THE HAPPENINGS

Love in Iruth and Action



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.



FALL SERMON SERIES

"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation..." - Peter 2:9

God loves us, has chosen us, and calls us to holy work.

This fall we will explore how we live out our sacred purpose in our daily lives.

Sunday Service

This week:

1 John 3:16-18

Love That Gives

Rev Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson

GROWING FULLER at Table Fellowship

October 5th Inferno's

October 19th El Rio

October 26th Black Board BBQ – Sisterdale

Deadline for Articles

The Happenings is a weekly newsletter published for the members of St. Mark.

The deadline to submit articles

12 pm on Tuesday.

Contact:

communications@stmarktx.org



Church Directory







The Church Directory is available to members of St. Mark in several ways:

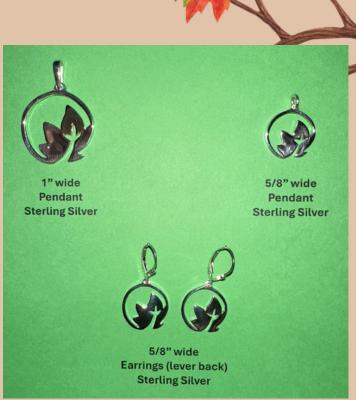
- Online access to the Church Directory is available through our church database, https://e.onRealm.org
- If you have not set up your personal Realm account, please contact Claudia Bledean and she will email you an invitation to set up your account giving you automatic access to our online directory and much more including News Communication, Events, and Giving.
- The Realm app is free and available on Google Play or through the Apple App Store. The link to these is on the church website <u>www.stmarktx.org</u> under the Members tab.
- Printed copies are available in the Church Office
- You may request a printed copy from Claudia Beldean To contact Claudia Beldean, our Office Associate, please call the church office at (830) 816-3000 or email office@stmarktx.org

St Mark Oak Leaf Jewelry

Many have noticed and asked about the Oak Leaf pendants being worn by a few church members! These beautiful pieces of jewelry were designed by, and are custom made, at a local San Antonio jewelry store.

The artisan takes about two to three weeks to pour the molds, polish, and finish each piece, so you will need to plan ahead if you are interested in purchasing any of these pieces of St. Mark Oak Leaf jewelry.

The smaller pendant can be fitted as a lapel pin rather than a loop (bail) if desired.



For more information about obtaining this jewelry, you may stop by or call the Church Office at (830) 816-3000

Finance Update

Hello to our family and friends of St. Mark from the finance committee.

We would like to update you regarding the financial status of St. Mark. As of August 30, we are \$14,000 over budget with our income. We are also \$56,000 under budget with our expenses which give us \$70,000 positive cash flow. This is a wonderful position for us to be in as we are entering the fall. However, we do realize that our expenses are not linear, and we know expenses will increase as we enter the last quarter of the year.

We also never know when we will have unexpected and unbudgeted expenses. With that being said, I encourage everyone to pray and be diligent with your giving. We can do so much good with our resources both in our church family and our community.



Memorials



Vivian McMullan

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Vivian McMullan who entered the church triumphant on September 27, 2025. Trusting that in life and in death we belong to God, we give thanks for Vivian's life and hold her daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Carl Lyles, and their family in our prayers. A memorial service will be held for Vivian on Friday, October 10, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

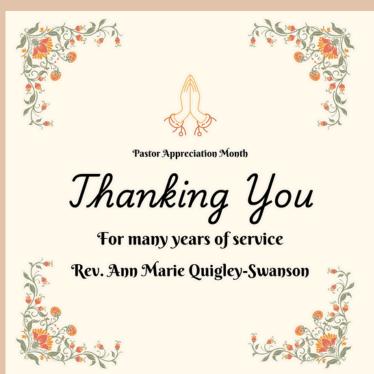
Ruth McArthur

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Ruth McArthur, past member/elder of St. Mark, who entered the church triumphant on September 22, 2025. Trusting that in life and in death we belong to God, we give thanks for Ruth's life and hold her family in our prayers A memorial service will be held for Ruth on Friday, October 10, at 2:00 p.m. at University Lutheran Church, Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA.



Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson, thank you for the years you've poured into this church prayers whispered, hands held, sermons that stitched hope back together. You've shown us a faith that walks, listens, and rolls up its sleeves. Here's to many more years of courageous grace, holy kindness, and the steady, honest love of a shepherd.

