



ST. MARK
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PC(USA) · BALLWIN, MO

March 26 & 27
Worship Bulletin

ORDER OF WORSHIP

CENTERING PRAYER

Gracious God, seeker of the lost; draw your children back to your loving embrace, restore us to our inheritance as daughters and sons, and reconcile our hearts to you, that we may become ambassadors of your reconciling love to all the world. Through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

PRELUDE (Sunday Worship)

Hymn, Passacaglia and Chorale
on "Angel's Story"

Freudenburg (2002)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We are ambassadors for Christ.

God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation.

We gather as God's beloved family to worship God and offer our praise.

Let us join our hearts in song and in prayer.

† HYMN

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Hymnal #415

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we keep silent when we should speak. We see iniquity and the injustices of the world, yet are content not to call them out. We withhold kind words, yet are quick to speak in judgment. Forgive us, O God. Direct the way we should go and help us to use our voices to spread your grace and truth. (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

† **SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

† **GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal #581

TIME WITH CHILDREN (Sunday Worship)

(Children 5th grade and younger may leave to attend Sunday School)

SCRIPTURE

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON

"The Loving Father"

Rev. MP Panco

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† THE DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #606

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

† HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

Hymnal #649

† CHARGE AND BLESSING

† BENEDICTION

(Sunday Worship)

"Shalom, chaverim"

See below

POSTLUDE (Sunday Worship)

Diapason Movement

Aleock (1715-1806)

† You are invited to stand, as you are able

Shalom, chaverim

Hebrew Blessing

Sh - lom, cha-ver-rim! Sha - lom, cha-ve-rim! Sha - lom, sha - lom!
 Le - hit - ra - ot, le - hit - ra - ot, sha - lom, sha - lom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 30** Reclaiming Sabbath, 6-7 pm
- April 2** Troop 631 Lawn Mower Tune Up, 9 am-3 pm
- April 6** Reclaiming Sabbath, 6-7 pm
- April 9** Children's Musical, 5 pm
- April 9** Bunco, 6-9 pm
- April 10** Jerusalem Festival, 11 am-12 pm
- April 12** Go Getter Luncheon, 12 pm
- April 16** Bunny Breakfast, 10 am-12 pm

WELCOME TO ST MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

We are pleased to have you join us this morning. Your presence enriches both us and this experience of worship together. It is our prayer this will be a time of challenge and encouragement. Wherever you may be on your faith journey, there is a place for you to participate in our life together here at St. Mark.

To Our Guests. We hope you enjoy your visit today. Whether this is your first visit, or you have been coming to St. Mark and are considering joining the church and you would like to know more about St. Mark, we would be happy to talk with you. For more information, please contact the church office, 636-394-2233.

Please wear your NAMETAG at church. Don't have one? Stop by the church office where you will find a form to fill out in the "Name Badge" mailbox.

Listening devices are also available and may be picked up from the sound technician in the booth at the back of the sanctuary.

April/May/June *These Days* devotional booklets are in the lobby at the 'Mark' entrance.

Please be aware that, as St. Mark works to increase safety and security, all doors to the building are locked Sunday morning once worship has begun. Those who arrive late should approach the 'Mark' door and will be admitted by a member of the Security Team.

Flowers for the Sanctuary are donated by Jean Steward "In celebration of Granddaughter's 18th birthday."



St. Mark will continue our tradition of using lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. We encourage you to order one or more lilies to brighten your home or to be delivered to a homebound member as a tangible reminder of their spiritual connection to St Mark. Order forms can be found by the flower chart on the easel in the Narthex. The cost is \$8.50 per plant. A portion of this year's Easter lily cost will go to our mission partners. If you have any questions, contact Kay Merz.

WAYS TO GIVE

If you would like to make a monetary donation to St. Mark, we have several convenient and easy ways to do this:

In-person: An offering plate is available in the Narthex after the worship service.

