

JUBILEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

March 2024



ST. MARK'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Easter Sunday March 31

There are 4 worship opportunities on Easter Sunday at 7:00, 8:15, 9:40 & 11:00 AM with in-person and livestream options available. See page 3 for more details.

LEARN MORE
stmarkscarmel.org/lent

Lenten Opportunities

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS

Each year, St. Mark's chancel is filled with spring flowers in celebration of Easter. The flowers are provided by the congregation. This year we will be offering Easter Lilies, Tulips, and Daffodils for the cost of \$8.00 per pot and may be given in honor of, or in memory of a friend, loved one, group, etc. There will be a listing of these gifts. Visit <https://stmarkscarmel.org/lent/#flowers> to place your order.

Please note: Flowers may be picked up after the 11 AM Easter service. Please note Boston Ferns are not available for pickup.

LENTEN OFFERING

Wings of Hope Easter Card Campaign

Honor someone special this Lenten season with a gift through St. Mark's Wings of Hope Campaign. Your Lenten offerings this year will benefit Lucille Raines Residence. Go to stmarkscarmel.org/wingsofhope to participate.

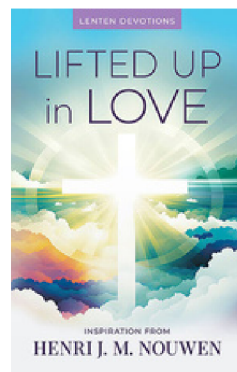
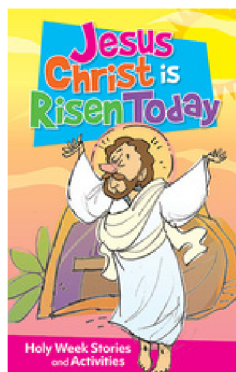
"THE DONKEY'S TALE"

Kidz Lenten Musical March 24 | 1:30 PM

This year's Kidz Lenten Musical tells the story of Palm Sunday and Easter in a unique way! Come support the children of the church as they bring this special seasonal message to life and stay after for the All-Church Rice Meal Food Pack at 2:00 PM. A grab-and-go treat will be available in the narthex at the end of the performance.

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

If you'd like a devotional book to help you with daily resting in prayer and contemplation, pick up your copies of devotionals for kids (*Jesus is Christ is Risen Today*) and adults (*Lifted Up in Love*) from the shelves in the church entrance or table near the cafe.



Foolish Love



The Love that Transcends All Understanding

FOOLISH LOVE

Lenten Study

Did you know that in 2024, Lent began on Valentine's Day (February 14) and ends March 31, the day before April Fools' Day? It's not too late to join our special Lenten study, *Foolish Love: The Love that Transcends All Understanding*, that digs into scripture and goes along with Pastor Karla's sermons during Lent in the Current. Find out more at <https://stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups/#fridaystudy>

DAILY DEVOTIONAL VIDEOS

Visit our [website](#), [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube Channel](#) to watch daily Lenten devotional videos from pastors, staff, and others throughout our church community.

Lenten Opportunities



STMARKSCARMEL.ORG/EASTEREGGHUNT

EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 23 AT 10:00 AM

Bring the whole family for an Easter egg hunt with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 23rd! The morning will start with donuts at 10:00 AM. The egg hunt itself will begin at 11:00 AM in separate areas for each age. After the eggs are collected, children will then receive a treat bag and listen to a reading of the Easter story. It promises to be wonderful fun and all are welcome so invite your friends and neighbors! Sign up online or at the sign-up tables.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Holy Thursday
March 28 | 7:00 PM

Holy Thursday is the first of the three days of solemn remembrance of the events leading up to and immediately following the crucifixion of Jesus. In-person and livestream available.



Good Friday
March 29 | 7:00 PM

Good Friday services focus upon prayer and reflection on the death of Christ and penance and special devotion for the believer. In-person and livestream available. Childcare is available for children ages birth to 5. Please register online before March 27 to secure a spot.



Easter Sunday
March 31

7:00 AM: Sunrise Service | In-person only, in the church chapel
8:15 AM: Traditional service | In-person only
9:40 AM: *The Current* service | In-person and livestream available.
11:00 AM: Traditional service | In-person and livestream available

Pastor's Place

Dear Co-workers in Christ,

Can you really prepare for Easter? Recently in our church meetings and in worship services we have talked about getting ready for Easter. Preparations are being made for special events, distinctive studies, and powerful worship services. We sing songs that point to the crucifixion, and we tell stories of penitence and contrition.

On certain days we remember events that led up to Jesus' final days. We remember Christ's last visit with Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. We remember the entry into Jerusalem and the shouts of "Hosanna!" We remember a pensive Passover dinner with an intimate group of followers, one of whom will soon betray his master.

