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SPIRIT OF ST. MARK'S

The Mission of St. Mark's United Methodist Church is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

November 2021

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOE

Dear St. Mark's Church Family,

Happy November! Inside this Newsletter are details about upcoming events and projects for the month. On this page I want to highlight some of our Sunday happenings. So, here goes:

All Saints Day is November 1. Here at St. Mark's, we will observe **All Saints Sunday on November 7.** As is our custom, we will be honoring all saints, living and dead, particularly those who have passed away the previous 12 months. Those being remembered include **George Peters, Mike Kinnard, Nancy Miracle, Bob Grammel, Don Jackson, Diana Griffith, Sandy Ronningen, and Laura Spahn.** Join us on November 7 as we give thanks "For all the saints, who from their labors rest."



November 14 is Laity Sunday, a day on which we celebrate the ministry of all Christians. On Laity Sunday we embrace our shared vocation (lay persons and clergy) to proclaim, grow in, and embody the good news of God's saving love in Jesus Christ. Led by our Lay Leader, Mark Hensler, members of the congregation will share the many ways we embody the Good News here at St. Mark's. This will be a time to take stock and to celebrate our ministries and happenings during the previous year, from building improvements and maintenance, to Missions, Nurture, Youth, Children, and more.

Plan to stay around after worship on **November 14 for our Church Conference.** Voting will be for Professing Members, but everyone is invited to attend. Included on the agenda will be the election of administrative leaders and a review of our membership. Presiding at our Church Conference will be the Rev. Jim Christy. He and his wife, Sandra, will be visiting from their home in Piqua, Ohio. Rev. Christy was Pastor Joe and Linda's pastor in the '90s.

November 21 is the Sunday before Thanksgiving. **At St. Mark's we have designated this day as Consecration Sunday,** a time for us to express our thanks through our estimated 2022 offerings. We have so much to be thankful for. You can find more information about this on Page 6. Join us later that evening (5:00 p.m.) to **help decorate the church for Advent!** This is a festive time for all, and concludes with a pizza party. See page 4 for more info.

November 28 is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a fun and inspiring worship Series entitled, *The Heart That Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch*. That evening you're invited to join with your church family for our annual Advent Celebration (see page 4) and a viewing of the classic animated feature, **"How the Grinch Stole Christmas."**

Whew! A lot is happening this November, and I mentioned just some of the highlights. I am looking forward to sharing all of this and more with you. November is a month to give thanks, and I am most thankful to be

Your Pastor and Friend,

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY JULIE MISLANSKY



October has been confirmation classes, raising money for NAMI through our lawn sign sale, and Trunk or Treat fun! We have completed four confirmation classes, learning about our Methodist founder, John Wesley, the beginnings of the Methodist Church, and the Wesleyan Quadrilateral. Do you know what the Wesley Quadrilateral is and how we use it to discern our Christian faith and beliefs? Ask a youth!

We are super thankful to everyone who bought an encouraging lawn sign or donated to our NAMI Walk team. **Because of your support, the youth were able to add over \$500 to the team's total donations!** We pray these signs are encouraging your neighbors and bringing awareness to the power of positive thinking in our lives.



The youth group served our church and community at our Trunk or Treat on October 24th by decorating my vehicle, passing out candy, and passing out the snacks to our guests. What a fun time!



Fall Youth Retreat November 5-7th

We are looking forward to our Fall Youth Retreat, November 5-7th! We will be staying at a cabin in Hocking Hills. The theme for the weekend is "God's Creation." All activities, reflections, and devotions will be planned around the theme of God's beautiful creation, our appreciation for it, and our responsibility to care for it. We covet your prayers this weekend for fun, safety, and God's presence. We will share a report and photos from our retreat in the next newsletter!



MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

Thank you to our St. Mark's NAMI Walk team who represented us well! We had a team of 13 walkers, and, thanks to all of your donations, **we raised \$1565 for NAMI of Butler County**. That number will increase as the youth finalizes the lawn sign sale and sends one more check to our NAMI Walk team account. We had the second largest team at the walk! Go Team St. Mark's!!!
Our St. Mark's team:



(Kneeling): Debbie Bryant, Ciara Menke, Gretchen Menke, Chelsea Menke, Don Menke
(Standing): Team captain Tari Randall, Cindy Booker, Caitlyn Menke, Dave Booker, Linda Payne, Joe Payne, Holly Fassnacht, Pat Fassnacht



We collected a large amount of donations towards our annual coat drive! Kids outerwear will be donated to Hope's Closet, a ministry that serves foster parents and kids. Adult coats and sweatshirts will be given to The Broken Bus Ministry and Serve City.

