

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church

## weekly news & updates

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October 21, 2021

### Upcoming Events

#### Access Plus Wheelchair Ramp Build

Sat, 10/23 8:00 a.m.

#### Rockin' K Maze

Sun, 10/24 11:30 a.m.

#### Harvest Fun

Sun, 10/31 11:30 a.m.

#### Erin Cottos Visit

Sun, 10/31

#### Giving in Gratitude Lunch

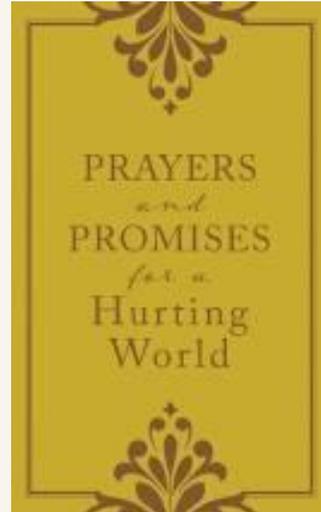
Sun, 11/7 11:30 a.m.

#### Allemand Baby Shower Brunch

Sun, 11/13 11:00 a.m.

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### Excerpt taken from "Prayers and Promises for a Hurting World"

by Laura Freudig

#### Rooted

*"That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge"*  
Ephesians 3:17-19

Dear Lord, in this country, the days when most people lived and died within a few miles of where they were born are long past. Today we can fly to the other side of the world in a day; we can get into a car and drive five hundred miles in any direction without worrying about packing provisions or finding ourselves in completely unknown territory. We have maps, credit cards, gas stations, and endless miles of

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

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smooth, safe roads.

But with that incredible freedom has come a certain rootlessness. We admit our tendency to think the grass is greener in some other place. We admit we are often unwilling to bear the burden of staying put, the burden of discipline, obedience, sacrifice, and will--we want to run away, not stay and be conformed to Your image. But You are a God faithful to a place and a people. Give us that faithfulness to the places, people and churches among whom You have settled us. Rooted in You, we know we will grow wherever you plant us. And when You lead us to travel or move, we ask that You will be our pillar of fire and cloud. Amen.

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

## Warden's Corner

### Gratitude

I've done a lot of reflecting and praying over the last few weeks about where we are, where we're going, and how best to get there. I'm constantly seeking feedback from not only you all, but also God, of course. This has not only provided wonderful insight and opportunities for improvement, but also different ways of looking at things.

One of those things is gratitude.

Now, I know that seems funny, as we're supposed to be grateful all the time, and I do my very best to be that. However, what I'm talking about here is gratitude for each and every one of you. Over the last nearly 3 months, we have all stepped out of our comfort zones and done different things than we've done before as we move forward into the next chapter of St. Mark's. Trust me, I know it isn't easy, but I also know that every one of us is doing this out of a sense of love; love for both Jesus and for one another.

And you know what? That is just wonderful!

So this week I'd like you all to sit back, take stock of all we've done, and breathe a sigh of gratitude. Be grateful for what we've done, be grateful for what's been done for you, and be grateful you have the means and the spirit to, as we express it around here, live in a faith filled community. And a community is just what it is.



There are far too many of you to thank here by name, but know that I am thinking about all of you and thanking you from the bottom of my heart for ALL THAT YOU DO.

You are St. Mark's, and I'm proud, and humbled, to be a part of this community.

Yours in service,

Jon

## Access Plus Ramp Build

**Saturday, October 23  
310 Mohawk St**

Join Doug Wayland and his crew THIS Saturday, 10/23 to build a ramp for Maria. She currently has a ramp, but due to the poor quality of wood used, it has rotted and needs to be replaced.

You don't need construction experience. As a matter of fact, if you have a willing heart and an openness to learn, you can help. For more information, contact Doug at (361) 813-1781.



## Communion Wine

### Communion Wine Through Intinction Only

Communion wine in the form of intinction will be available this Sunday. Diocesan protocols state that communion wine can be made available only through intinction (dipping the communion wafer) in a common chalice for those who would like to partake.

We realize that not everyone will be comfortable with this practice, but we want to have it available for those who are. If you wish to receive the wine, please go to the right to the chalice bearer after you receive the communion wafer from Fr. Rick. If you do not wish to receive the wine, go to the left to return to your seat.

Please be patient as we work out the details on how best to do this.



