



May 17, 2026 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

THE HAPPENINGS

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

YOUTH SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

Prepared & Led by the St. Mark Youth Group

THE STORY OF JOB



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.

REMEMBRANCES & CELEBRATIONS

In Loving Memory of Eleanor Kennell

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of St. Mark member Eleanor Kennell, who entered the church triumphant on March 11, 2026. Trusting that in life and in death we belong to God, we give thanks for Eleanor's life and hold her family and loved ones in our prayers.

No service plans have been shared.



Eleanor Kennell

Graduation Luncheon



CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES!

Join us for a special luncheon honoring this year's high school and college graduates.

Sunday | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in the Family Life Center

Lunch provided by Congregational Life featuring Raising Cane's chicken strips and sides!

Baskets for each high school graduate and large envelopes for each college graduate will be available for the congregation to add cards, notes, and words of encouragement for these honorees.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Summer Leader Sign-Up

PICK YOUR SUNDAY | 9:15 AM

MAKING IT EASY...

- Small classes of elementary-age students (1-6 kids)
- Watch a video and discuss
- If time permits play a game or do a craft--planning assistance provided!
- See available dates on sign-up in the Hallway

CONTACT US

ChristianEd@stMarkTX.org



*must complete
volunteer
application



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Be Part of our Welcoming
Presence on Sunday Mornings**

DETAILS

We're looking for friendly faces to serve as greeters before worship! This is a simple and meaningful way to share hospitality and help others feel at home.

Greeters serve about once a month and arrive at 10:10 a.m. It's a great opportunity to meet wonderful people and be a part of God's welcoming presence.



INTERESTED?

Contact Claudia at the church office:



office@stmarktx.org

GATHER, GIVE & CELEBRATE

Baby Bottle Boomerang



HILL COUNTRY
PREGNANCY CENTER

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Return Your Bottles This Sunday!

Please bring back your baby bottles filled with:

- Coins
- Bills
- Checks payable to HCPCC

Your donations support the HCPCC's free and confidential pregnancy services.



Fifth Sunday Luncheon

FIFTH SUNDAY BEACH PARTY LUNCHEON

Join us after worship for food, fellowship,
and a little tropical fun!

EVENT DETAILS

- Sunday, May 31
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- Family Life Center

THEME

Beach Party Theme



Leis will be provided!
Hawaiian shirts and dresses are encouraged!

FOOD DETAILS

Congregational Life will provide smoked ham.

Please bring the following based on your last name:

- A-L: Favorite Side Dish
- M-R: Favorite Salad
- S-Z: Favorite Dessert



Guest speaker Shelly Leonard, new Executive Director of Love Kendall County Kids, will share about their mission and organization.



St. Mark, St. Helena's Youth "Crossover" Service Project

In response to a letter received by St. Helena's Episcopal Church from a former client of the Kendall County Women's Shelter (KCWS), the youth of St. Mark and St. Helena's decided to take action together.

In this letter, the client wrote that after arriving at the shelter, she was given a "Welcome Bag" and once in her room, she opened the bag and "In that moment, through a simple bag of items and a handwritten note, God reminded me that I was seen, valued, and loved." She and her baby are now thriving.

The KCWS does not always have enough welcome bags for the number of women and children who arrive in crisis. In the letter, she requested that "Welcome Bags" be created and donated to the KCWS for clients arriving in crisis.

On Wednesday, May 6, St. Helena's hosted this collaborative service project, dubbed the "crossover project," at their Youth House. After fellowship during a meal together, the youth created handmade cards of encouragement and filled 60 cloth tote and cosmetic bags with personal essentials, a few comforts, and the handmade cards.

This youth "crossover" project was a rewarding and fun way to get to know some of the youth from another church and find that we all have common ground... a great demonstration of how local churches can come together to love and help our neighbors in their time of need.

It is extremely challenging for victims of domestic violence to leave an abusive environment. Women often come only with what they can pack in a few minutes for their children and pets, with minimal or no personal belongings for themselves. The KCWS supports individuals affected by domestic abuse, tailoring assistance to their unique needs and current circumstances. They offer assistance to all individuals who have encountered abuse, past or present.

**24 Hour
Hotline**

Experiencing
domestic violence?
Services are free
and confidential.

1-800-495-8078

EARLY LEARNING CENTER

**YOU'RE INVITED
TO OUR**

Year End Program

**IN THE
SANCTUARY**



5 MAY 5

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AT 9 AM



Honoring our Graduates!

On Sunday, May 17, in addition to Youth Sunday, we will be honoring graduates. St. Mark has four high school graduates and five college graduates this year. We will also recognize and pray for those graduating with family connections to our church. We are so blessed to have watched many of these young people grow up and grow in their faith!

Following worship, lunch will be served in the Family Life Center provided by Congregational Life Ministry. There will be baskets and envelopes available to collect gifts and cards to send these grads off with our blessings. Our high school grads will "leave their mark" on St. Mark by adding their handprint to the large canvas. We hope you will all join in as we honor and celebrate their accomplishments.

