

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

June 13, 2024

## Upcoming Events

### Access Plus Ramp Build

6/15, Saturday 8:00 a.m.

### Father's Day

6/16, Sunday

### Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution

6/20, Thursday 12:00 pm.

### Cimarron Senior Apartments Health Fair

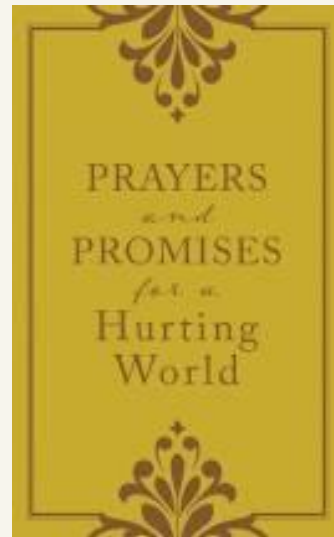
6/20, Thursday 1:00 p.m.

### Vacation Bible School

7/8-7/11, Monday - Thursday

9:00-11:45 a.m.

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## Strength in Gentleness

*"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*

Matthew 11:29 NIV

Lord, I'm meditating on what it means to be gentle. Gentleness is one of the fruits of the Spirit, an attribute of Your character You long to see growing in us. It's peaceful, tranquil. It's slow to react. It does not punch itself forward. It is the opposite of harsh and rough.

It's a challenge to think of all those words as descriptors of Your character, Lord. You are strong, yet I have difficulty seeing the strength in gentleness. I tend to see it as weakness or passivity or lack of self-confidence. But how much more strength

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Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.

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did it take to compassionately and patiently clothe the errant two in the garden and plan their future redemption than to annihilate them and start from scratch? How much more strength did it take to stay on that cross when You could have come down at any moment? How much more strength did it take to stand silent before Your accusers when You are the Word of Truth? How much more strength did it take to patiently explain the meaning of Your parables to a ragtag band of disciples than to march into Jerusalem at the head of a legion of angels and establish Your kingdom by force? Lord, let me follow You in gentleness and rest. Amen.

## Father's Day



# Happy Father's Day to all Dads!

## Ramp Build

### Access Plus Ramp Build THIS Saturday, June 15th, 8:00 a.m. 509 Fairview Dr.

The June ramp build is for Erma, who has been waiting a while for her ramp. This will give her easier access to her home, which will bless her, her caregivers, and her family members.

You don't need any building experience to be a part of a ramp build. Doug Wayland and the team members would be happy to train you. Just come with an open heart and willing hands.



## Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution



### Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution & Health Fair Thursday, 6/20, 12:00 p.m.

The next **food distribution** at Cimarron Senior Apartments is Thursday, June 20th, beginning at noon. Please consider lending a helping hand to get the boxes of food delivered to some of the residents' homes.

The Activities Director, Julia Livas, is also hosting a "**health fair**" that afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. We would like to have a couple of people stay after the food distribution to hand out bags that will have fresh fruit and information about St. Mark's. If anyone is able to do that, please contact the church office at (361) 994-0285, or visit with Fr. Doug.

## Youth Endowment Fund Update

### Scholarship Applications Continue to be Accepted

If you missed the first deadline to submit your scholarship application at the end of May, you're in luck. The deadline has been extended to Friday, June 21st.

Here is a link to the [guidelines and the application](#).



## Sun Fest Community Event Update



### Sun Fest Event Success!

Our first ever Sun Fest Event was a wonderful experience for all involved, our guests and our volunteers. When you see Chrystal Wilkey, Cindy Porterfield, and Melanie Buchi, please thank them for their hard work to organize this event.

The silent auction produced at little over \$2,100 to go toward the sign fund. That total, added to what the Fall Festival raised, brings our sign fund to close to \$4,000. It's a good start toward funding this project.

Thank you to Chrystal, Cindy, Melanie, and each and every person who contributed to help make the event a success.

