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## Regular Church Schedule

<b>Sunday:</b>	Worship Service	10:45 am
	Live Stream (via Facebook)	10:45 am
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Noon Bible Study	12:00 pm
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Prayer Time	11:30 am
	St. Mark Kids	06:30 pm
	Youth & Young Adult Bible Study	06:30 pm
	Faith Sharing Group	06:30 pm

ATTENDANCE AVERAGE	COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING	FINANCIAL REPORT
<b>Month:</b> April 2026 Worship Service: 75 Online Service: 44 Bible Studies: 27	<b>Month:</b> April 2026 <b>Total = \$71.00</b> \$235.50 Native American Ministries UMC (half plus a \$200 donation) and \$35.50 Peace with Justice UMC (half)	<b>Month:</b> March 2026 Income: \$37,183.33 Expenses: \$21,058.95 <hr/> <b>Months:</b> Jan. - Mar. 2026 Income: \$85,390.89 Expenses: \$66,311.51

# St. Mark Events



## May 2026

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**Romans 15:13 (NRSV)**



**Pastor**  
**Rev. Joe Tognetti**  
 210.380.4821

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 McAllen, TX 78501

Church Office (956) 682-1481  
 Office Hours  
 Monday to Friday  
 8am to 12pm & 1pm to 3pm

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# Events this Month!

## Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously

### Miracle Sunday Small Group Series

Join us on Tuesdays at Noon in the Narthex while we explore the "Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously" six week study. This series supports the Miracle Sunday Campaign (May 17<sup>th</sup>) that is a global effort to strengthen theological education in Africa, Europe, and the Philippines.

Learn more at: <https://riotexas.org/news/2026/miracle-sunday-initiative>

## Meet the 2026 Project Transformation Interns!

Join us Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, at 10:45am for worship service and to meet our 2026 PT Interns. All are welcome to stay after for potluck and fellowship with the interns. We are excited to host our 5<sup>th</sup> year of PT Summer Reading Program!



### RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

Keep an eye out for ways YOU can help with 2026 Rainforest Falls VBS!

## POTLUCK Luncheon

You are invited to join us after service on Sunday, **May 31st** in the gym for a luncheon. Please see side list on what to bring if you like!

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

### Teacher Appreciation Week May 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

Thank You Teachers!

### St. Mark Preschool PreK 3/4 Graduation!

Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at  
2:30pm in the Sanctuary

### PROJECT TRANSFORMATION UP, UP & AWAY! 2026 SUMMER CAMP

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>  
(SCAN QR CODE BOTTOM LEFT OR AT PIOTEXAS.ORG)

Summer Camp is an eight week (June-July) camp for Children entering 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2026. Children enjoy their days filled with art, games, faith time, and reading.

### Holy communion Every Sunday

### St. Mark UMC Preschool CHAPEL

Every Wednesday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

### National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7th

### Gather up your Coins Noisy Offering Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>

### MEMORIAL DAY

Honoring ALL Who Served

Church Office will be CLOSED for Memorial Day!  
May 25th 2026

### UPPER ROOM MAY - JUNE

AVAILABLE TODAY

INSIDE NARTHEX ENTRANCE

ENGLISH LARGE PRINT

### Cinco De Mayo Sunday, May 5th

### Young Adult Bible Study

Every Wednesday at  
6:30pm in the  
Duplex Room  
(East Side of building)

### Faith Sharing Group

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

### 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.

### ST. MARK KIDS

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm  
St. Mark UMC  
Children's Room

### YOUTH GROUP

Tuesdays @ 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. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 5:30pm.

### Happy Mother's Day

to all our St. Mark UMC Moms!

### One Board Meeting

Tuesday, May  
12th at 7pm

### Staff Meeting

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

### SATURDAY, MAY 16TH 11:00AM

### St. Mark FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

Items Needed:  
Beans, Rice, Cereal, Tomato Sauce, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables

### Cultos Unidos Ministerio Hispano

United Worships - Hispanic Ministry

All are invited to join the united services that are held the last Sunday of each month from 6pm to 7:30pm. Location changes each month so be sure to check the bulletin or call the church office for this months location.



# 2026 Vacation Bible School Rainforest Falls



Vacation Bible School (VBS) is coming up June 22nd to June 26th, and this year's theme is *Rainforest Falls!* In the weeks leading up to VBS, you will begin to see our church transform into a vibrant rainforest.

We are expecting 70-100 children, and creating a space that truly amazes the (and their families) takes all of us working together. The joy and excitement on their faces when they walk into a fully transformed church is something truly special-and you can be a part of making that happen for them.

