



St. Mark Connection

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reminders

September 4

Blood Drive
9:00 a.m. – 12:30
p.m.

September 5

Labor Day
Church Office
Closed

September 10

Mini Church
Workday
9:00 a.m.

September 11

White Rock Center
of Hope Giving
Sunday

It's September. It appears that the seasons are "thinking" about beginning to change in North Texas. So, it's time for another handful of "Randall's Odds and Ends" to appear. So here goes:

*School is back in Session. They really have been working at Bryan Adams this summer. I don't know if they are done but students and faculty are definitely back. It is almost like it is a new school. At least it looks that way from the outside. Have you been watching the construction? It is so exciting. It is a great thing for our neighborhood. I wonder what it is like for the students and staff. I am sure that there are some of the hassles and bugs that always go along with new construction. But I hope they are excited about their new space. I hope great things will happen in that facility. Oh, and I hope that you will keep the students and staff of BA on your prayer list this year. Give thanks for all those who are called to teach. Also give thanks for all the staff that work in the background to keep a school running. And pray that the students will all grow and find something exciting and inspiring this year.

*Speaking of prayer. I hope that you are praying for Kathy Lee-Cornell as she and her family get settled in New Orleans. It is her hometown. But moving a family is always an interesting time filled with ups and downs. And Kathy and Alex are both starting new calls.

*I am preaching at St. Mark the first Sunday of September. I am using one of my favorite stories from the gospels. The one where a legion of demons wind up in a herd of pigs. Luke 8:26-39. And we'll celebrate communion. It is always a privilege to share in the joyful feast of the people of God. So pray for me as I prepare.

*And that reminds me. We are going to have the privilege of a number of guest preachers at St. Mark this fall. I know we all love and crave the stability and familiarity of having the same person in the pulpit week after week. But that is not what we have in this season at St. Mark. I wonder what messages we will hear from all these different voices? I wonder how the Holy Spirit might move to connect the diversity of all these voices into something that we need to hear and experience at St Mark? I know that you will pray for each person who comes to share the good news with us.

That's enough odds and ends for now.

Blessings,

Rev. (Dr.) Randall McGee
Director of Christian Education

Sunday Sermons, Scriptures and Events

September 4 – Pigs and Home

Psalm 22:19-28

Luke 8:26-39

Celebration of The Lord's Supper

Guest Preacher – The Rev. Dr. Randall McGee

September 11

Guest Preacher – Traci Truly



September 18

Guest Preacher – The Rev. Dr. Richard W. Selby

September 25

Guest Preacher – Traci Truly



God Bless You on Your Birthday

September 2

Shelly Manriquez

Joanne Szalay

September 4

Ben Taylor

September 8

Susan Bell

September 9

Bailey Guinnee

Christi Malouf

September 11

Ruth Crawley

September 12

Diana Kettle

September 15

Neill Howard

September 21

Melba Hale

September 24

Nicole Carver

Charley Taylor

September 26

Rebecca Moore

September 28

Maureen McMahon

Carter BloodCare Blood Drive

The lives that can be touched and saved by giving a pint of blood are countless. The Carter BloodCare

Bus will be at St. Mark on Sunday, September 4, 2022, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



Christian Education News



The Christian Education Committee congratulates Hunter and Preston Swift on completing the Confirmation Class “Big God, Big Questions” this Summer. On July 31, 2022, Hunter and Preston confirmed their faith and became members of St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

Posters included in the class material have been placed on the Christian Education Bulletin Board and the large board across from the classrooms. Please take a moment to look at the posters for a glimpse inside the confirmation class.

Hunter and Preston were baptized fifteen years ago at St. Mark. Parents, Pelham and Souvenir Swift, together with the church, promised to instruct and guide Hunter and Preston on their faith journey. Being confirmed, Hunter and Preston reaffirm the baptismal covenant promises and recognize that they are part of the body of Christ.

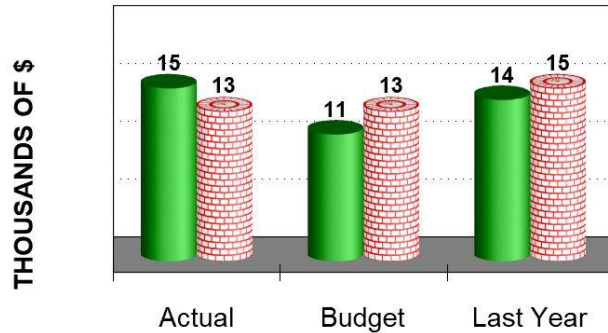
Confirmation is a special time – a continuation of the faith journey that began at baptism. Congratulations and God's blessings to Hunter and Preston and their parents, Pelham and Souvenir!

White Rock Center of Hope Giving Sunday, September 11th

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.

Treasurer's Report

1 MONTH THROUGH 7-31-2022



OPERATING FUND

■ +INCOME ■ -EXPENSE

Operating Fund – YTD unrestricted contributions are above budget by \$4,000, and about the same as last year. YTD expenses are \$1,000 below budget, and \$2,000 below last year. Bottom line, we are approximately \$2,000 cash positive YTD which is \$4,000 better than budget and \$3,000 better than last year.

Sandwich Sunday News

Thanks for another successful Sandwich Sunday on July 31st! Once again, the congregations of St. Mark and El Divino Salvador, along with Dorothy Moore's generous neighbors, have stepped up to feed the clients at Austin Street Center. Through your loving contributions and hard work, we provided food for 407 residents. Thank you all for your faithfulness to this vital mission.



Your "Sandwich Lady" – Dee Huckaba

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS



Stated Meeting of the Session, July 18, 2022.

- Motion passed to welcome Rachel Krohn into the full faith and fellowship of St. Mark Presbyterian Church.
- Motion passed to suspend after-church fellowship and in-person yoga classes due to the rise of the COVID-19 risk level in Dallas County and to strongly encourage mask wearing and social distancing at all times for all events.
- Motion passed to accept Leigh Taylor and Susie Miller as commissioners to the Stated Presbytery Meeting on September 22, 2022.

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services



The Annual Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services Luncheon is scheduled for November 3rd. More details to follow.



Celebrating American workers and their achievements.

Monday, September 5, 2022
The church office will be closed.

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September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service	29	30	31 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	1 6:00p Zoom Yoga	2	3
4 9:00a Blood Drive 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service	5 Labor Day - Office Closed	6 6:00p Zoom Fellowship Com. Mtg. 6:00p Zoom Stewardship & Finance Com. Mtg.	7 6:30p Property Com. 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	8 6:00p Zoom Yoga	9	10 9:00a Mini Workday
11 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service 12:00p Membership & Mission Comm Mtg	12 6:00p Zoom Worship & Music Com. Mtg. 6:00p Zoom Personnel/Admin Com. Mtg.	13 6:00p Zoom CE Com. Mtg.	14 6:30p Handbells 7:30p Choir Rehearsal	15 6:00p Zoom Yoga	16	17
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SEPTEMBER

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