

ALL IN

*Responding to
God's Abundant Love*



October 4, 2026 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

THE HAPPENINGS

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

All In With Our Hearts

Matthew 22:34-40

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.

Our vision is to be a church where every person is welcomed, every generation grows in faith, every gift is called into service, and our neighbors experience God's love and grace.



World Communion Sunday

1 Corinthians 10:17

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

The first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday. It is observed by many Christians across denominational and national boundaries and emphasizes the unity of Christians around the world through Holy Communion. It focuses on people from different countries, cultures and languages, and reminds us that the church is bigger than our individual congregation. World Communion celebrates all those who gather on this day to share one bread, one body.

World Communion Sunday is October 4th. Please join us as we highlight breads from other countries and offer up prayers for them. We will place breads from 4 different countries on the communion table, as well as serve these breads during communion to the congregation. Be a part of the celebration.

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ATTENTION

Please stop by the Family Life Center after worship to pick up your personal envelope with all your stewardship information and a special gift. This will help us save on postage and you can then stay for a wonderful lunch and see what our ministries are up to at the:

Time, Talent & Treasure Covered Dish Lunch

Sunday, October 4, 2026 | After Worship | FLC

Join us for a fun covered-dish lunch as we kick off this year's Stewardship Campaign!

Bring a favorite dish—a family recipe, a taste of your heritage, or something you simply love to make.

Come enjoy good food and fellowship while discovering the many ways God is at work through St. Mark's ministries. Learn how you can share your time, talent, and treasure in support of St. Mark's mission and vision in the coming year and beyond. *Everyone is welcome!*



WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

Sunday, October 4, 2026



The World Communion Special Offering will take place Sunday, October 4. By giving, we help ensure all God's people flourish. Our gifts will combine with churches across the PC(USA) to cultivate reconciliation by supporting peacemaking efforts, racial and gender justice, global witness and nurturing ecumenical and interfaith relations.

- 50% supports work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.
- 25% supports our mid-council to support peacemaking work in our region.
- 25% supports our local Center for Refugee Services for legally resettled refugees. Outreach will match your donations up to \$1,000.

We will be accepting gifts during worship and in the office during the week of October 4. Please mark donations with "World Communion Offering" for the collection plate, online, or in the church office. Checks may be written to SMPC with "World Communion" on the memo line.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to promote peace locally and across the globe.

~ Outreach

CELEBRATING & STEWARDING

With Joy, We Celebrate This Week's Birthdays



Financial Review from Treasurer Rob West

Financial Review: As of August 31, 2026			
Households Pledging YTD:	73	Total Primary Members:	169
Budgeted Total Income YTD:	\$530,451	Actual Total Income YTD:	\$581,070
Budgeted Expenses YTD:	\$591,780	Actual Expenses YTD:	\$485,347

We made it through the summer months when revenue seems to dip while many in the congregation are out of town, and I'm happy to report that we were in the positive for the summer in spite of that. Pledged revenue was off a bit, but we were blessed with unexpected un-pledged revenue, which was a pleasant surprise. Additionally, expenses are being well-managed by our various ministries throughout the month. There will be some Capital Fund expenses coming up that are the result of our new A/V equipment and a repair of the stained glass window behind the pulpit. Good planning and the generosity of our congregation will soften the blow of these expenses. Thanks again for your continued support of our blessed church!

OUTREACH UPDATES

You're Invited: Outreach is sponsoring a table at the Annual PCHAS Luncheon.

*Hope Outshines
Hardship*

Dear Friends,

We kindly ask that you join us for our free 2026 Hope Outshines Hardship luncheon event, benefiting the children and families in our care. Together, we can nurture their strengths, resilience, and faith.



Presbyterian Children's
Homes and ServicesSM

October 27th

- 12:00 pm -

San Antonio Country Club

4100 N New Braunfels Ave
San Antonio, TX 78209

RSVP

*Please RSVP to this free event by
October 16th

Toni Hensley

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Saturday, October 3 | 7:30 AM-Noon

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP!

**NO
LIMIT**

Rise Against Hunger
Pack 10,000 meals.

FULL

NAMIWalks Kendall County
Welcome walk participants.

CANCELED

Hill Country Daily Bread
CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER.

FULL

St. Mark ELC
Paint outdoor railings.

**2
Needed**

Transformation House
Plant pollinator gardens.



SIGN UP NOW



*Everyone is
welcome!*

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Saturday, October 3 | 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Breakfast

7:30-8:30 AM

Program Kickoff

8:00 AM

Service Projects

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for a fun-filled Saturday morning being of service to our community in Jesus's name.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging** - Measure, seal, and pack dried ingredients, creating 10,000 meals for international needs. This project takes place indoors in the air-conditioned St. Mark Family Life Center and offers seated or standing options. **(Unlimited people - everyone is welcome!)**
- **Transformation House** - Transform gardens and a pathway with native pollinator plants at two Transformation House resident cottages in Boerne. (need 2 people)
- **Early Learning Center** - Sand and repaint outdoor railings on the Early Learning Center campus. (full)
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness** - Greet participants at the NAMIWalks Kendall County event in Boerne from the St. Mark exhibit table at the Patrick Heath Public Library amphitheater. Volunteers should arrive by 7:15 AM and serve until 9:30 AM. Outdoor project with seated or standing options. (full)

Scan the QR code, [click here](#), or sign up in your Realm account.