We remember the painful hours that Jesus was hanging on the cross dying a criminal death. We remember his burial and the generosity of a man who was beginning to believe. We remember the breathless run of Mary Magdalene and a few disciples as they discover that the tomb is empty. And then . . . Easter! Does it come because we have prepared for it or is Easter something that transcends our preparations?

In his book, *The Jesus I Never Knew*, author Philip Yancey shares this insight on the Sermon on the Mount:

The worst tragedy would be to turn the Sermon on the Mount into another form of legalism; it should rather put an end to all legalism. Legalism like the Pharisees' will always fail, not because it is too strict but because it is not strict enough. Thunderously, inarguably, the Sermon on the Mount proves that before God we all stand on level ground: murderers and temper-throwers, adulterers and lusters, thieves and coveters. We are all desperate, and that is in fact the only state appropriate to a human being who wants to know God. Having fallen from the absolute ideal, we have nowhere to land but in the safety net of absolute grace.

Can we prepare for Easter? In some ways the answer is "no." Certainly, we cannot make ourselves worthy of the gift of the Easter experience. What we can do, however, is become aware of our desperate need of God's grace. When we do that, we are ready to receive God's infinite forgiveness. Won't you prepare for Easter with me?

Yours in Christ,

Brian



Rev. Dr. Brian K. White
Lead Pastor

Pastor's Place

"Feel the rain on your skin, no one else can feel it for you, only you can let it in." "Unwritten," by Natasha Bedingfield

Hello, St. Mark's family!

As Natasha Bedingfield's empowering lyrics remind us, each new day is a blank page in the book of our lives, and spring offers us the perfect backdrop to start writing fresh chapters...

Stepping into the vibrant month of March, we can't help but notice the subtle yet sure signs of spring's arrival. The snow has melted, revealing the first brave flowers that dare to bloom. The days grow longer, and there's a freshness in the air that seems to whisper, "New beginnings are on the horizon."

Spring is a natural time for growth and renewal, not just in the world around us but in our own lives as well. It's a season that invites us to shake off the winter's cold and embrace the warmth of new possibilities. Just as the earth reawakens with life, so can we, in our faith and in our actions.

This March, I encourage each of us to consider what it means to grow. Growth can be personal, like deepening our spiritual practices or learning something new that challenges us. It can also be communal, by strengthening our bonds within the church family and going beyond our walls to share the Good News, just as Jesus himself did.

Let's draw inspiration from the spring season. Much like a garden needs care to thrive, so do our souls and our community. Maybe you have a new habit you've been wanting to cultivate, or perhaps a relationship that could use some nurturing. Now is the ideal time to begin.

I also invite us to reflect on the idea of renewal. In the same way that the earth cycles through seasons, we, too, can embrace cycles of renewal in our lives. Let's ask ourselves: What needs refreshing in our lives? What has been lying dormant that is now ready to come to life?

Let's make this March a time to remember—a time of planting seeds of faith, hope, and love that will bloom in the seasons to come. May this spring be a testament to the beauty of growth and the promise of renewal in our lives and in our community.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Karla



Rev. Karla Elliott
Executive Pastor



MISSION FOCUS

Red Bird Mission: Did You Know?

- Creates opportunities for individuals to enrich their lives and positively impact others.
- Helps people overcome chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged terrain.
- Strives to meet the needs of their neighbors through Education, Health & Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.
- Red Bird Christian School serves students in grades K-12 and centers on developing their full potential regardless of their ability to pay.
- Community Health Services provides over 3000 health education and direct services in a 3-county area, including over 300 home visits annually. They also operate a Dental Clinic that provides complete services for 600 patients annually.
- Provides emergency support services, a clean water kiosk, and assistance with clothing, food, and transportation needs.
- The Craft Marketing Program provides economic opportunity for craftspeople within a 75-mile radius of the Mission,
- Provides home repairs for low-income residents.

What Can I Do?

- Donate online at stmarkscarmel.org/give or use the offering envelopes found in the blue attendance pads.
- Pray for those Red Bird serves.
- Join an upcoming Mission Trip to Red Bird Mission.

Learn more at stmarkscarmel.org/red-bird.



IN-KIND DONATIONS

The O'Connor House in Carmel, IN, provides a Christian home to single, pregnant, homeless women to improve life for themselves and their children. They provide their residents shelter, food, clothing, and transportation and teach wellness, financial, and parenting skills. They also promote furthering education as a way out of poverty and aid in job searching and professional skill building.

