

The Happenings

ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Do You Hear What I Hear?

PAIRING THE PROPHETIC WORDS OF ISAIAH WITH THE BELOVED MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS, WE WILL LISTEN MORE DEEPLY FOR GOD'S MESSAGE IN THIS SEASON. AS SCRIPTURE AND SONG WEAVE TOGETHER, WE'LL EXPERIENCE HOW GOD'S LOVE GIVEN IN JESUS CONTINUES TO TOUCH OUR LIVES TODAY. COME LISTEN WITH US!

NOVEMBER 30TH, 2025 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 2:1-5 Do You Hear the Whisper of Hope? Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

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.



STMARKTX.ORG

Lunch Bunch

*First Monday of
Every Month*



11:30 A.M. at the Sauced Wing Bar
215 W. Bandera Rd, Boerne, TX

Come enjoy good conversation and good food!



Leave a Legacy



Dear Members of the Congregation,

The **Generation-to-Generation (G2G)** Committee prepared and provided you with the brochure **Leaving a Legacy** as we celebrate the birthday of the church each year on Pentecost Sunday.

If you would like a copy of the **Leaving a Legacy** brochure, they are available in the Hospitality Center, upper hallway, or the Church Office.

The Generation-to-Generation Fund multiplies the blessings of planned gifts and bequests by current generations to make a difference for future generations. A periodic gift from you, or a bequest from your estate, demonstrates your gratitude for the gifts God has given you. All these gifts help St. Mark continue sharing the good news of God's love by supporting the many ministry programs, weekly worship services, mission and outreach activities, and facility needs.

The stock markets have been more favorable this year which influenced most investment portfolios. These are long-term investments in the Texas Presbyterian Fund with the key strategy to stay invested to be positioned to achieve future financial gains. Below are the fund balances for the G2G Endowment accounts:

12/31/2024
\$551,678.47

6/30/2025
\$598,148.53

9/30/2025
\$626,431.22

Thanks to the generosity of the Penrod family a new \$5,000 restricted fund named as the **Compassion Fund – IMO Thelma Jean Penrod** was established in the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. Its current value is **\$5,703.04** and is reflected in the totals above. Future contributions by family, friends, and church members, along with the earned dividends, will be used by the Pastor and Deacons to aid the elderly of St. Mark in their times of need.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about **Leaving a Legacy**, members of the G2G Committee are available to meet with you. Please let us know by calling the Church Office at (830) 816-3000 or by sending an email to office@stmarktx.org

Your G2G Committee thanks you and are willing to meet with you.

Steve Crowell Doug Mikus Lisa Paul Susan Penrod Dave Thomas

The Salvation Army Angel Tree Is Here!



The Salvation Army Angel Tree
November 16 – November 30

The Christmas Star is burning brightly
for the children at
Herff Elementary School.
All bike requests have been fulfilled –
thank you!

63 Children have been selected
18 Children are awaiting selection

There is still time to spread Christmas Cheer!
Visit the display in the Hospitality Center
to make your selection.

Return unwrapped gifts Dec 7-14

No early birds please!

On Sundays, place gifts in the
Hospitality Center
on weekdays take to the office.
Thank You!



Questions:

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Crystal McElhenney; crystal@guadalupebend.com
830.336.2330

May the blessings of Christmas morning shine in the eyes of God's children.



God's Gift Factory

Saturday, December 6
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Drop-off event for children, birth-5th grade
Children will make and wrap gifts for family and
friends, hear the Nativity story, create a special
lunch and enjoy silly games!

\$10/child | register 11/10-12/1
www.stmarktx.org



[Register](#)



Your invited to join us for the

Christmas Parade 2025

with

St Mark Presbyterian Church and Early
Learning Center

ELC children and families as well as St mark
Congregation are all welcome to join us in riding or
marching alongside our float!

- December 6th at 6pm on Main street
- Participants are expected
to be at our designated spot
at 5:30

- Theme: Saddles and
Sleigh bells (come
dressed in your best
cowboy/cowgirl outfits!)



REGISTER NOW





Reservations for the **December 12** All Church Christmas Party began last **Sunday, November 16**, and close **Sunday, December 7**. Cost will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Dinner includes smoked ham (thank you Klein family), sides, and deserts.