Mail: Please make check out to
St. Mark Presbyterian Church and send to:
St. Mark Presbyterian Church
601 Claymont Drive
Ballwin, MO 63011

Online: To donate, use the **QR Code** here to be directed to our giving page on discoverstmark.org, **OR** go to:



[www.discoverstmark.org/
giving/make-an-on-line-
donation-to-st-mark/](http://www.discoverstmark.org/giving/make-an-on-line-donation-to-st-mark/)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Presbyterian Hunger Program

The Presbyterian Hunger Program's mission is clear: alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes. There is no one size fits all solution. PHP, using a holistic approach to the larger problem of poverty and hunger, complements the work of Presbyterian congregations through strategic partnership collaborations, and participatory programs so that Presbyterians Go, Join, and Act to end hunger for our neighbors next door and across the planet.

-Over 1,388 chicken, pigs, rabbits, goats shared with families

-453 beehives in communities around the world

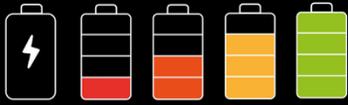
-63,500 seedlings and over 63,000 kilograms of seeds distributed

-More than 42 farms created around the world

St. Mark participates in the One Great Hour of Sharing and also is a Certified Hunger Action Congregation, working within our community through Isaiah 58 and Circle of Concern to address the food needs of residents.

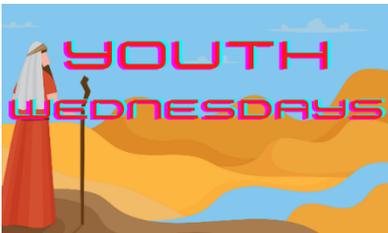
Reclaiming Sabbath

March 30, 6-7 PM



Do you feel like there are never enough hours in the day? Are you threadbare and running on empty? Do you long for rest, recovery, and renewal? Pastor Dave is leading a two-week class on **RECLAIMING SABBATH** in our lives. God created human beings not only to work but also to rest. When we allow ourselves to take a break, we discover holy ground all around us. We will also discuss Pastor Dave's three-month sabbatical plans for the summer of 2023 and ways for the church to thrive during this time. The first meeting is **Wednesday, March 30 from 6:00-7:00 PM**, and everyone is invited. Please contact Pastor Dave with any questions.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

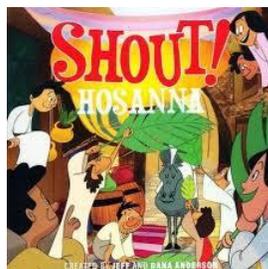


Youth will not meet on Wednesday, March 30. Youth Hangout will resume on Wednesday, April 6.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

DON'T MISS THE CHILDREN'S MUSICAL!

Saturday, April 9, during 5pm worship service in the Sanctuary!



CHILDREN'S LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE

St. Mark children are challenging the congregation to support the Lenten Water Challenge. There is a "well" in the Narthex for the children of the congregation to donate their coins which will be added to donations made by the church members.



EASTER CONNECT STARTS THIS SUNDAY!

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, we want to help your family be intentional in connecting

with each other and with God's big story of redemption, from Exodus to Easter. This resource will give your family an at-home opportunity to dive into God's Word through hands-on activities, games, and conversations.

In the next five weeks, you will hear a story from the Bible in the God's Big Story Videos and then participate in a variety of activities to help your family connect with each other and with the story. To access the five episodes with Bible stories and activities, go to <https://davidccook.org/connected-easter-family-dashboard/>.



APRIL 10, 11 am-12 pm

Come and experience a 1st century Jerusalem marketplace! Visit a Jewish temple, shop in the local market, visit the petting zoo, and more! If you would like to help by donating food items for our festival, please visit the Welcome Center, pick up a food card item and return by the date on the back of the card.



Come join us on April 16th for our annual Bunny Breakfast (outdoor) with Daylight Doughnuts, four separate Easter egg hunts, games, prizes, and a picture opportunity with Peter Cottontail! The event starts at 10 am. Easter egg hunts will take place as follows: 3 & under at 10:30 am, PreK & K at 10:50 am, 1st & 2nd grade at 11:10 am, all ages at 11:30 am.



VBS - JULY 18-20 SAVE THE DATE!

Go to discoverstmark.org to register for a Splash'n Good Time!!

MISSION AT ST. MARK

ADULT MISSION TRIP

JULY 9-16, SPIRIT LAKE, NORTH DAKOTA

Mission trip activities include light construction and summer day camp support. Contact Joyce Blackwell if you are interested in participating.