Right now, we are asking for help collecting a few items. If you have brown packing paper from online orders like Amazon, please save it! We are also looking for any rainforest themed stuffed animals you may be able to donate.

Donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours or on Sunday mornings before the worship service.

As VBS gets closer, we will also be organizing "work days" to help prepare and decorate, along with some simple "take-home" projects you can do at your convenience.

Be sure to keep an eye out for our Amazon Wish List if you would prefer to contribute by purchasing needed items.

Thank you for helping us create an unforgettable experience for the children in our community and our church!



## ST. MARK UMC 2026 VBS!

Mark your  
calendars NOW!!!  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 26<sup>th</sup>  
8:30am to 12:30pm  
St. Mark UMC  
Vacation Bible School

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



## Pastor Musings

### Thoughts and Advice from Pastor Joe, St. Mark UMC, May 2026 Miracle Sunday Offering-connecting us with the worldwide UMC

*"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, & to the ends of the earth."—  
Acts 1:8, NRSV*

We do a lot of wonderful ministries here at St. Mark that focus on discipleship (follow Jesus more faithfully), fellowship (loving one another), and mission (evangelizing and serving neighbors near & far). But we're part of a much larger network of congregations, the United Methodist Church, which is present in four continents (Africa, Europe, Asia, & North America). The United Methodist Church seeks to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" (official UMC mission statement) by "loving boldly, serving joyfully, and leading courageously" (UMC bishops' vision statement).

Over the last two years, the UMC has paid special attention to treating all parts of the worldwide United Methodist Church as equally important and equally empowered. In addition to reorganizing our global structure through "regionalization" (you can learn more here: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/regional-conferences>), the UMC is seeking to invest in theological education for pastors outside the United States, the way we invest in such processes in the United States. To that end, the worldwide UMC will celebrate "Miracle Sunday" on May 17, and all proceeds from this special offering will go toward supporting worldwide UMC theological education. Here at St. Mark, we will support Miracle Sunday as our Communion Rail Offering the entire month of May. I hope and pray that we all can support this blessed ministry. We do great things here at St. Mark, and the Lord does even greater things through the connectional ministries of the United Methodist Church.



# Project Transformation 2026

We are just a few weeks from hosting our 5th year of Project Transformation (PT) Summer Reading Camp! This year's theme is Up, Up & Away! We will be welcoming our PT College Interns on Sunday, May 31st at our 10:45am Worship Service. Summer Reading Camp begins Wednesday, June 3rd and goes until Thursday, July 23rd. As of now, we have 24 children enrolled! If you know of any families with young children who would like to register, please share the flyer on the next page.

With the enrollment filling up, we need **YOUR** help. We **NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help make this summer go smoothly for the children and interns. There are different ways for you to volunteer:

- \***Become a part of the St. Mark UMC PT Connect Team** (role of the Connect Team is to transform communities by engaging children, college-age young adults, and churches in purposeful relationships. We need people with gifts/experience in hospitality, library/education, trustee/building use, evangelism, passionate about children, passionate about community, and people with a willing heart!)
- \***In-person Reading Buddies** (come read with the PT children from 9:55am to 11:25am Monday - Thursday.)
- \***Reading Testers** (listen to a child read to you and mark how many words they had trouble with or missed. This is needed the first 4 days of camp and last 4 days of camp only. Testing is done from 9:55am to 11:25am Monday - Thursday.)
- \***Provide Dinner to 5 College Interns** (Sunday - Wednesday at 6:30pm at UTRGV UM Campus Ministry house at 123 N Sugar Rd, Edinburg, TX 78541. You can prepare or purchase food and you are welcome to stay and spend time eating with the interns. This is a great way to get to know each other.)
- \***Share your job/passion as an ALL OF ME Volunteer** (contact church office if you know someone or you would like to speak to the children about your job/passion.)

To volunteer, go to the summer volunteer page: <https://projecttransformation.org/rio-texas/summer-volunteers>. Here you can read what each of the Summer volunteer opportunities are and their requirements. For the reading volunteers, PT has changed the volunteer sign-ups from Give Pulse to a new program designed by PT National. For the dinner volunteers click Rio Grande Valley and follow the steps to sign up. Any questions, please contact the church office.

## Up, Up & Away! Summer Camp



ART

GAMES

READING

FAITH TIME

COLLEGE ROLE MODELS

### June - July

Monday Thru Thursday  
9am to 3pm

**One-Time Registration**  
**\$25 Per Child**

*\$50 Family Maximum  
Scholarship Available*

**Children Entering 1st-6th**

*Priority given to children who  
qualify for free or reduced lunch*



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**Registration  
Opens April 3!**