August 2018

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# From the Pastor's Desk

"When you walk through the waters, I will be with you." (Isaiah 43:2)

What do we do when we are in the midst of a storm in life? Our natural reaction is to panic or become afraid. Our mind begins to worry about a lot of things, we begin to worry so our whole being becomes restless.

"What will I do now?
"How about my family?"
"When is this going to end?"

When fear cripples us and tears us apart, is it possible to be calm or still? Yes, it is!

First, let us acknowledge that we are not our fears. We must create a distinction of who we are, apart from our fears. We are not our fears. WE ARE NOT OUR FEARS.

Psalms 46:10 says, "Be still and know that I am God." No matter how bad the situation is, we all have the ability to center our life in God and continue to trust in God. We can control our emotions and our own reactions. But, for things that are out of our control, all shall pass, and everything will be fairly well.

Sisters and brothers, let us continue to put our trust in God when facing a storm. Sit back, take a deep breath, close your eyes, and listen to these words, "Be still and know that I am God."

## Lectionary for August 2018

**August 5**

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

**August 12**

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

**August 19**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

**August 26**

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

## Vision Statement

"St. Marks UMC seeks to share a family of faith where church home means everyone and caring is a way of life."

# UMW Birthday Luncheon

# Happy Birthday

Joshua Gorospe 8/4
Scott Fernero 8/5
Jareth Miller 8/6
Susan Fernero 8/7
W.A. Dillon 8/11
Miah Miranda 8/13
Ayana Miranda 8/15

Earlene Stine 8/17
Angie Guevara 8/18
Karen Pruitt 8/24
Dennis Jason 8/25
Bonnie Nichols 8/25
Mike O'Neill 8/28
Mary Grigar-Brown 8/29

# Prayer Requests

**Prayers for our St. Marks family unable to worship with us**

Shirley Beathe, Linda Heath, Don Bragg, Edna Fields, Bob McReynolds, Janice Barton, Eileen Mark, James and Vicki Folks

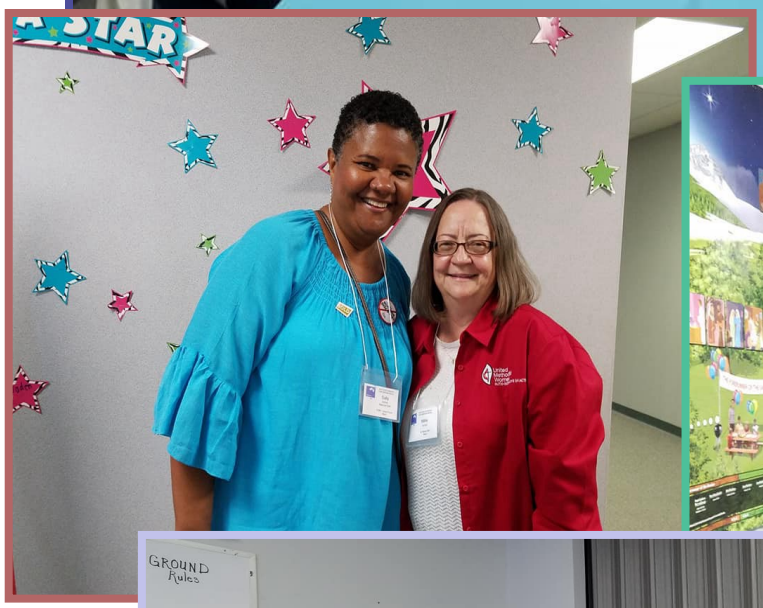
**Requesting prayers**

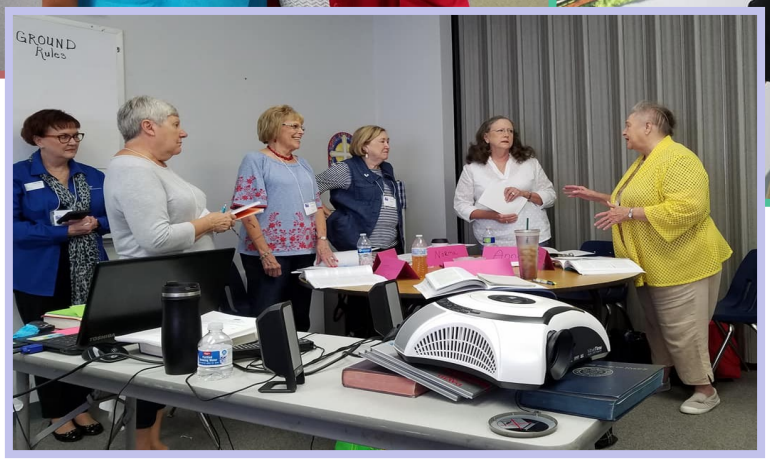
Jane Kennon, Stan Little, Tom Marks, Mary Grigar-Brown, Helen Halliday, Mary Ellen Handel, Herb Kennon, Cielo Balberan, Edna Hill, Beverly Harris, Karen Freeman, Naomi Little, Jean Hearn, and Gayle Jones

# Youth-Led Sunday Worship

# Getting Ready for VBS 2018

# FUMC Mesquite UMW at Mission U





United Methodist Women
FAITH•HOPE•LOVE IN ACTION

Anyone looking forward to October yet? With the month of October comes cooler weather and relief from hot Texas summers! Although the UMW Sunshine Circle will not meet in August, everyone will remain busy helping with the joint community VBS. It's exciting that the Mesquite/Sunnyvale United Methodist churches are uniting for the second annual Read (Your Bible), Play (Your Part), Talk (About Your Faith) VBS. This year's VBS will also participate in the NTC UMC effort to provide clean-up buckets for Hurricane Harvey Recovery efforts. It is a blessing to be part of an active group of Christian women who focus on caring for women, children, and youth to make a difference in our world. God bless the St. Marks UMW that has contributed to ongoing missions for over 50 years! Millie

**WE NEED YOUR SPECS**…June 2019 Philippine Mission Trip plans are progressing. The joint Umphress Road - St. Marks UMC Philippine mission trip is asking for donations of any cheap reading glasses, and/or any old glasses you no longer wear. These specs will be delivered to those less fortunate who need glasses. A St. Marks UMC collection box for donations is available in the main hallway entering the sanctuary. Contact Millie Arnold for any questions.

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# August 2018

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | 1<br>VBS | 2<br>VBS | 3<br>VBS | 4 |
| 5<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11am Worship Communion Sunday | 6<br>7:00 Boy Scouts | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12<br>9:45 Sunday School | 13<br>7:00 Boy Scouts | 14 | 15 | 16<br>11:00 UMW Luncheon | 17 | 18<br>North Texas Conference Aldersgate UMC 9:00 - 2:15 |
| 19<br>9:45 Sunday School | 20<br>7:00 Boy Scouts | 21 | 22 | 23<br>SPPR Meeting 6:00 | 24 | 25 |
| 26<br>9:45 Sunday School<br>11am Worship Youth Sunday Worship | 27<br>7:00 Boy Scouts | 28 | 29<br>Administrative Council Meeting 5:00 | 30 | 31 | |