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### Regular Church Schedule

Sunday:	Worship Service	10:45 am
	Live Stream (via Facebook)	10:45 am
Wednesday:	Prayer Time	11:30 am
	Youth Bible Study	06:30 pm
	Young Adult Bible Study	06:30 pm
	Faith Sharing Group	06:30 pm

ATTENDANCE AVERAGE	COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING	FINANCIAL REPORT
<b>Month:</b> March 2025 Worship Service: 53  Online Service: 16  Bible Studies: 23	<b>Month:</b> March 2025 <b>Total = \$277.00</b>  <b>UMCOR Sunday</b>	<b>Month:</b> February 2025 Income: \$17,461.15 Expenses: \$21,157.28  <b>Months:</b> Jan. - Feb. 2025 Income: \$40,281.89 Expenses: \$42,188.01

# St. Mark Events



## April 2025

*I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.*

**-Job 19:25 (NIV)**

**He is Risen!**



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**Rev. Joe Tognetti**  
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# Events this Month!

# April 2025



**Easter Lilies 2025**  
 In honor of  
 or  
 in memory of  
**\$10.00 each**  
**ALL ORDERS DUE SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH**

**Palm Sunday**  
 Sunday, April 13th  
 @ 10:45am

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

**SENIOR SOCIAL**  
 2nd & 4th Thursday every month we will get together at 5:30pm at a place decided ahead of time.  
 If you are interested, there is a signup sheet in Narthex or call the church office.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
 APRIL 18TH 6:30PM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
 APRIL 17TH 6:30PM

**POTLUCK Breakfast**  
 You are invited to join us after Sunrise Service & before Easter Service on Sunday, April 20th in the gym for a brunch. Please see side list on what to bring if you like!

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

**CLOSED CHURCH OFFICE**  
 St. Mark UMC office will be closed Monday, April 21st in observance of Easter Monday!

**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.

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY APRIL 20TH**  
 SUNRISE SERVICE 7AM  
 EASTER SERVICE 10:45AM

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

**Happy Birthday PASTOR JOE!**  
 April 11th

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

**WE ARE HIRING TEACHERS**  
 High School Diploma - GED  
 Clear Background Check  
 Hold Holidays & Sick Days  
 For Information: 205-658-2650  
 Send Resume to: stmarkumcpre@gmail.com

**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

**Easter Breakfast**  
 8am-9am April 20th  
 Please join us Easter morning in the Gym after the Sunrise Service for some good food and friendship as we celebrate that **Christ Has Risen!**

**One Board Meeting**  
 Tuesday, April 8th at 7pm

**Happy Birthday Drucilla!**  
 April 22nd

**EARTH DAY**  
 April 22nd

**APRIL FOOL'S DAY!**  
 April 1st

**Confirmation and New Members**  
 Third class with Pastor Joe will be Monday, April 14th at 6pm in the Narthex. There will be one final class with Pastor Joe on April 18th. Mentors will continue meeting with candidates for their additional 5 meetings. Pray for our prospective new members and their mentors!

**UPWARD SPORTS FLAG FOOTBALL**  
 Upward Flag Football is open to boys & girls in 6th to 12th grade. They will learn flag football skills along with learning about God and stories from the Bible. Practices will be on Thursdays and games will be on Fridays at Westside Park (1000 S. Ware Rd, McAllen).

**Children & Youth Easter Egg Hunt**  
 Sunday Morning, April 20th at 9:00am

**Project Transformation 2025**  
 We are excited for our 4th year working with Project Transformation to help the children in our community!  
 Online Registration Opens April 1st for children entering grades 1st to 6th in the fall of 2025  
 Online at [www.PTRioTexas.org](http://www.PTRioTexas.org)

**Happy BIRTHDAY Hollie!**  
 April 25th

**Affair of the Heart Meeting**  
 APRIL 3RD 7PM DUPLEX

**He Is Risen!**

Early Registration Fee - \$80.00 (Ends 4/17/2025)  
 Cost goes to \$90.00  
 First Practice - April 10th  
 First Game - April 25th  
 Register online at <https://registration.upward.org/UPW88193>  
 Contact Moises Linan at 210-426-4941

**Administrative Professionals Day!**  
 Thank you!  
 April 23rd, 2025

**Pantry Needs**  
 Beans  
 Rice  
 Crackers  
 Tomato Sauce  
 Canned Fruit  
 Canned Veggies  
 Canned Soup

**St. Mark FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY**  
**Saturday Apr. 19th 11 a.m.**

## Meet the St. Mark UMC Preschool Teacher

Hello! My name is Ms. Murillo. I am the PreK-3&4 Classroom Teacher. I have seven amazing kids in my classroom this year.