—THANK YOU!



As soon as we became aware of the desperate need for canned goods at Fairfield Food Pantry, St. Mark's Cares decided to start our Thanksgiving food drive early. **We are collecting through November 7th**. We are **ONLY** collecting the following items, as FFFP is in extreme need of these items for their weekly bags and the Thanksgiving meal bags.
Thank you for always making our food drives BIG!
Canned green beans
Canned mixed vegetables
Canned kernel corn
Canned fruit of any kind
Canned soup



RUTH'S CIRCLE **November 19th at 1pm**

Ruth Circle is meeting in Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 19 at 1pm. Ruth Circle is open to ALL women of the church and we would love to have you join us. Please contact Pam Guynes at (513)-779-9162 or Pamguynes2@gmail.com or Charlene Miller at (513)-844-6793 or chardarmiller@gmail.com for any questions.



We are blessed to prepare and serve the meal at **Serve City on Friday, November 19th**. This will be a special, pre-Thanksgiving feast for 60 people so we will need lots of donations. Watch our Facebook page and the narthex bulletin board for sign-ups. Donations will need to be in the church kitchen by 5:00 on that day. The confirmation/youth group will be delivering and serving the meal to our friends at Serve City that night.



ADVENT MISSION PROJECT

St. Mark's Cares is excited to share that we will be supporting several ministries this Christmas season. There will be a Giving Tree in the narthex loaded with Christmas ornament tags with specific items that you can choose from. There will be opportunities to buy for babies and toddlers, for children and teens, and for the residents across the street at Parkside Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. The specific item or gift ideas and the due date back to church will all be noted on the tag. We hope this will give everyone a variety of gift ideas to choose from!

ST. MARK'S FAMILY MINISTRY

St. Mark's Children's Ministry G.L.O.W.

Growing in faith – Loving God and one another – Outward reaching – Worshiping together

Advent

It is hard to believe that November is here already! Advent is just around the corner, and the excitement of celebrating Christmas.

O Come, O Come
Emmanuel.

Sunday morning GLOW will be partnering with the youth for Advent this year.



Advent Celebration

November 28th, 5:00 until 7:00
Join the church family in welcoming in the Advent season.

We will come together for a meal, followed by fun crafts and a short Advent program, and blessing around the crèche.

Taste the Bread

We had a great time learning more about Holy Communion Sept. 26.

Thanks to all who were involved!



Mini Free Food Pantry

The St. Mark's Children's Ministry team so excited about this new outreach for children and families!



We feel that it is essential for children to be involved in the mission of the church. With that in mind we have planned a new ongoing hands on mission for children and families.

We will be installing the Blessing Box on the St. Mark's campus for anyone in our community that might need short term help with food insecurities. The box will be available 24/7, for use by our neighbors discreetly, on a self-serve basis.



Decorate the Church Sanctuary for Advent November 21, Sunday at 5pm



We will have a pizza party for all the helpers
For more information contact Sue Luken

MUSIC MINISTRY

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC CHRIS BEISER



As fall continues and the holidays approach some activity is once again slowly happening in the music ministry of St. Mark's.

The handbell choir has started practicing on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the sanctuary. This is the perfect time to join this fun group! All ringers are greatly appreciated, you can start by simply ringing one bell. The handbells will be playing a selection for service very soon.



Sue and I have decided to bring back Hymnology for the holidays. We will be doing the history and singing of Thanksgiving hymns followed by several weeks of the history and singing of Christmas carols.

We are both excited to bring back this well received ministry. Lots and lots of special "special" music will be shared in the next several weeks. I think you are going to really be blessed during our Sunday morning services together.

The lingering question is choir, when will choir be back? I am going to be speaking with choir members and getting their concerns, suggestions, and thoughts about starting again in the next few weeks. I know many churches have started their choirs again and schools and community groups have begun once again as well, I have been in contact with several to hear of how they are doing this. I know everyone certainly wants to come back, we just want to do it safely and that everyone who participates is feeling comfortable.

Please continue to pray for the Music Ministry

programs, this area was hit very hard by the pandemic and recovering has been slow and uncertain. God has a plan and when all are ready we will be back full force and better than ever!!

