

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

August 15, 2024

Upcoming Events

Access Plus Ramp Build

8/17, Saturday at 8:00 a.m.

Ultreya Gathering

8/17, Saturday at 1:00 p.m.

Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution

8/22, Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

Guest Ministry Team Meeting

8/24, Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

Parish Meeting & Potluck

8/25, Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Hooks Baseball Game

8/30, Friday at 7:05 p.m.

From the Rector Fr. Doug



For many years the Episcopal Church enjoyed a favorable status in this country. People of public influence were often found in Episcopal congregations worshipping and participating in leadership roles in the church. However, that has changed, and now the Episcopal Church is finding itself in a land of uncertainty. We ask ourselves what the future will hold? What I found upon arrival here in Texas in October of 2022 is a similar conversation to the one I was having in Wyoming prior to my departure.

What I was saying in Wyoming was along the lines of "What worked in Chicago didn't work in Kansas, and what worked in Kansas didn't work in Wyoming." The trails that early settlers followed on their way to Wyoming and then on to California were littered with items that had been tossed away because those supplies were no longer useful. The question I ask myself and others now is, "What needs to be tossed and what do we need to keep?" Upon arrival in Corpus Christi, I had the privilege to listen to an author and public speaker, Tod Bolsinger, on the topic of current church dynamics. Tod's book *Canoeing the Mountains* tells the story of Lewis and Clark and their travels to

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Morning Prayer at 10:00 a.m.

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discover and map the great river that connects the East Coast with the West Coast. We all know today that such a river does not exist, but through the power of a vision and mission, Lewis and Clark adapted to their new landscape and found a way to accomplish the task they had undertaken. The conversations in both Wyoming and Texas are about the future. Is the church willing to venture into the wilderness, or will we remain in the land of certainty?

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Access Plus Ramp Ministry



Ramp Build

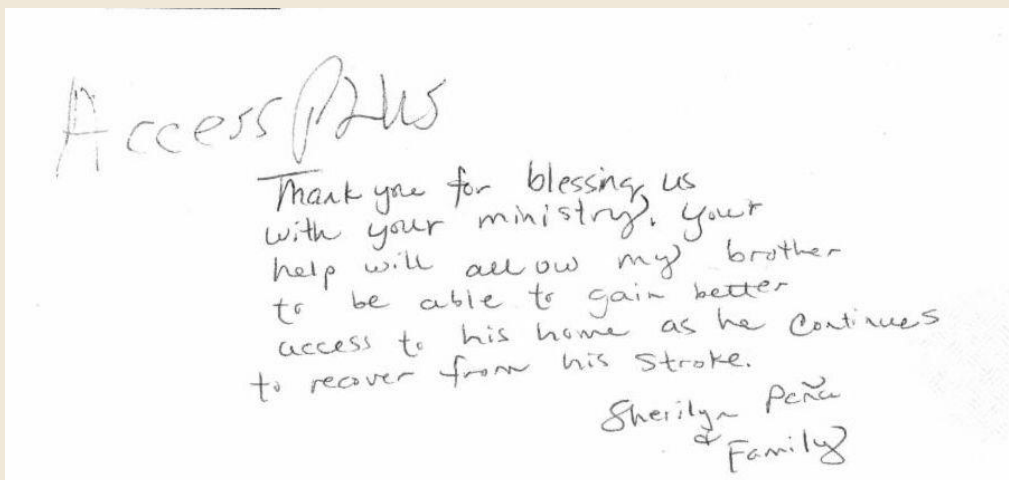
Saturday, 8/17, beginning at 8:00 a.m.
1818 Timrod St.

There will in fact be a ramp build for August. A location was found that provides adequate shade for those who will work on the ramp.

Eileen and her family will be blessed to have a safe way to transport her in and out of her home.

Access Plus Ramp Ministry Gift

We received a generous gift to go toward our next ramp build and a lovely note of thanks from a family member of a man for whom a ramp was built.



Ultreya Gathering

**Ultreya Gathering
Saturday, 8/17,
at 1:00 p.m.
Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church**

If you've attended a Cursillo weekend, you're invited to an Ultreya meeting at Trinity by the Sea in Port Aransas. Drinks will be provided, but people are asked to bring a snack to share with everyone.



Make a friend,
Be a friend,
Bring a friend to Christ.

PLEASE JOIN US...

COASTAL BEND AREA
ULTREYA

Saturday, August 17th
1:00pm

Trinity by the Sea Episcopal Church
433 Trojan St.
Port Aransas

Please bring a snack to share!
Beverages provided!

Questions?
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Cimarron Senior Apartments Food Distribution



**Food Box Distribution at
Cimarron Senior Apartments
Thursday, 8/22, 11:45 a.m.**

The Coastal Bend Food Bank food box distribution for August was moved to next Thursday. If you would like to help, please arrive at the apartment complex at 11:45 a.m. You may contact John deMontel at (361) 815-9498 or the church office at (361) 994-0285 for more information.

Guest Ministry Team

Guest Ministry Team Meeting Saturday, 8/24, at 11:00 a.m. 3448 Newcastle Dr.



The Guest Ministry Team will meet on Saturday, August 24th, at 11:00 a.m.. If you would like to join us in welcoming our Sunday guests, please give me a call. It is a great way to get involved in the life of St. Mark's. The meeting will be held at my home, 3448 Newcastle Dr. For more information, you may contact me at 361-903-5060.

