



# The Messenger

## Time for Revival

“Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?” (Psalm 85:6, NRSV.)

We just completed our five-week journey through the Book of James. Our last service focused on the wonderful truth that God’s love and reconciliation covers a multitude of sins. I employed the image of a parachute of protection and a colorful canvas of community. Under its shade, God will bring us all safely home together. I love the parachute imagery, but for those who prefer to remain on terra firma, the imagery of tents is also appropriate.

Our family traveled a lot when I was younger, but we rarely camped out. Most of our adventures under the stars occurred at church outings. We did spend plenty of nights beneath tents in the 1970s

and 1980s, but these were summer revival meetings. Every year a guest evangelist would come to town with a suitcase filled with fire and brimstone and preach on successive evenings. The nights were very uncomfortable, and it had nothing to do with the July heat and humidity.

Revival is something we all crave, but can we attain it without sulfur-laced sermons? Put another way, can we change without having the “hell scared out of us?” I decided early in my ministry that I would rather preach faith than fear, proclaim hope over hell, and promote love rather than rely on manipulation. God offers us the greatest gift and only asks that we accept it in humility and joy. Revival means remembering what God has done for us in the past and renewing our commitment to follow the Lord in the future.

The world’s foremost authority on the subject of revivals and awakenings was Dr. J. Edwin Orr. In the early 1970s when Dr. Orr was presenting a series of lectures on revival at Columbia Bible College, a student approached him. “Dr. Orr,” said the student, “besides praying for revival to occur, what can I do to help bring it about?” Without a moment’s pause, Dr. Orr glanced at the student and replied, “You can let it begin with you.”

May this be our prayer all month long: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit” (Psalm 51:10-12, NRSV.)

In Hope and Confidence,  
Pastor Dave

## SESSION SNIPPETS

Session discussed how things are currently working and how they will move forward, being ever mindful of the impact of Covid. Worship, and many programs and meetings have resumed-- some virtually, some hybrid, and some in-person, following the established protocols.

As usual at this time of the year, it is time for budget planning, the Stewardship Drive is coming, and staff performance evaluations are in progress.

Preschool enrollment is at 60 and the program is self-sustaining. Kudos to Lynne Dauve and her staff for all their efforts to sustain the program through these difficult months.

Our congregation continues to be faithful in the financial support of St. Mark. That commitment allows St. Mark to continue programs and staffing. Many thanks.

Plans for Youth activities are ramping up and next summer there are two mission trips on the calendar--one to North Dakota and one to Tennessee—plus Triennium. Make plans to participate!

A new sign at the street will be installed soon. It will meet the code requirements for being placed within a neighborhood and will enhance our street presence.

A Membership Exploration Class is happening for new members and long-time members who want a “booster shot” of what it means to be Presbyterian. And the beat goes on at St. Mark! Stay tuned for details. Get involved, participate, and celebrate our community and sharing Christ’s message and joy.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Pastor MP as we celebrate the news of her acceptance into the 2022 Doctor of Ministry Cohort at The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Studies begin in January 2022. The first on-campus intensive unit will be in May 2022.

We wish her all the best in this pursuit and will support her as she takes this path.

## GIVING TO ST. MARK

We have shared a variety of ideas over the past year on how to make gifts to St. Mark. We hope we have given you some insights on the different ways to give and what may be most appropriate for your giving. On behalf of the Finance Committee and all the members of St. Mark, your continued support is greatly appreciated.

On the last page of the Messenger you will find a form that lists the various topics we have covered over the past year. Please review these topics and let us know if you are interested in

**CONFIDENTIALLY** receiving more details to understand how you may continue to support St. Mark. You may complete the form and drop it off at the church office or email it to the church office at [smpoffice@discoverstmark.org](mailto:smpoffice@discoverstmark.org). Someone from the Finance Committee will confidentially contact you.

For further information or questions, please contact the St. Mark Finance Committee: Glenn Knopf, chair; Brian Sprague, Scott Collier, Carl Tenpas, Mark Caplinger, Hugh Smith, Cay Noble, and Joyce Blackwell.

Stay tuned in November for our next topic

The **November Messenger** will be published Friday, November 5. Please submit items for the November Messenger by **Wednesday, October 20!**

## CAREGIVING COMMITTEE

The caregiving committee oversees and cares for St. Mark members and friends in need by:

- Ministering to those experiencing grief
- Praying for those requesting prayers
- Coordinating meals
- Assisting at memorial services
- Mailing greeting cards
- Sending care packages to college students
- Preparing and delivering flowers & seasonal gifts to the home bound
- AND more!

