



april 2019

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the monthly newsletter of St. Mark's United Methodist Church

LENT AND HOLY WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Palm Sunday
April 14, 10:30am

Parade of Palms
with Children (and the young at heart),
plus special music.
Rev. Mary Beth Morgan, preaching

*Maundy Thursday
April 18, 7:00pm

We gather around tables
and enter into the story of the Last Supper
with word, music and the Celebration of Communion.
Rev. Mary Beth Morgan, preaching

*Good Friday
April 19, 7:00pm

A contemplative service of word, music and reflections
Chancel and Bell Choirs and music from the Taizé tradition.
Rev. Jimmy Moore and others

**Easter Sunday
April 21, 8:30am & 10:30am

We celebrate the joy of Easter morning
with Brass, the Chancel and Bell Choirs,
and congregational singing,
including "Hallelujah" from Messiah.
Rev. Jimmy Moore, preaching

*Please contact the church office for childcare
for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services.

**There will be Infant and Toddler childcare available for both Easter Services,
as well as Sunday School for all children and youth at 10:30am.



announcements

AN UPDATE FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Members of the St. Mark's Stewardship Team and Finance Committee seek to keep you aware of our church's financial situation. We are grateful that you so faithfully support the inspiring and welcoming worship and ministry, an inclusive and thoughtful approach to Christian education, and the compassionate care and mission ministries we seek to embody. We also appreciate your feedback and request for timely reporting and transparency, and we are happy to share this information with you. In this statement, you can see a summary of the 2018 year-end report, and the budget for 2019. The 2019 budget was prepared by our Finance Committee and was adopted by Leadership Council on Monday, March 25. You are welcome to contact the church Finance Office at any time for additional information. Thank you for your deep faith, generosity and commitment to St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Revenue and Expense Statement

	Jan 1, 2018 to Dec 31, 2018		2019
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Budgeted Revenues			
Pledges and Offerings	\$635,024.00	\$610,700.00	\$635,600.00
Designated Offerings	22,564.00	33,200.00	12,909.00
Other Revenues	35,115.00	35,400.00	50,456.00
Total Budgeted Revenues	\$692,703.00	\$679,300.00	\$698,965.00
Budgeted Expenses			
Ministry	\$40,191.00	\$39,940.00	\$39,909.00
Personnel	439,127.00	460,366.00	469,573.00
Trustees	123,621.00	119,465.00	133,780.00
Administration	56,688.00	47,634.00	47,970.00
Connectional Giving	39,789.00	37,817.00	40,000.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$699,416.00	\$705,222.00	\$731,232.00
Budgeted Revenue/(Expense)	\$(6,713.00)	\$(25,922.00)	\$(32,267.00)

* These figures exclude the Nursery School which follows a different fiscal year.



THROUGH SUNDAY, APRIL 7 ORDER EASTER FLOWERS TO DECORATE THE SANCTUARY

Final opportunity to place orders for Easter flowers for this year!

Order forms are available now. Please note the ordering deadline of Sunday, April 7. The flowers you order will decorate the Sanctuary for Easter morning, and you can take them home with you after worship. The bulbs can be planted around your home in the fall and provide colorful blossoms next spring. Flowers may be given in honor, memory or celebration of someone dear. Place orders via the link on the church website, or use order forms located at the Welcome Desk in Garton Hall. Please make checks payable to "St. Mark's UMC" and write "Easter flowers" in the memo line. You may mail or bring your order and payment to the church office, or place them in the Sunday morning offering basket.

MONDAY–THURSDAY, JUNE 17–20, 9:30AM–NOON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019: "LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR" REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Jesus commanded us to "Love your neighbor"; but, who are our neighbors and how exactly do we show love to those we know, those we differ from or those we don't know? We will have fun exploring all of these questions and so much more!

Each day, children 3 years through grade 6 will explore these themes through story, song, art, play, service opportunities and more. All activities will be age-appropriate and fun! The week will culminate in a special VBS worship service Sunday morning, June 23, at 10:30am. There are also special events being planned.

Volunteers make VBS possible each year! Youth (rising 7th-12th graders) are invited to volunteer in areas of interest. Adult volunteers are needed in all areas, and make it possible to provide this program free of charge for all children. (Adult volunteers will have access to childcare for their children 2 years and younger).

