



Dear Friends,

Please make plans to join us at St. Mark Presbyterian in Boerne on June 20-21 for a presbytery meeting filled with opportunities to worship, serve, and learn together!

Worship at presbytery meetings is consistently moving and uplifting as members of Mission Presbytery bring their diverse gifts and voices together to plan and carryout their worship leadership responsibilities at the highest level. Meanwhile, the gathered community participates fully and joyfully, with congregational singing being particularly robust. For this meeting, we will have the special joy of having **Rev. Bobby Musengwa** with us for the first time since beginning his service as our Transitional General Presbyter on June 1. Bobby will preach during the service on Saturday morning, giving us an opportunity to hear from his heart as we begin our time of ministry together.

Our **Serve** Committee will lead us in a **Rise Against Hunger event** at St. Mark on Friday morning from 10 a.m.-noon. We hope that many folks will arrive a little before 10:00 a.m. to settle in, get trained, and help us meet the goal of preparing 10,000 meals to be shipped to people in refugee camps, recovering after a disaster, and otherwise experiencing deep food insecurity. Please also invite members of your congregations who are not commissioners for the presbytery meeting to come and help with this important and joy-filled event!

Additionally, on Saturday we'll celebrate ways our member congregations are working together to serve through the presentation of this year's **Better Together Grants**.

There will be great opportunities to **learn** before and at this meeting as well. Several dozen of our youth will gather for the **"Youth at Presbytery"** event, where they'll both attend our meeting and also have their own activities and time together. In all that we do over the weekend, we'll be witnessing to your youth how we live this life with Christ together. We will also have two **pre-presbytery workshops** beginning at 1:30 p.m.:

- One will focus on family faith practices at home, sponsored by the Learn Committee and led by Hallie Spence.
- The other will be sponsored by the Commission on Ministry with guest presenter, Rev. Michael East, pastor of FPC, Norman, OK, on ruling elder training.

There will be more info about these in the registration information that will go out.

Finally, through **worshipping, serving, learning,** and simply enjoying **connecting** with one another, we will be encouraged to continue forward in the ministry God has for us so that the Spirit's presence and activity among us might empower us to **flourish** in the midst of uncertain times!

Peace,

Dan Milford

Mission Presbytery Moderator for 2025



Dear Friends of Mission Presbytery,

On behalf of St. Mark Presbyterian Church in Boerne, it is with great joy and anticipation that I welcome you to our upcoming Presbytery meeting on June 20th and 21st. We are excited to open our doors and share not only the hospitality of St. Mark, but also the beauty of our community.

It is a particular honor for us to host this meeting—the first with our new Transitional General Presbyter, Rev. Bobby Musengwa. We look forward to welcoming him as we gather in shared ministry and renewed connection.

Boerne is nestled on the edge of the beautiful Texas Hill Country, just north of San Antonio. Whether you spend time exploring the shops along historic Main Street, enjoying a walk or hike on one of our local trails, or relaxing over a meal at one of our restaurants or breweries, we hope you'll take a moment to enjoy all our town has to offer. Enclosed in your materials, you'll find a list of some of our favorite local spots—we encourage you to explore!

I am looking forward to our time together—gathering for worship, engaging in meaningful work, strengthening old friendships, and forging new ones. Most of all, I look forward to the ways we will continue to grow into the ministry God is calling us to share. I'm deeply grateful for your faithful work and for the gift of being in ministry together through Mission Presbytery.

We are truly Better Together!

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson
Pastor

PRE-MEETING WORKSHOPS

All workshops are held on Friday, June 20 at various times.

Child care will be available for 1:30 workshops only.

Rise Against Hunger

Friday, June 20 - 10:00 am -12:00 pm

The Serve Committee is hosting a Rise Against Hunger food packing event prior to the Presbytery meeting. About 733 million people worldwide do not receive enough nutrition to lead an active, healthy life or provide for themselves and their families. Rise Against Hunger collaborates with organizations to combat hunger in remote, last-mile communities through food packing events that yield lasting, tangible impacts. We will work together for a start-to-finish meal assembly experience to combine rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables, and a packet of 20 vitamins and minerals into life-changing meal packages. The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a long shelf-life to help meet the immediate nutritional needs of people facing food insecurity, paving the way toward resilient and bright futures!

All participants will need to fill out this

form: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/missionpresbytery2025>

Family Faith Practices for the Home - Hallie Spence

Friday, June 20 - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

I wonder...have you ever wanted to enhance the spiritual lives of your children and family during everyday moments, like sending them off to school or work each day, or at mealtimes or bedtime?

In this workshop, we will travel throughout the seasons of the church and learn about simple ways you can incorporate celebrations of the various seasons into your everyday life at home. We will also look at some simple things you can do during those ordinary moments that happen every day. Finally, we will also highlight the resources available to help you research, get inspiration, and find practical examples for your family.

Through information sharing and hands-on activities we will learn about different ways we can bring faith home.

Beyond Potlucks and Meetings: Getting Unstuck with Purpose - Michael East

Friday, June 20 - 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

Congregations have this nasty habit of getting stuck: stuck in the same activities year after year, stuck in the same hours long Session meeting, stuck with the same four recipes at the every church potluck. What often happens when we get stuck is that we search out someone or something to blame for all our stuckiness. That's easy and honestly sometimes it's even fun; however, the more difficult but more helpful thing to do is to find a way forward.

I know that sounds like a lot of work, but my hope is that our time together can make that process a little less daunting. Using a prayer triplet model of discernment in conjunction with Simon Sinek's idea of "The Golden Why", First Presbyterian Church in Norman, OK was able to chart a path forward after several turbulent years living in the stuck. There is now a cohesive vision among the congregation, a renewed sense of life and vitality, and Session meetings that are productive, enjoyable, and relatively short.