For more information about the Caregiving Committee or to make us aware of any needs, please contact: Christy Brewer or the church office.



**October 17, 2021**



Join us from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm for food, fellowship, and fun for the entire family. Our annual autumn block party is open to all and includes the following FREE activities:

- Inflatable Jungle Maze
- St. Marktoberfest Root Biergarten
- Caricature Artists
- Balloon Twisters
- Cake Walk
- Games, Games, Games
- Great food & More!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school for children PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade takes place during Sunday worship, immediately following the Children's Message.

### NURSERY

Nursery Care, for ages 0 - 2yrs, is available Sunday mornings from 9:45 – 11:00 am.

### CHILDREN'S WEDNESDAYS

Join us for PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grade activities and curriculum-based programs every Wednesday from 5:00 – 6:00 pm!

#### Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to teach Sunday School & work in the Nursery. Please contact Latish Gilliland at [lgilliland@discoverstmark.org](mailto:lgilliland@discoverstmark.org) if interested!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH

### YOUTH WEDNESDAYS

Youth meet weekly in person to have fun, fellowship, and faith experiences. Did I forget to say SNACKS?!?!?! Snacks too! Join us Wednesdays from 6-7pm in the youth room!



#### October 17<sup>th</sup>

Youth will be leading us in worship. Come and support St. mark young leaders in this wonderful day of worship!

Note: There will be no Saturday service on the 16<sup>th</sup> as all members are invited and encouraged to attend Sunday in support of our young leaders.



## YOUTH LOOKING AHEAD...



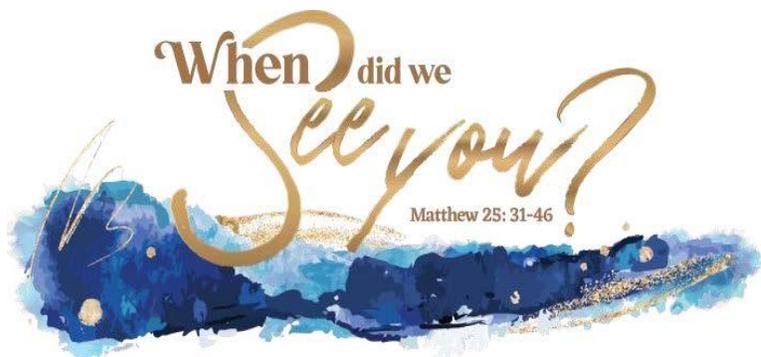
Tillis Park, November 21, 7:30 pm

Youth and their families are invited to meet at Tillis Park, November 21st, to walk through the Christmas Winter Wonderland.

Tickets are \$5 each and are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. admission.

Contact pastor MP at [youth@discoverstmark.org](mailto:youth@discoverstmark.org) asap as tickets are limited.

## TRIENNIUM



PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2022

July 24-27 • Indianapolis, IN

Triennium only happens every three years and it is impossible to overstate how awesome it is. Next summer is already underway and we don't want you to miss out!

**What:** PCUSA Youth Triennium

**When:** July 24-27, 2022

**Cost:** TBD (in 2019 cost per student was \$212)

**For more information:**

Contact Pastor MP [mpanco@discoverstmark.org](mailto:mpanco@discoverstmark.org)

## MISSION TRIP



**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

## MISSION AT ST. MARK

### OCTOBER CIRCLE OF CONCERN AND ISAIAH 58 MINISTRIES MOST WANTED

The most vulnerable in our region continue to struggle with food insecurity and affording basic needs. Please bring your donations to St. Mark during office hours or worship. You may also write a check with "Mission: Food Pantry" on the memo line to be distributed to our food pantry mission partners to purchase their most critical needs.

#### Circle of Concern and Isaiah 58 Ministries



- dinner "helpers"
- canned pasta
- coffee
- dish soap
- laundry detergent



## THE WEATHER IS CHANGING – IT'S COAT DRIVE TIME!



**Gently worn coats should be clean and wearable.**

During October, new and “like new” coats will be collected for distribution by Third Pres and Isaiah 58 Ministries. As you transition your closet from summer to cooler weather, please consider donating any extra coats. Sales have arrived at many stores! You may also write a check with “Mission: Coat Drive” on the memo line for St. Mark volunteers to purchase coats at discount stores. Clean and good condition coats only please. Please bring your donations to St. Mark during office hours or worship to be placed in the “Coat Drive” boxes.

