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St. Mark UMC  
 (McAllen, TX)

## Regular Church Schedule

Sunday:	Worship Service	10:45 am
	Live Stream (via Facebook)	10:45 am
Wednesday:	Prayer Time	11:30 am
	Youth Group	06:30 pm
	Young Adult Bible Study	06:30 pm
	Faith Sharing Group	06:30 pm

ATTENDANCE AVERAGE	COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING	FINANCIAL REPORT
Month: <b>May 2026</b> Worship Service: <b>64</b> Online Service: <b>27</b> Bible Studies: <b>27</b>	Month: <b>May 2026</b> <b>Total = \$93.00</b>  <b>Miracle Sunday</b>	Month: <b>April 2026</b> Income: <b>\$18,302.64</b> Expenses: <b>\$18,928.57</b>
		Months: <b>Jan. - Apr. 2026</b> Income: <b>\$103,702.48</b> Expenses: <b>\$85,240.08</b>

# St. Mark Events



## June 2026

*It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.*

~Deuteronomy 31:8 (NRSV)



**Pastor**  
**Rev. Joe Tognetti**  
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 Monday to Friday  
 8am to 12pm & 1pm to 3pm

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# Events this Month!

# June 2026

## Project Transformation 2026

We are excited for our 5<sup>th</sup> year working with Project Transformation Rio Texas to help the children in our community continue their reading skills during the summer!



Summer Reading Camp 2026  
June 3<sup>rd</sup> - July 23<sup>rd</sup>

### June Events:

- May 31<sup>st</sup> - Meet the PT Interns!
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> - PT Open House 4:30pm-6:30pm
- June 3<sup>rd</sup> - First day of Summer PT
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - PT Free Book Fair for the PT kids
- June 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 26<sup>th</sup> - VBS Week!
- June 25<sup>th</sup> - PT Family Fun Night!  
(open to Church members & PT families)

### One Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 9th at 7pm

Staff meeting with Pastor Joe Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> following Prayer Time in Narthex.

## Staff Meeting

Join us in the Narthex at 6:30pm Wednesday night for a light meal followed by faith sharing time at 7pm.

## Faith Sharing Group



June Saturday, June 20th 11:00am



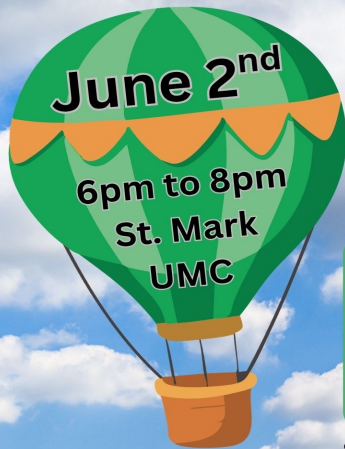
Items Needed:  
Rice, Beans, Tomato Sauce, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Crackers, Peanut Butter, Jelly



**Juneteenth**  
Friday, June 19th 2026

**HAPPY FATHER'S Day**

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> 2026



## Project Transformation Open House

Welcome PT families! Join us at open house to meet the college interns who will be helping your child this summer. We will also show you where the drop-off and pick-up area will be. Please park on the West side parking lot and enter the red doors. This is a great time to come with your questions and enjoy some light refreshments.

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St. Mark UMC  
Preschool  
**CHAPEL**  
Every Friday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

*Holy communion*  
Every Sunday

**Prayer Time**  
ALL are Welcome!  
Pastor Joe will be leading a brief prayer service in the Narthex. Prayer Time is every Wednesday at 11:30am.

**Young Adult Bible Study**  
Every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the Duplex Room (East Side of building)

**UPPER ROOM MAY - JUNE**  
AVAILABLE TODAY  
INSIDE NARTHEX ENTRANCE  
ENGLISH LARGE PRINT

**ST. MARK KIDS**  
On PAUSED for June. See you in July!

**TUESDAY NOON BIBLE STUDY**  
Tuesday Bible study has been paused until Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

**YOUTH GROUP**  
WEDNESDAYS @ 6:30PM  
ST. MARK UMC YOUTH ROOM

## A Vigil of Lament & Hope



Each month, all are welcome to join together at Jackson Ranch Church (904 W. Doffin Rd., San Juan, TX 78589) for a vigil of lament & hope at the border. This month only, June, we will meet on Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.



## St. Mark UMC Vacation Bible School

June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am to 12:30pm

301 W. Pecan Blvd, McAllen TX 78501  
Office phone: (956) 682-1481



### VBS Wish List



**Flag Day**  
June 14<sup>th</sup> 2026

**HELLO SUMMER!**  
JUNE 21<sup>ST</sup> 2026

## POTLUCK Luncheon

You are invited to join us after service on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the gym for a luncheon. Please see side list on what to bring if you like!

- A-E ----- Main Dish
- F-J ----- Side Dish
- K-O ----- Salad
- P-R ----- Dessert
- S-Z ----- Clean Up

# St. Mark UMC Children & Youth

by: Jessica Flores - Children & Youth Director

Hello St. Mark Family! Summer is finally here! As our children wrap up another school year, things are just heating up here at St. Mark. We are heading into our busiest season, and we are so excited for the amazing opportunities ahead to connect, serve, and grow together.

Here is a look at what's coming up this summer:



**Project Transformation (Starts June 3rd)**

Project Transformation is officially underway this week! This incredible summer reading program impacts so many of our children, youth, and young adults. Our Community Director, Jaden Flores, has shared two wonderful ways our church family can support this mission:

**\*\*\*PROVIDE DINNERS\*\*\*** We need volunteers to bring weeknight (Monday to Wednesday) dinners to our hard-working PT interns.