We welcome new members to the team!

Blessings,
Lori

Parish Meeting and Potluck



Parish Meeting and Mexican Theme Potluck Sunday, August 25

We'll begin the fall with a potluck and parish meeting to catch up on the year and learn what plans are in place through the end of the year. Lunch will be a potluck with

a Mexican food theme. Please sign up on your Connection Card this Sunday. You may also call the office Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or email Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org.

Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field

The Corpus Christi Hooks will take on the Tulsa Drillers Friday, 8/30, at 7:05 p.m.

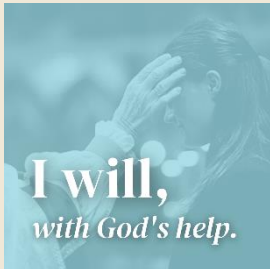


Do you enjoy watching our local Hooks baseball team play? Then plan to come to the Episcopal Night at Whataburger Field at the end of August.

Fr. John Blackburn from St. Christopher's by the Sea in Portland has 150 free tickets that he's offering to our local Episcopal churches' parishioners. If you would like to attend, you may sign up on your Connection Card that will be in your bulletin on Sunday. You may also let the church office know by calling (361) 994-0285 Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by emailing Judy at judy@stmarkscc.org. The final deadline is 8/23.

Be sure to sign up soon to secure your tickets.

A Christian Journey Course



The Discovery Series A Christian Journey Course Sunday, 9/8, at 11:30 a.m.

One of the rich traditions of the Episcopal Church is the Rite of Confirmation / Reaffirmation / Reception into the Episcopal Church. The Bishop of every Episcopal diocese is the primary celebrant for this service. Sunday, October 6, 2024, will be our annual opportunity to host this service when the Right Reverend Dr. David Read will be visiting St. Mark's. For those who would like to be Confirmed / Reaffirmed / or Received into the Episcopal Church, Fr. Doug will be hosting a preparation series. During the one-hour sessions we will learn about:

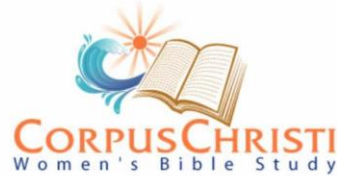
- **Roots of Ministry**, which will cover topics like the Anglican Communion, the different roles of ministers, and church governance.
- **Episcopal Worship**, which will help people become familiar with The Book of Common Prayer and the sacraments.
- **What We Believe**, which will provide a review of the Creeds of the Episcopal Church, thus promoting a deeper understanding of them.
- **The Baptismal Covenant**, which is the final session where participants will learn more about the Episcopal Church's theology pertaining to this rite of adoption into God's family.

Fr. Doug will be hosting these one-hour sessions after church starting September 8, 2024. If you are interested in participating, please contact the office at (361) 994-0285 or email stmarkscc@stmarkscc.org.

Corpus Christi Women's Bible Study

Community Bible Study Opportunity for Women begins September 18th

Be sure to register by September 11th.



Celebrating 20 Years of Fellowship and Learning

COME FOR COFFEE

Information • Registration
Wednesday, September 11, 10:00 AM
First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall • 900 S. Shoreline Blvd.
(Main Entrance facing Water Street)
Nursery provided

CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:30-11:30 AM
First United Methodist Church
Sanctuary
Music • Small Group Discussion • Message
Nursery provided

Teaching Directors

Jan Ayliffe • Judy Hamrick • Gwen McMath • Brenda Tollett

Curriculum: Gospel of Mark

Gwen McMath, Author

Registration fee \$40 payable to "Corpus Christi Women's Bible Study"
Pay fee and get your book at the Registration Coffee
If you cannot attend the Coffee, mail your check to:
47 Lake Shore Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78413
Questions: Susan Lewis, susanlewis846@gmail.com

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:

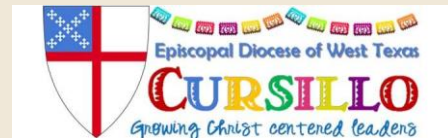
- Donating band aids, bandages, and gauze
- Donating clothing, especially men's shirts, jeans, or athletic shoes
- Donating travel size deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bars of bath soap, body wash
- Donating toothbrushes
- Donating items for to-go food bags: tuna and cracker packs, granola 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



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

Looking ahead, two Cursillos are scheduled for the fall: October 3-6 at Mustang Island Retreat Center, which will be a Spanish speaking retreat, and November 7-10 at Camp Capers.

Diocesan Events



Diocesan News

Spiritual Retreats in Recovery --

This spiritual retreat is geared for those dealing with addiction personally, whether it is their addiction or recovery, or that of someone they love. Click here for information about the [Recovery Retreat](#).

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 [August 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 [August calendar](#).

August 17 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Ramp Build--1818 Timod St.

August 18 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer--Sanctuary

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

August 20 - Tuesday

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

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

August 21 - Wednesday

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

11:30 a.m. - Lunch with the Old Guys, Cafe Italia, 4117 S. Staples St.

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

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

August 22 - Thursday

11:45 a.m. - Food Distribution--Cimarron Senior Apartments, 2802 Cimarron Blvd.

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

August 24 - Saturday

11:00 .am. - Guest Ministry Meeting--Lori Jones's Home, 3448 Newcastle Dr.

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

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