This Month, we are collecting:

- Clorox wipes/disinfectant wipes
- Liquid laundry detergent (Free & Clear or Dreft)
- Bath towels, hand towels, and washcloth sets
- Baby shampoo & body wash
- Robes/slippers (NEW ONLY - for mothers)
- Walmart gift cards (any amount)

Drop off in our donation bins inside Door #2, Monday-Friday, between 9-4.



Brightwood Community Center Food Pantry

“Thanks to the many St. Mark’s volunteers who have been helping with the monthly food pantry for Brightwood Community families! BCC Food Pantry is currently offering a “Client Choice” food pantry TWICE per month. Clients select foods that best meet their needs.

- **2nd & 4th Tuesdays: 12:00 - 2:30 | Receiving food and shelving**
- **2nd & 4th Wednesdays: 1:30 - 4:00 | Help patrons shop/restock shelves**

Contact Diane Newton for more information and to sign up: joediane244@att.net.

UMCOR Sunday | 3/10

This church-wide special Sunday offering provides United Methodists the opportunity to help our siblings around the world in their time of need. Our generous gifts through the UMCOR Sunday Offering support the work of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, which provides immediate assistance in the wake of disasters and participates in ongoing ministries of food, shelter, health, and peace. Donations for UMCOR Sunday can be made at stmarkscarmel.org/give.

Fletcher Place Monthly Breakfast

St. Mark’s has long provided breakfast once a month for the Fletcher Place Community Center. Help is needed to cook and serve a hot breakfast for their homeless and low-income population. Volunteers ride together to and from St. Mark’s, 7:15-11:15 AM. Sign up online at stmarkscarmel.org/signups or at the connection tables in the narthex.

March Meals for Family Promise Apartment Shelter Program



During March, St. Mark’s is providing weekly dinner for 2 families in the Apartment Shelter Program each Thursday. Volunteers are needed to help deliver the meals to families. Please see how you can help by visiting stmarkscarmel.org/signups. For questions contact Jeff or Kathy DeaKyne at 765-491-3749 or jkdeakyne@gmail.com.



All-Church Rice Meal Food Pack

March 24 | 2:00-4:00 PM

St. Mark's will partner again with Midwest Mission Distribution Center for a Rice Meal Food Pack on Sunday, March 24 from 2:00-4:00 pm in Wesley Hall! Safety guidelines will be followed as we share a fun and family-friendly opportunity for anyone age 5 and older. Childcare is available with 72-hour advance notice. Sign up NOW at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

Blood Drive

April 14 | 8:00-12:30

A BIG thank you to the 27 volunteers and willing blood donors who came to St. Mark's in January! Blood donors are an essential part of hospitals saving patients' lives. There is no substitute for blood and the need for it is vital. The continued plea indicates the emergency need has not slowed down. Life-saving blood is a daily need. Rolling up your sleeve is truly appreciated! For more info Contact Terry Fourman at Terrence.Fourman@deltafaucet.com Sign up TODAY at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.



Club 56 Mission Camp

June 3-6

Incoming and outgoing 5th-6th graders are invited to participate in St. Mark's annual Mission Camp. Youth will learn about the importance of mission outreach while safely serving others and having fun fellowship! Registration is open through May 29 at stmarkscarmel.org/missioncamp. Contact [Amy Adams](mailto:Amy.Adams) with questions.



Wings of Hope



Lenten Offering & Easter Card Campaign

Your Lenten offerings this year will benefit Lucille Raines Residence in Indianapolis, which provides housing and hope for those recovering from addiction. Make a gift In honor, In memory, or In appreciation of a special person or group. Honorees will receive an Easter Card from St. Mark's acknowledging your gift and celebrating the Resurrection of Christ. Visit stmarkscarmel.org/wingsofhope to learn more and complete the form online.

Because You Give

Ascent 121: \$5810.00

Brightwood Community Center: 148 boxes of food given out at food pantry, serving over 500 individuals; 4 bags of donated pantry items

Fishers Youth Assistance Program - Snack Attack: 41 boxes of snacks

Fletcher Place Community Center: 85 meals served; 366 packets of oatmeal

Human Relations Day: \$197

Travel Size Toiletries for Homeless Shelters: 6 bags

Versiti Blood Center: 19 units of whole blood; 6 units double red cell

Kidz Church Sunday Programming

Check-in station & classes located in the Children's Wing

Nursery & Toddler Care | 8:15, 9:40, & 11 AM | Ages 6 weeks-3 years

Staffed by trained & experienced leaders, our nursery & toddler areas are here to care for our littlest members.

Current Kidz | 9:40 AM | Ages 4-Grade 4 | Lower Level Classrooms

This program opens with worship arts, followed by age-appropriate classes that include bible stories, games, and engaging activities.