### A NOTE OF THANKS...

In 2020, despite the pandemic and economic crises in our communities, Presbyterian Children’s Homes and Services actually grew its reach to serve even more children and families in need. Thanks to the generous support of our friends and faith families, we were able to serve some 4,500 children and families without any disruption of services.

Despite the storm that rocked us all, you held fast to a mission of caring for those most in need...and all of us at PCHAS are deeply grateful.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR OVERSEE EBAY SALES

Over the past few years, J Morgan has been selling items on Ebay for the church. Thank you to her and to all who contributed items to sell and packing materials. We have earned over \$10,000 for missions and recycled a lot of packing supplies.

J. Morgan is ready to pass this job on to another volunteer. As of November 1st, she will not be accepting items to sell for St. Mark or packing supplies. The Mission Committee is actively seeking another person to take over this project. If interested, please contact the church for more details.

### Save the Date!

October

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Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.  
(after Book Club)  
Presbyterian Women’s  
**Fall Outing**  
It will be a tasty event!  
More information soon!

Join us for a luncheon event  
benefiting the children of PCHAS



Presbyterian Children’s  
Homes and Services

Thursday  
November 11, 2021

Event Starts at:  
12:00 pm (Central Time)

Algonquin Golf Club  
340 N. Berry Rd.  
St. Louis, MO 63122

Kindly RSVP  
by contacting your table host or:

Debra Paulus  
314.941.2875 | debra.paulus@pchas.org

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## HELP US CELEBRATE!

Let’s celebrate Pastor MP’s 2nd Anniversary at St. Mark with some pie on Sunday, October 24th! The Fellowship Committee will be baking pies to share with our church family after the 10 am service. Please plan to gather outside to wish Pastor MP a Happy Anniversary with a fist bump, a slice of homemade pie and a cup of coffee! Hope to see you all after church on the 24th!

## NEED TRANSPORTATION TO WORSHIP SERVICES?



The Deacon sponsored Transportation Committee coordinates rides for church members and others who are unable to drive themselves through use of the church bus equipped with wheelchair

lift and personal vehicles. It is a blessing to have the church bus and to be able to offer transportation to members who can no longer drive themselves. For additional information you may contact any Deacon or Bob Stewart.

## 2022 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE – NEW SESSION DATES

The Directory Committee has been successful in scheduling two earlier dates for your photography sessions since many of you have planned to be out of town during Thanksgiving week. It is important to us that everyone who wants their portraits taken can be accommodated. As St. Mark approaches its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, it is certainly timely that we will be producing a new pictorial directory with Universal Church Directories. There will be no cost to have your photograph taken and for participating you will receive a complimentary 8” x 10” portrait and pictorial directory. Also, you may purchase additional portraits and if you schedule your session by December 4<sup>th</sup>, you will receive your portraits in time for Christmas. Members who will be out of town on these dates can have their photography done at a nearby church.

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### Scheduling A Photography Session

You may schedule your photography session beginning the weekend of October 10th either online, by phone or in person.

**Online (Monday-Friday):** [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) Church Code: mo131 Password: photos

**Phone (Monday-Friday):** (888) 742-5823

**In Person: Before and After Sunday’s 10:00 service in the Narthex and before and after Saturday evening’s service outside of Fellowship Hall.**

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### Photography Session Dates & Times

Friday, Nov. 5, 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 6, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Wednesday, Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 26, 2:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturday, Nov. 27, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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For questions, please contact Doris Martin (636) 537-0742 or [dmintdesign@aol.com](mailto:dmintdesign@aol.com). Our 2022 church directory will not be complete without you. Thank you so much for participating!

## **CHARITABLE GIVING TO ST. MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Simply place an **X** beside any topics of interest and either drop off at the church office or email to the church office at [SMPOffice@DiscoverStMark.org](mailto:SMPOffice@DiscoverStMark.org). Someone from the Finance Committee will confidentially contact you.

Please provide me more information on the following topic(s):

\_\_\_    Outright Financial Gifts, December 2020 newsletter

\_\_\_    IRAs-QCD (Qualified Charitable Deduction), January 2021 and July 2021

\_\_\_    Donor Advised Funds (DAFs), February 2021

\_\_\_    Wills, Trusts, and Beneficiary Designations, March 2021

\_\_\_    Charitable Trusts, April 2021

\_\_\_    Life Insurance, May 2021

\_\_\_    Outright Gifts of Appreciated Securities, June 2021

\_\_\_    St. Mark Endowment Fund, August 2021

\_\_\_    Real Estate, September 2021

Please contact me.

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Church Member

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Phone number(s)