We're better because you're here





All are welcome to gather for good food and great conversation on **October 6th** at 11:30 a.m. We meet at Sauced Wing Bar in Boerne, there is no RSVP needed.

Just come as you are and enjoy the fellowship!

Sunday October 12th

- No Sunday School
- Worship Options:
 9:30 AM Camp Capers
 418 FM 1621, Boerne, TX 78013
 All are welcome to join the retreat worship
 10:30 AM worship at St Mark

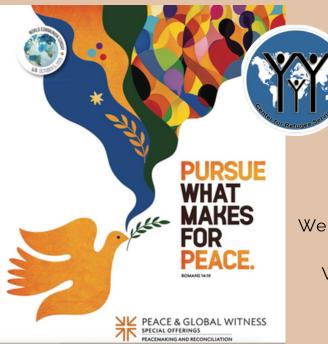






Peace and Global Witness

Special Offering Sunday, Oct. 5



The Peace and Global Witness Special Offering will take place Sunday, October 5.

By giving to this PC(USA) Special Offering you are helping to bring peace to all.

•50% supports work being done by Presbyterians across the globe.

•25% supports our mid-council to support peacemaking work in our region.

•25% supports the San Antonio Center for Refugee Services, assisting local, legally settled refugees. Outreach will match your donations up to \$1,000.

We will be accepting donations during worship and in the office during the week of October 5.

We encourage you to consider this opportunity in your giving plans. Checks may be written to SMPC with "Peace and Global Witness Special Offering" on the memo line.

Thank you Outreach







Presbyterian Children's

Home & Services

will hold its annual luncheon:

Tuesday, October 21st, 2025, 12-1 p.m.

San Antonio Country Club

4100 N. New Braunfels Avenue,

San Antonio, TX 78209

You are invited to join St. Mark's table for this year's San Antonio PCHAS Luncheon where you will hear stories of hope from PCHAS families who have benefited from their programs.

PCHAS are writing new chapters for the children and families they serve. By following Jesus' example and accepting people as they are, focusing on their strengths, and encouraging them towards hope-filled futures, they create meaningful and lasting change in their lives. Each day, they help turn the page towards healing, growth, and possibility.

We still have a few seats available.

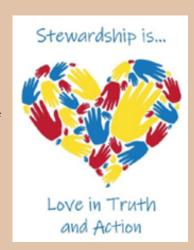
If you are interested, please contact Toni Hensley as soon as possible: toni.hensley@gmail.com. Carpooling from the church will leave at 11:00.

Stewardship/Consecration Sunday

Sunday, October 26 is our annual congregation's Consecration Sunday. This is the day we will offer our commitments for 2026 in support of St. Mark and its many ministries. The theme this year is based 1 John 3:18-Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. **Keeping love at the center of everything we do is essential to maintain our integrity as followers of Christ. Sharing our time, talent, and treasure in support of Christ's ministry expresses our love in truth and action.**

We hope that you will pray about your ability to support our Church next year with its Sunday worship, outreach ministries to our community, religious education for all ages, facilities & grounds, congregational life, office staff, the Early Learning Center, and deacon's ministries to our members.

You will soon receive our letter with a Commitment Card, Consecration Card, and return envelope. The Commitment Cards will help the Session to determine the level of funding for next year's many ministries. Be assured that your card will remain private and will not be shared beyond the Treasurer and the Finance Administrator. The Consecration Card provides an opportunity to volunteer for one or several of our many ministries and to offer prayers for the church. We hope you will return these cards to the church office, mail them to the church, or bring the cards for presentation during the worship service on October 26th.



Following the worship service, we will have a fellowship reception in the Family Life Center with a wonderful celebration meal.

WEEKLY CALENDAR October 5th – October 11th

Online Service Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/@stmarkpresbyterianchurchbo7319/streams