Club 56 | 9:40 AM | Grades 5 & 6 | Lower Level Den

Club 56 is a class that celebrates the evolving young minds of tweens by weaving together biblical exploration, some theology, and relationship-building through activities, games, and lively discussions. Social gatherings for Club 56 take place throughout the year.

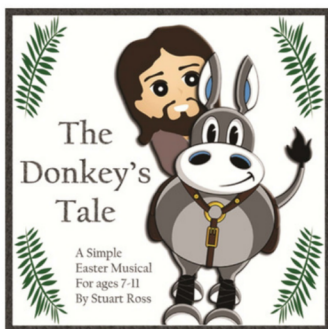
Harmonic Voices | 10:30-10:50 AM | Grades 3-8 | Upper Level

This music ensemble sings, plays handbells, and learns to create harmony. They share in worship and perform as part of special music events.

Kidz Music & Praise | 11:00 AM | Ages 4-Grade 4 | Upper Level

This high-energy program is an immersive experience that offers children the opportunity to explore the weekly bible story through singing, movement, instruments, drama, puppets, and more! This class also rehearses for seasonal musicals and shares their talents in worship services, programs, and special events.

Kidz Lenten Musical



March 24 | 1:30 PM

Kidz Music Presents "The Donkey's Tale" by Stuart Ross, telling the story of Palm Sunday and Easter in a unique way! Support over 20 children who have been practicing to bring this seasonal message to life! The presentation lasts roughly 20 minutes, leaving plenty of time to participate in the Rice Meal Food Pack. A grab-and-go treat will be available in the narthex following the performance.

Kidz Church Family Sunday



Easter Sunday, March 31 | All Services

Please check in children for Kidz Church as usual, then proceed to the sanctuary. Children will join the congregation for worship songs, Kidz Chat with the pastor, and then be dismissed to classes in the lower level (no classes at 8:15).



Register for 2024 Summer Camps

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

"I'm bored!" Is this a familiar summer chant in your household? While it is true boredom builds character and creativity, it is also great to have some structured plans for your summer break. Enter...summer camps at St. Mark's!

These are the most exciting and enriching weeks of the summer...your kids will not want to miss out! Volunteers are also needed for all camps. Sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/summercamps.



- **Club 56 Mission Camp: June 3-6**
 - 9AM-1PM
 - 5-6 Graders (incoming/outgoing)
- **Music Camps: June 17-21**
 - Puppet Camp: 9:30-11:30AM Age 4-Grade 3 (incoming/outgoing)
 - Drama Camp: 12-2:30PM Grades 1-4 (incoming/outgoing)
- **Vacation Bible Camp (VBS): July 8-12**
 - 9AM-12PM Campers Age 4-Grade 5 & Volunteers Grade 5-Adult



Family Pizza Party Sponsored by Kidz Music & Praise

April 21 | 12:00-1:00 PM

Join us in Wesley Hall for games, pizza, and fellowship! All family members are welcome. Please RSVP to Joyce Click, Children's Music Coordinator, jclick@stmarkscarmel.org.

MOMCo (formerly MOPS)

**Thursdays (2x/month)
9:30-11:15 AM**

Time out for moms with children of all ages! Come join with a group of women who just "get it" (and have a cup of coffee while it's still warm!). Our MOMCo group meets two Thursdays a month for fellowship and learning with children's programming available for infants (6+ mo.) and preschoolers. There are also monthly MOMCo Moms' Night Out events, family play dates, and child-free monthly coffee/brunch dates. Learn more at mopsatst.marks@gmail.com.
March Schedule

- March 7: Befriending Discomfort in Finances with Pat Moor
- March 21: Self Care vs. Soul Care



THE MOMCO
BY MOPS INTERNATIONAL



DINE TO DONATE

Tuesday, March 19 | 11 AM-9 PM
St. Mark's Preschool Dine-to-Donate Night at Arni's

Enjoy a day off from cooking and contribute to the church playground renovation at the same time! On Tuesday, March 19, dine at Arni's Restaurant, located at 4705 E. 96th Street in Carmel. Present a Dine-to-Donate flyer to your server at time of payment and the preschool receives 20% of the proceeds from your order. Flyers and details can be found at stmarkscarmel.org/preschoolevents.

