



# THE HAPPENINGS

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

REV. ANN MARIE QUIGLEY-SWANSON

WE BELIEVE... THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS;  
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS

*EPHESIANS 2:19-22*




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.

# THANKING GOD IN FELLOWSHIP (TGIF) NEWS

## SAVE THE DATE!

TGIF Presents: A Special Museum Trip!

 Date: May 16th

 Location: Belóved Gallery - Marble Falls, TX



- Enjoy time together at the Blue Bonnet Cafe after the tour
  - Family-friendly event open to all St. Mark members & guests
  - Don't miss this unforgettable day of faith, art, and community.
- Contact Larry Warren for more information

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Experience Faith Through Art on the guided tour

FEATURING: PRINCE OF PEACE,

by Akiane Kramarik

## SUNDAY TABLE FELLOWSHIP

What Is Sunday Table Fellowship?

Quite simply, it's going out to lunch after church with other St. Mark worshippers. No reservations needed. No sign-ups or RSVPs. Just come whenever you like. The restaurants to meet at are listed in the Happenings each week. We visit a variety of restaurants in the area. It's a fun way to get to know each other better while enjoying lunch out after church.

Give it a try! This Congregational Life ministry is coordinated by the Thanking God in Fellowship (TGIF) group.

## ADULT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

## FINAL DAY

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 from 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](#)

# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

## VBS 2026

**GO SPORTS!**  
Be a Trophy for Christ  
"...let us run the race set before us."  
- Hebrews 12:1-2

ST MARK  
**VBS 2026**

# donation sign-up!

Beginning this Sunday, 5/3, in the hallway, sign-up to donate items for VBS or leave some \$ and we will do the shopping!  
Return items by June 1.

Once you've signed up for specific items, you will be able to find most of them on our Amazon Wishlist or you can purchase at the store of your choice. Some items we just need to borrow and will return the week after VBS.



## ELC NEWS

## LUNCH BUNCH

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE  
ST.MARK EARLY LEARNING CENTER



ONE-OF-A-KIND ART PIECES

**TUESDAY, MAY 5TH**

DISPLAY AVAILABLE FROM 6P-7P  
IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER



All are welcome to gather for  
food and fellowship.

Whether you're new or have been  
attending for years, we'd love to  
have you join us.

**First Monday of Every Month**

**Time:** May 4 @ 11:30 AM

**Location:**

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

# HILL COUNTRY PREGNANCY CARE CENTER BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG



St. Mark Outreach will be supporting the Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraising event to benefit the Hill Country Pregnancy Care Center (HCPCC). The HCPCC is a faith-centered local organization committed to offering completely free and confidential services to everyone involved with a pregnancy. This fundraiser is a community-wide effort to support the mission of the HCPCC.

On **Mother's Day (May 10)** we will be passing out baby bottles to the congregation to take home and fill with coins, bills, or checks to be returned to St. Mark the following **Monday, May 17**. All checks are to be made out directly to the HCPCC. A little spare change can go a long way to supporting a person in need.

Please see Marilyn Bonaguro,  
or Chris Snyder for more details  
and thank you for your  
generous support for this  
important cause.



# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY – KERR COUNTY



On Saturday, April 25, St. Mark's annual Habitat for Humanity service project was on a new home for a family affected by the flooding in July of last year. We had a hard-working crew of 15 volunteers from St. Mark who helped caulk and paint the exterior of the home and enjoyed fellowship over lunch afterwards at a Kerrville restaurant. Thanks to everyone who came out to help provide a fresh start for a family after the tragic losses of the flooding.

Habitat Kerr County provides 3-4 new homes a year to help families with affordable housing. In response to the July 4 flooding, they have partnered with the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country, through the Kerr County Flood Relief Fund, to support long-term housing recovery efforts.

Through this partnership, Habitat is providing critical repair and reconstruction services for families in Kerrville, Center Point, and Comfort whose homes were damaged or destroyed. As part of this recovery work, the Community Foundation's investment is also making it possible for Habitat to build 10 new homes in the Mariposa community for families impacted by the flooding.

Do you want to help more than once a year? Habitat Kerr County works every Thursday from 8:00 am–12:00 pm and some Saturdays from 8:00 am–12:00 pm. If you are interested in joining their regular volunteers, call Baylee Parks at 830-792-4844 or email [bayleeparks@habitatkerr.org](mailto:bayleeparks@habitatkerr.org).