## Blood Drive Update

### Blood Drive Success



**Coastal Bend Blood Center**

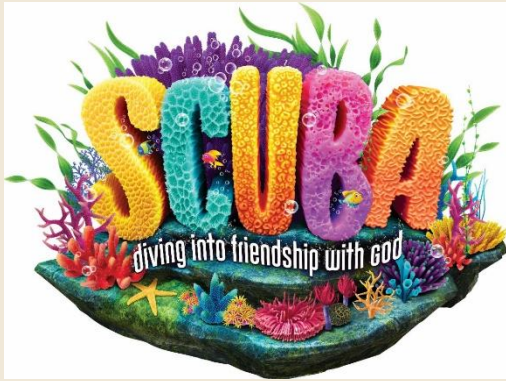
*Giving so that others may live*

The Coastal Bend Blood Center set up a mobile donation center in the church parking last Sunday to receive blood donations. The Center had set a goal for us of donating 12 units of blood; we met that goal and surpassed it. We had 13 people give the gift of life. Two others were willing to donate but could not because of medications they are currently taking.

The representatives at the blood center were pleased with the outcome and have asked us to host another blood drive in the fall.

**Thank you to everyone who donated!**

# Vacation Bible School



## Scuba Vacation Bible School Monday-Thursday, July 8-11, 9:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School program is "Scuba, Diving into Friendship with God." It promises to be another grand adventure learning about God.

We would like to ask you to consider volunteering to help with Vacation Bible School and purchasing supplies needed for the children who attend. Here's a [link to register as a volunteer and to register children](#) to attend. Please share with others who may want to help or have children who would like to participate. Here's a [link to the supply registry](#) list if you'd like to help with the supplies.

Scuba has seven areas where people may volunteer. We need both leaders and helpers. Here are the seven areas and a description of each:

- **Deep Bible Adventures Leader:** this organized storyteller brings the Bible to life through interactive experiences, then helps kids apply the word of God to their own lives.
- **Games leader:** this energetic person leads kids in fun physical activities and discussions.
- **Imagination Station leader:** this fun-loving leader encourages creativity and brings the Bible point to life!
- **Snack leader:** this organized person prepares snacks and guides kids in relating the snack to the Bible point each day.
- **Sticky Scripture leader:** this master of discussion shares videos and leads kids in discussion on how to apply the daily Bible point to their lives.
- **Opening and Closing leader:** this creative, energetic person leads opening and closing each day with dancing, singing, acting, and teaching.
- **Crew leaders:** these youth or adults travel to stations with the kids, having fun, forming relationships, and helping as needed.

Please contact Sally Buck at (361) 813-5732 if you would like to volunteer or have any questions.

## Burks' Family Addition

### Welcome Little Charles Hubert Miller to the Family!

Hugh and Donna Burks' daughter, Juliette Miller, welcomed her third child Tuesday. She had a little boy named Charles. Mom and baby are doing well. What a sweet bundle of joy!



## Coffee Hour Help



### Coffee Hour Fellowship

Sharing our lives with one another over a cup of coffee while enjoying a sweet treat describes Coffee Hour. We have a very small dedicated team that works hard to make sure there is something offered each Sunday.

We need some new team members to volunteer to help once a month. The job duties include setting up the drinks and refreshments, serving, and cleaning up afterward. It can be very simple. You don't have to bake anything or even pick something up at the grocery store if your time is limited. We have snack items in the freezer and in the pantry that may be used. Of course, if you enjoy baking and want to bring in homemade treats, no one will object. Everything is appreciated!

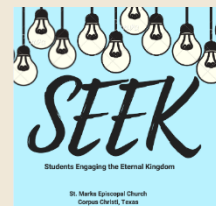
Please consider being a part of this team. If you'd like to serve, please let Judy know in the office at (361) 994-0285.

## Youth Group & Children's Ministry

### SEEK Youth Group Will Take a Break During the Summer

**Youth Group:** We will not meet regularly during the summer months.

**Vacation Bible School:** Stop by the Scuba Vacation Bible Adventure table this Sunday during coffee hour and see where you can help this year! Vacation Bible School will be July 8th through July 11th.



## Adult Bible Study



### Adult Bible Study Group is Taking a Break for the Summer and Will Resume in the Fall

The Sunday Adult Bible study group will take a break during the summer. Below are the links to the first ten chapters of the Gospel of Mark if you would like study on your own during the summer. The group will resume meeting in the fall.