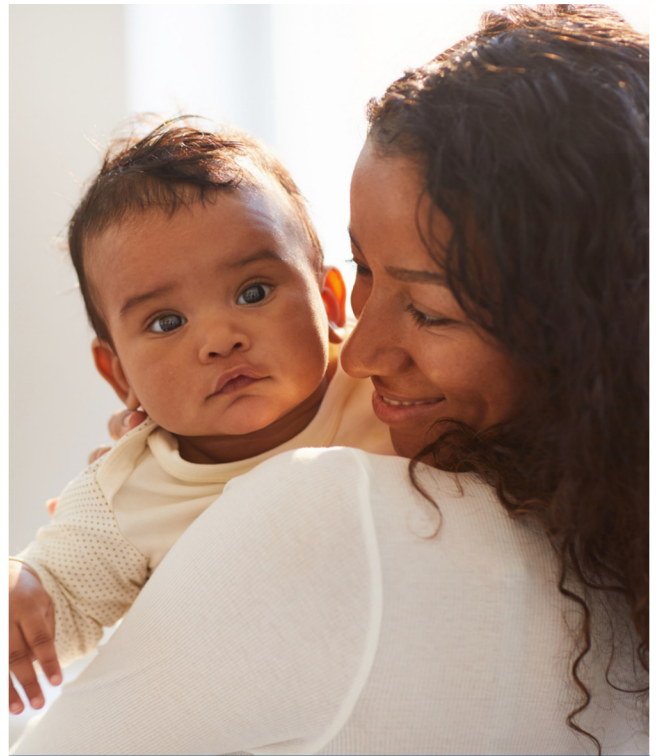
CLUB 56 LATE NIGHT



@ St. Mark's

March 23 | 6-9 PM
Any students in grades 5-6 are welcome to attend and bring friends!

Details at stmarkscarmel.org/club56.
Contact Don Broad with questions (dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org).



KIDZ MONTHLY MISSION

March | The O'Connor House

Each month, Children's Ministries strives to have children involved in giving to the church's monthly In-Kind Donations. March's mission is The O'Connor House in Carmel. This organization provides a Christian home to single, pregnant, homeless women.

Items needed at this time are:

- Clorox wipes/disinfectant wipes
- Liquid laundry detergent (Free & Clear or Dreft, please)
- Bath towel, hand towel and washcloth sets
- Baby shampoo & body wash

Though these items may not be exciting for children to help pick out at the store, we encourage you to use this month as a time to chat with your kids about how your family can help parents who are not able to provide all the necessities of life for their babies. Children may bring donations to the check-in station for Kidz Church. Thank you for encouraging your kids to be a part of giving!

Weekly Gatherings

Sunday Mornings

**Cornerstone AM | 9:40 to 10:30 am | Room M
 Middle School (grades 7-8)**

Led by Aaron Koenig and Dean Solesky, this class meets every week during the school year to share some fellowship, talk about our faith, and of course, eat donuts. On Communion Sundays (first Sunday of each month), the class attends worship together.



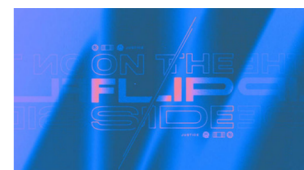
Cornerstone Sunday Worship | Any worship service High School (grades 9-12)

High School students are encouraged on Sunday mornings to attend worship with their family and/or friends.

Sunday Evenings

**Cornerstone Fellowship | 6:01-7:31 pm
 Cornerstone Commons
 Middle & High School (grades 7-12)**

Led by DKB, Cornerstone Fellowship is a time of games, snacks, devotions, discussions, fellowship, and surprises. You won't want to miss a week! Friends are always welcome to join us as well!



Monday Evening Small Group

**Remind Me Again | 7:00-8:00 pm | Mondays through 3/25
 Rowell's Home: 1938 Spruce Drive, Carmel
 High School (grades 9-12)**

Led by Jackie Rowell, and assisted by Pastor Karla and Don Broad (DKB), we will take a 6-week tour of artistic lyrics that remind us of who we are and what's possible together, based on the book "Remind Me Again" by Joe Davis, who is an award-winning spoken word artist. Contact Jackie Rowell, DKB or Pastor Karla for details.



Wednesday Evening Bible Study

**5:00-5:30 pm | Room N and Instagram Live
 High and Middle School (grades 7-12)**

Led by DKB. During the seven weeks of Lent, we will be taking a look at Jesus' last moves as He approached His sacrifice on the cross and ultimate victory over death on Easter morning. The study takes place on Instagram Live, but students are welcome to join DKB in Room N.



Thursday Evenings

**DKB@Starbucks | 5:00-7:00 pm
 Starbucks at Hazel Dell & Main Street
 Middle & High School (grades 7-12)**

Led by DKB. This is an opportunity for students (and parents) to grab a cup of coffee, discuss whatever is on your mind, get questions answered, or just simply hang out. Come spend some time with DKB!



Upcoming Events

Cornerstone Game Night!

March 3rd | 6:01-7:31 PM during Cornerstone Fellowship

7-12 graders are invited for an evening of board games, card games, Nine Square, Gaga Ball, snacks and prizes. Friends are welcome! No sign-up - just show up!



