

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

September 23, 2021

Upcoming Events

Hospitality/Newcomer Ministry Meeting

Sun, 9/26 11:15 a.m.

Rockin' K Maze

Sun, 10/3 11:30 a.m.

Parish Profile Workshop

Sun, 10/10 11:30 a.m.

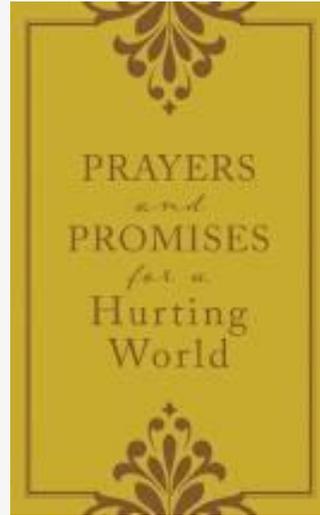
Welcome Interim Potluck

Sun, 10/17 11:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service:
10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist-Sanctuary



Excerpt taken from "Prayer and Promises for a Hurting World"

by Laura Freudig

*"But you are a God of forgiveness,
gracious and merciful, slow to become
angry, and rich in unfailing love"*
Nehemiah 9:17

What is Love?

Dear Savior and King, we know so little of love. We see love through the dim glass of this world, and it appears pink and cuddly or glowing with passion. Love becomes a preference for one thing over another or a passing whim. We think love is about how we feel.

We need You to teach us what love is. Show us what You meant when You said You loved the world so much that You sent Your Son to die for us. Show us what You meant when You said Your love is unfailing and great and endures forever. Show us what You meant when You said love is the

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fulfillment of the law. Our loves wax and wane, rise and fade; we know nothing of a love that began before the foundations of the world were laid and continues throughout eternity. Forgive us for being content with a shallow understanding of love and a passing commitment to pursuing it. forgive us for taking it so lightly. We praise You for being a God who abounds and overflows with love. We praise You for loving us while we were Your enemies. Give us soft hearts to love---and be loved---in a way that glorifies You. Amen.

**Trust God, be faithful, pray,
and let Him have His way.**

Moving Forward

Warden's Corner with Jon Reily

Well, the time has finally come. It's what we've all been waiting for. It's been a long time for all of us I know, but our patience has finally paid off and I am so happy to announce that:
WE HAVE A COLD FRONT AND IT WAS 62 DEGREES THIS MORNING!

Oh, wait. That's not it. Good news, of course; but not what folks reading this space want to know.

The real story is that I am delighted to announce that Father Rick Dunham has agreed to be our interim Rector! We are so lucky to have him, and I hope you'll all join me in thanking him when we see him on October 3rd. Rick has led us in worship at St. Mark's several times, so many of you may already know him, but for those who don't you're in for a treat.

Rick has been ordained for 40 years, and retired 10 years ago. He started at Kerrville in 1979 and has served in many parishes around the diocese since then. Rick grew up in Corpus Christi and is very familiar with our community, and many of you may know Rick from his time at All Saints'.

This is the first major milestone in our process to find a new Rector for St. Mark's and I couldn't be more pleased. Over the next few weeks you'll be hearing from both myself and John deMontel about our search and Parish Profile process, and I hope you'll all lean in to be a part of those processes. We have much work to do, but the payoff will be worth it.

Please join me in saying a prayer of thanks for Fr. Rick, and watch this space for more updates!

Yours in service,
Jon



**Please keep the search process, the vestry and leaders of
the church, members of the search committee, the interim, and
our future rector in your prayers!**

Hospitality/Newcomer Meeting

Sunday, 9/26 after the Service

Hospitality means making people feel welcome. We do that in many different ways. One is providing a time for fellowship that includes refreshments. Another is helping to set up and clean up for special events like parish potlucks. But the most important part of hospitality is welcoming people into our church family in a way that lets them know that they are important and that we're glad they have joined us.



