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Happy
 St. Patrick's
 Day!
 March
 17th!

EASTER LILIES

ORDERS START
 SUNDAY, MARCH 3RD



In honor of or in memory of
 \$10.00 each

Regular Church Schedule

Sunday:	Sunday School	09:30 am
	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	06:30 pm

ATTENDANCE AVERAGE

Month:	February '24
Sunday School:	9
Worship Service:	66
Online Service:	14
Bible Studies:	30

Communion Rail

Offering
Month: February '24
Total = \$127.00
Project Transformation Rio Texas

FINANCIAL REPORT

Month -	January 2024
Income:	\$25,826.07
Expenses:	\$33,150.87
Year to Date -	January 2024
Income:	\$25,829.07
Expenses:	\$33,150.87

St. Mark Events

March 2024



*Store up for yourselves
 treasures in heaven*

**~Matthew 6:20
 (NRSV)**



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!



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24th
@ 10:45am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28TH
6:30 PM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

MARCH 29TH
6:30PM

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

MARCH 31ST

SUNRISE SERVICE 7AM
EASTER SERVICE 10:45AM

EASTER LILIES

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ALL ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH

Items Needed

- Rice
- Crackers
- Tomato Sauce
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Veggies
- Peanut Butter
- Beans
- Jelly

St. Mark FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Saturday March 16
11:00 a.m.

Children & Youth Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday Morning,
March 31st at 9:00am

Easter Breakfast

Please join us between
Easter services for
Breakfast Potluck in
the gym.

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

Daylight Savings Begins

Don't forget to spring forward an
hour Saturday Night, March 9th

AVAILABLE TODAY

INSIDE NARTHEX ENTRANCE

ENGLISH SPANISH LARGE PRINT

UPPER ROOM MARCH - APRIL

St. Mark UMC Preschool CHAPEL

Every Wednesday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

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.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 17th!

Holy communion Every Sunday

POTLUCK

You are invited to join us after Sunrise Service & before Easter Service on Sunday, **March 31st** in the gym for a brunch. Please see side list on what to bring if you like!

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

CHURCH OFFICE

CLOSED

St. Mark UMC office will be closed Monday, April 1st In observance of Easter Monday!

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)

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.

YOUTH GROUP

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

UPWARD

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

Confirmation and New Members

St. Mark UMC will be starting classes for anyone interested in joining St. Mark UMC Family. Please speak with Pastor Joe or call the church office. We will begin planning classes soon.

Staff Meeting

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

One Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 5th at 7pm

Preschool Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 26th at 6pm

St. Mark UMC Sunday School

Sunday School groups meet at 9:30am to 10:30am. We have Sunday School for children, youth, young adults, and adults!

SAFE GATHERINGS

STAY SAFE

BE SMART & INFORMED

ALL people who work with and are around children, youth, & elderly **NEED** to have safe gatherings backgrounds done. Go to safegatherings.com to start your application. You can also call the church office to schedule a time to do it at our computer in the church office.

St. Mark UMC Preschool

by: Evelyn Callaway, Preschool Director

Spring is near and that means nice weather, Dr. Seuss, and Easter. We are going to begin our month with a whole week of Dr. Seuss. The children and staff will be dressing up for themed days and enjoying fun snacks and activities. Spring Break week will be a slow week with some of our friends out for some family time. Then at the end of the month it is time for Easter celebrations. The Easter Bunny is scheduled for a visit during our Easter Egg Hunt. After finding all of the eggs and treasures we will have a family picnic. What a busy month but what a fun month!



Pastor Musings

From Pastor Joe, St. Mark UMC, March 2024
Seasons of Change in the United Methodist Church

"The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

—Isaiah 40:7-8, NRSV

As I wrote in December, the United Methodist Church is poised to experience a lot of change this year and the next few years. We hope and pray that the UMC would remain faithful to the Way of Jesus in, through, and beyond these changes, which could look like the following:

United Methodist Church (world): Our governing structure and our Social Principles are likely to be changed dramatically to recognize the global nature of the United Methodist. The term "regionalization" has been, and will be, used to describe these changes. ***Core teachings of the UMC will remain the same, which centers faithfulness to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit as revealed in the written Word of God.*** It is possible that prohibitions against gay weddings and partnered LGBTQ+ clergy will be removed, though that might not happen in 2024.

Rio Texas AC & El Valle District: It is likely that our bishop will continue to preside over Rio Texas and all of New Mexico, though what relationship the two conferences will have (Merger? Shared episcopal area?) remains to be seen. Additionally, **it is likely that the geography of our district will expand to include most of South Texas**, but the particular details are unknown.

St. Mark UMC: We will need to be more conscientious and proactive in retaining and strengthening relationships with other UMC congregations during this time of transition. But even as we adapt to these changes, **our mission remains the same: to engage in ministry with our neighbors with inclusion, respect, hospitality, love, and grace for all people, consistent with the spirit of Jesus Christ.**

In Christ,

Pastor Joe Tognetti



St. Mark UMC Children & Youth

by: Jessica Flores, Children's & Youth Director

It has been a busy winter! Youth and Children's Ministries have continued to meet weekly for a Bible lesson and fellowship. Most are also involved in Upward Basketball either playing or volunteering. This provides many opportunities to come together both in service and fellowship with both our church family and our community. While Upward Basketball had a bit of a slow start, we have been blessed to be able to serve over 60 children and their families. We are excited and prayerful about Holy Week activities. Good Friday the Youth and Children, assisted by the Young Adults group, will perform a Passion Play. Easter Sunday we will attend Sunrise Service followed by Brunch and an Easter Egg Hunt and then Worship Service. We are prayerfully considering activities and opportunities for Summer for our Youth and Children. We ask for your continued prayers for our Young adults, Youth, and Children's Ministries as we begin preparations for Camps, VBS, and Project Transformation this Summer.



History of St. Mark

Continued by: Helen Balsley (Drucilla Vinger - Finance Administrator)

From September 1951 to June, 1955 we continued to hold Sunday morning worship services in the Women's Building, with Sunday School classes and committee meetings held in various homes. Other denominations were most gracious in lending their facilities for large gatherings.

The parsonage became crowded and so the congregation decided to sell the Fourth Street parsonage and buy a new, brick, 3 bedroom home on the corner of Redwood and Fifth Street. The Zirkels held an open house on August 14, 1952.

On December 12, 1951, the Quarterly Conference authorized the purchase of a site located just west of the Women's Building bounded on the north and south by Pecan and Orange Streets and on the west by Fourth Street. The cost was \$10,000.00 of which First Church gave us \$5,000.00 and our congregation raised the rest.

During 1953 Rev. Zirkel had a 15 minute daily radio program over KRIO, entitled "Listen to Reason". It was very popular but eventually had to be discontinued because he received so many calls stemming from his program that he felt he was neglecting his church duties. The Zirkels had a third son born during their pastorate at St. Mark.

To be continued next month.....Drucilla