About Me: I am going to school at STC for Social Work. I've always had a heart for helping out others in any way I can. I also like to volunteer at a place with adults with special needs. When I am not teaching or going to school I really enjoy going to thrift stores and shopping. I also enjoy listening to country music.

Some of my favorite things are: Color-Blue, Flower-Bluebonnets, Drink-Dr. Pepper, Food-Tacos, Movie-The Sandlot, Book-It Ends With Us by Colleen Hoover, Place to Visit-Temple, TX, Number-7, Hobby-Going Shopping at Thrift Stores, Candy-M&M's, and Shape-Circle.

One of my favorite memories at St. Mark UMC Preschool is seeing my 2023-2024 classroom kids graduate last year and the moon jump to celebrate. When I started at St. Mark UMC Preschool, this group of kids was my first classroom in PreK-2. In the fall I moved to the PreK-3&4 Classroom and got to teach these kids again. That is what I love about being at St. Mark UMC Preschool. I get to see the kids in my classroom grow and develop throughout the year.



## Pastor Musings

Thoughts and Advice from Pastor Joe, St. Mark UMC, March 2025

### D.E.I.?!

*"After this I looked, & there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes & peoples & languages, standing before the throne & before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands."—Revelation 7:9, NRSV*

There was a lot of chaos this last weekend: flooding in the RGV, unavoidable absences from key worship leaders, and in the midst of it all, our church hosted close to 20 people from 9 congregations around "Embracing our Differences." This was a Rio Texas UMC sponsored event. It falls under the category of—stay calm— "D.E.I." I recognize that term can evoke different reactions. But as anyone who attended the event can attest, this workshop helped attendees recognize our biases and strive for inclusion, \*without\* relying on guilt or shame. I'm glad we hosted it, and I thank Katie, Doris, and Mary Lou Simon for offering hospitality.

But what did we discuss? That would take an essay; but I will share two quotes from our presenter, Dr. Pamela Benson Owens, that offers a glimpse of what we did, and why it is so important for Christ's church to strive for true diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- ◆ "Inclusion is the intentional act, process, policy, and action of including people. Jesus was a master at this. He brought near the outcasts and the wounded. He noticed those excluded from the crowd and those who needed healing. And yet, Jesus went one step further. He wanted them not just to feel noticed, but he wanted them to follow him, experience God's love, and know that—as those created in God's image—they belong to him."
- ◆ "Equity intentionally recognizes each person has different circumstances and needs, meaning different groups of people need different resources & opportunities allocated to them to thrive."

I pray that St. Mark continues to strive to be an inclusive church, modeling Jesus' ministry.



# St. Mark Tree of Life

by: Hollie Landis & Drucilla Vinger

What is the Tree of Life? Where is the Tree of Life? It started as a fundraiser that the finance committee did back in the early 2000's. The church members would fill out the form to purchase a leaf for any special occasion for loved ones. The first 24 leaves that were purchased were added to the Tree of Life in November of 2001.

The St. Mark Tree of Life can be found in Jubilee Hall by the doors to the South parking lot. The Tree of Life is a wonderful way to show our love to those we hold dear to us at St. Mark UMC. St. Mark members are fortunate and blessed to have a tree that can mark the milestones in their lives for others to view. There has been many people who have come to visit the church and see the Tree of Life. I, Hollie, remember about a year or two ago, a family came to the church during office hours and asked if they could see the Tree of Life. They were in town for a little bit and wanted to reminisce about the people they remembered on the leaves when they attended church here many years ago. It was such a blessing to hear their stories.

The Tree of Life holds around 400 leaves. As of today, there are 135 of those leaves engraved. This is an ongoing fundraiser until all the leaves are purchased. Anyone can purchase a leaf and have it engraved for \$125.00 (\$100 to general budget and \$25 to memorial fund). Some reasons to purchase a leaf are: a praise gift to our Lord, thanks for blessings received, a Charter Member, a baptism, a confirmation, the birth of a child, a graduation recognition, an anniversary, promotions/achievements/awards, recognition of special service to the church and to our Lord, a wedding gift, a memorial, a special birthday, or a special family occasion or tradition. The reasons are endless. When a St. Mark UMC Member passes away, a leaf is made in loving memory of that loved one from the memorial fund.

If you are interested in purchasing a leaf, you can place your money in a marked envelope in the offering plate or call the church office. Each leaf has 20 letters or spaces per line, up to 4 lines. The following pages are the list of 135 engraved leaves. Be sure to make your way to Jubilee Hall some time and see this beautiful tree.