FOOD PANTRY MOST WANTED

During March, we are collecting the following items for Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58:



- Boxed Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly or Jam
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Sardines



Please place your donations on the table in the pastors' hallway. You may also write a check indicating the mission partner(s) on the memo line.

LENTEN WATER CHALLENGE



You are encouraged to drink only clean tap water for the 40 days of Lent. Giving up the morning trip to Starbucks or the evening glass of wine might be a tall task for some, but the money we save each day can be used to support Marion Medical Mission in building more wells in Africa. We are blessed to have clean water in our community, and this challenge helps us to understand the needs of those who have less, and support groups who are working to provide living water for all God's children.

ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



PW is collecting baby items for Newborns in Need during the month of **April**. Donations of new and gently used clothing items (sizes up to 6 months), blankets, wipes, and diapers are especially needed. Donated items may be placed in the Pac n Play in the Narthex in **April**. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Checks may be mailed to Newborns in Need c/o Judy Giovanoni, 461 Bluff Meadow Dr., Ellisville, MO 63021. Please contact Shirley Boeker or Louise Grothe for more information.



**Saturday, April 9
6:00 - 9:00 PM**

The fun starts rolling at 6 pm in the narthex! No experience necessary, you can learn everything you need to know while playing! Please bring an appetizer to share, your own beverages (soda, wine, beer) and some friends! There will be prizes and lots of fun!!



Go Getters April Luncheon

The April Go Getters luncheon will be on
April 12 at The Hearth Room, 12pm.
(265 Lamp & Lantern Village, Chesterfield)

Please let Judy Richardson or Jan Graves know of your plan to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

CIRCLE OF CONCERN 16TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Volunteers are needed for May 23 and are welcome to work a morning, afternoon or all-day shift. No golf experience is needed. Training will be available at St. Mark prior to the event. Help is needed on the day of the event with:

- registering golfers
- collecting contest funds
- handing out breakfast sandwiches & hot dogs
- beverage distribution
- hole-in-one monitors
- clubhouse setup
- volunteer relief

Small tents will be set up for sun protection for those working outside, along with plenty of volunteer relief. Contact Bob Stewart for more information.

Presented By
Orthopedic Specialists

Circle of Concern Golf Tournament

Save the Date - Monday, May 23 at
Aberdeen Golf Club in Eureka

16th Annual

Hosted by St. Mark Presbyterian Church
Benefiting the programs of Circle of Concern

Call Bob Stewart for info

Volunteers Needed!
You don't have to be a golfer. Join us on the course for a half day or whole day.

GET READY FOR SPRING and let Boy Scout Troop 631 tune up your lawnmower!

TRUMP
631

When: Saturday, April 2nd from
9AM—3PM

Where: Parking Lot of Rick's Ace
Hardware—Ellisville, (15870 Clayton
Road at the Intersection of Clayton and Clarkson)

Cost: FREE! (Donations Gladly Accepted)

Services Included: Oil change, spark plug service (cleaning, re-gapping; replacement if necessary), air filter service (cleaning, replacement if necessary), blade sharpening, mower deck cleaning. Walk behind mowers only (no riders or zero-turns). Mower must start at the time of check-in.

All proceeds to offset the cost of summer camp.



JOIN US FOR THE MOUND RIDGE ANNUAL SPRING FUNDRAISER!

Saturday, April 9th from 12 pm to 3 pm at Maison Du Lac - 2603 Wild Plum Valley Road, Catawissa, MO 63069. Tickets are \$60 per person, which includes lunch.

All proceeds of this fundraiser will go towards Mound Ridge's mission to provide a "discounted or cost free" camp experience to over 180 underserved children. Go to <https://moundridge.org/> to learn more.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. J. David Burgess
Associate Pastor: Rev. MP Panco
Dir. of Children's Ministry: Latisha Gilliland
Dir. of Claymont Preschool: Lynne Dauve



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Dir. of Music and Organist: Marsha Medley
Saturday Musician: Mark Reyneso
Sunday Choir Accompanist: Jee-Hye Lee
Sunday Liturgist: Declan Phipps
Sunday Special Music: Chancel Choir, Lisa Marsh, Emily Pankratz, & Drew Davis