



St. Mark's Remarks

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FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Diane Hudnall uses a toy to reinforce the meaning of the book she has read to the 3-year-old class at LaPetite Academy. Neighborhood children and their parents look forward to Trunk or Treat at St. Mark's. Pastor Jo and the Rev. Kris Roof pray for Marty, Cocoa, and Richard Moore at last year's Blessing of the Animals service.

All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all

St. Mark's United Methodist Church will host a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 22, from 10-11 a.m. in its outdoor sanctuary. Participants can drop by with their pets, or, if a pet gets skittish in crowds or with strangers, bring a photograph of the pet. All the animals will be lifted up in prayer and sent home with a treat bag. Many of our members have pets that they dearly love. Having this service each year is one way we can show our appreciation to God for blessing us with critters who love us unconditionally. It also reminds us that we have a responsibility to take good care of our pets and all the other creatures of the earth. My family has two cats, Tiger and Crickett, who were once rescue animals. A black Labrador retriever named Jack Carter has become an unofficial mascot for the women's Bible study group that meets on Thursdays at 10 a.m. He

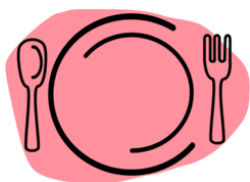
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October Birthdays

Kathleen Bracho	10/04	Shelly Youngman	10/04
Vickie Zeman	10/12	Stephanie Hardin	10/15
Philip Conner	10/18	Dal Rawlins	10/21
Les Youngman	10/26		

Visitors Last Month

Bitsy Pou	Birkley Hair
Jackson Hair	Parker Hair
Richard Healy	Knox Pettinger
Payton Burge	Reilly Burge
Nancy Gookin	Roy Gookin
M. Pavani	Dr. Russell Morrow & Family



United Methodist Men

Come One, Come All!!

Our October dinner meeting will be Tuesday, October 18th, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited. Instead of a fish fry, we will have Hamburgers & Hot Dogs for \$7.00. Please confirm your reservation with Terry by Thursday, Oct. 13 by calling 901-359-7342. We look forward to seeing you there!

Terry B. Draughon

United Methodist Women

We had a wonderful District Celebration on September 11th at Bartlett UMC. Sherry Raggett created a beautiful scrapbook which we shared at the celebration, and it is now back at our church, so take a look at it. We've had a great year and the scrapbook is a great reflection of this. We will be providing the hot dog supper, and other help with Trunk or Treat this year. Our Fall Fund-raiser will be Sunday, November 6th, during First Sunday Lunch. We'll have jewelry and all types of goodies for sale. We will be electing our 2017 officers this month. Please be in prayer if God is calling you to help with our mission efforts.

Some of our ladies are participating in a new church-wide reading program that Bonnie Carter has developed. We go once a week to a local day care and read to the children from books that are provided by *Books from Birth*, which is part of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The ladies are having a great time. If you would like to help with this, see Bonnie. PS - **Men** are needed to read too!

Grace, Peace, and Love in Christ, Sheila and Shelly

Blessing of the Animals

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loves the attention. Bonnie Carter rescued Jack several years ago, and now Jack travels with her everywhere, except to church on Sunday mornings. We share so many of the important moments of our lives with our pets, but, usually, we can't bring them to church. The outdoor sanctuary makes it possible for entire families to worship together with their pets, and nobody minds if one of the animals gets restless or howls or makes a mess. I hope you and your pet will join us on the 22nd. If you have never participated in the Blessing of the Animals, you might be surprised how meaningful it is. If you have brought your pet before, don't be shy to bring them again. We can ALL use prayer. Amen?

Grace, peace & joy!

Paster Jo

Choir Notes

The choir welcomes Mary Sather to our soprano section. We are enjoying having Mary, and she is a blessed addition to our choir.

A busy season is coming up for the choir. World Communion Sunday, October 2; the choir will be singing communion responses. Children's Sunday, October 9; Sandy Harris is working with the children to prepare for this. All Saints Sunday, November 6. Cluster Thanksgiving service, November 22. And Christmas cantata, December 18.

Trunk or Treat

We will be having our 4th Annual Trunk or Treat on Monday, October 31st, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will have hot dogs, crafts, a bouncy house and slide, trunks for treating and other scarrrrryyyy things. We will need volunteers to create those fabulously scary trunks, help the children on the slide and bouncy house, and donations of treats! If you can help, please let Beverly know!

Happy Halloween!!!

Christmas Cards

Please support those that give their lives to keep us safe!!!

Christmas cards to:

Police, firemen, and Service personnel

DEADLINE: October 9th

October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9:30a Sunday School 10:30a Wordhip Service 11:30a First Sunday Lunch followed by Choir Practice Holy Communion to World Communion 4:00p Lay Leadership	3 6:00p Cancer Support Group 6-9:00p Scouts	4 6:00p Yoga 6-8:00p Weight Watchers 7:15p Cub Scouts	5 6:00p Bible Study	6 9:00a Reading Team 10:00a Ladies Bible Study	7	1 9:00a Yoga <hr/> 8 9:00a Yoga
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