In Honor of Vivian Chandler's 90th Birthday April 6, 2016	In Loving Memory of Noheni Reynolds	In Loving Memory of Larry Doeppenschmidt	In Loving Memory of Rev. William Smale 7-12-1936 - 4-22-2024
In Loving Memory of Carol Sue Taylor 8/25/1943 - 11/21/2016	In Loving Memory of Don Troutman	In Loving Memory of Thelma McVey	In Loving Memory of Edna Sparlin 8-6-1932 - 10-8-2024
In Loving Memory of Dr. Forrest & Marian Fitch Jack & Lucille McKeever	In Loving Memory of Romeo Escobar	In Honor of Thelma Hess 93rd Birthday	In Loving Memory of Cristi Sanfilippo 7-6-1956 - 1-29-2025
In Loving Memory of Roger W. Heacock, Jr	In Loving Memory of Dorinda Van Burkleo	In Loving Memory of Janice Gill	<u>Large Stone</u>  In Loving Memory of Ernie & Dolly Reeves For their Faithful Service Benevolent Foundation Endowments and Scholarship Funding
In Loving Memory of Scott & Dorothy Toothaker Blaine & Andree Holcomb	In Loving Memory of Gerald A Vinger	In Loving Memory of Ruben Cantu	
In Loving Memory of Thomas Roger Landis	In Loving Memory of Roy Dale	In Loving Memory of Dorothy Beamsley 3-30-1937 - 12-7-2023	<u>Large Stone</u>  In Loving Memory of Dirk & Nell Ebeling For their Faithful Support and Generous Foundation Bequests
In Loving Memory of Lee Ann French	In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Fogarty	In Loving Memory of Vivian L. Chandler 4-6-1926 - 2-16-2024	
In Loving Memory of Howard McCook	In Loving Memory of Sherri Owings	In Loving Memory of Romeo R. Robles, Sr 8-27-1939 - 4-14-2024	
In Honor of 60th Wedding Anniversary Larry & Doris Goby	In Loving Memory of J. Victor French	In Honor of Rev. Joseph Tognetti	
In Loving Memory of Bob & Liz Compere	In Loving Memory of Estela T. Garza	In Honor of Katie Klein Dale	
In Loving Memory of Earl Holiday	In Loving Memory of Leo Nora (Nody) Pearson Gent	In Loving Memory of Rev. Earl S. Richardson 3-5-1937 - 8-4-2024	
In Loving Memory of Eldon Hess	In Loving Memory of Keith Conquest	In Loving Memory of Jared S. Emerson 3-14-1990 - 5-13-2024	

FITCH FAMILY Jeff and Debbie Heather, Melissa, Justin, Phillip	Pearson F. Klein Cassidy Faythe Klein Harrison S. Dale Joshua Lyndon Dale	Madeline S. Benedict 5-04-1910 - 2-23-2002 Beloved Wife and Mother	In Memory of Robert Dunlap With all our Love Dorothy, Cathy & Bob
In Loving Memory of our Parents Dolores & Lee Blumfelder	THE LEE FAMILY Chevy & Teresa Jason & Sheldon & Brandon	Memory of Don Wenger And honor of Christine Wenger Good News Class	In Memory of Richard Greene Master Optician, Loving Dad and Husband
THE HETRICK FAMILY Michael & Michelle Mandie & Matthew Megan & Macie	In Recognition of Mary & Joe Denekar For their years of service to St. Mark	In honor of Charles Millward on his 74th Birthday - Your Loving Wife Betty 3-13-02	In Loving Memory of Chie Nown Lee Devoted Mother and Wise Grandmother
SCOTT TOOTHAKER Charter Member	In Memory of Tom Wylie From his loving wife Dora	Bill & Claudia Gross The World's Greatest Neighbors	THE COVENANT CLASS 2002
C. H. Kellogg Helen Kellogg Eldon Hess Thelma Hess	In Memory of Alvah (Sonny) Rhodes By Marvel Deen & Don His Loving Wife & Son	J.D. & Vi Little Winter Texans Marchfield, Missouri	In Honor of our 25th Wedding Anniversary David & Lillian Renner
Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary August 12, 2001 Frank & Mary Ann Leet	Our Love for Jim, Marylynne, Greg, Beth Ann, Bob & Bill Jack & Pat White	Blessed by God's Amazing Grace Mary, A.J., Jon, Jason, D.J. & Jarod Barrera	Craig & Carolyn Swann Sarah & Debbie
Hartwell & Mary Lou Kennard Charter Member 1951	Dallas & Marie Nelson Tiana & Linda	Paul I. Benedict 8-16-1907 - 4-4-2002 Loving Husband & Father	In Memory of John R. Parsons Carroll Frankenberger
DOROTHY TOOTHAKER Charter Member	THE FOGARTY FAMILY	Making a Difference In God's Backyard Arecibo, Puerto Rico Mission Team 7-13-2002	In Honor of our Precious Memories at St. Mark UMC Jim & Rosalie Walker
Golden Anniversary H. Keith Banner Marian Evans Banner June 16, 2001	THE BOURG FAMILY Jim & Lee Terri & Cory	Elia B. Zamora The Gomez Family: Homer, Linda, Amy, Michael	In Loving Memory of Verne & Helen Weber
In Loving Memory of My Husband and Son Evelyn J. Crawford	Don & Sherry Snyder Celebrating 25 Years of Marriage November 5, 2001	In Loving Memory of A. Leroy Reynolds Nohemi, Martha, Daniel, Ruben, Samuel	In Honor of the Loving & Caring Women of St. Mark Christina Puentes
George & Janie Hinkle In Honor of Our Children and Grandchildren	Dr. Warren Rasmussen Clinica Mobil, Inc. Volunteer Missionary Mexico	In Loving memory of Yvonne Karcher Precious Grandmother Stacy, Todd, Aimee	In Memory of Robert P. Hanson By wife & son Betty & Scott
Lawrence & Lorraine Knutson	In Loving Memory of Rev. Charles W. Fields & son, Charles Mabel O. Fields	In honor of the Shalom Sunday School Class	In Memory of F. Wayne Hurlbut