Please note that childcare reservations must be made no later than **November 30**. Don't miss this festive and fun event for the entire congregation. Stop by the TGIF table in the Hospitality Room to learn more and make your reservations. Holiday cheer and ugly Christmas sweaters welcome.

You're Invited
to our

Christmas Party

Saturday, December 13, 2025

11:30 am - 1 pm

PCHAS San Antonio Campus
6355 Whitby Road,
San Antonio, TX 78240



RSVP:

Banner Huggins
banner.huggins@pchas.org
210.843.5477



**Outreach will be collecting items for the
Presbyterian Children's Home and Services
Christmas Shoppe**

November 30-December 7

Collection Box located on the
Outreach table in the hallway

**PCHAS Kids Christmas Shoppe
Suggested Items/Ideas:**

- Full size Body Wash/Lotion sets • Insulated coffee/water tumbler
- Holiday-themed small home décor (cookie jars, manger scenes, etc)
 - Hat/Scarves &/or gloves sets • Small fuzzy sofa blankets
- Fuzzy holiday socks or slippers • Christmas-themed kitchen items
- Small portable Bluetooth speaker • New items ranging from \$5 -\$25

These items will be made available at the annual Christmas Party for children to choose a gift for their parents or caregiver.



CHRISTMAS JOY SPECIAL OFFERINGS



Celebrating Christmas Joy

Special Offering

December 14

Our Gifts at Work: Supporting Our Past, Present and Future Leaders!

The Christmas Joy Offering honors the faithfulness of current and retired church workers and their families in need.

Thanks, in part, to support from this Offering, church workers can receive critical financial assistance to support them through life's challenging circumstances.

These generous actions bear witness to our faithful response to God's charge to love one another as Christ commanded.



JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CANTATA

*A Festival
of Carols*

DECEMBER

14



ST MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

10:30 AM



Held on the longest night of the year, this service offers space for quiet, reflection, and prayer. Through candlelight, scripture, and stillness, we seek the light of Christ in the midst of darkness. You will also have the opportunity to light a candle in memory or in honor of someone you love.

Our Longest Night Service will be held on **Sunday, December 21**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Center of St. Mark Presbyterian Church. The service will last about 45 minutes and is open to everyone.

Childcare is available with a request made by **December 15** (office@stmarktx.org or **830-816-3000**).

If you would like a ride to the service, please contact the church office.



January Events

Out of Chaos:
FAITH

MATTHEW 14: 22-33

MISSION PRESBYTERY'S
**Midwinter Youth
Conference 2026**

at

Mo-Ranch

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: REV. AMY MEYER

JANUARY 16-18, 2026

FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

[Register](#)





Women's Gathering

**FRESHLY-
LAUNDERED**

Psalm 51:7

Faith

✓ Saturday, Jan. 31, 2026

✓ 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

✓ St. Mark
Family Life Center

✓ Speaker: Sherri Richard,
Host of Everyday Truths

✓ Gathering Fun,
Breakfast & Lunch



*Register
Now*

Only **\$25**

[Register](#)

St Mark is Hiring!



\$12.50/Hr.

*We're
hiring!*

NURSERY/CHILDCARE WORKER NEEDED

The St. Mark nursery staff is hiring for Sunday mornings and occasional weekdays/nights. Paid training and flexible shifts.

Nursery/Childcare Workers:

- Enjoy time with infants, toddlers, preschool and occasionally elementary children
- Lead Bible lessons and activities
- Ensure safe environment

