

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

January 6, 2022

Upcoming Events.

Women's Reunion Group

1/11 Tues, 6:00 p.m.

Access Plus Wheelchair Ramp Build

1/15 Sat, 8:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting Potluck

1/30 Sun, 11:30 a.m.

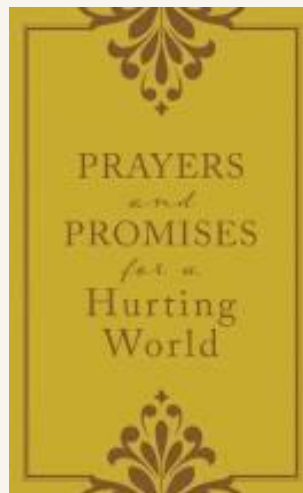
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Sunday Worship Service:

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

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An excerpt taken from
"Prayer and Promises for
a Hurting World,"
a devotional by Laura Freudig.

"Yet true godliness with contentment is itself great wealth. After all, we brought nothing with us when we came into the world, and we can't take anything with us when we leave it. So if we have enough food and clothing, let us be content."

1 Timothy 6:6-8

Dear Lord, I'm struggling with material desires that just seem to grow. When I read magazines, watch television, or wander on the internet, I see things I never knew existed, and suddenly my life seems incomplete without them. I want them, and my mind begins to scheme to get them. Contentment is gone, and I think it will return only when I hold the precious, wanted objects in my hands.

Lord, I confess this and ask for Your help. I don't want my peace and contentment held hostage to every wind of desire. My hope is in You, not the things of this world, because

even when they are brand-new in their boxes and wrappers, they are already fading away. You have given me everything I really need. I have been showered with blessings; I want for nothing. Remind me when I feel the pull of "new things," to count Your blessings, to name them one by one. Help me rehearse--even to speak aloud--what You have done for me. And I know You're not finished blessing me. You are generous beyond anything I deserve, and You delight in giving to me. Thank you for the peace of resting in Your provision. Amen!

**Seek God! Pray!
Give it ALL to Him!**

Warden's Corner

Opportunity to Serve

Each year, as part of our annual meeting, we elect new members to serve on our vestry. Serving on the vestry at this time is particularly exciting because of where we find ourselves--searching for a new rector to begin a new chapter in the life and ministry of St. Mark's.

Being a part of the process will be very rewarding, even though the vestry's part is relatively small. The Search Committee does all of the work: researching and interviewing candidates, and then recommending the person they believe God intends as our next rector to the vestry for approval.



Typically, three members rotate off the vestry each year and are replaced by three new members. However, this year only two vestry positions will be vacated. I was scheduled to rotate off the vestry but have agreed to serve as Senior Warden one more year as we continue to go through the search process for our new rector. So we will have two positions to fill instead of three at our annual meeting at the end of the month.

Vestry members typically serve a three year term, which means three positions are normally open each year to ensure both continuity and opportunities for fresh ideas. If you'd like more information about serving on the vestry, please contact any member of the vestry to get answers to your questions. Here's a list of our vestry members:

Those continuing to serve:

Jon Reily--Senior Warden
John Wandel--Junior Warden
Mark Hartlaub--Secretary/Clerk
Doug Wayland--Treasurer
Dayna Chimelski
Jane Helm
Terry Wright

Those rotating off:

Cecilia Colbourne
Eddie Jackson

Please prayerfully consider being nominated for one of the vestry positions.

Search Process

Links for Search Process Resources

God's Grace and Happy New Year to you, our St. Mark's faithful!



Our Diocese of West Texas utilizes a thorough search process that we have been following and will continue to follow. We are on track. We have come a long way since our beginning in August 2021. The search committee is preparing to receive candidate names by the end of this month. We are all excited to continue the journey that God has prepared for us. Please continue to pray for the process and our discernment of God's words for us all.

Scripture for the week: Hebrews 4:14-16 NRSV

Jesus the Great High Priest

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Here is a list of useful links to use during the search process for our new rector:
Parish Profile on Mark's [website](#),
Diocese of West Texas website [churches in transition](#)
Prayers during the search process: [prayers](#)

Youth and Children's Ministry

SEEK Youth Group and Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ

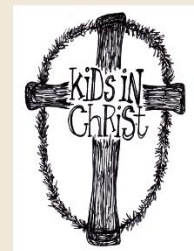
Do you want to learn S'MORE about Jesus?

Would you like S'MORE prayer time?

How about S'MORE fun with your St. Mark's family?

Stay after church this Sunday for a special treat and Kids in Christ until noon.
It's gonna be sweet!!!