Invite friends and neighbors. All are welcome! Participant registration and volunteer forms are available outside Alayna Gray's office in Garton Hall, or via the link on the church website (www.smumc.church) for online registration. For more information, contact Alayna at stmarksdc@gmail.com or call her at 812-332-5788.

april events

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 7,**

**10:30AM
WORSHIP**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

All 3rd & 4th graders, and all other older children/youth, have been invited to be presented with a Bible from St. Mark's on Sunday, April 7, in worship. This is a special experience for our children, families, and church community. If your child/youth would like to receive a Bible, but unable to be present on April 7, please contact Mary Beth or Alayna Gray.

**SUNDAY,
APRIL 7,**

**FOLLOWING
10:30AM
WORSHIP**

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP SOUP LUNCH!

Support Operation Friendship and enjoy a bowl of soup after Worship or place a pre-order and take lunch home with you. Choose from a variety of delicious soups, grilled cheese sandwiches, and baked goods. All eat-in orders include a roll and drink. Carry-out meals can be pre-ordered. Pre-order forms are available at the Welcome Desk. Please give your completed order form to the Operation Friendship Bake Sale table. Then, pick up your order at the kitchen on Sunday, April 7 after worship. Operation Friendship (OF) is a travel exchange program for youth with which St Mark's has participated for generations.

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 13,**

**7:30AM: COFFEE;
8:00AM: BREAKFAST**

BLOOMINGTON AREA UMC CHURCHES: LENTEN MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST AT GREENE COUNTY CHAPEL UMC

Men, make your plans to join with men from other local United Methodist churches for the last Lenten Prayer Breakfast for this year. This final 2019 breakfast will be held at Greene County Chapel UMC.

**PALM SUNDAY,
APRIL 14,**

**10:30AM
SANCTUARY
WORSHIP**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Children and Youth are welcome to be part of worship leadership any Sunday. They are especially invited, this month, on Palm Sunday, April 14. Children and youth are invited to serve by greeting/handing out bulletins, lighting candles (acolyte), drawing a picture for the bulletin cover, reading scripture, leading a prayer, sharing a musical or artistic talent, helping the ushers, etc. All are invited to be part of the Parade of Palms early in the worship service. Please contact Mary Beth Morgan if your child(ren)/youth would like to participate in worship leadership and which role(s) are of interest. Thank you!

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BLOOMINGTON CHAMBER SINGERS: POULENC: STABAT MATER AND DURUFLÉ: REQUIEM

SATURDAY,
APRIL 13,
7:30PM

ST. MARK'S
SANCTUARY

Bloomington Chamber Singers will present two of the great French choral-orchestral works of the 20th century: Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, op. 9, and Francis Poulenc's Stabat Mater, FP 148. Conducted by music director Gerald Sousa, the concert will take place at 7:30 pm at St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

The Requiem, Duruflé's longest and most substantial work, was composed in 1947 at the end of World War II. Like Fauré's Requiem, the work focuses not on hell and damnation, but instead on images of consolation in the face of loss. The chants of the Roman Catholic Missa pro defunctis (Requiem Mass) form the melodic basis of the work, ancient melodies enriched by gentle harmonies and tender orchestral colors. Duruflé explains: "This Requiem is not an ethereal work which sings of detachment from human concerns. It reflects, in the unchanging form of Christian prayer, the anguish of man faced with the mystery of his final end."

Poulenc's Stabat Mater was composed in 1950 in response to the death of his friend, the artist Christian Bérard. Poulenc selected as his text the Stabat Mater, an ancient Latin hymn that reflects on Mary's sorrow as she witnessed the Crucifixion. The piece, scored for soprano solo, mixed chorus, and orchestra, premiered in 1951 at the Strasbourg Festival. The Stabat Mater was well received throughout Europe; in the United States it won the New York Critics' Circle Award for Best Choral Work of the year. Poulenc considered it his finest composition.

Tickets: \$20 General Admission, \$5 Students with ID, free for ages 18 and under; available at the door or on www.chambersingers.info.

PALM SUNDAY,
APRIL 14,

10:30AM
SANCTUARY
WORSHIP

THIRD ANNUAL INVITATION TO "SIT SOMEWHERE ELSE SUNDAY"

Consider sitting somewhere other than your regular seat on Palm Sunday. This is an invitation to gain a new perspective by sitting in a different place in the sanctuary and, perhaps, meeting a new friend, or reconnecting with someone.

