Coming up…

Sunday, December 21st
Blue Christmas Service @ 4 pm in Sanctuary
All Welcome!

Weds., December 24th Christmas Eve Services
We are offering three services please
invite family, friends & neighbors… All Welcome!
@ 12 pm, 4:30 pm & 6:00 pm

Children's Ministry
Wednesday Nights in Asbury Hall @ 6 pm
For details and sign-ups contact Anna McGough at
anna@saintmarksum.org

Weds., Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve – Family Friendly service in Sanctuary @ 4:30 pm (including Candlelight tradition)

Sunday, Dec. 28 - Kids & Youth Big Breakfast in Asbury Hall Parlor @ 9:30 am

Jan. 17-18, Wild Faith Tween Retreat @ Camp Wesley Pines For details and sign-ups contact Anna McGough at anna@saintmarksum.org

Youth Ministry
Sunday, Dec. 21st – Christmas Party & Secret Santa! 5pm
Sunday, Dec. 28 - Kids & Youth Big Breakfast in Asbury Hall Parlor @ 9:30 am
Weds. @ 6 pm in SWH & Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm in CLC / SWH
Please email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities - *for anyone 50+…*
Dec. 23 - Magic Lights at Brandon Amphitheatre followed by coffee/hot chocolate and dessert at Cracker Barrel - No Cost

Dec. 30 - ***Song Sung Blue*** - Time TBD - at one of the theatres (Waiting to see if it does show here) - This is a true story…

For more info text Sandra Thomas at 601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, DEC. 21
8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
4:00 pm Blue Christmas Service (1)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
5:00 pm Youth Christmas Party (4)

MONDAY, DEC. 22
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (1)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, DEC. 23
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
5:00 pm Trendsetters @ Magic Lights (bus)

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24 – *Christmas Eve*
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
Christmas Eve Services
at 12 noon, 4:30 and 6:00 pm in Sanctuary

THURSDAY, DEC. 25 – *Christmas Day*
Church Office Closed
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, DEC. 26
Church Office Closed
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, DEC. 27

SUNDAY, DEC. 28
8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)

KEY:
1 – Sanctuary building
2 – Wesley – adult education
3 – Asbury – children's education
4 – SWH – youth building
5 – CLC – Christian Life Center

SAINT MARK'S
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"Authentically Imperfect Christ Followers Uniting all seeking Grace and Belonging."

Dec. 21st, 2025
4th Sunday of Advent

Contact Us:
(601) 992-2131
info@saintmarksum.org

Ministry Staff
Jon Kaufman, Senior Pastor
Ryan McGough, Associate Pastor
Sandra Thomas, Pastor of Worship & Senior Adults
Anna McGough, Director of Children's Ministries
Will & Amanda Lawson, Directors of Youth Ministries

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www.saintmarksum.org

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Instagram – stmarksumc_brandon
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December 21st, 2025

Welcome and Announcements
Lighting of the Advent Candle
(Brad, Jessica, Millie, and Liam McGee)

"Behold"
"Cornerstone"
Affirmation of Faith
Collection of Tithes and Offerings
"Breath of Heaven"

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
Passing of The Peace

Ephesians 2:11-22
(Rev. Ryan McGough)
"Build My Life"

Benediction:
The Best of All Is
God Is With Us

www.saintmarksum.org
Check out our Facebook group:
11th Hour Worship

Holy Communion immediately follows 8:20 service, except on first Sundays.

Livestream available for 8:20 am Traditional & 10:45 am 11th Hour on St. Mark's FB or Saintmarksum.org

Nursery is available ages up to and including two (2) years of age.

To Request Prayers Email:
Prayerrequest@saintmarksum.org

(A full copy of our Prayer List is available at the exits)

Friendly Reminder---Access the New St. Mark's Church App

With the app, you can:

- Give to the church or pay for events
- View the church calendar
- Register for events
- Access the church directory (members only)
- Check in for Sunday School and worship

Get Started:

1. Use the link below or scan or scan the QR code to go to the St. Mark's app page.

   https://shelby.ministryone.com/landing/akmL

2. Download the **Church by MinistryOne** app (white cross on a purple background).
3. Open the app. If prompted, enter zip code **39047**, then select **St. Mark's**.
4. Tap the **Profile** tab and enter your **mobile number** (must match the number we have on file).
5. Enter the **4-digit code** sent to you by text. You can switch between the message and the app.
6. You're in!

Let us know if you need help—we're happy to assist!

Contact Us: (601) 992-2131 or Info@saintmarksum.org

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark's

Our Supper is paused until January 14th, 2026

Volunteers Needed & Welcome!

Please scan the QR Code or use Link to Register for Supper or call Church.

https://saintmarksum.shelbynextchms.com/external/form/1cb13ca5-df73-4471-b786-4d46ab73c46e

Regular Meal Pricing:

-$10 Adult Meals (6 grade & up; -$7 Child

Excellent weekly menus we look forward to seeing y'all at Supper!

All welcome to join our Weds. Night Adult Studies at 6:00 pm in Wesley Center

St. Mark's Online Shelby Giving

Please scan the QR code with your smartphone to access the Shelby Giving app. Thank you for your continued support of our Ministries!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, Dec. 21
Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

MON., Dec. 22
Luke 1:46-55
Isaiah 33:17-22
Revelation 22:6-7,18-20

TUES., Dec. 23
Samuel 7:18,23-29
Galatians 3:6-14

WEDS., Dec. 24
Psalm 96
Isaiah 9:2-7

THURS., Dec. 25
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14,15-20

FRI., Dec. 26
Psalm 148
Wisdom 4:7-15
Acts 7:59-8:8

SAT, Dec. 27
Proverbs 8:22-31
1 John 5:1-12

SUNDAY, Dec. 28
Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 11/30/2025	***Yr. 2025***
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	**$ 1,271,083.00**
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	$ 1,019,230.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-$ 1,016,971.00
Revenue Over/Under Expense	**($2,259.00)**
UNPAID MISSION SHARES	**119,724.00**