

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

weekly news & updates

October 15, 2021

Upcoming Events

St. Mark's Manly Dove Hunt

Fri & Sat, 10/15 & 10/16

Welcome Fr. Rick Potluck

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

SEEK Youth Meeting

Sun, 10/17 12:00 p.m.

Access Plus Wheelchair Ramp Build

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

Rockin' K Maze

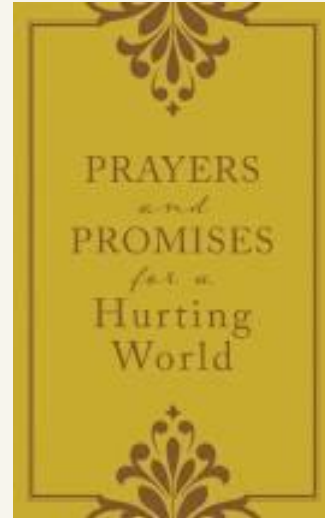
Sun, 10/24 11:30 a.m.

Harvest Fun

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

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

by Laura Freudig

Respect and Love

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart;
do not depend on your own
understanding. Seek his will in
all you do, and he will show you
which path to take"*

Proverbs 3:5-6

Dear Father, we ask Your help today to offer respect and love, not criticism. So often we think we know best about virtually everything: family life, politics, history, domestic policy, international relations, corporate management, Bible interpretation, and everything under the sun. We even think we know all about You. But You are beyond searching out. Much of what we think we understand is beyond

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

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searching too. This world and its history are so complicated, and to recognize that and the limits of our experience and knowledge is just humility.

We ask You to remind us of our smallness and give us the grace to accept it. Please, Lord, stop our endless words, our excuses and justifications and defenses of our own virtue and intelligence. Give us respect for other viewpoints and love for those who hold them. Let us be willing not only to say, "I don't know," but also "I was wrong" and "You're right." Let us be willing to praise others. Let us be willing to ask, to listen, to understand. Open our hearts to learn from those around us; give us rest from self-righteousness. We praise You that You can use other fallible, sinful creatures in forming us to be like the Perfect One, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Welcome Potluck

Welcome Fr. Rick Dunham THIS Sunday, October 17

Fr. Rick Dunham has accepted the call to be our interim rector during the search process for our new rector. He has officiated services for us numerous times.

We want to welcome him to our church family, and what better way to do that than to have a good old-fashioned St. Mark's potluck this Sunday! Dust off your recipes for Mexican dishes, prepare your selection, and bring it to share with everyone.

Come join us as we welcome Fr. Rick. His wife Debbie will be here too!



Warden's Corner

Parish Profile Workshop

Wow! What else can I say but WOW!

Folks have been working behind the scenes for weeks now getting ready for the Parish Profile workshop, and we were so happy with how it turned out. So happy! It's wonderful when God gives you a nod and calls more people to attend than RSVP-ed. And to see so many children there of all ages was just wonderful. It brought tears to my eyes to see the Fellowship Hall full and brimming with conversation again. I hope we can get back to that as a regular thing!



The workshop was great (Thank you Archdeacon Mike!). We learned so much about ourselves and one another, and most importantly what we all want for the future of St Mark's. There were many similar feelings expressed, but also a lot of new information and great ideas were presented. Over the next few weeks the search committee will work with Archdeacon Besson and the Vestry to put the final touches on the profile, and then it'll be off to the next phase; the search will begin! As always, we will continue to keep everyone up to date as to progress and milestones.

Thank you so much for all the hard work that everyone put in on Sunday to get us where we are. The award of the week goes to all of YOU! The Vestry, the search committee, and I are so grateful for your input.

More soon!

Jon

St . Mark's Manly Dove Hunt

At the Wandel Ranch October 15 & 16



Hosted by: John (214) 912-1535 & Mal (361) 945-8513. Text or call to RSVP. If you text, please identify yourself.

Who is invited: All St. Mark's Men. If you don't hunt, just come hang out. There is limited room if you want to stay overnight. So let John or Mal know, and they will reserve your spot in the cabin or trailer. It is very elegant!

When: October 15-16. Come for one day or both days.

Where: 1 1/2 hours from Corpus Christi, west of Kingsville.

Directions: Contact John Wandel, or pickup printed directions.

What to bring: Lawn chair, bed roll (if staying overnight), beverage of choice, and a hunting license (if hunting). Mal is cooking. Yah!!