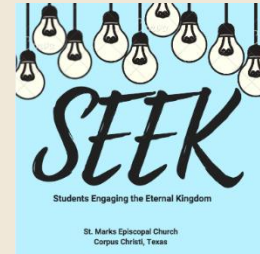
*All are invited to enjoy a treat after church!



SEEK Youth Group

Youth will meet for an hour of prayer, Bible study, snacks, music, and games on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us! Your friends are invited too!

Jeremiah 29:13 "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."



Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, January 30th

Our annual meeting is scheduled for January 30th immediately after our worship service. We'll eat lunch while a photo roller of the year 2021 plays. Then we'll move right into the nuts and bolts of the meeting. We'll hear about ministry highlights from 2021, look at how the year ended financially, vote for two new vestry members, review the 2022 budget, and dream about our future.



The lunch will be an Italian themed potluck. So, start thinking about your favorite recipes as you decide what you'll want to bring. You can sign up on the back of the Connection Card during the service this Sunday. During the meeting, Molly will have activities for the children, while Stephanie hangs out with our little ones.

Please mark your calendar for this very important meeting and make every effort to be there.

Red Dolly

It's Missing!

The red dolly is missing. If you borrowed it, please call the office at (361) 991-0285 to let us know that you have it in your possession and will return it to the church as soon as possible.

THANK YOU!



New Women's Group

Women's Reunion Group Begins Tuesday 1/11

If you've attended a spiritual retreat such as Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus or Journey to Damascus, come join this group of ladies next Tuesday at Jason's Deli on Airline Rd in the Gulfway Shopping Center at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will begin with dinner, so order your food as soon as you get there. Then go look for familiar St. Mark's faces.

For more information, contact Lori Jones at (361) 903-5060 or Judy at (361) 994-0285 in the church office.



Ministry Help

It's a New Year. Is it Time for a New Ministry?

We have so many ministries where you can serve God's Kingdom through St. Mark's. This is a great time to consider how God may be calling you to serve in the upcoming year.



Three areas where help is really needed are in our coffee hour ministry, presentation manager ministry and the livestream ministry. Serving in the coffee hour ministry involves making lemonade and coffee, setting out refreshments, monitoring the table during our fellowship time, and cleaning up afterward. A presentation manager runs the program that displays the words for our liturgy and music on the walls during the service. The livestream ministry involves monitoring sound and cameras for those who are worshipping through our Facebook livestream. If you feel a nudge toward any of these ministries, please contact Judy in the office at (361) 994-0285 for more information.

Go to our website to check out the [ministry](#) opportunities you can choose from.

Access Plus Wheelchair Ramp Build

**Saturday, 1/15, beginning at 8:00 a.m.
1530 Madrid**

This month's wheelchair ramp build is for Raul, who is 63 years old. The ramp will make life a little simpler for his mother who is 83 years old and currently his caregiver. They have a ramp, but it is quite dangerous because it is narrow and steep. The Access Plus team will be able to build a new ramp that will take care of that problem.

Please consider being a part of the ramp build on the 15th!



Flowers

Flower Chart for 2022

Sponsoring the altar flowers on a Sunday is a great way to honor a special someone or event in your life, as well as add more beauty to our altar. Each year a flower chart is available for people to sign up on for a particular Sunday. The flower chart for 2022 is currently available in the entryway to the sanctuary.



After you sign up, an email will be sent out at the beginning of the month of the date that you requested. You will be asked how you would like the dedication on the back of the bulletin to read and whether you want to take the flowers after the Sunday service or have them donated. The cost is \$55.

Thank you to those who have signed up to sponsor the flowers during 2022. Here are the dates that are still available:

April 17
May 1
May 8
May 15
May 22
July 17
Aug 7
Aug 21
Aug 28
Oct 16
Nov 20
Dec 25

You may also indicate a date you would like to sponsor by either calling Judy in the church office at (361) 994-0285 next week or emailing her at judy@stmarksgc.org.

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

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 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 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.
- **NEW APP**----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.

**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 January schedule for our ministries, which is still a work in progress. Please check each week to see if there are any changes.

January 9 - Sunday

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

11:30 a.m. - Kid's in Christ--Fellowship Hall

Coffee Hour
4:00 p.m. - SEEK Youth Group--Fellowship Hall

January 11 - Tuesday

10:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting--Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. - Women's Reunion Group--Jason's Deli, 1416 Airline Rd.
6:30 p.m. - Men's Reunion Group--Nolan's Restaurant, 7426 S. Staples St.
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Group--Online-Zoom

January 12 - Wednesday

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

January 15 - Saturday

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Wheelchair Ramp Build--1530 Madrid

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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