

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

## weekly news & updates

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September 16, 2021

### Upcoming Events

#### Rockin' K Maze

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

#### Parish Profile Workshop

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

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

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### God's Promises

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”*  
Philippians 4:6

Think about what causes you anxiety. Write those things down to make a list. Then put Jesus in the middle of each item on the list. He already knows what you need to handle everything you deal with in life, especially those things that tend to cause you anxiety. What you do with that anxiety makes a difference in your response and the outcome.

Training your heart and mind to turn to Jesus when you're feeling anxious does several things:

- It takes your focus off the thing that has made you anxious.
- It puts your focus on Jesus.
- It gives Jesus the opportunity to work in the situation.

This turning to Jesus consists of going to Him in prayer and asking for His help.

Philippians says we should thank Him for the situation, which seems counter-intuitive when it is unpleasant or seemingly unfair. But often when those words are spoken, something spiritual is released and a sense

of peace can begin to fill your heart.

Put your list in a place where you will see it as a reminder to turn to Jesus before a situation becomes a source of anxiety.

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

## Moving Forward

### Warden's Corner with Jon Reily

The process proceeds, even though it's taking some time.

The selection of Search Committee members is complete and will be submitted to the vestry members for their approval at the meeting Monday 9/20. The Search Committee will be commissioned Sunday, October 10th when Archdeacon Besson is here to lead us in the Parish Profile Workshop.



The **Parish Profile Workshop** is Sunday, **October 10th**. Mark that date on your calendar, and please don't let anything else take its place. We need all of you to be there, but realizing that's not completely realistic, we want as many of you there as possible. We can't emphasize enough how important your participation in the workshop truly is. We will meet for lunch immediately after our worship service that Sunday and move into the workshop right afterward.

Rev. Betty Fuller will be with us this Sunday and the last Sunday in September. We're so thankful that she's able to officiate our services until we have an interim in place.

Thank you all for your prayers during this process. We truly need to be led by the Holy Spirit, and your prayers will ensure that will happen.

More next week!

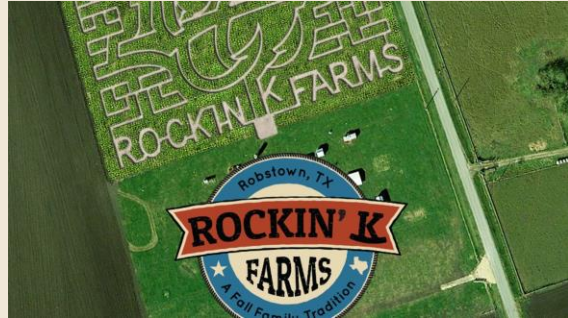
Yours in service,  
Jon

**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!**

## Rockin' K Maze

### Walk the Maze at Rockin' K Farms in Robstown

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.

## Planting Time

### Raised Beds Available for Fall Gardening

This spring Doug Wayland built a raised garden bed that has three sections that are 8 feet by 4 feet. Good soil was brought in, and spring plants were planted, which resulted in a great harvest of tomatoes and other vegetables.

It's time to plant for fall. If you'd like to take one of the sections, please contact the church office to let us know. Call (361) 994-0285, or email [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org).



## Hospitality 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 pot lucks. 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.

## Kids in Christ Ministry

### Plans for the Fall

Children ages three years old through 5th grade are invited to Kids in Christ Sunday School each Sunday after the church service. They are encouraged to have a quick snack at Coffee Hour and then head to the children's area for Bible stories, songs, crafts, and games. They'll finish by 12:00 p.m.

#### **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.

## Ministry Highlight

### I Love My Church! How Can I Serve? Three Ministries Highlighted this Week

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 or more of these ministries.



Here are three new ministries to consider to serve God through St. Mark's. This week features the Altar Guild Ministry, Greeter Ministry, and Usher Ministry. 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 contact the office at (361) 994-0285, or [judy@stmarksgc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksgc.org) for more information.

#### **Altar Guild Ministry Team**

Teams prepare the altar area for Morning Prayer or Holy Eucharist on Saturday mornings as they wait for the altar flowers to be delivered. They finish their work on Sunday before the service begins, and clean up afterwards.

#### **Greeter Ministry Team**

Volunteers are stationed at the front of the sanctuary where they open the doors as they greet Sunday guests. They also offer assistance to anyone who needs help.

#### **Usher Ministry Team**

Two volunteers man the large wooden doors between the entryway and the interior of the sanctuary and pass out bulletins to those who want one. They direct people who wish to receive the Holy Eucharist. After the service, they count the Sunday offering and secure it in the safe.

## 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 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.
- 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 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.

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

#### **September 19 - Sunday**

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

11:00 a.m. - Coffee Hour--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 20 - Monday**

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Online--Zoom Meeting

#### **September 21 - 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 22 - Wednesday**

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

#### **September 23 - Thursday**

7:00 p.m. - South Texas Amature 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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