Here are links for the Gospel of Mark:

[the introduction](#) to the class  
[map of the Sea of Galilee](#)  
[chapter one](#) study notes  
[chapter two](#) study notes  
[chapter three](#) study notes  
[chapter four](#) study notes  
[chapter five](#) study notes  
[chapter six](#) study notes  
[chapter seven](#) study notes  
[chapter eight](#) study notes  
[chapter nine](#) study notes  
[chapter ten](#) study notes

## Timon's Ministry

### Ministry in Partnership with Timon's Ministry

Over the course of many years, St. Mark's has partnered with Timon's Ministry in various ways. Timon's goal "is to provide a hand up, empowering individuals to regain their strength, dignity, and ultimately, their place in the workforce." Our women's reunion group has discovered several ways to serve this community.



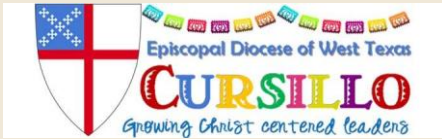
Members of the group have been volunteering their time at Timon's Ministry working in the Clothing Closet organizing items and visiting with people. The group has asked for help with their efforts through any of the following ways:

- Donating men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola bars, chips, bottled water, etc.
- Sorting clothing on Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

You may leave your donations in designated boxes located in the entryway to the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall. Contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 for more information.

Thank you for your help with this important ministry opportunity.

## Cursillo & Women's Reunion Groups



## Cursillo Community Information

New **reunion groups** for women who have completed a Cursillo weekend are being formed. (Both daytime and evening times are possible.) Please contact Pam Cater at (361) 446-4498 or at [pamela.j.cater@gmail.com](mailto:pamela.j.cater@gmail.com), if you are interested in participating in a group or just being kept informed of upcoming Cursillo events and activities.

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall: October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

## Diocesan Events

### Diocesan News



**Cursillo Information**--Please use the link below to the diocesan page containing information on upcoming [Cursillo weekends](#).

**Diocesan ENews**--To stay informed on what is happening in our Diocese, you may sign up for the [Diocese of West Texas ENews](#) by clicking the link. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on a white button that has "Let's Connect" written in it.



## Ways to Support God's Kingdom through St. Mark's

# THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORT ST. MARK'S CHURCH!



### Thank you for Your Generosity

Is the Lord blessing you? Are you grateful for what He has done in your life? Remember His Church. We have ministries to support and salaries and bills to pay. Give out of faith, thanksgiving, and generosity, and never out of guilt. If you are blessed to be able to give, here are several ways to do that:

- Online through our website. There is a blue "Giving" button at the bottom of each page. Just click on that and it will take you to our online EGiving page. You will need to set up a user profile, and then you can set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts. You can also give through the ["Donate to St. Mark's"](#) link.
- Through your cell phone using the app, **Vanco Mobile**. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Vanco Mobile". The icon background is dark purple with a white circle and a purple letter "V" in the center. Download the app and follow the prompts. You can use it to set up a one-time gift or recurring gifts.
- You may also use the QR code below.
- Mail in your check to: St. Mark's Church, 2727 Airline Rd, CC, TX 78414. We have a drop-in mailbox that is locked at all times. We check the mail every day, so your check will be secure.
- Drop your check off at the church. Just put it in the locked mailbox to the left of the red doors at the fellowship hall.
- Bequest giving is another way to give to St. Mark's with a gift through your estate. Simply list St. Mark's in your will.

**THANK YOU** for helping spread the Kingdom  
through your continuing support  
of St. Mark's Church.



# Weekly Calendar

## Calendar & Ministry Schedule

Here is the link to the [June schedule](#) for our ministries, which is an ongoing work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes. Here's a link to the [June calendar](#).

### **June 15 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--509 Fairview Dr.

### **June 16 - Sunday--Father's Day**

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

### **June 17- Monday**

9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

### **June 18- Tuesday**

7:30 a.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Corner Bakery, 4938 S. Staples St.

### **June 19 - Wednesday**

8:10 a.m. - Clothing Sorting--Timon's Ministries, 10501 S. Padre Island Dr.

12:00 p.m. - Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library

6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

### **June 20 - Thursday**

12:00 p.m. - Conversations with God--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

1:00 p.m. - Health Fair--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

**Below you will find several links to websites or  
Facebook Pages that you might find helpful.**

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