Contact Nursery@StMarkTX.org

208 W. Bandera Rd. Boerne, TX 78006

www.StMarkTx.org





December 2025

November Nov 23, 11:30 a.m.	Hanging of the Greens All are welcome to help deck the halls of St. Mark! Following worship meet in the Hospitality Center for snacks and your decorating assignment. Stay as long as you are able, but your help is needed.
December Dec 6, 9:30-12:30	God's Gift factory Drop-off event for children, birth-5th grade--Children will make and wrap gifts for family and friends, hear the Nativity story, create a special lunch and enjoy some silly games. Cost is \$10/child. Must register in advance. (Family Life Center)
December Dec 6, 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Parade St Mark Presbyterian church and Early Learning Center will be participating in Boerne's Annual Christmas Parade! ELC families and St Mark's congregation are all invited to join us in either riding or marching alongside our float! This year's theme is "Saddles and Sleigh bells"! The parade will be held on December 6th at 6:00pm on Main Street.
December Dec 12, 6:00 p.m.	Church Christmas Party Join us for a delicious holiday meal and evening of fun! Hosted by TGIF (Thanking God in Fellowship) Group. (Preregistration is required) (Family Life Center)
December Dec 14, 10:30 a.m.	Cantata - Festival of Carols A joyful musical celebration of Christmas that is overflowing with tuneful praise. This modern "Lessons and Carols" includes more than 20 classic Carols, many with congregational singing. (Sanctuary)
December Dec 21, 6:30-7:15 p.m.	Longest Night Service In the midst of a busy season, this is a service of quiet, reflection, and prayer. Whether you are looking to simply slow down or looking for comfort and hope in the midst of pain, through prayer, candlelight, and quiet reflection, this service creates sacred space to seek the light of Christ in the midst of darkness. (Hospitality Center)
December Dec 24, 4:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Family Worship An interactive and meaningful service for the whole family to attend. Children are invited to participate in the service as we sing praises and share the story of Christmas.
December Dec 24, 7:00 p.m.	Candlelight and Communion Traditional Christmas Eve service with Candlelight and Communion with Special Music from our Choir. (Nurse care provided)
January Jan 4 11:30 a.m.	Epiphany Following worship in the Family Life Center come for lunch. Epiphany activities with your church family and receive your 2026 STAR WORD! All are welcome.

Notes

Advent Devotionals will be available for the season (pick up in the office or hallway, request an e-version). These devotionals will offer opportunities to sit with the scriptures and music of the season and reflect on God's presence in our lives. We encourage you to set aside time each week to use the discussion questions for conversation with family or friends.

For more info on any event go to Stmarktx.org or email Office@stmarktx.org



WEEKLY CALENDAR November 30th – December 6th

Online Service **Youtube:**

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

Sunday, November 30, 2025

- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Elementary Sunday School FLC # 105
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Engaging God's Word FLC # 101
- 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM ↻ Nursery Care (birth to pre-kinder) FLC # 106
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Youth Sunday School # 103
- 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 Shang Hai

As the 5th Sunday falls on Thanksgiving weekend, we will not have a potluck luncheon on November 30.
We hope you all enjoy this special time with your family and friends.

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

- 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM ELC Nutcracker Presentation FLC
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ↻ Staff Meeting Parlor
- 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM ↻ Pickleball setup FLC
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ↻ Pickleball - Carol Trono FLC

Monday, December 1, 2025

- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ↻ Lunch Bunch (Melanie Doppenberg) Sauced Wi
- 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Crestmont Basketball FLC
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bach - Basketball FLC
- 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM 🍷 Deacon's Meeting Hospitality

GROWING
FULLER
at Table
Fellowship

December 7
Pure Country
BBQ & Grill

December 14
Bevy

December 21
Tre Pizzeria

December 28
Longhorn Café

Thursday, December 4, 2025

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ↻ WOW FLC #107/108
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ↻ Pickleball (DeWitt Ragsdale) FLC
- 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Bach Basketball FLC
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ↻ Worship Meeting FLC # 107/108

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM ↻ Morning Glorias ZOOM with Carlyn Crawford
- 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Pickleball Court Repair Work FLC
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM ↻ Bible Study (Rev. Ann Marie Quigley- Swanso
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Life Spot Training Class FLC
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth Group (Secret Christmas Mission) FLC # 103
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Pickleball Court Repair FLC
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ↻ A Few Good Men (R. Klein) Parlor
- 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM ↻ Choir Rehearsal (Mary Beth Thomas) Choir Roc

Friday, December 5, 2025

- Fri 12/5/2025 (All day) ↻ CHURCH ADMIN OFFICE CLOSED
- 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM 🍷 God's Gift Factory Setup (Angela Grover) FLC

Saturday, December 6, 2025

- 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM God's Gift Factory FLC
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Christmas Parade Main Street

[Click here to view Calendar](#)