



SAINT MARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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St. Mark Messenger

By Grace Transformed...

There is something that happens on Wednesday evening here at St. Mark that we all should celebrate. I know that on Sunday mornings, we have gotten used to not having very many children worshipping. If you only come on Sundays, you might think that our children's ministry is dead. But that is not a correct assumption. The Children's ministry is very much alive at St. Mark. In fact, I would say it is the most vital ministry we have.

At 5:30 each week anywhere between 17 and 21 children gather in the Fellowship hall for W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday). Each week the children share a light supper, do some kind of craft and have a bible lesson. And this year, three of the oldest children have joined me for a confirmation class after the supper is finished. It is truly Sunday school on Wednesday nights. These children are learning about Jesus and learning how to follow him in the most rewarding kind of life there is.

Becky King who leads this ministry has been the primary force behind this ministry. She has grown WOW from one child coming when I arrived 5 years ago to the 21 children who are attending now. And while some of these children worship at another church on Sunday morning, for many of them, St. Mark is the only church home they know. Our mission as United Methodists is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The world is being transformed through the lives of these young disciples who are learning to follow Jesus wherever he will lead them.

Thank you to Becky for leading this ministry. And thank you to all of the volunteers who provide meals each week and who help us meet the Ministry Safe requirements by helping with the ministry.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

In Christ's Love,

Andy

.....reaching upward to God and outward to God's people



Our Staff

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2021 Financial Information

November	Income	\$18,524.00
	Expenses	\$15,852.90
Year to Date:	Income	\$194,672.09
	Expenses	\$216,479.14



A Celebration of the Ministry of Katie and Drew Stallings

A little over 5 years ago, when we were looking for a new choir director, we were blessed beyond our wildest dreams when Katie Stallings came on board. She has done a tremendous job with the choir over the years. Her sense of humor, her faith, her kindness, and her beautiful voice have blessed us all beyond measure.

Shortly after they arrived, Drew volunteered to start videotaping our worship services so we could post them on-line. We, of course, allowed him to do that and as we added the screens to the sanctuary and began live-streaming our services, Drew took on the dual role of handling the slide show during worship and running the video camera each week.

Both Katie and Drew have enriched our lives with their friendship and their faith. They have become like family to all of us.

It is with great sadness that I must announce that Katie has resigned as our choir director. Her last Sunday will be December 26th. With Drew’s business now in Arlington and now that they have moved to Midlothi-an, it is time for them to be more a part of the community in which they live.

We are planning a celebration of their ministry at St. Mark on January 9th immediately following worship. We are still in the planning stages of this event, but we want allow everyone the opportunity to bid farewell to these two special people who have enriched our lives.

The Staff Parish Relations committee will soon be meeting to discuss finding a replacement for Katie. We will also need a replacement for Drew. If anyone would like to volunteer to learn how to run our video and computer systems each week, please let Andy know. It will most likely take a team of people to keep our worship running smoothly.



We rejoice to welcome Ray and Cheryl Anderson to St. Mark. The Andersons joined by transfer on October 31



On September 28, we joyfully celebrated the baptism of Max Henry Turner. Max is the son of Trace and Amy Turner and grandson of Dana and George Turner. Congratulations to all of the family on this special day!



Pumpkin Patch Wrap-up

We got off to a rocky start when the pumpkins arrived in late September. They came on the wrong day, and we got 300 less pumpkins that we got last year. How would we do this year? Would customers come to the Patch and buy pumpkins? We use the funds gained from this fund raiser to do all types of mission work here at the church and in the community. Would we be successful?

As we have learned before, God does provide- if it’s people to help us unload pumpkins or customers to purchase the pumpkins; maybe it’s having the workers to sell at the pumpkin patch....God does provide! Even with fewer pumpkins to sell this year, our profit was the most we’ve ever had!

We extend our deepest sympathies to the families of Joe Poteet and Doris Scott.

Joe Poteet passed away on October 15 and service were held on October 20 at Cleburne Funeral Home.

Doris Scott passed away on November 4 and services were held at Rosehill Cemetery on November 6 with a reception following at St. Mark

Please continue to remember these families in your prayers.



MEMORIALS & HONORIUMS

- St. Mark Ministries given in honor of Ashley Conner by Harold & Judy Graves and John & Brenda Patrick
- In memory of **Sue Childress, Pat Shanklin, and Jo Martin** given by Truly Title
- In memory of **Doris Scott** given by Toni Cerbo, Joe Armstrong, Eric & Donna Smith, Terry & Ann Harris, Anthony & Annette Cerbo, Jerry & Mary Ann Wheatley, Baytown Friends of Larry Scott, The Charles Ray Harris Family, Larry Scott, John & Brenda Patrick, Glenda and Hal Jones, and Sammie Krizan
- In honor of **Sam and Shelly Samuels** given by Larry Scott
- In honor of ladies who helped with Scott Family Reception given by Larry Scott
- Breadbasket given in memory of **Ashley Conner** by Lou Fitzgerald
- In honor of the Pumpkin Patch workers by Lou Fitzgerald
- Snack Sack given in memory of **Doris Scott** by Rick and Bernadine Mariott