To learn a little more about our graduates, please see the following Graduate Questionnaires.

MEET THE Graduate



NAME: CAROLINE PENROD

HIGH SCHOOL: PIEPER HIGH

MIDDLE SCHOOL: PIEPER MIDDLE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

KINDER RANCH

FAVORITE...

COLOR: LIGHT BLUE

CLASS: CHOIR

TEACHER: MRS JAMES

BIBLE STORY/VERSE:

2 TIMOTHY 1:7: "FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT OF POWER AND OF LOVE AND OF A SOUND MIND".

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT ST. MARK:

GOING TO SYNOD YOUTH WORKSHOP!

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

TEXAS A&M!!

WHEN WILL WE SEE YOU AGAIN:

ON BREAKS/ IN BETWEEN SCHOOL YEARS



MEET THE Graduate



NAME: REESE VOULGARIS

HIGH SCHOOL: CHAMPION

MIDDLE SCHOOL: VOSS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

CIBOLO CREEK

FAVORITE...

COLOR: PINK AND PURPLE

CLASS: SOCCER

TEACHER: MRS UHL

BIBLE STORY/VERSE:

JOHN 1:5: "THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS,
AND THE DARKNESS HAS NOT OVERCOME IT".

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT ST. MARK:

MISSION TRIP TO ARIZONA

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

TEXAS A&M!!

WHEN WILL WE SEE YOU AGAIN:

ON BREAKS/ HOLIDAYS



MEET THE Graduate



NAME: EMILY PORTER

HIGH SCHOOL: BOERNE HIGH

MIDDLE SCHOOL: VOSS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

CIBOLO CREEK ELEMENTARY

FAVORITE...

COLOR: BURGUNDY

CLASS: ANATOMY

TEACHER: MRS. NEIMAN

BIBLE STORY/VERSE: "THERE IS ONE LAWGIVER AND
JUDGE WHO IS ABLE TO SAVE AND TO DESTROY. BUT
WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE YOUR NEIGHBOR?"

JAMES 4:12

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT ST. MARK: FREE TIME
EXPLORING AT MO RANCH CHURCH RETREATS

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

TEXAS A&M CC – BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES & ISLANDER
DANCE TEAM

WHEN WILL WE SEE YOU AGAIN: EVERY
SUMMER!



MEET THE Graduate



NAME: TAYLOR FENTON

HIGH SCHOOL: CHAMPION

MIDDLE SCHOOL: AVIANO

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: ITALY

FAVORITE...

COLOR: PINK

CLASS: ECONOMICS

TEACHER: IDR. HOLCOMB

BIBLE STORY/VERSE: MARK 10:9 "THEREFORE WHAT GOD HAS JOINED TOGETHER, LET NO ONE SEPARATE"

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT AT ST. MARK: HAVING RICE LICE PICKED OUT OF MY WIG

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

U OF CENTRAL OKLAHOMA 🏐

WHEN WILL WE SEE YOU AGAIN:

CHRISTMAS, IF YOU ARE LUCKY



MEET THE

Graduate

Troy Brennan

UNIVERSITY OF MARY
HARDIN-BAYLOR

DEGREE:

BIOLOGY / PRE-PA

MINOR:

PSYCHOLOGY

FAVORITE...

COLOR: PINK!

CLASS: REGENERATIVE MEDICINE

BIBLE STORY/VERSE: "HAVE I NOT COMMANDED YOU?
BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO
NOT BE DISCOURAGED, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL
BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO." JOSHUA 1:9

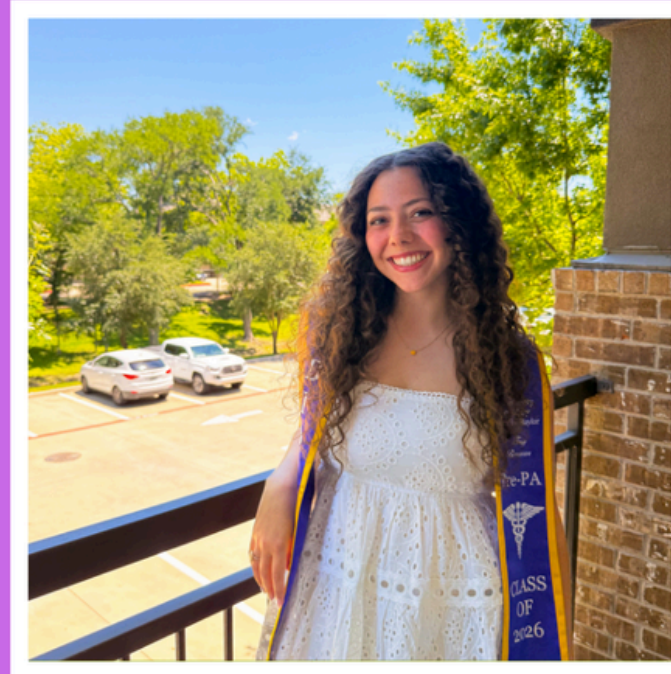
GOD SIGHTING DURING COLLEGE:

FINDING MY CALLING IN MEDICINE AND BUILDING THE
BEST RELATIONSHIPS! (SHOUTOUT BEN!)

