

*St. Mark's United
Church of Christ*

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St. Mark's United Church of Christ Mission Statement

St. Mark's is a welcoming Christian community whose mission is to worship God, to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to serve all humankind in the spirit of love.

What's Happening

Venture Sunday

One last Venture Sunday! August 11th will be our last Venture Sunday for the summer. We will not hold worship at St. Mark's that morning so that you might venture out to worship with other faith communities. There has been good participation for the first two with many new experiences and ideas shared. Let's do it one more time! As we have done before - the following Sunday we will be able to share some of our experiences in worship and the service will be led by Leah Barger and Jackie Bernbrock! . The Crossroads Team will be looking at all the feedback as they continue to look to the future of St. Mark's.

Living Will Event

Do you have a Living Will? Are you familiar with an Advanced Directive? Many believe that this is only something that older adults need but that is not true. Want to learn more? Want an opportunity to ask questions? Want to begin the process? Mark your calendar for this event September 16th from 7-8:30 pm. Invite family and friends. This is open to the community as well. Don't keep putting this off! Let's get started. Spread the word. See you there!

The Sheridan Story Ministry

St. Mark's will once again be partnering with The Sheridan Story and Washburn Elementary to provide food for children in need over the weekends. At our local elementary school, (Washburn), 65% of the kids qualify for free or reduced lunch. The Sheridan Story organization takes care of the purchasing, packing and delivering the bags of food to the schools. The church then takes care of the distribution and funding. This will be our 5th year of participating in this important ministry of caring for our neighbors in need. The cost of sponsorship per child is \$215/child/school year. This is for 100% of the cost and it is for 37 weeks (including an extra bag for Thanksgiving, Winter and Spring Break). St. Mark's has sponsored kids as part of our budget but we are also looking for individuals to sponsor additional kids for the 2019/20 school year. There will be forms in the bulletin beginning in mid-August or if you can't make it to worship - you can contact Pastor Jennifer if interested in learning more or if you are interested in sponsoring a child.