

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

## weekly news & updates

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August 19, 2021

### Upcoming Events

#### Family Swim Party

Sun, 8/22 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

#### Hospitality/Coffee Hour Meeting

Sun, 8/29 11:30 a.m.

#### Children's Sunday School

Sun, 9/5 11:30 a.m.



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#### Sunday Worship Service:

10:00 a.m.--Holy Eucharist-Sanctuary  
Guest Priest Rev. Betty Fuller

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### God's Promise

*"He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection."  
Psalm 91:4*

While taking a little walk in our courtyard to clear the late afternoon sleepys today, I came across this feather standing straight up in a crack of the sidewalk. The wind was blowing, and it was struggling to stay upright. The Holy Spirit had me slow down just enough to not miss it as I walked by because He had a message for me, which I believe is for you too: "He's got this."

We each have our own "this", maybe even two or three, but we share one "this" collectively right now regarding the future God has for St. Mark's. There are lots of unknowns. He is reminding us that He has a plan and that we are called to take one faith step at a time into that plan, even when we can't see where our foot will land. He knows, and that's all we need to know.

Over the years, I've learned that when I see a feather, and I've seen them in the strangest places, it's God's way of reminding me that He has whatever is consuming my thoughts at the moment in His hand. I've come to treasure these little gifts of reassurance.

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

## Moving Forward

### Warden's Corner with Jon Reily

Hello everyone!

Here's your weekly update. John DeMontel and I are in the process of forming the search committee whose job it will be to select our next rector. Please keep this process and those under consideration in your prayers.

Meanwhile, the conversation continues with a possible candidate to be our interim rector. As soon as we know who that will be, we'll let you know. We expect that decision to be finalized by September. Keep your Sundays in early September open for a parish potluck to celebrate the interim's arrival.

Rev. Betty Fuller will be our guest priest this Sunday and next, as we worship through Holy Eucharist. Communion wine will not be offered the next two Sundays due to a decision from the diocesan office. Once the interim rector is in place, we'll revisit how we'll handle the wine distribution.

Be sure to tune in each week for the latest news!



**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!**

## Family Swim Party

**At the Wandel Home  
THIS SUNDAY from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Children, youth, their families, and all members of St Mark's family are invited for a fun afternoon of swimming, snacks, and fellowship at the Wandel home, 44 Hewit Place, 78404. Shade, air conditioning, and good conversation will be provided for those who don't care to swim. Bring a friend, a towel, and a smile. Drinks and snacks provided.

These are pictures from last year's party which was so much fun! Make plans to join in the fun on the 22nd!





## Ministry Highlight

### I Love My Church How Can I Serve?

Did you know that we have over twenty ministries you could be involved in? Most take place on Sunday mornings, but there are some that occur during the week. All the ministry teams are open to those who are eager to serve God through one of these ministries.

We will highlight three ministries to help you decide where you would like to serve God through St. Mark's. This week: the Coffee Hour/Hospitality Team, the Presentation Manager Team, and the Live Stream Team. If you are interested in joining a team, you may sign up on the back of the Connection Card that will be in your bulletins this Sunday or use the contact info listed below.

#### Live Stream Team

**Donna Burks** oversees the Live Stream Team and has been working on a manual which is now complete. She's ready to train a team to do the live streaming of the service on Sunday mornings. This entails setting up, utilizing the camera software, adjusting the sound, and interacting with those viewing the live stream. Please contact Donna at (361) 739-8234, or the church office at (361) 994-0285, or [judy@stmarksc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksc.org) if you're interested.



## Presentation Manager Team

**Jeremy Wilkey** oversees the Presentation Manager Team, and he is ready to train those who are interested in helping with this ministry. He will enter the information for the service, but he needs help running the ProPresenter program Sunday mornings. This entails turning on the projectors, utilizing the software, and monitoring the sound in the sanctuary. Please contact him at (361) 658-9950, or the church office at (361) 994-0285, or [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org) if this ministry appeals to you.

## Coffee Hour Team

**Lori Jones** oversees our Hospitality Ministry, which includes Coffee Hour after Sunday services every week. Serving in this ministry entails making coffee and lemonade and plating refreshments before the service, putting them out before the service is over, and cleaning up afterwards. Below is a note from Lori:

"As many of you already know, we are meeting for coffee hour once again.

While we go through this transitional period, we all think it important to remain close and in fellowship together. Coffee hour is a great time to do this. We will have a meeting immediately following the service **on August 29th**.

I am inviting others who are not yet on the committee to come and join us. It is a great group and very easy to be a part of. Please, feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you and God's blessings to each of you and your families!"

## Mercy Me Concert

### One Young Man's Take on Christian Music Group Mercy Me's Concert

Last Saturday, a small group of St. Markan's attended the Mercy Me concert at the American Bank Center. For those who were in attendance, it was an uplifting experience.

The following is from **Brennon Wilkey**, Jeremy and Chrystal's youngest son. He shares about his experience at the concert.

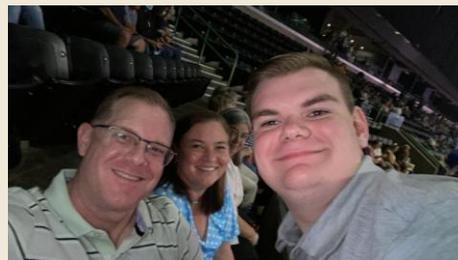
He writes, *"Going to the concert was very exciting because it was my first concert ever. For my first time being at a concert and having the hot dogs... Well, that was amazing!"*

*"When the music started it felt like there was a spark inside of me that went off. When that spark went off I felt closer to God and Jesus. It made me want to learn more about how everything came to be."*

*"For my first concert, to go with my Mom and Dad and Grandma, it was a huge experience for me because I don't think I could have done this without them. The music, singing, and lights were just insanely awesome! For my first concert that was the best one to go to."*

*"We had just watched the movie and after watching the movie about Mercy Me and then seeing them live, it was so different, and I felt like I was dreaming at first. I loved every bit of it."*

*"After seeing the concert, I felt motivated to be a better Christian."*



**Thank you for sharing, Brennon!**

## Sunday School for Children

**Begins Sunday 9/5  
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Molly Wandel has been overseeing our Children's Ministry since 2019. She loves the kids and loves to teach them. Thank goodness! And they love her too.

After she visited with parents, she decided to begin Sunday School for children three years old through those in fifth grade September 5th. The children will go to the Kids in Christ area for their lesson time while the parents and others gather for coffee hour. They will meet for thirty minutes, from 11:30 a.m. to noon.

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.



## 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 our app, Give+Plus. To get the app, go to the app store and search for "Give+Plus". The icon background is white, the word "Give" is gray and the "+Plus" is a mustard color. 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 will be checking 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.



**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 still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

### August 22 - Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour--Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. - Family Swim Party--Wandel Home

### August 24 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. - Men's Cursillo Reunion Group--Nolan's on Staples near Yorktown

7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online--Zoom Meeting

### August 25 - Wednesday

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

### August 26 - 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.

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