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 (McAllen, TX)

Regular Church Schedule

Sunday:	Coffee Time with Pastor	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	COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING	FINANCIAL REPORT
Month: January 2025 Coffee with Pastor: 0 Worship Service: 58 Online Service: 13 Bible Studies: 27	Month: January 2025 Total = \$94.00 \$47.00 to Human Relations Ministries \$47.00 to Manos Juntas, Mexico (border)	Month: December 2024 Income: \$24,346.71 Expenses: \$16,463.43 Months: Jan. - Dec. 2024 Income: \$235,147.91 Expenses: \$252,689.08

St. Mark Events

February 2025



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!



Pastor
Rev. Joe Tognetti
210.380.4821

301 W Pecan Blvd
 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!

February 2025

St. Mark United Methodist Church

Affair of the Heart

Sat., Feb. 8
9 am - 4 pm

Vendors, Silent Auction,
Tea Room, Door Prizes

301 W Pecan
McAllen, TX

*More than a market,
it's an experience.*

President's Day
Monday, February 17th

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.

Holy Communion

Every Sunday

If you are interested in helping with communion (set-up, serve, or clean-up) please contact church office.

ITEMS NEEDED:

Rice
Beans
Canned Veggies
Canned Fruit
Canned Soup
Tomato Sauce
Cereal

Saturday,
February 15th
11:00 am

St. Mark **FOOD PANTRY** MINISTRY

SENIOR SOCIAL

2nd & 4th Thursday every month we will get together at 4:30pm at a place decided ahead of time.

If you are interested, there is a signup sheet in Narthex or call the church office.

TO: ALL OUR FRIENDS

HAPPY VALENTINE'S Day

FROM: St. Mark UMC

SIGN UP NOW!

BASKETBALL & CHEER LEAGUE

Be a part of the intentional sports experience everyone is talking about!

DEVELOP SKILLS * STRENGTHEN CHARACTER * HAVE FUN

Happy Groundhog Day
February 2nd, 2025

One Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 11th at 7pm

For Boys & Girls Age K4-10th

JANUARY 6TH TO MARCH 15TH

\$90 EARLY REGISTRATION
\$100 AFTER JANUARY 3RD

301 W PEGAN BLVD
MCALLEN, TX 78501

Practices every Monday 5:30 - 8:30 based on age group
Games every Saturday 9:00 - 12:00 based on age group

More Information: Phone 210.426.4941 E-mail moiseslinan@yahoo.com

St. Mark UMC
Preschool
CHAPEL

Every Wednesday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary

Coffee Time with Pastor

Pastor Joe is welcoming all to join him every Sunday morning at 9:30am in the Narthex. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and fellowship before church worship.

Young Adult Bible Study

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

Staff Meeting

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

POTLUCK Luncheon

You are invited to join us after service on Sunday, February 23rd in the gym for a luncheon. Please see side list on what to bring if you like!

XOXO

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

Faith Sharing Group

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

YOUTH GROUP

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

SAFE GATHERINGS

BE SMART & INFORMED

STAY SAFE

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.

33rd Annual Affair of the Heart

by: Hollie Landis , AOH Secretary, Church Administrative Assistant

We are so excited for St. Mark UMC's 33rd annual Affair of the Heart (AOH) on Saturday, February 8th 2025! 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 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 2025

What are the United Methodist Church's Social Principles?

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"—Micah 6:8, NRSV

You've probably heard about Episcopalian Bishop Mariann Budde. In her sermon at the Inaugural prayer service, she called on the president to show mercy to immigrant and LGBTQ+ communities. Lots of people have lots of opinions about it, and I encourage you to read or watch the sermon itself before giving heed to such opinions. But it is a good opportunity to remind ourselves that as followers of Jesus Christ, while Christ's church is not partisan, our walk with Jesus inevitably impacts our engagement with communal and public issues.