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

BECOMING A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT & GOING
BACK TO UMHB TO GET MY MASTER'S IN PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANCE!

WHEN WILL WE SEE YOU AGAIN: VBS AND SUNDAY
SERVICE!!!



MEET THE

Graduate



Laura Gateley

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

DEGREE:

SOCIOLOGY

FAVORITE...

COLOR: PURPLE

CLASS: QUALITATIVE RESEARCH

BIBLE STORY/VERSE: "LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND. IT DOES NOT BOAST, IT IS NOT PROUD. IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS, IT IS NOT SELF-SEEKING, IT IS NOT EASILY ANGERED, IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS." 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-5

GOD SIGHTING DURING COLLEGE:

FINDING MY PASSION IN PUBLIC HEALTH!

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

I WILL ATTEND UTHEALTH HOUSTON SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO OBTAIN MY MASTER'S IN HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION

WHEN WILL WE SEE YOU AGAIN: HOLIDAYS & CHURCH EVENTS!



MEET THE

Graduate

Madison Glenn

Texas Tech University



DEGREE:

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

FAVORITE...

COLOR: PINK

CLASS: DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIAL POPULATIONS

BIBLE STORY/VERSE:

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, DECLARES THE LORD, PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE." JEREMIAH 21:11

GOD SIGHTING DURING COLLEGE:

STUDENT TEACHING 4TH GRADE WITH MY ROOMMATE AND BESTFRIEND!!

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

I WILL BE TEACHING 3RD GRADE MATH AT JOHNSON CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

WHEN WILL WE SEE YOU AGAIN: SUNDAY SERVICE & VBS!!



MEET THE

Graduate

Grace Cleary

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

DEGREE:

CORPORATE COMMUNICATION

MINOR:

LEADERSHIP STUDIES

FAVORITE...

COLOR: BLUE

CLASS: CORPORATE ADVOCACY & PUBLIC POLICY

BIBLE STORY/VERSE:

"THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING, AND A SEASON FOR EVERY ACTIVITY UNDER THE HEAVENS." ECCLESIASTES 3:1

GOD SIGHTING DURING COLLEGE:

MEETING MY BEST FRIENDS AND SERVING ON MY SORORITIES EXECUTIVE BOARD

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

I WILL BE STAYING IN WACO AND WORKING AT ENTERPRISE AS APART OF THERE MANAGEMENT TRANNIE PROGRAM!

WHEN WILL WE SEE YOU AGAIN: HOLIDAYS!!!!



MEET THE

Graduate



Dakota Klein

TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY

DEGREE:

ANIMAL SCIENCE,
ANIMAL PRODUCTION

FAVORITE...

COLOR: BLUE

CLASS: ANATOMY & PHYSIOLOGY

BIBLE STORY/VERSE:

"BUT THOSE WHO TRUST IN THE LORD WILL FIND NEW STRENGTH, THEY WILL SOAR HIGH ON WINGS LIKE EAGLES. THEY WILL RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY. THEY WILL WALK AND NOT FAINT." ISAIAH 40:31

GOD SIGHTING DURING COLLEGE:

SEEING STUDENTS TAKE ON A CLASS TOGETHER AND HOLD STUDY SESSIONS, HELPING EACH OTHER UNDERSTANDING THE INFORMATION

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE:

BECOMING A PROFESSOR AT TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY AND TEACHING A&P

WHEN WILL WE SEE YOU AGAIN:

HOLIDAYS AND VBS!



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

Sunday, May 17, 2026

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Explorers Class	FLC #107
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Disciples Class	FLC #109
9:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Nursery Care	FLC #106
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Youth Sunday School	FLC #103
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Elementary Sunday School	FLC #105
9:15 AM – 10:15 AM	Engaging God's Word	FLC #101
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 – 1:00 PM	Grads Reception Full Lunch	FLC
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Table Fellowship	Sauced
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Adam Johnson	FLC

Monday, May 18, 2026

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Valor Basketball	FLC
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM	Session Meeting	FLC #107/108

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	ELC Chapel	Sanctuary
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

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	ELC Year End Program	Sanctuary
10:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Bible Study (Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson)	FLC #107/108
6:30 PM – 7:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal (Mary Beth Thomas)	Choir Room
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	A Few Good Men (R. Klein)	Parlor

Thursday, May 21, 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



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Growing Fuller at Table Fellowship

5/17 - Sauced

5/24 - Papa Nachos

5/31 - Fifth Sunday

Potluck

6/7 - Infernos

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 Kim Heinze 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

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