God has a plan

POEMS WRITTEN BY LINDA PAYNE

PSALM OF THANKSGIVING

How good it is to thank the Lord,
to sing our joyful songs of praise;
our sacrifice of thanks outpoured
to God, our gratitude we raise.

Let's greet the rising of the dawn;
give thanks and honor to our Lord.
When night draws near, we'll sing a song
and pray that we will be restored

as children of Creator Lord
whose care and nurture guide our ways.
With voices raised in one accord
let's bring our gift of thanks and praise.

Blessings, Linda



FINANCIAL UPDATE

TIM MISLANSKY, TREASURER
GALE GOODMAN, FINANCE CHAIR

Greetings St. Mark's Family,

September was a really good financial month for the church. Total giving was about \$33,100 – our second best month of 2021. Year-to-date we have received \$240,600 which is down about 4% from last year.

We spent \$29,600 during the month and year-to-date, our expenses have been \$234,000 – almost \$2,000 less than last year. We continue to handle all our expenses and keep them in check. We paid our 9th installment on our apportionments and are on our way to another year of 100% payment! During the month our expenses were higher than normal due to some maintenance at the church and the parsonage.

Within the next few weeks, you will receive your annual pledge card from the church. Consecration Sunday will be on November 21st. We have two asks:

1. Please complete a pledge card. It's just a pledge – not a contract. It doesn't create a bill. But it gives the church leadership an idea of how much money we can expect during the year which helps with planning and considering new programs. Typically, we receive pledge cards from about 2/3 of our families.
2. Please prayerfully consider your giving to St. Mark's. Last month, we shared how St. Mark's spends your gifts for the benefit of our church, our members and our communities. Your gifts make a difference. As we go into Consecration Sunday, consider how you might share additional blessings with St. Mark's so we can expand our programs and how we make a difference.

Thank you for your generosity and cheerful giving to St. Mark's the past year and for your continued support in the future.

If you have questions about anything related to St. Mark's finances, please do not hesitate to ask either me or Gale.

Sincerely,

Tim Mislansky, Treasurer
Gale Goodman, Finance Chair

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

Luck 6:38



PICK ME UP MOMENTS

COMPILED BY CAROL PITTMAN

- Nov. 1 Loving God changes the way you love others.—Anon
- Nov. 2 We must find time to stop and thank the people who make a difference in our lives.—John F. Kennedy
- Nov. 3 In pursuit of your dreams, don't forget God.—Anon
- Nov. 4 Today, be thankful and remember how rich you are. Your family is priceless, your time is gold and your health is wealth.—Zig Ziglar
- Nov. 5 Taking time to be with God is the best place to find strength.—Anon
- Nov. 6 Your faith can encourage you, give you strength, help you in hard times and give you hope.—Catherine Pulsifer
- Nov. 7 Be Kind. Be thoughtful. Be genuine. But most of all be thankful.—Anon
- Nov. 8 Today is the perfect day to feel joy and give thanks.—Anon
- Nov. 9 There is nothing in this universe you need more desperately than Christ.—R.C. Sproul
- Nov. 10 May this Thanksgiving season bring special joys to you and may blessings in abundance be yours the whole year through.—Anon
- Nov. 11 For the many blessings, Lord may we be truly thankful.—1 Chronicles 29:13
- Nov. 12 Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn a routine job into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.—William Arthur Ward
- Nov. 13 Thanksgiving is a time to give, a time to love, and a time to reflect on the things that matter the most.—Danielle Duckery
- Nov. 14 Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him, bless His name.—Psalm 100:4
- Nov. 15 Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving.—W.T. Purkiser
- Nov. 16 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever.—1 Chronicles 16:34
- Nov. 17 I am thankful to those special people in my life who support me, uplift me, comfort me and bring joy to my soul.—Anon
- Nov. 18 Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.—Psalm 35:2
- Nov. 19 Spend the day appreciating every little thing that comes your way, and you'll end the day feeling deeply grateful for your life.—Maryann Merchant
- Nov. 20 I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart.—Psalm 9:1
- Nov. 21 Be thankful for each new challenge because it will build your strength and character.—Kristen Butler
- Nov. 22 Give thanks for unknown blessings already on their way.—Native American Wisdom
- Nov. 23 I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.—Psalm 69:30
- Nov. 24 There is always something to be thankful for.—Rhonda Byrne
- Nov. 25 As you gather to give thanks, may the wealth and beauty of the harvest season bring happiness to you and your family.—Anon
- Nov. 26 Let them give thanks to the Lord for His unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind, for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.—Psalm 107:8-9
- Nov. 27 Autumn, the season that teaches us that change can be beautiful.—Heather A. Stillufsen
- Nov. 28 Autumn paints in colors that summer has never seen.—Anon
- Nov. 29 Autumn...the year's last loveliest smile.—William Bryant
- Nov. 30 Notice how the trees do not cling to their leaves. Fall is about releasing the old to make room for the new.—Anon