But where can Jesus followers find resources to faithfully engage in public issues? Fortunately, the United Methodist Church has the Social Principles, a 35-page reflection on how our faith in Christ intersects with the environment, economy, family, justice, government, human rights, and a variety of social issues. These reflections and positions are rooted in the Bible.¹

I find the Social Principles to be affirming and challenging, with positions that do not neatly align with one political party. Some of the positions lean "liberal" (environment, poverty, racism, immigration, LGBTQ inclusion, health care), while other positions lean "conservative" (monogamy, alcohol use, assisted suicide, pornography, gambling), and other positions that don't easily map onto our normal political binary. As you're able, I encourage you to start reading the Social Principles: <https://www.umcjustice.org/documents/124>. The Social Principles are not binding doctrine; United Methodists are allowed to disagree with statements in them. But they are a helpful resource to push away the noise of "talking head" opinions, and to begin reflecting on how Jesus calls us to love God and neighbor in the public arena.

¹ Biblical citations in the Social Principles include [Gen. 1:4-31; 2:7-15; Ps. 148; Amos 5:7-13; Matt. 6:26-30; 18:15-20; 25:3-46; John 13:34-35; Rom. 8:22-24, 38-39; 1 Cor. 12:12-31; Phil. 2:3-8; & James 2:15-16](#)



St. Mark UMC Preschool

by: Mercedes Vazquez, Assistant Director

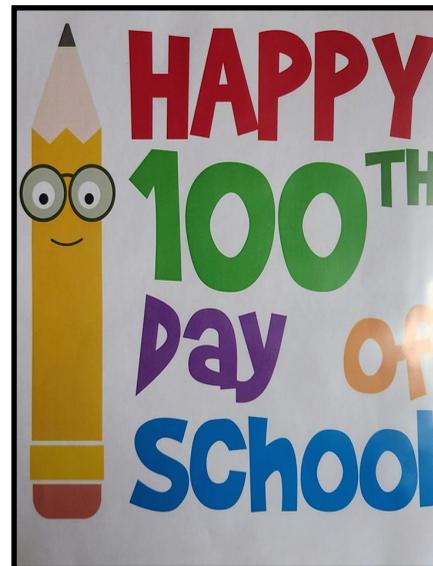
Happy New Year from the teachers and children at St. Mark UMC Preschool! We hope you're staying cozy and warm in this chilly weather.

St. Mark Preschool recently celebrated a very special milestone—our 100th day of preschool on January 30, 2025! The children proudly created t-shirts to commemorate this occasion and celebrate 100 days of learning. What a wonderful blessing!

The teachers and children have also been putting in a lot of effort on their project for the Affair of the Heart Silent Auction. It's been a fun and educational experience for everyone involved. Be sure to visit our Facebook page, St. Mark Preschool-McAllen, for an exclusive sneak peek of their amazing projects!

As we move forward into the spring semester, we're looking forward to celebrating the upcoming holidays with our families and, of course, our Fantastic Teachers! March will bring Spring Break, followed by April's Good Friday and Easter celebrations. In May, we'll honor our incredible mothers and show appreciation for our wonderful teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. And before we know it, summer will be here—bringing with it fun-filled days like Ice Cream and Water Days!

Here's to a joyful and exciting year ahead for everyone!



History of St. Mark Continued...

by: Helen Balsey , (Drucilla Vinger - Finance Administrator)

1979

The M.Y.F. and Youth Choir are very active participants in the church life. In 1979, they prepared the musical drama, "Make It Clear" and took it on tour to churches in other towns, including San Antonio and Austin. In 1980 their production was, "Bright New Wings", which was given quite professionally. They were on tour with it five days after giving it twice at St. Mark, and ending their tour in Houston where they spent an extra day at Astro World. All during the year they had held fund-raising events to finance the trip.

St. Mark membership now tops 1,000. The sermon each Sunday is aired the following Sunday on delayed broadcast over KRIO. Tapes of the sermons are also available for shut-ins, and some of our Winter Texans subscribe for them during the summer. The tape service is supported by the pennies dropped into the collection plate, and was established in memory of Mrs. Adelaide Marshall.

St. Mark has sponsored five young people to become ministers. Mr. & Mrs. Jack Nester left in 1974 when Jack entered Perkins Theological Seminary in Dallas. Joyce Slade was sponsored in 1977. Rick Mang was sponsored in 1978. Jon Edward (Jet) Throckmorton has 2 degrees and plans to start Seminary school in the Fall of 1980. Robert DeLair is in Pre-ministerial training. We are very proud of these young people.