Lori Jones is overseeing our hospitality ministries, which include Coffee Hour, the food side of hospitality, and newcomer ministry. Now that we've been back in the sanctuary for several months, we need to plan and organize what these ministries will look like moving forward.

Make plans to come to the hospitality meeting that has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 26th, after the service to help plan for the future.

Parish Profile Workshop

Sunday, October 10th

Archdeacon Mike Besson will be back with us in about a little over two weeks to lead us in the Parish Profile Workshop. This is such an important part of the search process. Our profile will help potential clergy learn about who we are, what's important to us, what struggles we face and where we feel God is leading us.

We need input from everyone and we mean **EVERYONE!** Please clear your calendars for Sunday, October 10th and make plans now to participate.



Lunch will be provided and Stephanie will stay to help with the children. Be sure to sign up on the back of the Connection Card this Sunday or reply to this email to let us know that you'll be here.

Rockin' K Maze

Walk the Maze at Rockin' K Farms in Robstown Sunday, October 3rd

We're planning a trip to the Rockin' K Farms to walk the corn maze and enjoy activities like taking advantage of fall photo ops, exploring the pumpkin patch, visiting the goat barn, riding slides, and more. We'll leave after church Sunday morning, October 3rd, to drive out together.



You will need to purchase your tickets ahead of time. The tickets are not tied to a specific date, so you can get them at any time. The cost is \$18.09 (tax included). Click on the link to get your tickets, [Rockin K maze](#).

Please let Molly Wandel know if you'd like to attend. You may contact her at (214) 762-8792.

SEEK Youth Group

News and Updates

Youth Group met last Sunday afternoon over FaceTime and in person at Coffee Waves. We read Mark 7:1-23. Jesus cares about our hearts more than tradition!

Join us at church Sunday at 4:00 p.m. for more Bible talk, fellowship, and fun. Plan to come to the corn maze with us after worship on October 3rd.

Other good news: HEB has gifted us \$1000 towards our Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Dinner. Yay! Put Tuesday, November 23rd on your calendar because you are needed!



Coffee Hour

Our Beloved Coffee Hour is Back!

Just in case you didn't know, we've been having Coffee Hour in the fellowship hall for a while now. It's been so nice to be able to visit with others.

We've had a variety of refreshments to enjoy. This week we'll have homemade pumpkin bread and pigs-in-a-blanket. Yummy!

Be sure to head over after the service Sunday for a snack and great fellowship.



Family Wedding

Hoch/Bateman Wedding

Blair Hoch and Susan Bateman

Got married last Saturday, September 18th.

Be sure to congratulate them!



Christmas Pageant

Time to Start Planning

Job Search:

Wanted: One or two directors for the always fabulous St. Mark's Christmas pageant. Lots of help and advice provided by past directors! Payment in hugs and blessings. Date for pageant 2021 is either December 12th or 19th. Come get involved and share your gifts!



If you have a love of children and would like to help Molly, please contact her at (214) 762-8792. She would certainly welcome the assistance.

Daily Devotional

Good News Daily Devotional

Bible Reading Fellowship offers weekly devotionals, which include daily writeups from various authors. Documents are printed out weekly and are available on

the name tag table for anyone to pick up who would like to utilize this resource. Each devotion ends with recommended scripture readings for the day.



Bible Reading Fellowship

It's a great way to start your day. Pick up a copy this Sunday!

Online Giving

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

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 worshiping 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 the four 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 door at the fellowship hall.
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of St. Mark's Church.

Weekly Calendar

Calendar & Ministry Schedule

Here is the [link](#) to the September schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

September 26 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist--Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - Search Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - Hospitality/Newcomer Ministry Meeting--Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m. - Kids in Christ Sunday School--Kids in Christ Area in Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

September 28 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. - Men's Cursillo Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant on Staples near Yorktown
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online--Zoom Meeting

September 29 - Wednesday

12:00 p.m. - Wednesday Noon Prayer Group--Fellowship Hall

Helpful Links

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

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