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(McAllen, TX)

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	COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING	FINANCIAL REPORT
Month: April 2025 Worship Service: 76 Online Service: 24 Bible Studies: 28	Month: April 2025 Total = \$332.00 Native American Ministries UMC	Month: March 2025 Income: \$19,984.50 Expenses: \$24,220.82 Months: Jan. - Mar. 2025 Income: \$60,272.08 Expenses: \$66,408.83

St. Mark Events

May 2025



*“Many women do
noble things, but you
surpass them all.”*
Proverbs 31:29 (NIV)



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Events this Month!

POTLUCK

You are invited to join us after service on Sunday, **May 25th** in the gym for a luncheon. Please see side list on what to bring if you like!

Luncheon

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

Happy Mother's Day!

Sunday, May 11th



May 2025

**Saturday
May 17th
11 a.m.**

St. Mark FOOD MINISTRY PANTRY



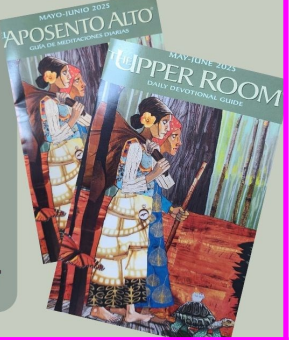
ITEMS NEEDED:
RICE
BEANS
CEREAL
CANNED FRUIT
CANNED VEGGIES
TOMATO SAUCE

**UPPER ROOM
MAY - JUNE**

**AVAILABLE
TODAY**

**INSIDE
NARTHEX
ENTRANCE**

**ENGLISH
LARGE PRINT**



Project Transformation 2025

We are excited for our **4th year** working with Project Transformation to help the children in our community!



**Online Registration
Now Open**
for children entering
grades 1st to 6th in the
fall of 2025

Summer Reading Camp
June 4th to July 24th

Online at www.PTRioTexas.org

**SAFE
GATHERINGS**



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.

**National Day
of Prayer**

Thursday, May 1st

**Armed Forces
Day!**

Saturday, May 17th

**Holy communion
Every Sunday**



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.

**One Board
Meeting**
Tuesday, May 13th 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.

**Teacher Appreciation
Week!**



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

MEMORIAL DAY

Honoring ALL Who Served
Church Office will be
CLOSED for Memorial Day!
May 26th 2025

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.

St. Mark UMC
Preschool
CHAPEL

Every Wednesday at 9:30am in the
Sanctuary

**WE ARE
HIRING
TEACHERS**

- ✓ High School Diploma - GED
- ✓ Clear Background Check
- ✓ Paid Holidays & Sick Days
- ✓ For information:
956-686-2650

Send Resume to:
stmarkumpreschool@yahoo.com

ST. MARK UMC
PRESCHOOL



St. Mark UMC Preschool

By: Evelyn Callaway

Spring has sprung and so it is time to get outside and enjoy the pleasant weather before the heat forces us inside the gym for playtime. We had a busy, busy month with Dr. Suess Week, Week of the Young Child, and Easter. The teachers love to plan special days for the children, so we had plenty of them.

Dr. Suess Week was a dress up day everyday. Our families love to dress their children like the Dr. Suess characters. We had Things, Whos, and Cats in Hats all week long. What Fun! And of course we read Dr. Suess books all week.

Then we moved on to Week of the Young Child. We decorated the hallways with art, graffiti the breezeway with chalk, had Bubble Day, Reading Buddy Day, and everyone's favorite, Bike Day!

Easter was here before we knew it and it was time for our Easter Egg Hunt and picnic. The children were over the moon when our special guests, Bluey and Bingo, made an appearance. They took pictures with the children and then everyone enjoyed a picnic style lunch with their families. It was a busy month, but I wouldn't change a thing.



Meet the St. Mark UMC Preschool Teacher

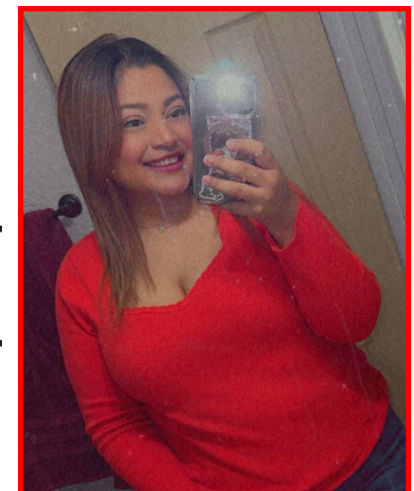
Hello! My name is Ms. Karla. I am the PreK-1 Classroom Teacher. I have seven amazing kids in my classroom this year.

