service</b> 12:00p Yoga	<b>20</b> 6:30p Session Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 6:00p Zoom Yoga	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:15a Sunday School <b>10:30a Worship Service</b> 12:00p Yoga Officer Installation Sunday  	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 6:00p Zoom Yoga	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:30a Zoom Membership/Evang Com. Mtg.

## Treasurer's Report

10 MONTHS THROUGH 4-30-2022



## OPERATING FUND

■ +INCOME ■ -EXPENSE

Operating Fund – YTD unrestricted contributions are under budget by \$8,000, and \$34,000 less than last year. YTD expenses are \$17,000 below budget, and \$39,000 below last year. Bottom line, we are approximately \$5,000 cash positive YTD which is \$8,000 better than budget and \$3,000 better than last year.



June 5, 2022

On Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, join St. Mark in worship and communion at 10:30 a.m.  
At 5:00 p.m., St. Mark will join Journey Community Church in worship.



## Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of Mary Beckham. Mary was promoted to Glory on May 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Sympathy also to the family of Jonell Farley. Jo was promoted to Glory on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Her funeral service was at Evergreen Chapel, Evergreen Cemetery in Paris, Texas, on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Prayers for these families are greatly appreciated.

Well Spring has passed and another Texas Summer is upon us. Seems like a good time to toss out another batch of "Randall's Odds and Ends." This batch is a few things I am wondering about.



\*Pentecost is just around the corner. It is Sunday June 5. That would make it a good time for all of us to reread the second chapter of the book Acts. It was an unexpected and chaotic day. Presbyterians tend to not like the unexpected and chaos. We have a great appreciation for planning and order. I wonder what the Spirit has in store for St Mark this Pentecost and beyond?

\*I imagine it is time for the pool and water playground to open across the street at Harry Stone. I wonder who will be coming to our neighborhood to enjoy this resource this summer? Have you or anyone you know been over there to enjoy it.

\*More new houses are going up at the corner of Peavy and Millmar. I am not sure if any of them are occupied yet. Do you know? That space will soon be full. I wonder when the builder will start new homes on the parking lot he bought from St Mark. I wonder who will be moving into all these new homes.

\*I am about to start reading a new book. "God Gets Everything God Wants" by Katie Hays. Interesting title, isn't it? I wonder what I will think about it. It comes highly recommended to me. The author is a pastor who lives in Ft Worth. Her church reaches out to folks who have not found a place in more traditional congregations. I'll report back on it later.

That's all for this month. What sort of things are you wondering about this month?

St. Mark Presbyterian Church exists to know Jesus and to make Him known.



## AUSTIN STREET NEWS

We were able to deliver sandwiches, snack cakes, chips and fruit to Austin Street on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. We had a ton of snack cakes and other goodies however, illnesses, injuries and the holiday weekend conspired to make our sandwich count very short, but our friends at El Divino and Journey helped save the day.

Thanks as always,  
Dee



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