



# THE HAPPENINGS

March 29th – Palm Sunday

ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

REV. ANN MARIE QUIGLEY-SWANSON

*WE BELIEVE... SUFFERED UNDER PONTIOUS PILATE,  
WAS CRUCIFIED, DEAD, AND BURIED; HE DESCENDED INTO HELL...*

*LUKE 19:29-40*

### Called Congregational Meeting

The session has called a Congregational Meeting for **Sunday, April 12, at 11:30** in the sanctuary for the purpose of receiving a nomination from the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) to fill the unexpired term of Elder, Class of 2027. The Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) has nominated Susan Penrod.



**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.**

# SUSAN SPIVEY PENROD

Susan Spivey Penrod is the daughter of a PCUSA pastor, and a mother who was deeply engaged in local church Christian education. Rather than experiencing a faith conversion such as the apostle Paul, Susan's faith was nurtured as Timothy's, "which was first lived in your grandmother and your mother..." (2 Timothy 1: 5) She loves to tell the story of a Scottish ancestor who survived being hanged by soldiers of the English queen centuries ago because of his protestant faith. Church has felt like home to her from a very young age and continues to be an anchor and guiding light in worshipping and serving the Lord. Susan and Michael have been members of St. Mark since 2004. Susan's father, parents-in-law, son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren are a part of the St Mark family.

Susan graduated from the University of Tulsa with a degree in Christian Education and is a Certified Christian Education in the PCUSA. She also holds a professional degree in Interior Design from St. Mary's University. Susan taught public school, founded pre-schools and served as director of Christian education in several San Antonio Presbyterian churches before joining Mission Presbytery as Associate Executive for Education and Congregational Nurture. As a member of St. Mark, she has served on the ELC Board of Directors; and committees including Congregational Nominating, Pastor Search, Stewardship, Human Resources, G2G, and Christian Education.



Susan and Michael have two married sons and three wonderful grandchildren. Susan enjoys knitting, reading, gardening, walking her golden retrievers, involvement in the women's organization P.E.O. and deep-sea fishing with Michael. She is grateful for the opportunity and eager to serve St. Mark as a member of the session.



## Branch Mangum

I believe in the Trinity, God Maker of All, The Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ. Who rule as one in heaven and shall come to judge us on a day we do not know. I believe our sins are forgiven everyday because Jesus, God's only son, died for us on the cross and rose from the dead into heaven. I know that if we believe in these things and we spread the word of God in a loving way, we will have eternal life with God. Amen

## Ayaka Warren

I believe in God as my creator and guide. And I believe that He is always with me, through my ups and my lows. My faith will now always be a part of me in a much deeper way that will remind me that I am never alone, no matter how alone I may feel and that God has a plan for my life. I believe in Jesus Christ and the example He set for us. Jesus taught us to love one another, forgive others, and show kindness and compassion. I believe His teachings show us how to live our lives. Even though I am not perfect, I know that Jesus forgives me and I strive to follow His example.

## Liam Porter

I believe in God and that He loves me and has a plan for me, even when life feels confusing or unfair. One Bible story that inspires me a lot is the story of Noah. Noah trusted God even when it must have felt like he was completely alone. Everyone around him thought he was weird for building a huge ark when there was no rain. I imagine people laughing at him or thinking he was crazy. But Noah kept going because he trusted God more than what other people thought. Sometimes I feel a little like that in my own life. I'm the only boy in my family and I have three sisters. It can be hard because I feel outnumbered a lot of the time. My oldest sister is really good at everything, school, being responsible, making the right choices, and sometimes it feels like she's kind of perfect. People notice that, and sometimes I feel like I'm standing in her shadow. It can make me wonder if I'm ever going to measure up. But when I think about Noah, it reminds me that God doesn't expect everyone to be perfect. God chose Noah for his faith and trusted him with something important. That helps me remember that God made me to be me. The story of Noah also reminds me that doing the right thing can be hard and sometimes lonely. But faith means trusting that God sees you and knows what you're going through. Just like God had a plan for Noah, I believe He has a plan for me too, even if it looks different from the plans for my sisters. I also like how Noah took care of the animals and protected his family on the ark. I hope that as I grow up, I can learn to be responsible like that and take care of the people around me. Another part I love is when the flood ends and God sends a rainbow as a promise. It reminds me that God keeps His promises and that hard or lonely times don't last forever. Because of Noah's story, I want to keep trying to trust God even when things feel difficult. I want to remember that I don't have to be perfect or be like someone else to matter. God made me the way I am for a reason, and I believe that if I keep trusting Him, He will guide my life just like He guided Noah.

# MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE



In commemoration of the Last Supper, when Jesus celebrated His final Passover with His disciples, a Maundy Thursday worship service is planned for St. Mark. Starting at **6:00 pm** on **Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, in the Family Life Center (FLC), we will share a soup supper together followed by a worship service with Communion and special music. All activities will be held at the tables in the FLC. The service is very family-friendly and childcare is available.

We hope as many of you as possible are able to attend this service. See you there!



## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Good Friday service will be held on **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**, starting at **6:30 pm** in the sanctuary, childcare available if needed. The message of the Good Friday service will focus on the stain glass windows that represent, through the Apostles' Creed, our beliefs in the Holy Trinity, the life of Jesus and his death on the cross. Through the message, as we envision the Crucifixion, light fades to darkness, reflecting loss, injustice and moments when we may have felt hope was absent. The service is powerful, one of remembrance that leads us to a connection of what is to come.