Sunday, October 5 th			Monday, October 6 th		
Explorers Class 9:00 AM FLC # 107 Disciples Class 9:15 AM FLC #109	Engaging God's Word 9:15 AM FLC # 101 Nursery Care (Birth to pre-kinder) 9:15 AM	Disciples Class 9:15 AM FLC #109 Elementary Sunday School 9:15 AM	Lunch Bunch (Melanie Doppenberg) 11:30 AM Sauced Wing Bar	Boerne Blaze Pickleball 4:15 PM FLC	Deacon's Meeting 6:30 PM 107 FLC
Youth Sunday School	FLC # 106 Breakfast Club 9:30 AM	FLC St. Mark Worship Service in Person		Bach Basketball 7:00 PM FLC	
9:15 AM FLC # 103	Parlor	10:30 AM Sanctuary	Wednesday, October 8 th		
Table Fellowship 11:30 AM Inferno's Outreach Meeting 12:00 PM FLC #107/108			Morning Glorias – Carlyn	Wednesday Bible Study	Compassion in Action (CIA)
Т	uesday, October	7 th	Crawford	10:30 AM	1:00 PM
Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Parlor	Pickleball 6:00 PM FLC	TGIF Meeting 6:30 PM Parlor	8:00 AM ZOOM Faithful Frie Centering	FLC # 107/108 nds and Family 4:3	FLC # 107/108 0 PM PM FLC
Tł	nursday, October	Prayer – Lynn	Church Dinner & Youth	A Few Good Men - Robert Klein	
WOW 9:00 AM FLC #107/108	Pickleball – DeWitt Ragsdale 11:00 AM FLC	Bach Basketball 5:00 PM FLC	Bellow 5:00 PM ZOOM	5:30 PM FLC	6:30 PM Parlor
			Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM Choir Room		
			Saturday, October 11 th		
Friday, October 10 th			Adam Johnson Basketball 2:30 PM FLC		
Church Admin Office Closed	All Church Retreat 8:00 AM Camp Capers	Vivian McMullan Memorial Service 1:00 PM Sanctuary	All Church Retreat 8:00 AM Camp Capers		
Crestmont Christian Prep Gym Reservation Request 4:00 PM FLC					

ST. MARK LEADERSHIP - 2025

	ELD	ERS			
	Adult Christian Education	Curtis Friedel			
	Children and Youth Christian Education	Faith Cleary, Curtis Friedel			
	Communication / Evangelism	Dave Thomas			
	Congregational Life	Gina Klein, Sally West			
	Finance/Stewardship	Wally Doppenberg, Kim Heinze			
	Human Resources	Lynn Manzini			
	Outreach	Woody Paul, Crystal McElhenney			
_	Property	Rick Eckersley			
	Worship	E-J Warren, Kathleen Ramey			
	ADDITIONAL DUTIES:				
	Clerk of Session	Julie McCarty, Dave Thomas	7		
	Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC)	Dave Thomas, Kathleen Ramey			
	Deacon Liaison	Kathleen Ramey			
	ELC Liaison	Dave Thomas			
	Property Evaluation Task Force Liaison	Dave Thomas			
	Treasurer	Bill Manzini			
	DEAC	CONS			
	Moderator / Pastoral Support / Prayer Chain	Pat Anderson			
	Card Ministry	Karen Ragsdale			
	Driver Assistance Ministry / Meal Coordinator	Wanda Pounders			
	Member Care Ministry	Lisa Paul, Kim Hodge			
	Member Follow Up Ministry	Betty Robertson			
	New Member Integration	Tonya Beilstein			
Receptions / Diaconate Clerk / Flower Delivery Ministry		Nona Annett			
		Monica Phillips	No.		
		Melanie Doppenberg			

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	TRUSTEES						
	Chair	Dave Thomas					
	Member & Registered Agent for St. Mark	Gina Klein					
	Recorder	Lynn Manzini					
	STA	AFF					
	Pastor, Head of Staff	Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson					
	Office Associate	Claudia Beldean	-				
	Nursery Coordinator	Marilyn Bonaguro					
	Financial Associate	Jennifer Dillard					
	Worship Team Drummer	Conner Eddy					
	Dir. of Christian Education & Youth	Angela Grover					
	Organist	Alex Gudmundsen	1				
	Worship Team Bass Guitarist	Denny Krueger	10.00				
	Dir. of Early Learning Center (ELC)	Kristine Luisi	6.50				
	Pianist	Andy Phillips					
	Organist	Alex Gudmundsen					
	Sexton	Alan Reyes					
	Chancel Choir Director	Mary Beth Thomas					
	Worship Team Leader	Ron Thompson	AU				
	Communications Associate	Kelsey Wallace					
Ministry Associate		Kayla Young					
No. of Contrast of	Nursery Care Workers	Georgette Hodge, Kim Hodge, Maryam Salstrand, Zoey Schmidt	CONTRACTOR DE				

