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St. Mark Events

February 2024



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
 ~John 3:16 (NRSV)



Happy Valentine's Day!

Regular Church Schedule

Sunday:	Sunday School	09:30am
	Worship Service	10:45 am
	Live Stream (via Facebook)	10:45 am
Wednesday:	Prayer Time	11:30 am
	Youth & Young Adult Bible Study	06:30 pm
	Faith Sharing Group	07:00 pm

ATTENDANCE AVERAGE

Month:	January '24
Sunday School:	15
Worship Service:	70
Online Service:	8
Bible Studies:	35

Communion Rail Offering

Month:	January '24
Total = \$155.00	
	(\$77.50 Each)
	Human Relations Ministries
	Lois Mitchell Community Toiletries

FINANCIAL REPORT

Month -	December 2023
Income:	\$34,257.88
Expenses:	\$22,736.81
Year to Date -	Jan. - Dec. 2023
Income:	\$242,128.57
Expenses:	\$264,140.92



Pastor
Rev. Joe Tognetti
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Church Office (956) 682-1481
 Office Hours
 Monday to Friday
 8am to 12pm & 1pm to 3pm

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Events this Month!

February 2024

**Saturday
February 17
11 a.m.**



ITEMS NEEDED:
RICE, BEANS
CANS OF: VEGGIES,
FRUIT AND SOUP
TOMATO SAUCE
CEREAL



**ASH WEDNESDAY
SERVICE**
Wednesday, February 14th @ 6:30PM



SENIOR SOCIAL
2nd & 4th Thursday every month
we will get together at 4:45pm at
a place decided ahead of time.
If you are interested, there is a signup sheet in Narthex
or call the church office.

**Lay Leaders and
Volunteers
Celebration Lunch**
Sunday, February 18th
after worship service we will have
a catered meal to thank St. Mark
UMC Lay Leaders and Volunteers.

UPWARD
Games
Saturdays 9am-1pm
Practices
Mondays
5:30pm-8:30pm



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

**One Board
Meeting**
Tuesday, February 6th at
7pm

Staff Meeting
Staff meeting with Pastor Joe
1st & 3rd Wednesday each
month following Prayer
Time in Narthex.

**Washington's
Birthday**
February
22nd



Women of Courage Lunch
will meet after Worship service the
2nd Sunday of each Month
for more information please call the church office at 956-682-1481

Presidents' Day
February 19th



**Lincoln's
Birthday**
February
12th



Sunday School
St. Mark UMC Sunday
School classes will begin
at 9:30am and end at
10:30am for ALL age
groups.
There will also be choir practice
during this time frame.
Children @ 9:30am to 10am
Adults @ 10am to 10:30am
Please contact Pastor Joe or call church office at 956-682-1481

**Happy
Groundhog
Day**
February 2,
2024



POTLUCK Luncheon
You are invited to join us
after service on Sunday,
February 25th 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

**Affair of
the Heart
Meeting**
February 1st at
7pm in Duplex



**32nd Annual
Affair of the Heart**
A Gift Fair for All Seasons
Saturday, February 10th
9am to 4pm
\$2.00 Admission Fee



Growing Our Gifts
Stewardship Pledge Cards
Due Sunday, February 4th!



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.



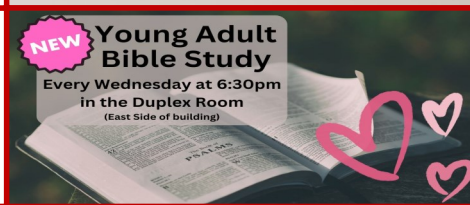
**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
Day**
FROM:
St Mark UMC



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



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



YOUTH GROUP
Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
St. Mark UMC Youth Room



Let all that you do
be done in love.
-1 Corinthians 16:14 (NRSV)



Holy communion
Every Sunday



32nd Annual Affair of the Heart

by: Hollie Landis , AOH Secretary, Church Administrative Assistant

We are so excited for St. Mark UMC's 32nd annual Affair of the Heart (AOH) on Saturday, February 10th 2024! There are 16 church members on the committee that have been working very hard to make sure this years event is a successful one. Doors open to the public at 9am and close at 4pm with an admission fee of \$2.00 per person. Be sure to get your tickets (even if you are volunteering) so you can enter in a chance to win one of the hourly door prizes. You can call the church office to get your tickets before the event or pay at the door the day of the event.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who have signed up to volunteer to help setup, clean up, work during the event or pray. We also have amazing people who have helped with donations to our Silent Auction. If you are still interested in helping there is still time. Be sure to reach out to any of our committee members and let them know what you would like to do or fill out one of the pink volunteers forms and place it in the basket on the AOH table in the Narthex.

This event is a great ministry to our community and church. We open our doors to about 500+ people to spend a day shopping and seeing what our church is about. The money raised during this event helps with the many ministries our church supports: Upward Sports, Bible Studies & Sunday School for Adults, Young Adults, Youth & Children, Food Pantry for 40+ families, Choir, Project Transformation, VBS, Respite Center, Pumpkin Patch, Preschool and more. It is a blessing to be apart of this event and getting to know people from our community and sharing Gods love.



Pastor Musings

Thoughts and Advice from Pastor Joe, St. Mark UMC, February 2024
Courageous Congregations Collaborative: Discerning Well, Together

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.”
—Romans 12:2, NRSV

As you know, with our Pledge Drive, the return of Communion Rail Offerings, Affair of the Heart, and our upcoming Capital Campaign, we will be focusing a lot this year on **what we need** and **how we will get** the resources to continue our ministries. But whenever we seek money and resources for our ministries, we should always be asking the question: **why are we doing this? Why do we exist as a church, and why do we do what we do?** Fortunately, the United Methodist connection is here to help us with that discernment—and to discern so much more!

A small group from St. Mark UMC—**me, Jessica Flores, Romeo Robles, Lisa Gonzalez, Ed Keebaugh, & Moises Liñan**—are participating in a Texas Methodist Foundation cohort called Courageous Congregations Collaborative. We meet twice per month via Zoom, and plan on meeting at a retreat in May, with small groups from First UMC-Corpus Christi & First UMC-Sulphur Springs. Unlike many such programs, **this cohort does not promise numeric growth, nor does it mandate programming changes.** Rather, this cohort helps us practice “Five Adaptive Muscles” of vital congregations: **Grieving Well, Discerning Purpose, Walking Alongside, Distributing Power, & Expanding Imagination.** We don't know what the result of this four-month process will be. However, this gives us an opportunity to step back, even in the midst of busy ministries and related stresses, and ask God where God has led us so far, and where God would have us go. Please pray for this group and offer us feedback and insight as you're able.

In Christ,

Pastor Joe Tognetti