**Wait...**

## ADULT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

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 on 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](#)**

# COMING UP



**ST MARK**  
**VBS 2026**

## GO SPORTS!

**Be a Trophy for Christ**  
June 15-19 | 9am to Noon  
4 Years to Entering 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
and Special Needs Adults

Free!  
Registration  
opens 4/1

"...let us run the race set before us."  
- Hebrews 12:1-2

## Volunteer Registration is open!

Vacation Bible School is always a fun way to serve, and we hope YOU join us!

### [VOLUNTEERS REGISTER HERE FOR VBS](#)

Please make a note if you are unavailable for any day of the week. Childcare is available for children under age 4, upon request. Mandatory Volunteer Training is **Thursday, June 11, from 1:00-3:00 P.M.**

### **VBS registration opens for participants on 4/1**

The Congregational Life Committee is planning our **5th Sunday potluck luncheon** to be held on:

Date: **March 29**

Time: **Following Sunday Services**

Where: **FLC**

#### KEY POINTS:

The Congregation is to bring their favorite entree or side dish to share. The Congregational Life Committee will provide bread and beverages.

This event will also honor our confirmands.

A celebratory cake will be served too in their honor!

# HAPPENING NOW

Eating together helps deepen relationships!

Please consider providing dinner for our youth group. We meet on Wednesday evenings and serve about 10-12 people at 6 pm. You are always welcome to stay and eat with us!

Sign-up sheet is in the hallway of the main building or contact [Christianed@stmarktx.org](mailto:Christianed@stmarktx.org).



[Learn more at stmarktx.org](http://stmarktx.org)

# ST. MARK VOLUNTEER EVENT AT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN KERR COUNTY

**When: Saturday, April 25, 2026**

**8:00AM - 12:00PM**

**Where: Kerrville, Texas**

**Options: Carpool from St. Mark 7:15 am  
Stay for lunch in Kerrville before returning to St. Mark**



Old and young are welcome! For youth 16 and up, parental attendance is not required; ages 15 and under will be limited as to the types of activities they can help us with and require a parent or guardian to attend.

Habitat for Humanity Kerr County is currently working across the community to support local families through both disaster recovery efforts and affordable homeownership opportunities.

In response to the flooding last July, Habitat is completing 40 critical home repairs to help families safely remain in their homes. Habitat is also building the first 10 homes in their new Mariposa community for flood-impacted families who are unable to rebuild on their original properties.

These disaster recovery projects represent an expansion of Habitat's traditional program of providing affordable housing, due to urgent needs created by the flood. Three new homes are currently under construction, and homeowner recruitment is underway.



## **Questions?**

Contact Calleen Friedel, 210-376-7236, [calleen\\_friedel@hotmail.com](mailto:calleen_friedel@hotmail.com)  
or Crystal McElhenney, [crystal@guadalupebend.com](mailto:crystal@guadalupebend.com)

**[To sign up for this event, click here](#)**

# ST MARK EASTER



## WE NEED EGGS FILLED

1. Grab a basket from the hallway
2. Fill some plastic eggs with prizes, candy (NO Chocolate please) or coins
3. Return basket to St. Mark by April 2

EGG HUNT WILL BE  
EASTER SUNDAY AT 11:30

# ST MARK NURSERY UPDATE

Welcome to Our Newest  
Nursery Caregivers! *eeee*

Emily Porter

Levi Florendo

**ST MARK NURSERY**  
play, love, learn

# Holy Week Schedule

All are welcomed to join us for the journey to Easter Sunday

## *Palm Sunday*

March 29, 10:30 a.m.

Confirmation Class of 2026 professes its faith.  
Pot luck lunch celebration to follow worship.

Remembering Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem

## *Maundy Thursday*

April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Worship in the Family Life Center.

Remembering Jesus' Last Supper with  
Communion at the table

## *Good Friday*

April 3, 6:30 p.m.

Worship in the Sanctuary.

Remembering Jesus' Crucifixion

## *Easter Sunday*

April 5

10:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast & Butterfly Release

10:30 a.m. - Worship "He is Risen, Indeed"

11:30 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

# MARCH 29<sup>TH</sup> – APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>

Online Service Youtube:

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

## GROWING FULLER AT TABLE FELLOWSHIP

### 29th - Potluck at Church

Sunday, March 29, 2026

- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM ↻ Explorers Class FLC # 107
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Engaging God's Word FLC # 101
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Disciples Class FLC # 109
- 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM ↻ Elementary Sunday School FLC # 105
- 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-Palm Sunday- Conf
- 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Church Potluck Palm Sunday
- 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Adam Johnson FLC

Monday, March 30, 2026

- 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Valor Basketball FLC

Tuesday, March 31, 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, April 1, 2026

- 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM ↻ Bible Study (Rev. Ann Marie Quigley- Swanso)
- 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM ↻ Choir Rehearsal ( Mary Beth Thomas) Choir Rm
- 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM ↻ A Few Good Men (R. Klein) Parlor

Thursday, April 2, 2026

- 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday Setup FLC
- 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ↻ WOW FLC #107/108
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Maundy Thursday (Soup, Dinner and Worship) FLC

Friday, April 3, 2026

- 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Good Friday - Worship Sanctuary

[Click here to view Calendar](#)

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# 2026 Elder Assignments

Ministry	Elders	Class Year
Christian Education - Youth	Curtis Friedel Harlan Mangum	2026 2026
Christian Education - Children and Adult	Open	
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 Lisa Lyles	2027 2028
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

# 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

Karen Ragsdale - Card 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