**\*\*\*READING BUDDIES\*\*\*** We are looking for volunteers to sit with students Monday through Thursday for an hour or two. This is a fantastic, hands-on way to build meaningful relationships with school-aged children in our community



**Vacation Bible School (June 22nd - June 26th)**

**\*\*\*TIME\*\*\*** 8:30am to 12:30pm (with breakfast and lunch provided)

VBS is quickly approaching! Please begin praying about how you can plug in and help make this week a success for our kids.

**\*\*\*NOTE FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN\*\*\*** To help us get everything ready, our children and youth groups will be meeting every Wednesday evening in June to prepare for VBS. Come join the fun behind the scenes!



**Summer Camp at Camp Chrysalis (July 5th - July 10th)**

**\*\*\*LOCATION\*\*\*** Kerrville, TX

**\*\*\*WHO\*\*\*** Incoming 6th graders through incoming 12th graders

Registration is open for summer camp! This is always a life-changing week of faith and friendship, but spots are limited to 140 participants total across the camp, so we need to register early.

**\*\*\*REGISTRATION DEPOSIT\*\*\*** \$50.00

**\*\*\*ACTION NEEDED\*\*\*** Please let me know as soon as possible if your child is interested so we can secure their spot.

We look forward to a wonderful, bustling summer full of opportunities to serve God and love our neighbors. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and energy!

# Pastor Musings

Thoughts and Advice from Pastor Joe, St. Mark UMC, June 2026

## Why Vacation Bible School?

“Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.”—Deuteronomy 6:7, NRSV

I know that if I ask any given child who attends VBS what they remember from it, they probably will not name the Bible verse of the day. Jessica, Jennifer, Hollie, and the entire Family Ministry Team—plus a multitude of other volunteers and donors—make Vacation Bible School an enlivening experience for 70-100 children in our community, plus at least a dozen or so youth and young adult volunteers. Why does a church of our size put so much effort into a ministry, only for most of the kids to talk about the snack or science project or cool cartoon?

For starters, because Vacation Bible School creates relationships: between the church and preschool, Project Transformation, and the broader community. For children and adults to truly experience Jesus, they need to see the joyful work and love of the people who claim to follow Jesus. In a society that feels increasingly starved of relationships, part of the evangelistic work of the church entails simply enabling more connection between people.

But more importantly, as writer Chinua Achebe and theologian Stanley Hauerwas remind us, all communities, and specifically the church, are a “story-formed people.” We may not remember all of the details of all of the stories we hear or see. We may not even be able to recite the “verse of the day” that gets repeated and posted countless times! But over time, day by day in VBS, and week by week in our broader church rhythm of life, we engage stories, internalize and are transformed by stories, and consciously or unconsciously, recognize the ways in which we are part of God’s story. So no, I don’t expect the 70-100 children to have all-the-Bible-things memorized. But especially here at St. Mark, given the quality of work we put into VBS week, I know we will continue to help the children of our broader community embrace what it means to be formed by the story of God the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. Amen.



# WELCOME - 2026 PT Summer Interns!

St. Mark UMC has hosted Project Transformation (PT) summer reading camp for 4 years, making this year #5! Each year we get an amazing group of young college students who spend 8 weeks of their summer living at Campus Ministries at UTRGV and helping the children of our community continue their reading skills.

We are so excited to have 6 PT Interns here this summer. Meet our interns:

- ◆ Melanie S., her major is in education. She loves to listen to music while she gets ready for the day. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Her favorite book is Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austine, favorite color is pink, favorite candy is M&M's and Buncha Crunch, and her favorite drink is Coke Zero or dutch.
- ◆ Carmen G., her major is theater: design technical and her minor is electrical engineering. She likes video games, skateboarding, gym, drawing, theater, engineering, and learning and doing hobbies. Her favorite book is No Longer Human by Osamu Dazai, favorite color is magenta pink, favorite candy is Choklad Mork-dark chocolate, and favorite drink is Wild Berries-Red Bull.
- ◆ Cory I., her major is chemical and biomolecular engineering with focus on molecular and cellular engineering. She enjoys music and crocheting. Her favorite book is Project Hail Mary, favorite color is green, favorite candy is M&M's, and favorite drink is Blue Powerade.
- ◆ Victoria F., was an intern at St. Mark last summer. Her major is social work and she loves to watch and play soccer. Her favorite book is Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand, favorite color is green, favorite candy is Chocolate Covered Almonds, and favorite drink is Blue Powerade.
- ◆ Pamela S., was an intern at St. Mark last summer. Her major is bilingual education. She loves to listen to music and play Minecraft. Her favorite book is If You Give a Mouse a Cookie by Laura Numeroff, favorite color is purple, favorite candy is Sour Gummy Worms, and favorite drink is Coke Zero.

# WELCOME - 2026 PT Summer Interns!

- ◆ Jaden F., he is a member here at St. Mark and was an intern for PT two summers ago. His major is religious studies. He enjoys music and sports. His favorite book is Paradise Lost, favorite color is purple, favorite candy is Milky Way, and favorite drink is Dr. Pepper.

The best way to get to know these interns is signing up to provide a dinner for them Monday through Wednesday, at the Campus Ministries where they are staying. This is a great time for you to sit and get to know them over a meal. Meal Train Link to sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/e6k972>. If you have questions about signing up, please contact the church office.



**Pictured Left to Right:**

**Melanie Sanchez, Carmen Gonzalez, Cory Izaguirre,  
Victoria Flores, Pamela Sandoval, Jaden Flores**