



ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 18 - Saturday, October 24, 2026



FORWARD IN FAITH – STEWARDSHIP 2027

DID YOU KNOW? Christmas Eve Takes LOTS of Candles! Nearly 1,350 candles glow during our Christmas Eve services! Thanks to the generosity of our St. Mark's family, this beautiful tradition continues to shine Christ's light. **Every pledge counts as we move FORWARD IN FAITH!**

Christian Education Hour

Sundays

Five Sermons of the King: 9 a.m. – Leatherbury Hall: Discourses of Matthew's Gospel
The ABC's: 9 a.m. – Library: Newcomers and basics of Anglican faith
Christianity Today: 11 a.m. – Grace House: Insightful fellowship & discussion
Getting to Know You & Getting to Know God: 9 a.m. – Youth Center: Youth Confirmation
Infants & Toddlers: 9 a.m. – McCarty Early Learning Center: Worship & Bible stories
Little Lions: 9 a.m. – McCarty Early Learning Center: Bible lessons, music, crafts
Kindergarten-1st Grade: 9 a.m. – Faith House: Interactive Bible storytelling
2nd-5th Grade: 9 a.m. – Hope House: Hearts Alive Curriculum

Alexei Romanenko Cello Concert

Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 p.m. in the Church

We have an exciting change to our October concert lineup! Writers in the Round will now take place in the spring, and we're thrilled to welcome Alexei Romanenko, principal cellist of the Jacksonville Symphony, for Baroque and Beyond on Wednesday, October 21 at 6 p.m. in the church. Enjoy an evening of beautiful cello music, followed by a reception! **Contact:** James Holyer, jholyer@smjax.org

Free Birds: Halloween Potluck & Costume Party

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. at the Runnels home

Put on your favorite costume (or come as you are!) and join us for a festive evening of food, fun, and fellowship at the Runnels home at 6:30 p.m. **Contact:** Jordan Eyrick, jeyrick@smjax.org

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25, 3:30 p.m. in the Loop



Join us for Trunk or Treat at 3:30 p.m., before the 5:00 p.m. River Worship Service! Kids are invited to dress up, go from car to car for candy, and enjoy a fun afternoon with our church community. Plus, there will be a prize for the best decorated trunk! **Contact:** Kaitlyn Nott, knott@smjax.org



East of Eden: Seen, Known, Restored

November 13-14, 2026

Join us for the Buford Bowen Conference featuring Dr. Chuck DeGroat, ordained minister, therapist, and author. Through teaching, worship, shared meals, and meaningful conversation, we'll explore God, our story, and our homecoming. Each participant will receive a copy of Chuck's book, *Healing What's Within*. Come with your questions, invite a friend, and make room for a weekend of faith and connection.

Safari Lions

Thursday, October 22, 5:30 p.m. at the home of Gilbert Pomar

Safari Lions is a fellowship group for parishioners aged 60 and older, gathering on the fourth Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in various homes. Each evening includes a potluck meal and warm conversation. **Contact:** *The Rev. Ben Jones, bjones@smjax.org*

Troop 26 Open House

Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Center

Do you know a boy interested in leadership, the outdoors, fitness, and fun? Come check out Scouting with Troop 26! Boys in 5th grade through age 17 are invited to an Open House on Tuesday, October 27, from 7–8:30 p.m. in the St. Mark's Youth Center. Come learn more about Troop 26, meet current Scouts and leaders, and see what Scouting has to offer. **Contact:** *James Holyer, jholyer@smjax.org*

Evening of Healing Prayer and Worship

Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Join us for an evening of worship and quiet prayer for healing on Wednesday, October 28th in the Chapel. **Contact:** *Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, skerner@smjax.org*

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 1, 10:00 a.m. in the Church

For our annual celebration of All Saints' Day, we will have brass and timpani along with our wonderful choir and organ leading special music for the occasion as we baptize new church members and honor all the saints with festival Eucharists at 10 a.m. **Contact:** *James Holyer, jholyer@smjax.org*

Birthday Blessings (Week of October 18 – 24)

Katherine Athey; Quinn Barton; Caroline Bennett; Henry Bowman IV; Aubrey Fellows; Tricia Freeman; Elizabeth Graham; Luke Graham; Carolyn Howell; Frederick Irving Jr.; Childress Lee; Larry Lee III; Dan McArthur; John McVicker; Ted Miller; Gay Nightingale; Isabelle Nigro; Lillian Nigro; Liam O'Brien; Whitney Oxnard; Jason Parsons; Olivia Perry; Adams Ropp; Barry Skitsko