GATHERING & GROWING

Join Us on Monday, October 5 at Sauced



Sauced Wing Bar
215 W. Bandera Rd.
Boerne, TX 78006

LUNCH *Bunch*

Join us for Lunch Bunch, a monthly gathering where conversation flows easily, and everyone is truly welcome.

We meet on the first Monday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at Sauced Wing Bar in Boerne to share a meal, laugh together, and enjoy the gift of community.

No RSVP needed. Just come, be present, and take a seat at the table.

Next Step Class



NEXT STEP CLASS

Do you want to learn more about St. Mark?

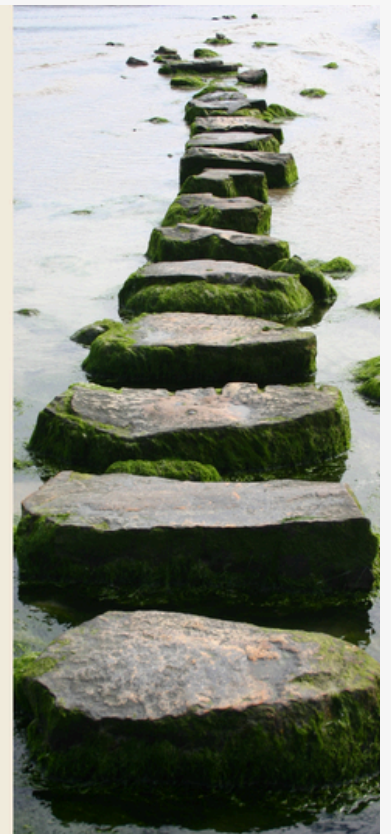
Are you considering membership?

Do you want to get involved in the mission and ministries of St. Mark?

Are you looking for a connected community?

Join us on Sunday, October 18, at 9:00 AM in the Children's Church Sanctuary.

Questions? Email Melanie Doppenberg at melanie.doppenberg@gmail.com or call (229) 224-3186.



EARLY LEARNING CENTER

SAVE THE DATE!



EARLY LEARNING CENTER
of St. Mark Presbyterian Church

FALL FEST

Saturday, October 24th

ENJOY THE FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

**208 W BANDERA RD
BOERNE, TX
9:00AM - 12 NOON**

**Food-Games-Bounce House-Raffle
Petting Zoo-Face Painting-Hay
Maze-Bake Sale & Candy Crawl**

Funds raised will support programs at the ELC of St. Mark
Where Learning Grows with Faith and Love

There are sign-up sheets beneath the ELC bulletin board in the hallway for those who would like to help out with the Bake Sale or Candy Crawl.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

Sunday, October 4, 2026		
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	• Explorers Class	• FLC #107/108
9:15 AM – 11:45 AM	• Nursery Care	• FLC #106
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	• Elementary Sunday School • Youth Sunday School • Engaging God's Word	• FLC #104 • FLC #102 • FLC #105
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	• Breakfast Club	• FLC #101
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	• St. Mark Worship Service	• Sanctuary & Online Live
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	• Time, Talent & Treasure Covered Dish Luncheon	• FLC
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	• Adam Johnson	• FLC
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	• Gerald Alsheimer Basketball	• FLC
Monday, October 5, 2026		
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	• Lunch Bunch (Melanie D.)	• Sauced Wing Bar
4:00 PM – 5:45 PM	• Boerne Blaze	• FLC
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	• Deacons Meeting	• FLC #107
Tuesday, October 6, 2026		
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	• ELC Chapel	• Sanctuary
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	• Staff Meeting	• FLC #109
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	• Crestmont Basketball	• FLC
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	• Pickleball (Carol T.)	• FLC
Wednesday, October 7, 2026		
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	• Pastor's Bible Study	• FLC #107/108
4:00 PM – 6:30 PM	• Faithful Friends and Family	• FLC, FLC #104 & 105
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM	• Choir Rehearsal	• Choir Room
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	• A Few Good Men (E-J Warren)	• Hospitality Center
Thursday, October 8, 2026		
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	• W.O.W.	• FLC #107/108
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	• Pickleball	• FLC
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	• BACH Basketball	• FLC
Friday, October 9 - Saturday, October 10, 2026		
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	• Youth & Young Adult Overnight	• Mo Ranch



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week's service.

2026 ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

Ministry	Elders	Class Year
Christian Education – Youth	Curtis Friedel Harlan Mangum	2026 2026
Christian Education – Children & Adult	Susan Penrod	2028
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 DeWitt Ragsdale	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 Susan Penrod 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

2026 DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

Ministry	Deacons	Class Year
Moderator / Receptions	Nona Annett	2026
New Member Integration	Toni Hensley	2027
Visitor Follow Up	Melanie Doppenberg	2026
Home Communion / Receptions	Kim Hodge	2027
Driver Assistance	Dottie Dunham	2028
Member Care	Julie McCarty	2028
Diaconate Clerk / Prayer Chain Support	Lisa Paul	2027
Flower Delivery / Meal Coordinator	Andy Phillips	2028
Member Follow Up	Betty Robertson	2028