I am no expert here. I don't have the answers and constantly reserve the right be wrong, but with this process we have seen some Spirit inspired life at FPC Norman and I would love to share that story with you.

Michael East is the Senior Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Norman, Oklahoma. Before coming to Norman, he served as the Associate Pastor at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC. Michael holds degrees from Austin College, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and assumes he was the runner-up for the 2014 Charles L. King Preaching Award at APTS. He is married to Katie and together serve as soccer and gymnastics chauffeurs for Anderson (9), Collins (6), and Harrison (3).

New Commissioner's Gathering - Laurie Palmer

Friday, June 20 - 3:00 pm-3:20

New commissioners are welcome to meet with Laurie Palmer, Stated Clerk for Mission Presbytery, at 3:00 p.m. on Friday to review the meeting docket and ask questions. This is an informal time, and will last 15-20 minutes.

Driving Directions to St. Mark Presbyterian Church

**To 208 W Bandera Rd
Boerne, TX 78006
from Loop 410 San Antonio**

Take I-410 exit 16 to merge onto I-10 W/US-87 N toward El Paso 22.8 mi
Take exit 540 for TX-46 toward New Braunfels/Bandera 0.4 mi
Use the right lane to follow signs for Norris Ln 0.4 mi
Turn right onto W Bandera Rd 0.3 mi
Turn left Destination will be on the left 312 ft

**To 208 W Bandera Rd
Boerne, TX 78006
from I-10 Kerrville, Texas**

Follow I-10 E to TX-46 E/W Bandera Rd in Boerne. Take exit 540 from I-10 E
Turn left to merge onto I-10 E
Take exit 540 for TX-46 E 0.4 mi
Continue on TX-46 E/W Bandera Rd to your destination 2 min (0.5 mi)
Use the left lane to turn left onto TX-46 E/W Bandera Rd 0.4 mi
Turn left Destination will be on the left 312 ft

**To 208 W Bandera Rd
Boerne, TX 78006
from I-35 Austin, Texas**

Follow I-35 S, TX-1604 Loop W and I-10 W/US-87 N to your destination in Boerne.
Take exit 540 from I-10 W/US-87 N
1 hr 47 min (113 mi)

I-35 S/US-290 W/N Interstate 35 Continue to follow I-35 S
Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 172 for TX-1604 Loop W/Anderson Loop 0.6 mi
Merge onto TX-1604 Loop W 16.9 mi
Use the right 2 lanes to merge onto I-10 W/US-87 N toward El Paso 15.2 mi
Take exit 540 for TX-46 toward New Braunfels/Bandera 0.4 mi
Take W Bandera Rd to your destination 2 min (0.7 mi)
Use the right lane to follow signs for Norris Ln 0.4 mi
Turn right onto W Bandera Rd 0.3 mi
Turn left Destination will be on the left 312 ft

Hotels/Motels Near St. Mark Presbyterian Church

This is not an exhausted list.

Hampton Inn & Suites Boerne

34935 IH-10 West Boerne, Texas 78006

830-816-8800

The Bevy Hotel Boerne, A DoubleTree By Hilton

101 Herff Rd, Boerne, TX 78006

830-816-5606

Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Boerne

Cascade Caverns Road Boerne, Texas 78006

830-368-4167

Motel 6

1228 S Main Street Boerne, Texas 78006

833-425-0940

Comfort Inn

35000 IH10 West Boerne, Texas 78006

830-375-5144

Recommended Restaurants Near St. Mark Presbyterian Church

This is not an exhausted list.

28 Songs Brewhouse & Kitchen
110 Market Ave
Friday & Saturday 11am - 10pm (Kitchen closes at 9pm)

Bella Sera
812 N Main St
Friday & Saturday 11am - 10pm

Bevy Restaurant & Hotel
101 Herff Rd

Bill Miller BBQ
31490 Ih 10 W
Friday & Saturday 6am - 0pm

Casa Amaya Pupuseria & Taqueria
109 Waterview Pkwy Ste 103
Friday & Saturday 9am - 8pm

Cibolo Creek Brewing Co
448 South Main Street
Friday & Saturday 11am - 11pm

The Creek
119 Staffel St
Friday & Saturday 11am - 3pm; 5pm - 9pm

Cypress Grille
170 S Main St
Friday & Saturday 11am - 2pm; 5pm - 9pm

Dienger Trading Co.
210 N Main St.
Friday & Saturday 7:30am – 3pm

Dodging Duck Brewhaus & Restaurant
402 River Rd
Friday & Saturday 11am - 10pm

El Rio Mexican Restaurant
1361 S Main St #600
Friday & Saturday 11am - 9pm

Fritze BBQ
926 N Main St
Friday & Saturday 10:30am - 8pm

Jersey Mike's Subs

1369 S Main St
Friday & Saturday 10am - 10pm

LaFours Seafood Restaurant
1234 S Main St
Friday & Saturday 11am- 2 pm; 4pm- 9:00 pm

Las Palapas
114 Herff Rd
Friday & Saturday 6am - 12am

Mary's Taco's
518 E Blanco Rd
Friday & Saturday 6am - 1:30pm

Peggy's On The Green
128 W Blanco Rd
Friday & Saturday 11am – 2pm; 5:pm – 10:pm

Richter Tavern
153 S Main St
Friday & Saturday 11am - 9pm

Sauced Wing Bar
215 W Bandera Rd
Friday & Saturday 11am - 10pm

Shang Hai Chinese Restaurant
430 W Bandera Rd
Friday 11am- 3 pm; 4:30pm- 10:00 pm; Saturday 11am -10pm

Wendy's
1242 S Main St
Friday & Saturday 10am - 12am