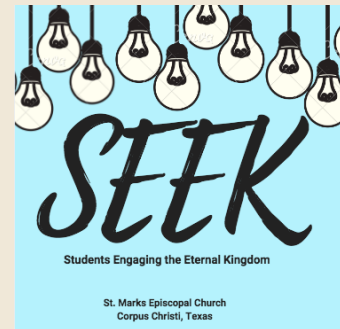
Children & Youth Ministry

SEEK Meeting

Youth will meet right after the potluck lunch this Sunday.
No 4:00 meeting this week!

Everyone will complete a brief survey about ideas for youth group, best meeting times, etc. Of course we'll share highs and lows too, pray for each other, and make time for a game. Please plan to stay — we can't spell youth without YOU!

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.



Praying for Your Children for Godly Character

Praying for our children is one of the most significant priorities we as parents can make. Have you ever considered praying scripture over your children or grandchildren? There is power in using God's Word in prayer.

There are many resources available to use to pray scripture over your children. Some involve more dedication and time, which can be difficult to manage some days. Beginning with something small that can be easily inserted into our daily life



is a great first step. Here's a [simple calendar](#) that lists scripture to be prayed each day that focuses on specific Godly character traits. Print it out, tape it to the bathroom mirror, put it in your car, or pray it at the next stop light, but please do consider using it.

Pastoral Care

Visit with Fr. Rick

Fr. Rick, our interim 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 (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.



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.

Bible Study & Spiritual Discipline

Bible Reading

Do you want to know God better? Read!!!

We know that as Christians we should read the Bible. And it's pretty easy and kind of fun to start a new Bible reading plan, but it may be even easier to fall behind, get discouraged, and let it go. At least that's been my experience until last year. I found a way of being in the Word of God every day that's simple, engaging, and easy to keep up with. And it's not just something



to check off my to-do list any more. I discovered that once I got into the habit of daily Bible reading, I began to find real joy there. God's Word is Truth! We need it every single day!

If you're not already in the Bible every day, I encourage you to check out SheReadsTruth.com. It's a worldwide community of women who read God's Word every day. You can sign up for their daily email, use the free app, or purchase their beautiful study books (I mostly use the app, but I recommend buying the Advent book because it has so many fun additions.) There is a podcast every Monday too. (Last week's podcast on the beginning chapters of Acts was truly amazing. I couldn't help but come out with a few "Amen!" while listening at the gym.)

Maybe you don't have the desire to know God more by meeting Him in his Word; that's okay! You can pray for God to give you that desire. I promise, you will find all kinds of beauty, goodness, and truth in the Bible, every single day.

*There is also Hereadstruth.com for you guys, but I don't know much about that!

King's Forest Work

Calling All Weed Pullers!

The ground is perfect for pulling weeds after yesterday's soaking rain. The temperatures will be lower tomorrow, which makes for a more pleasant weed pulling experience. So, if you have some free time tomorrow, please consider coming out to pull weeds in the King's Forest.



There is an area marked by two gaps in the dirt. You can work in the areas outside the area in the middle. Also, you don't need to work in the area to the east of the water feature. A beehive was discovered in the rocks, but they are not aggressive bees.

So, come spend some time communing with God's creation!

Access Plus Ramp Build

DATE CHANGE
Saturday, October 23
310 Mohawk St

Join Doug Wayland and his crew next 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.



Family Events

Walk the Maze at Rockin' K Farms in Robstown Moved to Sunday, October 24

The trip to the Rockin' K Farms planned for October 3rd had to be postponed because of the rain. The new date is October 24th. 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 Sunday morning, October 24th, to caravan out together.



You can get your tickets by clicking on this link [Rockin K maze](#). The cost is \$18.09 (tax included).

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

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 the everyone.



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 16 - Saturday

Dove Hunt - Wandel Ranch

10:00 a.m. - Search Committee Meeting--Fellowship Hall

October 17 - Sunday

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

11:15 a.m. - Welcome Fr. Rick Potluck--Fellowship Hall

11:45 a.m. - SEEK Group Meeting--Fellowship Hall (No Kids in Christ)

October 18 - Monday

6:30 p.m. - Vestry Meeting--Fellowship Hall

October 19 - Tuesday

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 20 - Wednesday

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

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

October 23 - Saturday

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

Helpful Links

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

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