Club 56 Late Night

March 23rd | 6:00-9:00 PM

5-6 graders are welcome to attend and bring friends! Details at stmarkscarmel.org/club56. Contact DKB with questions. (dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org).



LEARN MORE & SIGN UP

For full descriptions and signups for all ongoing study groups, short-term studies, and Sunday classes, see

stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups.

For our Grow Groups, encouragement groups, and other support groups information, see

stmarkscarmel.org/grow-groups.

Books and paper signups are on the connection tables in the Gathering Area.

FOOLISH LOVE

Lenten Study: Foolish Love
Fridays, 2/23-3/29, no meeting 3/15 | 9:30-11 AM

Led by Pastor Karla Elliott and Jennifer Cloud-Buckner | Room B/C and Zoom | PDF study guides available

It's not too late to join our Lenten study, "Foolish Love: The Love that Transcends All Understanding," which digs into scripture for each week between Ash Wednesday (also Valentine's Day in 2024) and Easter (just before April Fools' Day). PDF study guides are available by email and in the Gathering Area. Childcare available with >72 hrs reservation. Go to stmarkscarmel.org/signups and find Adult Study Groups → "Sign Up for Childcare."



MAX LUCADO'S HELP IS HERE

Wednesdays, 3/20-4/24, no meeting 4/3 | 9:30-11 AM
Led by Lydia Fourman & Joan Dunn | Cornerstone Commons & Room J/K

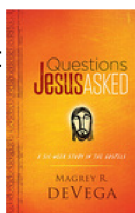
Sometimes life's chaos and heavy burdens are all too much to take on by ourselves, but pastor and author Max Lucado reminds us that we can find fresh strength and purpose in the Holy Spirit's power. Did you know the Bible makes more than 100 references to the Holy Spirit? Learn how God has commissioned the Holy Spirit to guide us down the winding roads of life, wherever they may lead us. Full books are \$14 and optional study guides are \$12.



QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

A Six-Week Study in the Gospels
Thursdays, 3/21, 4/11-5/9 10-11AM | Led by Judy Woempner | Room B/C and Zoom | Books \$14

What does Jesus want to know about us? Jesus was fond of asking questions, many of which cut right to the heart of what it means to be human. Why are you terrified? What do you live for? Who do you say that I am? In Questions Jesus Asked,

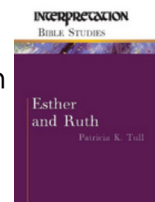


author Magrey deVega helps us gain a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives.

ESTHER AND RUTH

Interpretation Bible Studies
Wednesdays, 4/3-6/5
Early AM Men's Study, 6:30 AM-7:30 AM
Pastor's Bible Study, 9:30 AM-10:30 AM
Led by Pastor Brian White | Hybrid Room B-C and Zoom | Books \$15

Author Patricia Tull leads readers through the entire Old Testament books of Esther—with its stories of faithfulness, courage, and survival, and ethical questions posed by its ending—and Ruth, with its themes of community, loyalty, and friendship.



WIDOWS ENCOURAGEMENT GROUP

Our LIFT (Living Intentionally Forward Together) encouragement group for widows will meet March 5, 12:30pm at Sahn's in Fishers for lunch and planning. RSVP to Mary Etta Yoho so she can reserve a table. To connect with the LIFT group, sign up at stmarkscarmel.org/grow-groups or see Mary Etta.

Open Groups



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

The St. Mark's UWF theme for this year is Love in Action. There are so many ways that we can all put love into action. How are you going to put Love in Action?

Join us on March 12 at 9:30 AM and 7 PM for our regular gathering. Childcare is provided for AM meetings! Please register by the Thursday prior to the meeting to allow time to obtain staffing. Register for childcare at stmarkscarmel.org/signups.

Find out about all of the Interest Groups at stmarkscarmel.org/uwf.

Fundraising

Our next big event will be the Rummage Sale - Trinkets and Treasures. Start gathering your donations and save the date to help out the week of May 20.

Any questions?

Email uwf@stmarkscarmel.org

Read the latest monthly update, find out about fundraising and more on the St. Mark's United Women in Faith page at stmarkscarmel.org/uwf/.



United
Women
in Faith



UNITED METHODIST MEN

UMM provides a supportive fellowship of men who seek to know Jesus Christ, to grow spiritually, and to seek daily God's will. UMM has donated to many Missions. Some of the groups we donate to are: Family Promise, East 10th Methodist Youth Center, Fletcher Place, Habitat for Humanity, Wheeler Mission, Second Helpings and SAW.

