

## OUR MISSION

Gathered around Word and water, bread and wine,  
we spread God's Word by living our faith daily  
and welcoming all with open hearts and minds.



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 8, 2018  
9:30 A. M.

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK.** Please sign our attendance book. We are happy to have you here with us! Please join us for refreshments on the breezeway after worship.

**ST. MARK BIBLE STUDY - Session four:** The Prodigal Son (Luke 15: 11-32)  
Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations. In Western Christianity (including the United States), the Prodigal son is often viewed as an immoral or wicked boy who needs to repent and change his ways. In Eastern Christianity (including Russia), the boy is viewed as a foolish person who needs to be rescued from his own foolishness. Come join us as we discuss this story from Luke. Copies of the lesson will be available. We meet Tuesday, April 10th, at 10:00 am in the conference room in the church office.

**ST. MARK 2018 ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** - Please join members and friends of St. Mark on April 15, 2018 for our Church Picnic. Games and festivities start promptly at 11:00 am so right after our 9:30 am service, head straight to Anderson Park located at 39699 US Hwy 19 N, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689. We will be at shelter #9 which sits right on Lake Tarpon. We are in for a special treat this year. Pulled Pork and chicken are being prepared for us by Spencer Taylor, a member with a talent for smoking meats. Of course, we will also have hot dogs along with condiments, chips, beverages and watermelon, all provided by the Fellowship Committee. We ask members to bring a dish to share, following these suggestions: If your last name begins with A-F bring dessert; G-M bring fruit/veggie salad; and N-Z bring starchy salad. Of course, if you have a favorite dish you would like to bring, please bring it or if you don't have anything to bring, join us anyway — there's always plenty to share. There will be games for children and adults; bathrooms and parking are nearby; and nobody goes home hungry! You are invited to bring your friends!

**HELP!** Clayton Stoots, a fellow parishioner, was bitten by a brown recluse spider a few weeks ago and although he is still recovering from a serious wound, he is out of the hospital and back at home living with a relative. Clayton still cannot go back to work, so any donation to help with his hospitalization expenses would be greatly appreciated. You may use the collection plate or visit Clayton's "Go Fund Me" page (<https://www.gofundme.com/claytons-brown-recluse-bite-care>).

**TAMPA BAY REFUGEE TASK FORCE FAITH SUMMIT** - You are invited to attend the Tampa Bay Refugee Task Force Faith Summit on Tuesday, April 17th from 1:00 pm until 3:30 pm. The Summit will take place at the Children's Board of Hillsborough located at 1002 E Palm Ave, Tampa, FL 33605. The purpose of the Summit is to educate the faith community on refugees as well as refugee serving organizations to learn from faith organizations on the work that they are doing to help refugees. The Summit will serve as an opportunity to network, exchange best/promising practices and develop strategies for helping refugees and support the work of refugee serving agencies. Due to limited seating, you are asked to R. S. V. P. to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9Z59TN>.

**NOISY OFFERING APRIL 29** - This month is another opportunity to collect a Noisy Offering for a worthwhile cause. Please begin to gather your loose change or maybe set aside a few dollars to donate to the project. Think of the excitement and joy the kids (and the congregation) get from hearing the sound of the coins clanging in the collection buckets. The recipient will be announced a week or so before April 29th.

**ST. MARK WELCA AND GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN PARTNERSHIP** - The group is helping to provide men's and women's clothing as well as toiletries for their homeless outreach project at Grace called Lydia's Closet. This is an ongoing project and you are invited to donate as you are able. Please donate any extra items, including the mini sized soaps and shampoos that you may accumulate from travelling. Small baskets for toiletries and a large bin for clothing are located in the Narthex.

**HELP F.E.A.S.T. SORT AND ORGANIZE -SATURDAY MAY 12th** - The National Mail Carrier's Food Drive will be held on Saturday, May 12th. (Yes, it is the day before Mother's Day.) FEAST staff has requested that any volunteers go to the warehouse facility on the grounds of Curlew United Methodist Church (2210 Cathedral Dr, Palm Harbor, FL 34683). Volunteers are needed between the hours of 12:30 and 6:00 pm, but please do not feel obligated to stay the whole time. St Mark volunteers have participated in the past, and this is another great way for us to love and support the neediest in our community.

