



# THE HAPPENINGS

March 15th – Fourth Sunday of Lent

ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

REV. DR. KRISTIN HUFFMAN

*WE BELIEVE... AND IN JESUS CHRIST HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD*

*EPHESIANS 1:3-14*



Our mission is to glorify God  
and by the power of the Holy  
Spirit, provide opportunities  
for all people to know,  
love and follow Jesus Christ.



Pastor Ann Marie is out this week for vacation and returns to the office on Monday, March 16. If you have a pastoral need, please contact the **church office (830) 816-3000** or the **church cell phone (281)468-9831**.

This Sunday we are pleased to welcome as a guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Kristin Huffman. Kristin began her career as a teacher with special needs children but soon felt God's call to ministry in a church setting.

She left Texas and attended Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, graduating with a MDiv in 1983. She has served 4 PCUSA churches in California, Louisiana and Texas, most recently Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston. She now lives in San Antonio and is Honorably Retired in Mission Presbytery. She spends her time hanging out with her kids and grandkids who live nearby. She teaches for Fuller Seminary.



## EARLY LEARNING CENTER of St. Mark Presbyterian Church

The Early Learning Center is closed **March 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> for Spring Break.**  
**2026-2027 Registration is open.**

We still have spots open for 3- and 4- year old classrooms.

# CHILI COOK-OFF RESULTS



The Congregational Life Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to the St. Mark family for the wonderful support shown at our recent Chili Cook-Off!

What a blessing it was to share fellowship and fun while enjoying nine delicious and wonderfully diverse chili creations lovingly prepared by members of our congregation, along with a variety of homemade cornbread provided by the committee.

Thanks to your generosity and joyful participation, this event raised more than \$1,400 for the St. Mark Scholarship Fund. We are truly grateful for the way our church family comes together in faith, fellowship, and service to support one another. What a beautiful reminder of God's work through our community!

## Chili Cook Off Participants:

**Amanda Greenway - 1<sup>st</sup> Place**

**Robert Klein - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Tina Fisher - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place**

Lisa Watson

Angela Grover

Melanie Doppenberg

Jay & Crystal McElhenney

Pete Swanson

Nona Annette



# ST. MARK'S ALL CHURCH OLYMPICS



More than 70 church members and guests attended and/or participated in St. Mark's "gentle" version of the Olympics hosted by the TGIF group and held in the Family Life Center February 21.

Six teams competed in "putt-putt" golf, corn hole toss, and trivia. Awards were given to teams for best spirit, costumes, and most overall points. Everyone was treated to a wide variety of hors d'oeuvres and cake during St. Mark's fifth version of a very fun fellowship event.



# COMING UP

**GO SPORTS!**  
Be a Trophy for Christ  
**ST MARK VBS 2026**

June 15-19 | 9am to Noon  
4 Years to Entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
and Special Needs Adults

Free!  
Registration  
opens 4/1

“...let us run the race set before us.”  
- Hebrews 12:1-2

## Volunteer Registration is open!

Vacation Bible School is always a fun way to serve, and we hope YOU join us!

[VOLUNTEERS REGISTER HERE FOR VBS](#)

Please make a note if you are unavailable for any day of the week. Childcare is available for children under age 4, upon request. Mandatory Volunteer Training is **Thursday, June 11, from 1:00-3:00 P.M.**

The Congregational Life Committee is planning our 5th Sunday potluck luncheon to be held on:

Date: **March 29**

Time: **Following Sunday Services**

Where: **FLC**

### KEY POINTS:

The Congregation is to bring their favorite entree or side dish to share.

The Congregational Life Committee will provide bread and beverages.

This event will also honor our confirmands. A celebratory cake will be served too in their honor!

**VOLUNTEER DAY**  
April 25

Habitat for Humanity  
ST MARK

# HAPPENING NOW

Eating together helps deepen relationships!

Please consider providing dinner for our youth group. We meet on Wednesday evenings and serve about 10-12 people at 6 pm.

You are always welcome to stay and eat with us!

Sign-up sheet is in the hallway of the or contact

[Christianed@stmarktx.org](mailto:Christianed@stmarktx.org).



[Learn more at stmarktx.org](http://stmarktx.org)

# LENTEN DEVOTIONAL GROUPS ARE BACK FOR 2026!

See the options below for meeting times and places. You can sign up for the group you'd like to attend in the hallway or email [ChristianEd@stmarktx.org](mailto:ChristianEd@stmarktx.org). Group leaders will contact members upon sign up.

Groups will meet **Ash Wednesday, February 18 through Easter Sunday, April 5**, to discuss the Lenten Devotional Booklet that will accompany Pastor Ann Marie's sermon series.

Lent is a season of renewal and reflection. We hope you can share in these special practices with others from St. Mark. Those who met for last year's groups really enjoyed the experience.

## **Sundays at 4:00 p.m.**

at Morningside at Menger Springs  
hosted by Mary Jane Ely

## **Mondays at 6:15 p.m.**

at BJ's Brewhouse in the Rim  
hosted by Curt and Calleen Friedel

## **Fridays at 11:30 a.m.**

at Dodging Duck  
hosted by Lynn Bellow

## **Fridays at 1:00 p.m.**

at 28 Songs  
hosted by Andy Phillips

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

**St. Mark provides in-home visitations, in-home Communion,  
local transportation, and Meal Train.**

**If you are in need of any of these services, please  
call the church office at 830.816.3000**

# MEAL TRAIN

**Do you like food?**

**Do you like to help your friends?**

Then Meal Train is for you!

