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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:	October '24
Sunday School:	7
Worship Service:	59
Online Service:	15
Bible Studies:	29

Communion Rail

Offering
 Month: **October '24**
Total = \$130.00
World Communion Sunday

FINANCIAL REPORT

Month -	September 2024
Income:	\$13,501.05
Expenses:	\$19,588.37
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Year to Date -	Jan. - Sept. 2024
Income:	\$156,462.33
Expenses:	\$204,319.26

St. Mark Events



November 2024

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Psalm 100:4



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!

November 2024

POTLUCK Luncheon

You are invited to join us after service on Sunday, **November 24th** 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

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday, November 3rd

Christmas Poinsettias
 Orders BEGIN Sunday, November 17th
 All orders & payment due Sunday, December 15th
 Order forms can be found in the bulletins or on the information table in the Narthex

November 11th
 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.
 - John 15:13 (NRSV)

Thank you

Veterans

FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING MEAL
 Saturday, November 16th at 11:00am
 St. Mark UMC will be providing a hot Thanksgiving Meal to the 30+ food pantry families we bless throughout the year. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to donate food please contact the church office.

Happy Thanksgiving

Saturday November 16th 11 a.m.

St. Mark FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

ITEMS NEEDED:
 TOMATO SAUCE
 STUFFING
 CANNED:
 SWEET POTATOES
 GREEN BEANS
 CORN
 CRANBERRY SAUCE

Staff Meeting

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

Thanksgiving

Church Office will be closed
November 28th & 29th
Happy Thanksgiving

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.

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

Holy Communion

Every Sunday

One Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 12th at 7pm

Charge Conference
 Sunday, November 10th
 2:00pm at St. Mark UMC
 301 W Pecan Blvd, McAllen TX 78501

AVAILABLE TODAY
 INSIDE NARTHEX ENTRANCE
 ENGLISH SPANISH LARGE PRINT
UPPER ROOM NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

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.

BIBLE STUDY
 You're invited to join us for Bible study as we explore God's Word together in a time of fellowship, reflection, and growth.
St. Mark United Methodist Church, McAllen, TX
 301 Pecan Blvd, McAllen, TX 78501
 (956) 682-1181
 Wednesdays 6:30-8pm

Faith Sharing Group

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

Give Thanks
YOUTH GROUP
 Tuesdays and Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
 St. Mark UMC Youth Room

VOLLEYBALL

6th to 12th Graders
 1st Practice October 28th
 1st Game November 2nd
 Practices (by age groups) will be Mondays between 5:30pm-8:30pm
 Games (by age groups) will be Saturdays between 9am-1pm
<https://registration.upward.org/UPW86990>
 Contact: Moises Linan - 210-426-4941 or Jessica Flores - 956-534-7880

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!

St. Mark UMC Preschool

by: Evelyn Callaway - Preschool Director

Pumpkins! Pumpkins! Everywhere! The view from the window says it is time for Autumn but the weather has yet to cooperate. Maybe this means we will have a nice cool November. We sure hope so with the beginning of the holiday season.

Last month we welcomed two families to the Preschool family and in the next few weeks we will welcome two new infants. How exciting! This month we will start by teaching the children to give thanks for everything that God gave us and learning about the first Thanksgiving feast. We will host our own Friendsgiving Feast on November 22nd. We are going to have a little fun with the menu this year. Let's see what we can come up with. Then it will be time to move on to Christmas in December!



Pastor Musings

From Pastor Joe, St. Mark UMC, November 2024

John Wesley & Voting

*"In everything do to others as you would have them do for you, for this is the Law and the Prophets."
--Matthew 7:12 (NRSV)*

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, wrote the following in his journal on October 6, 1774: "I met those in our society who had votes in the ensuing election, and advised them (1) To vote, without fee or reward, for the person they judged most worthy, (2) To speak no evil of the person they voted against, and (3) To take care their spirits were not sharpened against those that voted on the other side."

According to my friend and colleague Wilson Pruitt, a UMC pastor in Austin who hosts *The History of Methodism* podcast, Wesley's parents had many bitter arguments, and separated on at least one occasion, over who they believed to be the lawful king of England! Wesley himself voted, according to his journal entries, and he publicly shared his opinions on a range of social and political topics, such as his opposition to slavery and child labor, and his opposition to the American Revolution (he was loyal to England, after all). Thus, Wesley not only understood the intensely divisive nature of voting and political engagement, but he saw great value in engaging in the political process anyway, guiding by the three rules he shares with fellow voters.

Now, Wesley lived in England, and British democracy in the 18th century looked very different than 21st century American democracy. For that reason, John Wesley's second point, in my opinion, could use some revision for our day, to something along the lines of "To speak no dishonest or insincere criticism of the person they voted against." You might have quibbles with particular details of his "voting rules," too. Yet I hope we can see how Wesley is trying to apply Jesus' Golden Rule to voting, just as we seek to live by the Golden Rule in every part of life. Whether we are eligible to vote or not, whether we express our political views publicly or not, may all of us seek to follow the Golden Rule, as Wesley did, in voting and in everyday life.

What I'm reading: Bible, CSB translation
(Exodus & Matthew)

Misión Integral by C. René Padilla,

Accidental Herod by David McNitzky



St. Mark UMC Pumpkin Patch 2024

by: Jessica Flores

Thank you to all the volunteers for making this year a success! We could not (and wouldn't have wanted to) do this without YOU!!! This year was about so much more than a fundraiser; it was about fun, faith, and fellowship! We pray for continued blessings for the ministries that the pumpkin patch supports. Can't wait until next year! Until then, keep on praying about ways you can serve our ministries and our community. Thank you St. Mark family!



Upward

by: Moises Liñan

Hello everyone! I'm very grateful to have the opportunity to keep everyone, not only in our congregation, but also in our community, updated on everything going on with our UPWARD Ministry!

To start off I want to thank God for the provision of help and strength as well as resources and children that joined our program. Second, I want to thank St. Mark UMC as well as every single volunteer who helps with these ministries because it really does take a good God and community loving team to run a successful sports ministry, or any ministry for that matter. Last but not least, the very supportive families of our UPWARD Kiddos who came to the practices, the games and volunteered their time and help when needed. The list is so long but the important thing is that God knows every single piece of the program and the way that every single person participated and contributed to its success. For that I am deeply grateful.

This Upward Soccer Season we were blessed with 46 kids registered! From these kids we created three different age groups, K4 to 1st grade, 2nd to 4th grade and 5th grade and up. The K4-1st grade consisted of 10 kids, the 2nd to 4th grade consisted of 20 kids, and the 5th grade and up had 17 kids including some high school students. All in all, I was so grateful to watch these kids grow and improve their skills not only throughout the season but over the years given that around half the kids have been doing UPWARD Soccer with us for three seasons now. More importantly the theme of the season was Fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) and it was a true blessing for me that every time I taught a new fruit the kids already knew it because they learned it at church or from their parents which was a beautiful thing to see.

As of October 28th, our UPWARD Volleyball season is now underway, already exceeding last years numbers with 24 girls and boys joining our Coed league. We practice every Mondays at church and Fridays at Sonic for some sand volleyball fun and fellowship! We are also looking forward to attending the UTRGV vs. Incarnate Word Volleyball game on the 14th of November as well as the High school All Star game later in December! I am very excited for what the future holds for UPWARD Sports at St. Mark UMC and if you have a chance, come see for yourself and support our ministry! Thank you and God Bless!!