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your daily prayers members and friends of our congregation who are on our prayer list. If you would like to add someone to our congregation's prayers, please call or email the church office or sign the prayer notebook in the Narthex.

### **FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR IN NEED OF SUPPORT:**

Betty Fresh

Virginia Marino

Carol Cicero

Steve Miller

Cheryl Burton

Michael Bryant

Chris Tovar (son-in-law of Wanita Beier)

Vibeke Bredal (friend of Sue Nelson)

Richard King (friend of Barbara Woodworth)

Jeff Dano (son of Arnie Dano)

Jim Dano (son of Arnie Dano)

Ingeborg Kayser (sister-in-law of Horst Kayser)

Richard Slater (friend of Carol Bernstein)

Joe and Lee Bogacz (friends of Arnie Dano)

Dean Romani (friend of Arnie Dano)

Lou Straccioni (friend of Barbara Woodworth)

Rosemary Tindall (friend of Angela Langenback)

Clayton Stoots (grandson of Barbara Stoots)

Ernie Smith, Jr. (son of Phyllis Smith)

Tim Fisher (former ReconcilingWorks Staff)

Donita Holjes (friend of the Plasketts)

Ernie Smith, Sr. (husband of Phyllis Smith)

Jennifer (Nizer) Rakas (daughter of Ray and Charlotte Nizer)

Ethan Gottlieb (grandson of Tim and Angela Langenback)

Heather Booth (daughter of the Plasketts)

Gretchen Woodard (daughter of Debbie Woodard)

Bret R. (friend of Linda Peterman)

Jerriann VanEpern (friend of Linda Peterman)

Jax Cunningham (great nephew of Barbara Woodworth)  
Eddie Frederick (friend of the Grumbling/Delerme family)  
Elizabeth K. (friend of Sue Nelson)  
Karen Aungst (friend of Debbie Woodard)  
Chelle S. (friend of Jennifer Grumbling)  
Dinah Reid (niece of Constance and Henry Chapman)  
Tom Conway (brother of Mary VanHaute)  
Dorothy and Otto Pollei, Jr. (parents of Doug Pollei)  
Heather Mackin (relative of the Plasketts)  
Irene Klein (mother of Charles Klein)  
Kaycee Fowler (friend of Trish Kitchel)  
Helen Whitson (mother of Robin Klein)  
Missy Martin (sister-in-law of Suzanne Bryant)  
Carrie Leone (niece of the Walthours)  
Anita Hans (friend of Sue Nelson)

**FOR THOSE WHO GRIEVE (Family and friends of:)**

Elaine Forestier (teacher of the Horvath girls)

**FOR THOSE WHO SERVE (Family and friends of:)**

Alexis Grzegorzcyk (friend of Carol Czajkowski - USAF)  
Mitch Shellenberger  
Tierney Froelich  
Rodney Mobley (son of the Nizers - Police Officer)  
Andy Bloch (son-in-law of Shirley Polak - Homeland Security)  
Steven Plaskett (grandson of the Plasketts - US Air Force Academy)  
Luke Ballesteros (friend of Robin Jo Bower Miller and David Miller - in Germany)  
Zoe Lekakis (granddaughter of the Nizers - Marines)  
Joel Elliott (stepson of Carolyn Elliott - in Germany)  
Michael Christenson (friend of Arnie Dano - U.S. Navy)  
Greg Burnham (son-in-law of the Nizers—US Navy)  
Kori Smeiska (friend of Carol Czajkowski - K. C. Police Officer)  
Calvin Jensen (friend of Carol Czajkowski - US Navy)  
Sam Palmer (family of the Horvaths)  
Andrew Amstutz (friend of the Langenbacks - US Navy)

## Our Statement of Welcome

St. Mark is a spiritual community that celebrates the gifts of God that empower us to engage in the struggles of life, to care for each other, and to serve Christ where we work and live.

We welcome the participation of people of all ages, faiths, ethnic backgrounds, sexual orientations, gender identities, educational backgrounds, and economic conditions – all who want to join in community to honor God and be of service to people. We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and by the grace of God is called a “child of God.”

St. Mark is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.



*The Rev. Katy A. H. Fast, Pastor  
Cheryl Burton, Music Director and Cantor  
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8:00 am until 3:00 pm



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