

Fruit of the Spirit



Self-Control



August 9, 2026 - Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

THE HAPPENINGS

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Dr. Kristin Huffman

The Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control

Titus 2:11-14



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.

PASTORAL UPDATE AND GUEST PASTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Ann Marie has been out of the office a few days this week to care for her family. While she will be leading parts of worship Sunday, we also have a guest preacher, 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



Welcome

Rev. Dr. Kristin Huffman

hanging out with her kids and grandkids who live nearby. She teaches for Fuller Seminary.

Please join us Sunday as we welcome Kristin.

CNC NOMINATIONS REQUEST

The St. Mark Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) Requests Nominations for Elder, Deacon and CNC

The CNC is seeking names of individuals for church leadership positions to serve beginning January 1, 2027, for three-year terms. These individuals demonstrate love of Jesus Christ, have a strong faith, and are committed to Him as their Lord and Savior. Persons nominated must be willing to devote time, energy, and talent to the work of St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

An **ELDER** will serve on session and chair a ministry team. Elders are charged with the oversight of the spiritual life of our congregation. Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment, and should be regular participants in church activities.

A **YOUTH ELDER** will serve on session and be on a ministry team. The Youth Elder is generally a High School student, and serves for one year. A Youth Elder should be a person of faith, dedication, good judgment, and should be a regular participant in church activities.

A **DEACON** will serve on the Diaconate and assume responsibility for areas of service to the congregation. Deacons are persons of spiritual character, exhibiting sincere love and compassion, and good judgment to help further the mission of St. Mark.

A **CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE** member-at-large should be an active member in the life of St. Mark. They should have a good knowledge of members, and the interests and activities of the congregation. They should be persons of faith, dedication, good judgment, and should be a regular participant in church activities.

After careful prayer, please provide the names of members of the congregation for consideration as nominees to fulfill these important positions. If you feel called to serve and meet the requirements, you are encouraged to submit your own name. You can place your nominations in the collection plate on Sunday, return them to the church office, e-mail to office@stmarktx.org, or give to a current CNC member.

Current CNC members: Kathleen Ramey (chair), Crystal McElhenney (vice-chair), Paul Mebane, Kim Hodge, Tina Fischer, Rob West, Becky Collie and Pastor Ann Marie.
Nominations close on Sunday August 16th.

Back to School Blessings 2026

Sunday, August 9

10:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

"...If you remain in Me and I in
you, you will bear much fruit..."

John 15:5



CELEBRATING & SERVING

With Joy, We Celebrate This Week's Birthdays



Compassion in Action Meets This Wednesday

Compassion in Action

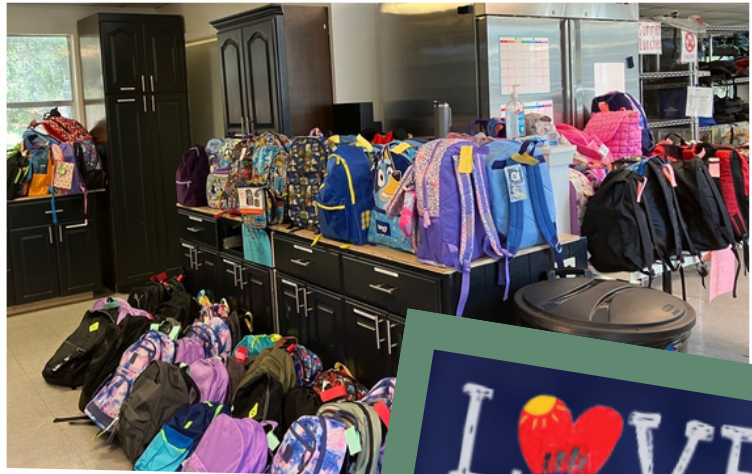
Sewing with purpose. Serving with heart.

Join a welcoming group making items for those in need.

No sewing skills required!

- 2nd & 4th Wednesdays each month
- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Room #107 in the Family Life Center

BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVES UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our July Back-to-School Drives! Together, our congregation donated **73 pencil boxes, 95 pairs of scissors, 118 glue sticks, 79 Pink Pearl erasers, 112 boxes of crayons, 57 tubes of toothpaste, 61 toothbrushes, 72 containers of dental floss**, plus a variety of additional school supplies and **\$229** in cash to cover unmet needs.

These gifts will benefit children through LOVE Kendall County Kids and the Center for Refugee Services by providing both classroom essentials and dental hygiene kits that support healthy smiles and fewer interruptions to learning.

Thank you for sharing Christ's love in such a practical and meaningful way. Your generosity is making a difference in the lives of children and families in our community, and these organizations are extremely grateful for your support!

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

Summer of 2026 has been incredibly busy at the ELC! In between 4 weeks of camp, we renovated 4 classrooms and all of our bathrooms and classroom sinks. Many thanks to the **Hackebell family** and **Texas Traditions** for coordinating this project and providing the labor. We were also blessed by the church volunteers who painted classrooms.

We are excited to open our doors to 106 children (we have 2 openings) next week as we begin the 2026-2027 school year!

We invite anyone who would like to see what goes on at the ELC to come by for a tour. Contact Kristine to schedule 830-249-3813.



MO RANCH OPPORTUNITIES

Have Questions? Email Angela Grover at christianed@stmarktx.org.

SISTERHOOD SOIREE

Specifically designed for women 18+, this grown-up girls' weekend offers a perfect blend of relaxation and activity. Enjoy crafting, yoga, massages, hiking, workshops, delicious food, and time getting to know other women in our stunning hill country environment. This year's event is full of new experiences and Mo-Ranch old favorites to enjoy.



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SEPT 11-13

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Mother-Daughter Weekend



📍 October 9-11, 2026 • Mo-Ranch, Hunt, Texas

Create space for connection, laughter, and adventure - together.



RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
and ropes-course
experiences



QUALITY TIME
by the river and
around the ranch



4 INCLUDED MEALS

♥ 3 THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED DAYS TOGETHER ♥



ALL-INCLUSIVE
TUITION, MEALS,
HOUSING INCLUDED



HOTEL HOUSING
\$400
per mother-daughter pair



DORM HOUSING
\$275
per mother-daughter pair

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REGISTER



♥ SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

Sunday, August 9, 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	• FLC #105 • FLC #103
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	• Breakfast Club	• Parlor
10:30 AM – 11:30 AM	• St. Mark Worship Service	• Sanctuary & Online Live
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	• Table Fellowship	• Papa Nachos
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	• Christian Education Meeting	• FLC #107/108
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	• Congregational Life Committee Meeting	• FLC #107/108
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	• Gerald Alzheimer Basketball	• FLC
Monday, August 10, 2026		
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	• Hill Country Newcomers	• FLC
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	• BACH Basketball	• FLC
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM	• Finance Ministry	• FLC #107/108
Tuesday, August 11, 2026		
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
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	• Congregational Nominating Committee	• FLC #107/108
Wednesday, August 12, 2026		
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	• Bible Study (Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson)	• FLC #107/108
12:00 PM – 3:00 PM	• Compassion in Action	• FLC #107/108
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	• Youth Water Games	• FLC
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM	• Choir Rehearsal	• Choir Room
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	• A Few Good Men (R.Klein)	• Parlor
Thursday, August 13, 2026		
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	• Pickleball Setup	• FLC
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	• Pickleball	• FLC
Friday, August 14, 2026		
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	• BACH Basketball	• FLC



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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	2027
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

DEACONS

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