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SUNDAY,
APRIL 14,
1:05PM

IU
BART KAUFMAN
BASEBALL FIELD

LET'S GO OUT TO THE BALLGAME! IU BASEBALL "FAITH AND FAMILY DAY" (TICKET RESERVATIONS DUE BY 10AM ON APRIL 12)

After Palm Sunday worship, Let's Go Out to the Ballgame! It is Indiana Baseball "Faith and Family Day." Tickets are only \$2 (with ages 2 and under "free"). There is also an option to purchase a \$5 food voucher that will be valid for 1 drink and 1 entree. St. Mark's will be recognized on the video board. If you wish to attend, please sign up in Garton Hall or contact Mary Beth Morgan or the church office. We need to turn in our group number on Friday afternoon, April 12.

FRIDAY-
SATURDAY,
APRIL 26-27,

6:00PM-9:00AM

SPRING YOUTH LOCK-IN!

It's lock-in time! Youth in 7th – 12th grades are welcome to join us for a Spring lock-in! We will have a variety of fun games, activities and a time for faith reflection. Youth are welcome to join us late or leave early, but need to do so by 10:30PM when the doors lock. Dinner and snacks will be provided. Breakfast will also be served Saturday morning at 8:30 AM when youth can be picked up. Friends are also welcome; however, each participating youth must have a Liability Form signed by a parent or guardian. For this event, it is imperative to RSVP for planning purposes. RSVP to Rodney Long, Director of Youth Ministries by calling the church office, through email (rodneylong@smumc.church) or by visiting the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3h9xp4n>

SATURDAY,
APRIL 27,
7:00PM
&
SUNDAY,
APRIL 28,
3:00PM

QUARRYLAND MEN'S CHORUS SPRING CONCERT: ST. MARK'S SANCTUARY

The Quarryland Men's Chorus (QMC) will present their Spring concert here at St. Mark's on Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28. The title is "Historically Speaking: A Musical Romp Through Gay Culture with the QMC. Prices range from ten to twenty dollars, while children 12 and under get in free. Tickets are on sale by contacting chorus members, the Buskirk Chumley box office, or the Quarryland website, www.quarryland.org. (You can find the link to this website on the St. Mark's website.) All remaining tickets will be available at the door.

Quarryland Men's Chorus is an established, respected partner in the region's art scene. In addition to providing a positive performance-based community for gay and bisexual men and their allies in South Central Indiana, the Chorus fosters talent, fellowship, pride, and understanding through excellence in vocal music.

EARLY IRISH CHRISTIANITY AND THREE CELTIC SAINTS HOSTED BY: PILGRIMS CLASS PRESENTER: CHARLIE MATSON

SUNDAY,
MAY 5
&
SUNDAY,
MAY 12,
9:15AM,

ROOM 12

Development of the Celtic culture started in Southern Germany and Austria about 2500 years ago with expansion over Europe and to the British Isles during the next 200 years. The Romans called these people Gauls and during the time of Christ, Gauls were also living in central Turkey and were referred to in Paul's letter to the Galatians.

The Romans brought Christianity to England and some brave Monks sailed from England to Ireland to convert the pagan Celts. They had little success until Maewyn Succat came to the "Emerald Isle" in 431CE who, after training as a monk, took the name Patrick and we know this man as St Patrick. St Brigid established several religious communities in Ireland, the most famous at Kildare which comes from the old Irish name of Cill Dara meaning Church of Oak. St Columba, who also spread Celtic Christianity into Scotland and northern England, had the skill of making illuminated manuscripts. This skill was passed down to his followers at Iona and it was there that the treasured Book of Kells was created and somehow saved from the Viking raids that began around 780CE. Thankfully some aspects of Celtic Christianity live on and resonate with the modern Green Movement or what we Methodist call Creation Care.

The Pilgrims Class welcomes all for this two-part series on Early Irish Christianity and Three Celtic Saints. So, grab your coffee and enjoy Charlie Matson's insightful look into Irish history.



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BUDDIES OF ST. FRANCIS

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 5:30PM ROOM 15

Buddies of St. Francis is a small group experience for those who love animals and believe that our spirituality is enhanced by their presence in the world and in our lives. This humans-only gathering will be a time to share stories, reflect, and consider opportunities for advocacy. Join us on April 9 in room 15 for the next meeting. Contact Jimmy Moore for more information.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 6:30PM

Prayer Shawl Ministry now meets once a month, on the second Tuesday at 6:30pm. We invite those who knit or crochet to help provide prayer shawls for those experiencing grief, change, and life joys. We also make baptism blankets and special projects. Facilitator: Lisa Miller Maidi.