About Me: When I am not working I have a son who I love to spend my time with. I enjoy shopping at Target, Bath & Body Works, Walmart, and the Mall. I also enjoy reading and watching scary movies, romance movies, action movies and comedy movies. I enjoy all these things and spending time with my whole family.

Some of my favorite things are: Color-Red, Flower-Tulips, Drink-Dr. Pepper, Food-Crawfish, Movie-All Harry Potter, Book-The Summer I Turned Pretty by Jenny Han, Place to Visit-Dallas, TX, Number-14, Hobby-Reading, Candy-Twix, and Shape-Heart.

One of my favorite memories at St. Mark UMC Preschool is this years Easter Event. We had two very special guests, Bluey & Bingo, came to celebrate Easter with the children, their families, teachers, & staff! I even got my picture taken with them! It was so much fun having Bluey & Bingo here.

What I love about being at St. Mark UMC Preschool is my classroom kids running up to me in the mornings (and throughout the day) giving me hugs. I love seeing the kids in my classroom grow and achieve their goals. I also love the team work I have with my coworkers.



Project Transformation 2025

Summer Volunteering

Project Transformation (PT) Summer Camp is only a few weeks away! We will be welcoming our College Interns on Sunday, June 1st at our 10:45am Worship Service. We hope to have about 5 Interns. PT Summer Camp begins Wednesday, June 4th and goes until Thursday, July 24th.

We **NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help make this summer go smoothly for the children and interns. There are different ways for you to volunteer:

- *In-person Reading Buddies (just 1 to 2 hours a day Monday - Thursday)
- *Reading Testers (listen to a child read to you and mark how many words they had trouble with or missed)
- *Provide Dinner to College Interns (5) (Sunday - Wednesday you can prepare or purchase food and spend time eating with the interns and getting to know them and them getting to know our church members)
- *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 you need to sign-up online.

- *Go to projecttransformation.org/rio-texas.
- *Click **Get Involved** at the top right.
- *Click **Volunteer Opportunities** in the Green Box.
- *Scroll down and click **Learn more about summer volunteers**.

Here you can read what the each of the Summer volunteer opportunities are and their requirements. For the reading volunteers you will click St. Mark UMC and follow the steps to sign up. For the dinner volunteers click McAllen Meal Volunteers and follow the steps to sign up.

Any questions, please contact the church office.

Project Transformation 2025

As we prepare for another amazing summer with our Interns and PT Families, we still have a lot to do. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!!**

This year, PT created individual Give Pulse pages for each of their PT sites. **St. Mark Give Pulse Link:** <https://givepul.se/diw1oi>. Go to this website and choose your preferred volunteer shift, and fill out a brief form to confirm a few details. Once you have completed registration, you will receive a confirmation email from Give Pulse, followed by an approval message once they verify a new or existing background check.

Volunteers Needed:

Reading Buddies - You get to read with a PT child for about 1-2 hours Monday-Thursday (You do NOT have to come everyday but the children enjoy seeing you everyday). You will watch a training video explaining what a reading buddy is. To help you feel confident and prepared here is the link to the PT Reading Buddies Guide: https://youtu.be/init9TVc5IE?si=-ml_qiw0izWVoMv-. This is a new video that was recorded in February to be current and relevant for this year's programming.

Reading Testers - Needed first four days of Summer Camp (June 5th, 9th, 10th, & 11th) and last four days of Summer Camp (July 16th, 17th, 21st, & 22nd). You will watch a training video explaining what a reading tester is. To help you feel confident and prepared here is the link to the PT Reading Tester's Guide: <https://youtu.be/jocxOqnn6I8?si=hoDypzoGVaj-COS3>. This is a new video that was recorded in February to be current and relevant for this year's programming.

All About Me - Do you have a fun passion/job that you want to share with the PT children. Once a week someone from the community comes and will talk with the PT children about what they do. It can be a fire fighter, police officer, doctor, lawyer, restaurant owner, librarian, someone who sews, Rancher, vet, the ideas are endless. We need just 4 peoples/groups to come and speak to the PT children and show them what they do. If you or anyone you know would like to participate please contact the church office.

Donors - This year PT has plans to reach out to local businesses in the Valley to be a donor. If you know of any businesses we can reach out to, please contact the church office. Also we are looking for Monthly Donors. If you are interested in donating (once a month or one-time donation) towards Project Transformation Reading program for the Valley please reach out to the church office or place your donation in the church offering plate labeled PT Donation.