ROOM AT THE TABLE

Thanks to all who participated in our October “Dessert and Discussion” events. We viewed and discussed a video by Karen Thompson who is the lead pastor of UpRising, a fully inclusive church in Austin, Texas. She shared very valuable and compassionate advice to guide our words and actions when a loved one comes out to us. If you missed it, want to watch it again, or want to share it with someone, here is the link. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qtZCwXo5ux8>

For many of us, issues around full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons, same-sex marriage, and ordination of LGBTQ+ persons, matter to us because of someone we love. Someone we love is gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. That truth often changes everything for us. Our “Room at the Table” group feels it is essential to share our stories. Our stories bring us together. We find common ground. This is where we will find guidance from the Holy Spirit. We will be sharing our stories at future events and in newsletters and encourage you to do the same. Please talk to anyone on our committee if you feel led to share your story.

This month's story comes to us from long time St. Mark's member, Bob Hamp.

Homosexuality in my family

Homosexuality has been part of my immediate family since my youngest brother Pete recognized his sexuality as a young adult. There are in my family's history hints that sexuality issues go back generations, even before the word "homosexuality" came into use in the late 19th century by an Austrian-born Hungarian psychologist, Karoly Maria Benkert.

Much of Pete's lifetime was emotionally painful. Even as a young child, he just didn't fit in. He suffered taunts years before he "came out." In time, Pete recognized his sexual orientation and found the courage to “come out.” When he made this declaration, our familial reaction was not positive. This was not our finest hour. Community ostracism made Pete feel so unwelcome he moved, living in gay communities in New Orleans, Houston, and San Francisco.

Pete was 31 when he died of AIDS in 1985. The anguish of his illness made us uncomfortably aware of the intensity of his suffering. When he was approaching the end stages of this disease, dad and mother moved from their Michigan home into the unfamiliar culture of San Francisco's Castro district to care for Pete. They remained by his side, enduring their self-imposed exile until AIDS claimed Pete's life.

Nearly all his gay friends had been disowned by their birth families. I came to wonder could be so callous to a child they brought into this world, a child whose very breath of life was a gift of our Creator.

Pete's death was a family tragedy. He was gifted as a pianist, organist, and painter. One of his watercolors hangs in my living room.

My son is a homosexual, and I am proud of him, his spouse, and their place in society. Will holds a PhD in physics bestowed by the University of Washington and is a registered professional engineer. While he was an undergraduate studying Aeronautical Engineering at The University of Michigan, he earned a private pilot's license. His husband Ernie holds a BS degree in microbiology from The University of Michigan and an MBA from the University of Washington.

They share a profound depth of love for each other that I admire, sometimes even envy. And, Will inherited my rotten sense of humor.

But I am most proud that these men extended their love to two adopted children. Each child was born to separate drug addicted mothers. Their developmental, emotional, and psychological nature has been negatively affected by their birth mother's drug use. But Will and Ernie face their challenges with mountains of patience and understanding. They possess more parenting skills than I even knew existed. They continue obtaining professional help in meeting these children's challenges, tracking their progress, helping the boys overcome the life altering obstacles that were inflicted on them before their birth. They bask in unconditional love.

I see Jesus in Will and Ernie in the love they have for each other and their children. They have endeared themselves to many from both the heterosexual and gay communities. They have collected friends of great diversity, ethnicity, and cultural heritage.

Pete's sexuality, and later that of my son Will, sent me into a private search for my own religious values. I was raised in the conservative, dogmatic world of the Roman Catholic Church. I was conflicted between those beliefs and theology and my personal



Quickly I discovered that eking out guidance from scripture would be difficult. From our 21st century vantage point, it's hard to grasp scripture in the context of the language, mores, and cultures that existed centuries ago in the author's world. I turned to the writings of secular scholars who study scripture through lenses impartial to religious bias. Several repeated the same concerns regarding translating ancient tongues into contemporary language.

The writer's words we revere have been interpreted for us, perhaps through several iterations. We construe meaning further based on our own individual prejudices, what we have been taught, and on our personal life experiences. These authors have helped me reach my own comfortable, personal understanding.