UMM March Lenten Breakfast Rotation

There will be no UMM March meeting at St. Mark's due to the opportunity to visit other Hamilton County UMM church meetings during Lent. Each meeting includes a community guest speaker on a wide variety of topics.

Lenten breakfast | 7:30 am on Saturdays

Theme: "Answering the call when God has your number."

March 2 - Christ United Methodist Church in Westfield (318 Union St, Westfield)

March 9 - Sheridan United Methodist Church (207 E 2nd St, Sheridan)

March 16 - Cicero United Methodist Church (100 E Jackson St, Cicero)

March 23 - Fishers United Methodist Church (9691 E 116th St, Fishers)

**For those interested, informal car sharing can be accomplished by meeting in the St. Mark's parking lot a few minutes before 7am.

Find out more at

<https://stmarkscarmel.org/umm/>

Fellowship Groups

MARKSMEN

Select Thursdays at Starbucks at 116th and Keystone

The MarksMen is a community of career and family-focused men seeking to develop authentic and intentional relationships while we unplug from the daily stress and craziness that life can bring. Email marksmen@stmarkscarmel.org for more info

JULIETS

**Just Us Ladies Interested In Eating Together
March 21 |Lunch at 11:30**

Please make your reservations by the Monday before to Linda Schenk, lschenk@att.net or 812-454-0661. All women are invited to Grindstone on the Monon, 17470 Wheeler Rd., Westfield.

MENS BASKETBALL

Tuesdays | 7:00 PM

Join us every Tuesday for Open Gym Basketball for ages 16 and above. Contact Mark Moore, mvm2920@aol.com for more information.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Select Fridays

Join us as we prayerfully knit and crochet prayer shawls that will be used to provide comfort and solace to people in need. Supplies are available. Men are welcome too! Contact Judy Bonnet, bonnetjm@icloud.com for more information.



CRAFT GROUP

**Select Thursdays
March 28 |6:30-8:30 PM**

The Craft & Hobby group will meet Thursday, March 28. RSVP by 5:00 PM on March 26. Contact Kathy Bartel, 317-294-4908 or krbartel@gmail.com for more information.

PAGE TURNERS

**Book Club
Third Tuesdays**

Join us on the third Tuesday of each month to discuss our current book selection. Our March 19 book is *Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital* by Sheri Fink. Hope to see you there! Meets in Room G/H



PICKLEBALL

Join us Thursdays for Open Gym Pickleball.

All are welcome (16 and older). Contact Doug Brown, dthbrown@gmail.com, or Janet Brown, grandeyb@gmail.com for more information.



ROMEOS

**Retired Old Men Eating Out
Wednesdays | 11:00 AM
Le Peep | 86th & Keystone**

All men are invited to meet weekly at LePeep's. Contact Don Mehl for more information at djmehl2004@aol.com.

Committee News

Financial Matters

St. Mark's Finance Committee kicked off the new year with a review of the results of our 2023 church finances. We are pleased to report that we ended the year on a positive note, thanks to your continued belief that, at St. Mark's, "Mission is a Way of Life." The committee also agreed that starting this year we will provide regular updates to the congregation to keep you informed of our financial responsibility to that mission. Thank you again for prayerfully supporting St. Mark's and the missions we sponsor.

Trustees

At the January meeting, the trustees welcomed three new members to the Board. The new members are Katie Kelly, Scott Richards and Phil Wehman.

The repair work to the recently installed HVAC control panel has been completed and was covered under warranty.

The Board is working on several projects not yet completed, including investigating the feasibility of modifications to the kitchen and a roof repair project. The roof project is being covered, in part, by insurance.

SPRC Staff Spotlight on Jackie Rowell



How well do you know Jackie Rowell, our Children's Ministries Director? Take this short quiz to find out? I asked Jackie to pick what best suits her interests and personality. Can you get them all right?

1. Mountain Vacation or Ocean Vacation
2. Pizza or Steak
3. Watch a movie or Read a book
4. Ruoff Music Center or the Palladium
5. Cat Person or Dog Person
6. Snow Skiing or Whitewater Rafting

Jackie is celebrating her sixth anniversary with St. Mark's and has been on the Children's Ministry staff since September 2017; she became Director in the fall of 2022. Her main objective is to provide opportunities for children and their families to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus. Some of Jackie's tasks include preparing, overseeing, and leading Sunday programming as well as recruiting and training team members. She also plans and directs special children's events, such as Vacation Bible Camp (VBS). Jackie says her job allows her the privilege of sharing the love and acceptance of God with our youngest church members.