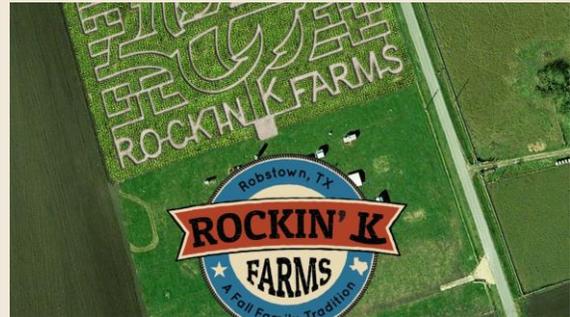
## Family Events

### Walk the Maze at Rockin' K Farms in Robstown THIS Sunday, October 24

The trip to the Rockin' K Farms is THIS Sunday. It promises to be a fun family event: walking the corn maze and enjoying 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 to caravan out together.

You can get your tickets by clicking on this link [Rockin K maze](#).

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



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### Harvest Fun Sunday, October 31

Michelle Markert is planning a fun Harvest event for our kids after our church service Sunday, 10/31. There will be games, pumpkin painting, and of course food.

If you have a favorite Harvest/Fall dessert recipe, please consider making it to bring on the 31st to share with everyone.



## Children & Youth Ministry

### Christmas Pageant Planning Meeting

Christmas pageant 2021!

If you would like to help bring the Christmas story to life in our children's Christmas pageant, please gather in the back of the sanctuary after the service on Sunday for a quick chat. (This is for interested adults. Our child stars will gather later.)

Thanks! Molly



## Stewardship Season

### Erin Cottos, Our Local Missionary

The 10% tithe is often used as the Biblical standard in information during stewardship campaigns. Did you know that St. Mark's tithes 10% on all income that comes into the operating fund? That money is earmarked for ministry work outside the walls of St. Mark's, which includes helping support two missionaries.

One missionary is Duane Miller. He, his wife Sharon, and their three children are in Spain working with Muslims who want to convert to Christianity.

The other is Erin Cottos. She is a St. Mark's parishioner who was called into the mission field in 2010. She has primarily served in Haiti, in Guatemala, and on the Baja peninsula of Mexico. Due to the unrest in Haiti, she has not been able to return there for almost two years, but she continues to provide clinical support through email and phone calls to the staff of the physical therapy clinic where she worked. She will be with us Sunday, October 31 to share what God has been doing in and through her during this past year. So, mark your calendars!



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### Estimate of Giving Cards

Estimate of Giving cards will arrive in your mailboxes next week. On October 31, all who are ready will have the opportunity to place their Estimate of Giving cards for 2022 on the altar during the service. Fr. Rick will lay hands on the cards and bless them for God's use. Please pray about what God would have you do to support His ministry here at St. Mark's, both monetarily and through your time and talent.



TIME  
Talent  
TREASURE

Living a Life of Stewardship

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## Giving in Gratitude Lunch Sunday, November 7

Our annual Giving in Gratitude Lunch is a fellowship event that will provide us the opportunity to come together to share our lives and, more importantly, to give thanks for the ways God has provided for us, individually and corporately.

Please sign up on the back of the Connection Card this Sunday to indicate how many will come. Please also indicate if you will bring a side, salad or dessert that will compliment brisket. Our very own pit masters will use their barbeque expertise to provide a tasty cut of meat. If you would like to come but may not be at church to signup, just contact Judy in the church office at (361) 994-0285, or email her at [judy@stmarksc.org](mailto:judy@stmarksc.org).



**Let's prepare to give Him Thanks and Praise!**

## Pastoral Care

### Visit with Fr. Rick

Fr. Rick, our interim rector, will be in the office one day a week; for now that's Wednesdays. If you'd like to come in for a visit with him, call the office at (361) 994-0285 to make an appointment. He is available to guide you, pray with you, or just have a conversation so you can get to know each other.



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### Eucharistic Prayer Ministry

Did you know that we have an opportunity for individual prayer every Sunday during the our worship service? There are prayer ministers available to you each week in the chapel during communion. You can come either before or after you receive communion. Or ask the person on the schedule to pray with you after the service if you prefer a little more privacy.



You may not know this, but even when no one comes for prayer, the ministers pray for those who are present in the service.

# Raised Garden Beds

## One Garden Available

There is now one garden plot available in the raised garden bed structure on the back of the property. It's the one in the center.

Now is the time to plant winter greens, so if you'd like to utilize the last of the three beds, please contact the office and let us know at (361) 994-0285.



# New St. Mark's Website

## Check it out!

Our brand new website launched earlier this week. Go check it out at [www.stmarkscc.org](http://www.stmarkscc.org). We would love your feedback. Just email Judy at [judy@stmarkscc.org](mailto:judy@stmarkscc.org) with your thoughts.

Donna Burks led a team of four over the course of the last three months to perfect the new website. She spent hours creating, typing, searching for photos, and making corrections.