During my search, in March, 2003, I read a small-town newspaper column written by Glenn Schicker. His weekly column was entitled "Make it Plain." Glenn started his study by wading into the controversy surrounding gay marriage. In the second installment published the following week, Glenn suggested guidance about the various scriptural references often applied to homosexuality.

May I share some excerpts of his words:*

"Test everything" the apostle Paul advised. "Hold on to the good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21)"

"Do not believe every spirit," the apostle John wrote, "but test the spirits to see whether they are from God..." (1 John 4:1)

Don't take anyone else's word for it. Look to the Bible - not just isolated passages, but the context of the entire Scriptures.

Don't have a desired conclusion in mind; let the Bible speak for itself."

Further on in his column, he raised some thought-provoking questions:

"Are homosexuals among those Jesus came to save?

Should Christians welcome into the church homosexuals who place their faith in Christ?

Is homosexual behavior a sin?

If so, is it worse than other sins?

Should the church confront sin among the members?

Should the church attempt to enforce its moral standards on non-believers?

What is marriage?

In dealing with the world, should Christians look out for their own interests?"

He concluded:

May we look to the example of Jesus and the truth of the Bible, not to how we think things ought to be, as we decide our own course of action"

Returning to scripture, it occurred to me again that we are all individual creatures of God, constructed and tempered as God intended, fashioned in the image of God, each receiving certain gifts, denied others. I found clarity in Genesis: "God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good." (Gen. 1:31)

It is painful to hear otherwise good people express prejudices, disgust, disapproval or other critical statements in mean, vindictive ways. Some seem to have designated themselves God's judge, handing down a sentence of eternal damnation on people who find themselves in a non-traditional relationship. My dad's words came to mind: "Mind your own business and you'll have a full-time job." I don't believe I am empowered to be judgmental. God has not made me His magistrate.

It is sad that this controversy provokes some self-identified "Christians" to make statements so hateful and un-Christ like. There are occasions I wish I did not seek God through this avenue. Nowhere in the Gospels did Christ condemn anyone. Am I to ignore his teaching, his very culture of gentle love? I don't think so.

My ongoing journey has been influenced by The Rev. Peter J. Gomes, author of *The Good Book - Reading the bible with mind and heart*. Rev. Gomes, American Baptist Clergy, was Chaplain to Harvard University when he wrote *The Good Book*. I have gained further understanding from The Rev. Adam Hamilton's *Making Sense of the Bible, Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today* and *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*. Other resources include the writings of author Bart D. Ehrman¹ (Chairman, Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) and newspaper columnist Glen E. Schicker.

*©The Houghton Lake Resorter, editions of March 11 and 18, 2003. Schicker died December 6, 2010. I will be happy to share copies of Glenn's columns.

¹Titles by Bart D. Ehrman include: ***Misquoting Jesus - The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why***
God's Problem - How the Bible Fails to Answer Our Most Important Question - Why We Suffer
Jesus, Interrupted - Revealing the Hidden Contradictions in the Bible (and Why We Don't Know About Them)
Did Jesus Exist? - The Historical Argument for Jesus of Nazareth

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY



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| 11/01 | Bill Knau | 81 |
| 11/01 | Gunnar Marshall | 14* |
| 11/02 | Pam Hard | 70 |
| 11/02 | Peggy Smith | 65 |
| 11/03 | Jaiden Grimes | 19 |
| 11/03 | Virginia Shaw | 89 |
| 11/06 | Mary Begley | 65 |
| 11/06 | Mary Lou Knau 78 | |
| 11/08 | Mallory Creager | 9* |
| 11/08 | Gail Hartwig | 67 |
| 11/10 | Greg Childress | 63 |
| 11/11 | Don Moser | 63 |
| 11/12 | Pam Brockfield 75 | |
| 11/13 | Darlene Kuertz | 83 |
| 11/17 | Cliff Klug | 68 |
| 11/18 | Evan McDaniel 12* | |
| 11/19 | Jean Bennett | 98 |
| 11/21 | Sue Combs | 64 |
| 11/21 | Kylie Knau | 20 |
| 11/22 | Vivian Brill | 90 |
| 11/22 | Steve Nguyen | 51 |
| 11/23 | John Prohaska | 72 |
| 11/25 | Sharon Hamp | 63 |
| 11/25 | Maria Mullen | 54 |
| 11/25 | Molly Robinson 7* | |
| 11/26 | Brenda Smoot | 75 |
| 11/28 | Elaine Shreve | 78 |
| 11/29 | Lynne Schumacker | 63 |
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| 11/30 | Melinda Gross | |
| 11/30 | Pastor Joe Payne | 66 |