MEAL SHARE FOOD REPACK

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 5:30PM

Each month, St. Mark's volunteers go to Hoosier Hills Food Bank to repack donated food for agencies that provide food for families. For more information, contact Glenda Murray at glmurray@indiana.edu!

PARENTS OF YOUTH NIGHT

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 6:00PM (2nd SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH) SWEETGRASS RESTAURANT (405 W. PATTERSON DR.)

Enjoy some food & conversation with other folks raising teens. If you have questions, or would like to be notified by email of future gatherings, contact Dawn Walters at dquillen@indiana.edu or the church office. All parents of youth (and grandparents & other loving adults caring for pre-teens and teenagers) are welcome!

CHRONIC ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

MONDAY, APRIL 15 & 29, 7:00PM, ROOM 12 (EVERY OTHER MONDAY)

This new spiritual support group for patients facing cancer or other chronic diseases, along with family members and caregivers, will focus on spiritual support with a Christian and Methodist approach. Our goal is to help each of us thrive on the days we can ... and survive on the days we are not sure we can. And, do all of that in faith. Meetings will take place every other Monday. Group facilitators are Dr. Brandt Ludlow and Craig Stewart. **FRIDAY, APRIL 19 & MAY 3,**



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ST. MARK'S DAYTIME PARENTS GROUP

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 & MAY 3

FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH, 9:00AM, ROOM 4

You are encouraged to join other parents and children for conversation at The Daytime Parents Group to support one another through the intense joys and challenges of raising young humans. Bring the kids! There are toys to entertain them while parents converse. Invite friends, and if it is your first time, contact Abby Brass, Whitney Sullivan or the church office for more information.

MONDAY, APRIL 22, 6:30-8:30PM

AVER'S PIZZA BUFFET, 1285 S COLLEGE MALL ROAD, SUITE A

Pub Theology provides a place to relax with food and beverage and a fun group of thinking disciples to talk a little theology. On Monday, April 22, we'll look at the place that beauty occupies in faith and theology. Clearly, beauty has been influential in the history of the church, but it has also been viewed with considerable suspicion. (Is it 'worldly' or 'vain'?) This goes, in part, to the role that beauty plays in the threefold dance between truth, goodness and beauty, and asks how it is that we participate with God. The reading for the month is an article by Greg Wolfe titled, "The Wound of Beauty", and may be received by emailing Jimmy Moore at jimmymoore@smumc.church. There will also be copies on the Welcome Desk in Garton Hall. We hope to see you at Pub Theology this month.

PUB THEOLOGY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 5:30-7:00PM

DR. GLADYS DEVANE, "THE MAKING OF A STORY"

All are cordially invited to a shared dinner (please bring a dish to share and your table service) at 5:30 and special program at 6:20 on Wednesday, April 24 with Dr. Gladys F. DeVane, actor, storyteller, and writer. Joe Miller will facilitate this event. Dr. Gladys DeVane, Professor Emeritus, Indiana University, is an actor, storyteller, and writer. Since her retirement in 2003, she has written and performed numerous stories depicting the lives and struggles of real American People. She has appeared in main stage performances with Cardinal Stage, Bloomington Playwrights Project, Bloomington Civic Theater, Brown County Theater, and the Knickerbocker Theater (Holland, Michigan).

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SUPPER and PROGRAM

In celebration of Indiana's bicentennial, she wrote (in collaboration with Elizabeth Mitchell and Danielle Bruce) Resilience: Indiana's Untold Story. This original play told little-known stories of Indiana's African-American men and women who made significant contributions to Indiana's history. In this session entitled The Making of a Story, Dr. DeVane will share with you a story from her arsenal of stories of life in another time and place and talk about why she wrote this story and what lessons are to be learned.

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RECONCILING MINISTRIES TEAM MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 7:00PM, ROOM 10
(ALL ARE WELCOME!)**

All are invited to be a part of this team that strives to help bring the Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors message of St. Mark's to the LGBT+ community. Come join us on Wednesday, April 24 at 7:00pm in Room 10. For more information, contact Mark Cox (markymarkcox@aol.com) or Mary Beth Morgan at the church office.