Jackie has been a member of St. Mark's since 2005. She enjoys all church activities involving children! She also loves playing flute in the St. Mark's Orchestra as well as playing a role in Holy Walk. When she's not working, she spends time with her family: husband, Ed; their two children, Sofia & Jacob; and their newest family addition, Scout, an adorable Pooton puppy! She enjoys reading, crocheting, golfing, and cooking. When you see Jackie, let her know you appreciate all she does for St. Mark's!

Answers to the quiz: 1) Mountain Vacation 2) Pizza 3) Read a book 4) Palladium (everyone should have gotten this one right!) 5) Dog Person 6) Snow Skiing

WHAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEED TO KNOW

Download your toolkit for getting things done. It's [Committee Member 101!](#)

Check out this document for an overview of how to: **Schedule a room at St. Mark's, Request A/V support for an event, NEW: Request publicity in any church publication or communication method, Use the connection tables, kitchen, or office equipment, Request office supplies, announcements, event childcare, and more!**

Do you have a question not covered in this document or need more details? Contact your committee chair or the church office at 317-846-4912.

Upcoming Events



Spectacular Spring Soiree March 2nd, 2-4:30 PM

Dads, grandpas, uncles etc, spend the afternoon with a special preschooler-4th grader for an afternoon of fun dancing, making crafts, enjoying treats and a photo booth!

\$15 per couple, \$5 each additional child - Tickets are non-refundable.

All proceeds support The MOMCo @ St. Mark's.



Dine to Donate
Tuesday, March 19
11AM-9PM
Arni's Pizza

Enjoy a day off from cooking and contribute to the church playground renovation at the same time! Present a flyer at time of payment and the preschool receives 20% of the proceeds. Flyers at stmarkscarmel.org/preschoolevents.

Children's Lenten Musical

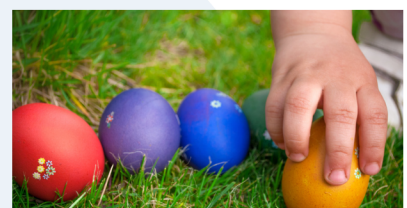


Sunday, March 24 | 1:30 PM

This year's Kidz Lenten Musical tells the story of Palm Sunday and Easter in a unique way! The presentation lasts roughly 20 minutes, leaving plenty of time to participate in the Rice Meal Food Pack at 2 PM. A grab-and-go treat will be available in the narthex at the end of the performance.

Easter Egg Hunt

Bring the whole family for an Easter egg hunt with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 23rd! The morning will start off with donuts at 10:00 AM. The egg hunt itself will begin at 11:00 AM in separate areas for each age. After the eggs are collected, children will then receive a treat bag and listen to a reading of the Easter story. It promises to be wonderful fun and all are welcome so invite your friends and neighbors! Sign up today! You may sign up online at stmarkscarmel.org/easteregg hunt or at church at the sign-up tables.



Breakthrough Prayer



God of new beginnings, as we rest in your presence, prepare room in our hearts for your holy breath. May your Spirit inspire our next steps in following your will. Amen.

God Moments

St. Mark's is a community that believes in God's power to break through with new and unexpected possibilities when we pray and seek God's direction for our church and in our own lives. As we pray our breakthrough prayer individually or together in worship and in small groups, what is God revealing to you? We want to celebrate together how you are hearing from God. Please share below:

- What God moments have you experienced recently?
- What next steps is God revealing?
- How have you experienced your faith in tangible ways this week?

Check one:

Private (share only with staff) Public (can be shared anonymously in publications)

Please return this form to church office or place in the box on Connection Table

To complete online please visit stmarkscarmel.org/breakthrough

COMMUNITY & CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Help Honor First Responders

Bakers Needed: Each month a St. Mark's volunteer delivers baked goods to the policemen at their headquarters and to firemen at Station #44. The volunteers can choose the month that works best for them and can deliver them any time during that month. If you are interested, please contact Jan Walsh at jow3441@sbcglobal.net or at 317-908-9935.

Sympathies

The family of Deirdre Robinson at the loss of her mother, Donna Hutton.

The family of Kathy Howe at the loss of her sister-in-law, Dee Dickey.

The family of John Stillwell at the loss of his sister, Joan Burton.

The family of Ron Corya at the loss of his wife, Sandra Corya.

Circle of Caring

The Circle of Care list includes St. Mark's members and friends who are homebound or in a care facility. Your prayers for these brothers and sisters in Christ mean so much to them and to their families.

Myrneth & Jean Anderson, Doris Carlow, Phyllis Delp, Phyllis Gidley, Carol Hollinger, Dorothy Mecca, Melvin & Marlene Myers, Jane Roberts, Jerry & Brenda Weikel

If you would like to be added to the Circle of Caring or know of someone, please contact the church office.

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