Meal Train helps the church coordinate meals for members in need. If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, then send an e-mail with your name to [stmarkmeals@gvtc.com](mailto:stmarkmeals@gvtc.com) for Andy Phillips.

When a member contacts the church with a need, Andy will set up the Meal Train and e-mail a link listing dates, times and requests for our church members in need of help.

Contact Andy ([stmarkmeals@gvtc.com](mailto:stmarkmeals@gvtc.com) or 361-537-5175) for more information.

# ADULT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

Adult Education Scholarships are available for the 2026-2027 academic year. Applications will be accepted from **February 1 - May 1** and must be typed. The application form is now available to download on our St. Mark Presbyterian website under Adult Education.

**For more information, please contact the office at [office@stmarktx.org](mailto:office@stmarktx.org)**

**[Click here to access the Scholarship through Adult Education page](#)**



# JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

February 18 - April 4

Outreach Ministry invites you to journey and leave your Lenten prayer at the cross.

All supplies are at the base of the cross on Bandera Road and at the cross in the Hospitality Center.



# Holy Week Schedule

All are welcomed to join us for the journey to Easter Sunday

## *Palm Sunday*

March 29, 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class of 2026 professes its faith.  
Pot luck lunch celebration to follow worship.

Remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

## *Maundy Thursday*

April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Worship in the Family Life Center.

Remembering Jesus' Last Supper with  
Communion at the table

## *Good Friday*

April 3, 6:30 p.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary.

Remembering Jesus' Crucifixion

## *Easter Sunday*

April 5

10:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast & Butterfly Release

10:30 a.m. - Worship "He is Risen, Indeed"

11:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

# MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> – MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>

Online Service Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams>

## GROWING FULLER AT TABLE FELLOWSHIP

15th - Los Guitarras

22nd - Sauced

29th - Potluck at Church

Sunday, March 15, 2026

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ↻ Explorers Class FLC # 107
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Confirmation Class FLC # 103
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Elementary Sunday School FLC # 105
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Youth Sunday School # 103
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Disciples Class FLC # 109
- 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM ↻ Nursery Care (birth to pre-kinder) FLC # 106
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Engaging God's Word FLC # 101
- 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM ↻ Breakfast Club Parlor
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM ↻ St. Mark Worship Service (In Person and Lives
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Table Fellowship Los Guitarras
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Adam Johnson FLC

Monday, March 16, 2026

- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Valor Basketball FLC
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ↻ Session Meeting FLC #107/108

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

- Tue 3/17/2026 (All day) St. Patrick's Day United States
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM ↻ ELC Chapel Sanctuary
  - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ↻ Staff Meeting FLC#109
  - 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM ↻ Pickleball setup FLC
  - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ↻ Pickleball - Carol Trono FLC

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM ↻ Bible Study (Rev. Ann Marie Quigley- Swanso
- 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM HR Meeting Parlor
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group FLC
- 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM ↻ Choir Rehearsal ( Mary Beth Thomas) Choir Roc
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ↻ A Few Good Men (R. Klein) Parlor

Thursday, March 19, 2026

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ↻ WOW FLC #107/108
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ↻ Pickleball (DeWitt Ragsdale) FLC
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Valor Basketball FLC

Friday, March 20, 2026

Saturday, March 21, 2026

[Click here to view Calendar](#)

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# 2026 Elder Assignments

Ministry	Elders	Class Year
Christian Education - Youth	Curtis Friedel Harlan Mangum	2026 2026
Christian Education - Children and Adult	Open	
Communication / Evangelism	Dinah McDougall	2028
Congregational Life	Gina Klein Bob James	2026 2028
Finance / Stewardship	Kim Heinze	2027
Human Resources	Woody Paul	2026
Outreach	Crystal McElhenney Lisa Lyles	2027 2028
Property	Eric Beilstein	2028
Worship	E-J Warren Kathleen Ramey	2027 2026
Other Assigned Positions:	Name(s)	Year / Term
ELC Liaison	Eric Beilstein	2028
Deacon Liaison	Kathleen Ramey	2026
Trustees	Gina Klein Kim Heinze Eric Beilstein	2026 2027 2028
Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) - Session Reps	Kathleen Ramey - Chair Crystal McElhenney - Vice	2026 2027
Treasurer	Rob West (Interim)	2026
Clerk of Session	Dave Thomas	2026

# List of Deacons

Nona Annett – Moderator / Receptions

Toni Hensley - New Member Integration

Melanie Doppenberg- Visitor Follow Up Ministry

Kim Hodge - Home Communion / Receptions

Dottie Dunham - Driver Assistance Ministry

Karen Ragsdale - Card Ministry

Julie McCarty – Member Care Ministry

Lisa Paul –Diaconate Clerk / Prayer Chain Support

Andy Phillips - Flower Delivery Ministry / Meal Coordinator

Betty Robertson - Member Follow Up Ministry