ST. MARK'S QUILTERS AND CRAFTERS

MEETS EACH WEDNESDAY, 1:00PM IN ROOM 10

Bring your quilting or crafts to Room 10 and spend time with others who enjoy these activities. All skill levels are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Patti Wright, or the church office, with questions.

WOMEN OF WONDER AND FAITH

EACH THURSDAY, 11:30AM IN ROOM 11

A group of faithful, journeying women meeting weekly to read and discuss books on various topics of faith. The group is reading *DAYS OF AWE AND WONDER: HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN IN THE TWENTYFIRST CENTURY* by Marcus Borg. Please join us as we move along our faith journey, collectively and individually, as well as build valuable friendships to support each other through life's many challenges and joys. Contact the facilitator, Maria Schmidt marschmi@indiana.edu, with questions and to let her know you are coming.

CONVERSATIONS ON LIFE MEN'S GROUP

EVERY FRIDAY, 1:00PM, ROOM 15

During April, the men's discussion group known as Conversations on Life will start their discussions on Richard W. Fox's book *JESUS IN AMERICA*, a history of Christianity in the USA. Dr. Fox is a professor of history at University of Southern California. The group meets at 1:00pm each Friday in Room 15 at St. Mark's UMC. Visitors are always welcomed. The coordinator for April is Charlie Matson. Facilitator: Bob Rimstidt.



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ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

APRIL MEETINGS: ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED!

All the women of St. Mark's, whether members, regular attenders, or visitors, are invited to join one of the three St. Mark's UMW circles. The UMW of United Methodist Church is a group of women who totally support 109 missions for women and children around the world. Whether you are working outside or inside your home (or both), we have a circle that meets at a convenient time for you to attend. The circle meetings in April are as follows:

☞ Morning Circle	Tuesday, April 16, 9:30AM	Room 8
☞ Susanna Wesley Circle	Tuesday, April 16, 2:00PM	Room 8
☞ Charlene Martin Circle	Wednesday, April 17, 7:00PM	Bell Trace

ADDITIONAL UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S GROUPS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO JOIN:

☞ Prayer Shawl Ministry,	Tuesday, April 9, 6:30PM	Garton Hall Parlor
☞ Food for Thought Book Discussion Groups		
☞ Shoebox Project,	Tuesday, May 7, 10:30AM	Garton Hall

Questions? Contact UMW President Nina Taylor, or call the church office.

service opportunities

SUNDAY MORNING BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

Our breakfast event each Sunday continues to grow in popularity. It has become a great way to start the morning, to meet new people, and to provide a deep welcome to all who come our way. It is also a great way for those groups who help provide breakfast to receive free-will donations for their own mission effort or a cause they value. Sign up today in Garton Hall to provide breakfast on a future Sunday. Contact the church office or our breakfast coordinator, Christine Conrad, at 812-961-2959 or silent2hear@gmail.com.

LEARN, GROW, INSPIRE - AND BE INSPIRED! JOIN A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHING TEAM, ONE SUNDAY A MONTH

Children's Ministries is looking for a few more adults to join our teaching team! Our area of greatest need is in our 1st/2nd grade classroom. The Bible story and activities are already planned out and the room is set up. We are looking for individuals to serve only one Sunday a month facilitating the activities, and getting to hang out with some really cool kids! Please contact Alayna at stmarksdcm@gmail.com if you are interested.

sundays at st. mark's

BREAKFAST and MORE We share breakfast together with Live Music, Activities for Children, Fellowship, and More...	9:00AM– 10:15AM	Garton Hall
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL Pilgrims Nomads Bible Banter	9:15AM 9:30AM 9:30AM	Room 12 Room 10 Room 11
INFANT & TODDLER CARE (Contact the church office if 9:30am care is needed)	10:15AM– 11:30AM	Room 24 Room 25
SANCTUARY WORSHIP SERVICE	10:30AM	Sanctuary
CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL	10:30AM– 11:30AM	
	Preschool-Kindergarten	Room 22
	1st and 2nd Grade	Room 4
	3rd and 4th Grade	Room 9
	5th and 6th Grade	Room 3
	7th-12th Grade	Room 1

adult sunday school classes

BIBLE BANTER

The Bible Banter class uses the Scripture text for the morning's sermon as a discussion-starter. Looking at the passage in its larger context, and sometimes exploring a bit of Bible-writing history, we offer thoughts on what the morning's sermon might look like, based on the Scripture the pastor has selected. We leave time to discuss implications of the Scripture on our own lives, and often find ourselves delving into topics that wind up far afield from the morning's original topic. You are invited to bring some coffee/breakfast from Garton Hall into Room 11 at 9:30AM and join the conversation.