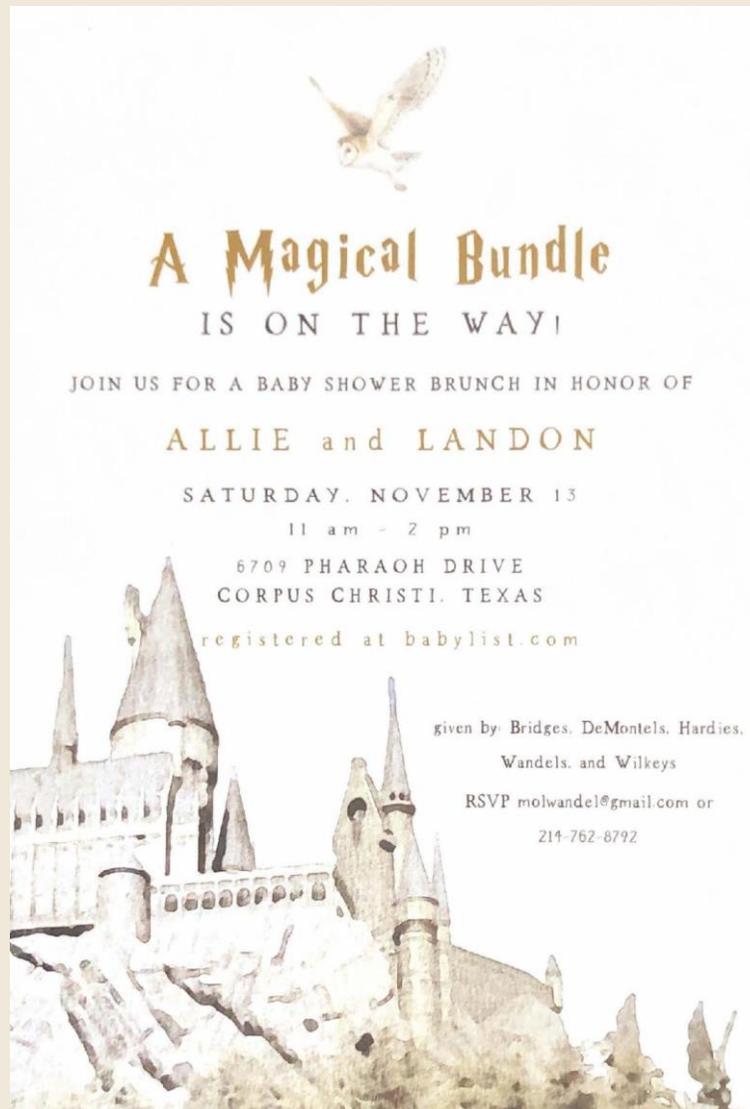
**Thank you, Donna!**



# Allie & Landon Allemand Baby Shower

**Saturday, November 13th**  
**6709 Pharaoh Dr**

Allie and Landon are expecting a little girl in mid-December.  
Come help us celebrate this new little life at their shower brunch.



## Books for Baby

ONE SMALL REQUEST.  
WE HOPE IT'S NOT HARD.  
PLEASE BRING A BOOK  
INSTEAD OF A CARD.  
BY SIGNING YOUR BOOK,  
WE'LL REMEMBER AND SHARE  
YOUR SPECIAL GIFT  
EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT THERE.



## Diaper Raffle

BRING A PACKAGE OF DIAPERS (ANY SIZE) TO BE ENTERED  
INTO A RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A PRIZE!

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NAME

# Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Food Basket Project

## Food Collection

Our Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Food Basket project is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23rd. We will begin collecting the food items listed to the right.

Thank you for your support!

### Sea Gulf Villa Thanksgiving Dinner Donation Items

Our St. Mark's Youth are gearing up for the annual Thanksgiving meal delivery for the residents of the Sea Gulf Villa Apartment complex.

The turkeys, rolls, and pumpkin pies will be supplied by the church. H.E.B. awarded us \$1,000 to use toward the cost of these items. Thank you, H.E.B.!

We need your help with the following items to complete the dinner.

**Stuffing—6 oz boxes**

**Turkey Gravy—1 oz packet**

**Sweet Potatoes/Yams—15 oz can**

**Cranberry Sauce—14 oz can**

**Green Beans—15 oz can**

**Corn—15 oz can**

There will be boxes in the sanctuary and in the fellowship hall where you may drop off your food donations.

**Items are due back Sunday, November 21st.**

**THANK YOU!!**



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

#### **October 23 - Saturday**

8:00 a.m. - Access Plus Wheelchair Ramp Build--310 Mohawk St

#### **October 24 - Sunday**

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

11:30 a.m. - Rockin' K Maze--Rockin' K Farms, Robstown

#### **October 26 - 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

#### **October 27 - Wednesday**

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

#### **October 28 - 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.**

[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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