

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

May 18, 2023

Upcoming Events

Ramp Build

5/20 Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Youth Sunday

5/21 Sunday

Sunday Funday

5/21 Sunday

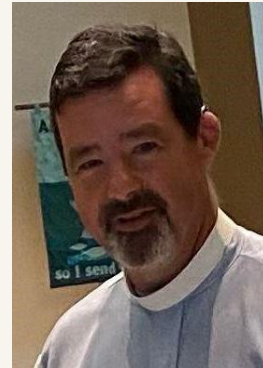
Pentecost Sunday

5/28 Sunday

Memorial Day--Office Closed

5/29 Monday

From the Rector Fr. Doug Wasinger



“Cast all your anxiety on him (God), because he cares for you.” – 1 Peter 5:7

For the past several weeks, the Episcopal Church has been working through 1 Peter. The content of that letter seems to have weight today for it talks about how to keep one's faith in Jesus during challenging times. In many parts of the Roman empire the early adopters of Christianity sought to co-exist with others and didn't seek attention or status. However, the government and prevailing society viewed foreign religions like Christianity with suspicion and saw them as threat to the stability of civilization. This created tension between Christians and other citizens of the Roman Empire. Peter's letters to the early church contained words of encouragement as well as acknowledgement of the reality of their struggles.

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Sunday Worship Service:

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

Visit our website

Access Plus Ramp Build

Ramp Build THIS Saturday, May 20th at 8:00 a.m. 120 Softwood

May's ramp build is for a lady named Linda, who lives in a trailer park. If you like working with your hands and power tools, come join the team. You don't need to have any experience. Doug Wayland, who oversees the ramp ministry, would be happy to train you.



Linda's address is 120 Softwood, but Google Maps will not get you to her address. So, please use the entrance at 138 Candlewood St. to get into trailer park, then look for her home.

Strategic Planning Help



Need Your Input with Weekly Strategic Planning Questions

We need your help in answering four questions that will help guide the strategic planning process. Each week a question will be presented in the ENews, which will then be addressed during the following Sunday service.

The question last week was **What do you want to see at St. Mark's in the next 3-5 years?** We had a great response! If you weren't able to be here last Sunday and would like to offer your thoughts, please email them to the church office at judy@stmarkscc.org.

There were 30 post-its placed on the large white sheets with about 65 individual responses. Here is a [compilation of all](#) of them. There were many duplicates, so those were combined as one response. On the form, there are numbers in parentheses which indicate how many of you offered that same response.

Please review the response form as you think about your answer to this week's question:
What do you feel might block us from accomplishing our vision/goals for St. Mark's?

Fr. Doug will give us a few minutes before the end of the service to write our responses on small post-its that will be in the bulletins. After you write your response on a post-it, you may place it on one of the large white post-it sheets that will be on the walls on each side of the baptismal font as you leave the service. Usher will have extra post-its if you need one.

Thank you for your help with this project!

Sunday Funday

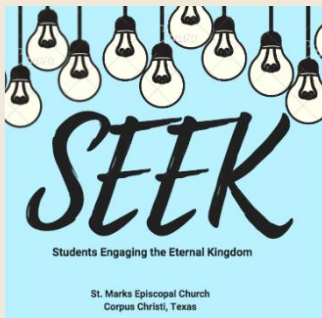
St. Mark's Sunday Funday THIS Sunday, May 21st

Please join us Sunday, May 21, at 44 Hewit Place, from 3:00-6:00 p.m.. We'll play ping pong, swim, snack, and enjoy being together.

Bring a snack to share and a towel, if you plan to swim. Drinks will be provided. All are invited!



Children & SEEK Youth Group



Children & SEEK Youth Group

Summer Camp Opportunities at Camp Capers

Registration is now open for:

Summer Camp:

- Senior High (10th-12th grade)
- Junior High (8th-9th grade)
- Intermediate (6th-7th grade)
- Primary (3rd-5th grade)

Here's a link to the [diocesan website](#) for registration and additional information.

Youth Sunday THIS Sunday, May 21st

We will celebrate our youth, and they will serve during the worship service this Sunday. Thank you to all the youth who are serving! We won't have a lay address from a graduating senior because we don't have anyone graduating this year.



The loose offering and any designated checks will go to support our Youth Endowment Fund, which awards scholarships to college and trade school students when the fund grows the required 3% in the preceding year. So, your gifts help get the fund to that benchmark. Anything over the 3% requirement is available for scholarships.

Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost Sunday May 28th

It's been our tradition to wear red clothing and enjoy strawberry shortcake on Pentecost Sunday. Our hospitality team will supply cupcakes. We'll need your help with the strawberries. Please bring a quart of strawberries that are cut up and sugared to share that Sunday.

Don't forget to wear something red!

Lay Reader & Lay Eucharistic Minister Training

Training for Lectors and Lay Eucharistic Ministers Sunday, June 4th

Are you interested in reading scripture on Sunday mornings during the service or reading the prayers of the people and being a chalice bearer? If this ministry is of interest to you, please stay after church Sunday, June 4th, for a training with Doug Wayland.



Need a Ladder?



Wooden Ladder Available

We are replacing our wooden ladder with an aluminum ladder. If you need an eight foot ladder, we're giving the wooden one away. Contact the church office by phone at (361) 994-0285, or email Judy at judy@stmarksc.org to see if it's still available.

First come, first served!

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

A Letter to the Diocese Regarding the Bishop Transition--Click on [this link](#) for an update for the transitions from Bishop David M. Reed to Bishop Coadjutor-Elect David G. Read.

Connecting with College Missions--Click on [this link](#) if you'd like to get connected with the diocesan college ministry.

Youth/Children's Camp at Camp Capers--For [information and registration](#), click here.

Diocesan ENews--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. Though we have experienced limitations for worshipping together, we still 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.
- 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 [May schedule](#) for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

May 20 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--120 Softwood

May 21- Sunday--Youth Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m. - Sunday Funday--44 Hewit Pl.

May 22 - Monday

10:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library
6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall Library

May 23 - Wednesday

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys--Cafe Italia, 4117 S. Staples St.
12:00 p.m. - Noonday Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall Library
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.

May 25 - Thursday

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amateur Radio Club--Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

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

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#)

[Donate to St. Mark's Church](#)

[St. Mark's Church Facebook Page](#)

[Diocese of West Texas](#)

[Diocesan Newsletter and Reflection Magazine](#)

[Denison Forum--News Discerned Differently](#)

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