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| 11/06 | Doug & Beth Ewald | 45 |
| 11/10 | Dale & Joy Addis | 59 |
| 11/10 | Ted & Heather McDaniel | 14 |
| 11/12 | Don & Gretchen Menke | 33 |
| 11/14 | Bill & Mary Lou Knau | 62 |
| 11/21 | Jerry & Betty Jones | 32 |
| 11/23 | Danny & Deb Thomas | 47 |

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect, please contact the church office (513-844-1818)



THANK YOU NOTE:

From Sandy Ronningen

Julie Mislansky received this “thank you” note from Sandy shortly after she delivered an Easter care package in April 2021. A few weeks later, she passed away. We are sharing her words with the congregation:

Dear Julie & All my St. Mark's Family,
What a wonderful surprise to receive that Easter goodies basket from our St. Mark's family. You cannot believe how blessed we feel to know that we are still in St. Mark's prayers after being absent for so long. When I think about all the parishes we have been Members of because we moved so often—but never—no never has there been any congregation with so much love & caring & reaching out to its members and beyond. I keep praying that my health problems will ease up & disappear so I can get “in there” and help out. It is such an up and down illness—feel great for a couple days and then go back a few weeks again! The lock-downs and all that Covid stuff has really taken its toll on me. I look 150 years old and feel it much of the time. To go 14 months without hugging & being able to visit with my children & grandchildren was almost too much. Now I said ‘almost’ - I'm not giving up! With all of the support and prayers I felt from all of you St. Mark's members was one of the reasons.

Please greet everyone from me—I'll be back among you as soon as, God willing, I'm physically able!

Thanks again for that great Easter basket of goodies.


With Love

Sandy Ronningen



St. Mark's UMC Calendar

November 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crafters Group 10:00am | 2 Election Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CYFM Team 6:45pm ● Boy Scouts Tr. 980 7:00pm - 8:30pm ● Trustees 7:00pm | 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Men's Prayer Group 7:30am ● Bible Study 2:00pm - 3:00pm ● Room at the Table 6:30pm - 8:00pm | 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Book Club 1:00pm - 2:00pm ● St Mark's Cares meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm ● Small group Bible study 7:00pm - 9:00pm ● Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm | 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth Fall Retreat | 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth Fall Retreat |
| 7 Daylight Savings Time Ends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Youth Fall Retreat ● Family Worship (nursery open) Holy Communion. No G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am | 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crafters Group 10:00am | 9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Retreat - Hearing speech deaf center 8:30am - 5:00pm ● Administrative Board 7:00pm ● Boy Scouts Tr. 980 7:00pm - 8:30pm | 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Men's Prayer Group 7:30am ● Bible Study 2:00pm - 3:00pm | 11 Veterans Day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm | 12 | 13 |
| 14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laity Sunday ● Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am ● Church Conference Meeting 10:45am - 11:45am ● Confirmation Class 3:30pm - 5:00pm ● Dinner for youth 5:00pm - 6:00pm ● Youth Group 6:00pm - 7:00pm | 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crafters Group 10:00am | 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boy Scouts Tr. 980 7:00pm - 8:30pm | 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Men's Prayer Group 7:30am ● Bible Study 2:00pm - 3:00pm | 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Narcotics Anon. 7:30pm - 9:00pm | 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nurture & Care Cmte 11:00am - 12:00pm ● Ruth's Circle 1:00pm - 2:00pm ● Serve City meal (youth serving the meal) 5:00pm - 7:00pm | 20 |
| 21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consecration Sunday ● Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am ● Decorate Church Sanctuary 5:00pm - 8:00pm | 22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crafters Group 10:00am | 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SPRC 6:30pm ● Boy Scouts Tr. 980 7:00pm - 8:30pm | 24 | 25 Thanksgiving Day  | 26 | 27 |
| 28 First Sunday of Advent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Worship & G.L.O.W. 9:30am - 10:30am ● Confirmation Class 3:30pm - 5:00pm ● ADVENT CELEBRATION 5:00pm - 7:00pm | 29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Crafters Group 10:00am | 30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boy Scouts Tr. 980 7:00pm - 8:30pm | | | | |

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS :

Monday, Wednesday,
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9:30 - Noon, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
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Sundays 9:30 am