NOMADS

During April, the Nomads class will be viewing and discussing selected lectures by Dr. Bart Ehrman from his series "Lost Christianities: Christian Scriptures and the Battles over Authentication." A professor at the University of NC Chapel Hill, Dr. Ehrman is a stimulating lecturer on this general topic, some aspects of which many find to be both revelatory and controversial. We meet in Room 10 Sundays at 9:30AM and all are most welcome to join us!

PILGRIMS

The Pilgrims class will complete the video series the world's greatest churches, looking at churches all over the world including 20 countries and 5 continents. Additionally, Pilgrims will host two classes on Early Irish Christianity and Three Celtic Saints on May 5 and 12, in room 12 at 9:15AM (see the article on page 7 for more information). The presenter will be Charlie Matson and all are invited. We welcome any and all to Pilgrims classes and programs.

looking ahead to may



DINE & DONATE AT BUCCETO'S!

BENEFITS ST. MARK'S NURSERY SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN

**WEDNESDAY,
MAY 1,
4:30– 10:00PM,
BUCCETO'S**

When you dine in or carry out from either Bloomington Bucceto's, between 4:30pm and closing at 10:00pm, mention St. Mark's Nursery School and Kindergarten and 20% of the total you spend will be donated to the Nursery School and Kindergarten! Can't make it this month? No problem. This "Dine and Donate" opportunity occurs the first Wednesday of each month.

BACKPACK BUDDIES FOOD COLLECTION

**SUNDAY,
MAY 5
(THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH)**

On the first Sunday of every month at the 10:30am worship service, you are invited to bring food items for the Community Kitchen Backpack Buddies program. Through this program, each Friday, approximately 400 children in need from local elementary schools are sent home with a backpack of food. Children are also provided food during Summer Break. These backpacks help meet basic weekend food needs of their families. A list of items requested is below. Please place the Backpack Buddies offering on the altar in worship on the first Sunday of every month, or you may leave your items during the week in the collection box in Garton Hall.

Backpack Buddies Food List

- Individual fruit cups (applesauce, tropical fruit, pears, etc.)
- Instant Oatmeal (individual portions)
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Small boxes of cereal
- Easy-to-prepare food items
- Granola/fruit/cereal bars
- Dried fruit (raisins, cranberries, cherries, tropical fruit, etc.)
- Canned or pouch chicken or tuna
- Small bread mixes (cornbread, muffin, biscuit, etc.)

SHOEBOX PROJECT

**TUESDAY,
MAY 7,
10:30AM,**

ROOM 12

Each month, the Shoebox Project of St. Mark's meets and assembles shoeboxes filled with hygiene products and toys for kids. The shoeboxes are donated to local agencies such as Middle Way House and Monroe County United Ministries. Everyone is welcome to come and to join the fellowship and fun. We are always in need of washcloths, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, small toys, coloring books, hotel soaps/shampoos, pencils, crayons, etc. You can place your donations any time in the basket in Garton Hall located beneath the United Methodist Women



ST. MARK'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Deadline for submission of articles for the May issue is April 22.



COMMUNITY KITCHEN AND BACKPACK BUDDIES SUMMER PROGRAMS

Community Kitchen of Monroe County provides weekend food through Backpack Buddies during the school year. St Mark's has faithfully provided food to Backpack Buddies through our food collection on the first Sunday of each month. Soon school will be out for the summer, and many families will struggle with food insecurity during the summer months. With children at home, food costs increase. To alleviate this burden, Community Kitchen will provide a sack lunch each Monday – Friday to children in low-income neighborhoods throughout the summer, feeding over 200 children daily.

Community Kitchen needs help from the community to deal with the added expenses of this sack lunch program. They are asking for financial donations to support the need for food, staffing, and the delivery costs of gas and vehicle maintenance. Additionally, this program will require 30 volunteers per week in the summer. You can make a financial donation by making a check out to St Mark's with "Summer Food Program" in the memo. For volunteer opportunities, contact the Community Kitchen at 812-332-0999, monroecommunitykitchen.com



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WE EMBRACE THE UNITED METHODIST IDEAL OF OPEN HEARTS, OPEN MINDS AND OPEN DOORS
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