In Loving Memory of My husband Joseph C. Fogarty Elizabeth R. Fogarty	In Loving Memory of Elizabeth Lyn Compere	In Honor of Janice Gill A special friend Christine Wenger	In Loving Memory of Mary Louise Snider Sargent
F. Wayne Hurlbut Honored for his Leadership & Service St. Mark Foundation	Quest for Kenya VIM Team-July, 2005 "GOD IS GOOD - ALL THE TIME"	In Memory of Jay & Hope Troutman	In Honor of Jody Temple "Feeding God's Children"
Jack Hanshaw Honored for his Dedication & Service St. Mark Foundation	Pastor Jenna Heart George Johnson United in Marriage December 9, 2005	Ed Bormann Charter Member, Scout Master, Choir Camp Thicket Emmaus Lay Speaker	In Loving Memory of Becky Robertson
In Honor of Our Parents & Children Walter & Lucille Tanberg	In Loving Memory of Anna Parry January 28, 2006	In Memory of Gene & Bernice Foorman With Love, Janice	In Loving Memory of Marian Fitch
To the glory of God & In Loving Memory of E.P. Guerra	In Loving Memory of Ruth McIver February 2, 2006	In Memory of My husband Pat Gill With Love, Janice	In Loving Memory of Dr. Forrest & Marian Fitch
Frances Bormann Charter Member Pilot Class Teacher	In Loving Memory of Dorothy Loidl February 8, 2006	In Memory of Audrey Jewell 2013 Affair of the Heart Committee	In Loving Memory of Sydney & Abbue Ruth Wortham
Megan Lynne Flores Jaclyn Nicole Flores In celebration of their Confirmation	In Loving Memory of Margaret Boyce December 16, 2005	In Memory of Esther Dean Katie Klein Dale	In Loving Memory of Norma Holiday
In Loving Memory of James William Van Burkleo, Jr	In honor of Pilot Class Teachers Thelma Hess Marian Ehlers	In Loving Memory of Walter & Lucille Tanberg	In Loving Memory of Rennie Mae Bormann
In Loving Memory of Olney Dean	Arnie & Ilene Boje Bruce, Cory & Melodie	In Loving Memory of John Trimble	In Honor of Jim & Lee Bourg 2015 Affair of the Heart
In Loving Memory of Lucille Tanberg	In Honor of Michelle Hetrick A decade of service Pre-School Director	In Loving Memory of Felipe Alvarado	In Honor of Marilyn Schroeder 2015 Affair of the Heart
In Loving Memory of Jay Troutman	In Honor of Rev. Laura Brewster Associate Pastor A Guiding Light	In Loving Memory of Scott & Dorothy Toothaker	In Loving Memory of Dallas & Marie Nelson
In Loving Memory of Jeffrey F. Fitch	In Memory of Our Loving Husband, Father Darrel Sturgeon	In Loving Memory of Bill Hudson	In Loving Memory of Noah Robles