# RUTH MCARTHUR'S LEGACY



Many members of our congregation share fond memories of Ruth McArthur, a dedicated poet, mother, and grandmother who passed away in September 2025. As a certified Texas Master Naturalist, (Hill Country Chapter, 2008) she became interested in birds and birding. For over 20 years, Ruth and her husband Craig lived on a property along Upper Cibolo Creek Road that was under a special wildlife management valuation, which Ruth administered. Projects included managing the native but invasive Ashe juniper, urging old agricultural fields to become prairies once again, caring for the riparian zones, and managing habitat for deer and songbirds. In 2020, Ruth and Craig moved to Boston to be closer to their daughter Meredith and her family.

Ruth was an active member of St. Mark Presbyterian Church, who served as an elder and a fun-loving youth leader. Lynn Bellow shares the following memories:

"The Bellow family is most appreciative of having known Ruth McArthur. When we joined St. Mark in 2006, Ruth was helping the youth director lead the very active youth group on Sunday evenings. Joy and laughter were dominant among the large group of teens. Our daughter, Amanda, was eager to join the fun and gained life-long friends; it made learning of God's love tangible.

Most especially, I remember Ruth encouraging prayer life and created SMPC small groups. In my home she led a class of "50 Ways to Pray" for us adults. Once she commissioned the building of the prayer labyrinth around the majestic oak on her Rocknm Compound, the entire church was invited for quiet contemplation and libations."

After Ruth's passing, her family discovered that she was in the final stages of publishing a second book of poetry with Finishing Line Press - "Neighborhood Watch", a collection reflecting on her life in Boston. Her daughter Meredith decided to ensure the publication moves forward for a July 2026 release, exactly as her mother had planned. Proceeds from Ruth's final book will be donated to Break Through Cancer, a foundation dedicated to cancer research. Information about Ruth's life, her numerous publications, and pre-orders for the new book (ends May 22), can be found at [www.ruthmcarthur.com](http://www.ruthmcarthur.com).

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

# MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> – MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

Online Service Youtube:

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

## GROWING FULLER AT TABLE FELLOWSHIP

3rd - Longhorn Cafe   10th - No Lunch Today   17th - Sauced   24th - Papa Nachos  
Fifth Sunday Pot Luck - May 31st

### Sunday, May 3, 2026

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ↻ Explorers Class FLC # 107
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Disciples Class FLC # 109
- 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 - 10:15 AM ↻ Youth Sunday School # 103
- 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM ↻ Nursery Care (birth to pre-kinder) FLC # 106
- 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 Longhorn Cafe (369 S Esser Rd, B
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- 11:45 AM - 1:30 PM ↻ Outreach Meeting FLC #107/108
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Adam Johnson FLC

### Monday, May 4, 2026

- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM ↻ Lunch Bunch (Melanie Doppenberg) Sauced Wi
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Valor Basketball FLC

### Tuesday, May 5, 2026

- 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM ELC Art Show FLC
- 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM ↻ ELC Chapel Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ↻ Staff Meeting Parlor

### Wednesday, May 6, 2026

- 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM ELC Art Show FLC
- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM ↻ Bible Study (Rev. Ann Marie Quigley- Swanso
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Assessment and Development Process HR FLC # 10
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Youth FLC
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ↻ A Few Good Men (R. Klein) Parlor
- 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM ↻ Choir Rehearsal ( Mary Beth Thomas) Choir Roc

### Thursday, May 7, 2026

- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ↻ WOW FLC #107/108
- 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM ↻ Pickleball Setup FLC
- 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ↻ Pickleball FLC
- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Valor Basketball FLC
- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM ↻ Worship Meeting FLC # 107/108

### Friday, May 8, 2026

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# 2026 Elder Assignments

Ministry	Elders	Class Year
Christian Education - Youth	Curtis Friedel	2026
	Harlan Mangum	2026
Christian Education - Children and Adult	Open	
Communication / Evangelism	Dinah McDougall	2028
	Gina Klein	2026
Congregational Life	Bob James	2028
Finance / Stewardship	Kim Heinze	2027
Human Resources	Woody Paul	2026
Outreach	Crystal McElhenney	2027
Property	Eric Beilstein	2028
	E-J Warren	2027
Worship	Kathleen Ramey	2026

Other Assigned Positions:	Name(s)	Year / Term
ELC Liaison	Eric Beilstein	2028
Deacon Liaison	Kathleen Ramey	2026
	Gina Klein	2026
Trustees	Kim Heinze	2027
	Eric Beilstein	2028
Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) - Session Reps	Kathleen Ramey - Chair	2026
	Crystal McElhenney - Vice	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**

**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**