

Coming up...

St. Mark’s UMC ~ GIVING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

As we approach Thanksgiving, we invite you into a season of gratitude and generosity. This year we are having a **Gratitude Mission Special Offering on Sunday, November 23**. This will support our **United Methodist Mission Shares**, helping share the gospel and meet needs here at home and around the world. Just as the Pilgrims shared their best in gratitude for God’s provision, we’re invited to do the same. Prayerfully consider a gift above your regular giving—let your gratitude move into action and your blessing become someone else’s hope.

Sunday, Nov. 23rd— St. Mark’s annual "Hanging of the Greens"
Bring a sweet treat and join us in the Sanctuary on November 23rd from 1:30 - 3:00 pm to help begin our Advent season. Questions? Contact Sandra Thomas at: Sandra@saintmarksum.org

THANKSGIVING BASKETS—DELIVERY DATE: Mon. Nov. 24th (each feast basket cost is about \$50) Contact: DeeDee Long at: 601-573-5928 to be part of our Annual volunteer basket delivery team or to donate!

ANGEL TREE TAGS are AVAILABLE!!!
Please pick up tags, sign the book, purchase gifts, Do Not wrap and Return Angel Gifts by: Sun., December 7th!

ANNUAL ~ CHILD & ADULT COAT DRIVE!
Please bring new or clean & gently used, Coats, Jackets or Sweaters to the Church through January 2026. Questions contact Karen Reed at 601-940-4022.

LIGHTS OF LOVE -Your \$3 Donation acknowledges someone special!
POINSETTIAS— Your Donation goes toward our Homebound Ministry.,
Pick up Donation Forms in church office or at northside drive-thru foyer!

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

St. Mark’s Youth Ministry
Weds. @ 6 pm in SWH & Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm in CLC / SWH
Nov. 16 – Youth @ 5 pm (Bus from STM Campus) to UNITE
Nov. 23 - Silent Auction & Trivia Night (3-5:00 pm)
All Welcome!!
Please email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities - for anyone 50+...
For more info text Sandra Thomas at 601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, NOV. 16
8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Methodism 101 (2-W107)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
11:00 am Choir Luncheon (3-Parlor)
12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal (1-Choir Rm)
2:00 pm SPRC Meeting (1-Choir Rm)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
5:00 pm Youth Sunday at Unite (Bus)

MONDAY, NOV. 17
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
5:30 pm Disciple Fast Track (1-Robe Rm)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, NOV. 18
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
9:30 am Tabitha Circle Gathers (1-Robe Rm)
5:00 pm Cursillo Placemat Party (3-Parlor)
6:00pm Ruth Circle Gathers (1-Robe Rm)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19
7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
10:00 am Adult Study (1-Robe Rm)
5:00 pm Weds. Night Supper (5)
6:00 pm Bible Studies (2+3+4)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)
7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)

THURSDAY, NOV. 20
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
5:30 pm Pickleball – Fall 2025 (5)
6:00 pm Men’s Fellowship Group (2)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, NOV. 21
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

SUNDAY, NOV. 23
8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Methodism 101 (2-W107)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
1:30 pm Hanging of the Greens (1)
3:00 pm Youth Silent Auction & Trivia Night (5)
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	



“Authentically Imperfect Christ Followers Uniting all seeking Grace and Belonging.”

Nov. 16th, 2025
23rd Sunday After Pentecost

Contact Us:
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Connect With Us Online:
www.saintmarksum.org

Facebook - St. Mark’s United Methodist Church
Instagram – [stmarksumc_brandon](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksumc_brandon)
TikTok - [stmarksumc](https://www.tiktok.com/@stmarksumc)

Traditional Service

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – November 16, 2025

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

- Gathering and Announcements
- Call to Worship
- +Hymn "How Great Thou Art" # 77
- Affirmation of Faith Apostle’s Creed # 881
- Response "Gloria Patri" # 70
- Musical Offering "Give Thanks" Bonnie Brown, violin
- Morning Prayer
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Anthem "I Am The Vine" Choir
Shera Higbee, solo
Bonnie Brown, violin
- Offertory Prayer
- Offertory
- +Doxology # 94
- Passing of the Peace
Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children’s Church
- +Hymn "Joy in the Morning" # 2284
- Scripture Isaiah 65:17-25
- Sermon Nothing is Final Rev. Kaufman
- +Hymn "This is My Father’s World" # 144
- +Benediction
- +Please stand as you are able.

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)

A New Vision for St. Mark’s UMC

We are *Authentically Imperfect Christ Followers Uniting all seeking Grace and Belonging.*

Our vision statement is...a way of life that shapes who we are and how we live as a community of faith.

- Following Christ – Learning from Jesus daily (Matthew 4:19)
- Being Authentically Imperfect – God loves us as we are (Romans 5:8)
- Seeking Grace – God’s free gift changes lives (Ephesians 2:8)
- Uniting in Love – Love makes us one family (1 Peter 4:8)
- Belonging Together – All are welcome in God’s family (Galatians 3:26)

This vision is both a calling and a challenge. It invites us to live with humility, extend grace to others, and build a community where all people find a home. Together, we can be a community where God’s love is real, grace is abundant, and everyone belongs.

Wednesday Night at St. Mark’s
Supper Service in CLC begins at 5 pm
Volunteers Needed!

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



<https://saintmarksum.shelbynextchm.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!

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:	
10/31/2025	Yr. 2025
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,271,083.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$910,039.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$929,322.00
Revenue Over/Under Expense	(\$19,283.00)
UNPAID MISSION SHARES	107,096.00

- DAILY BIBLE READINGS**
- SUNDAY, Nov. 16**
Isaiah 12; 65:17-25
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19
- MON., Nov. 17**
Psalm 76
Isaiah 60:17-22
Ephesians 4:25-5:2
- TUES., Nov. 18**
Isaiah 66:1-13
1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1
- WEDS., Nov. 19**
Isaiah 66:14-24
Matthew 23:37-24;14
- THURS., Nov. 20**
Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 21:1-14
Hebrews 9:23-28
- FRI., Nov. 21**
Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 22:1-17
1 Peter 1:3-9
- SAT, Nov. 22**
Luke 1:68-79
Jeremiah 22:18-30
Luke 18:15-17
- SUNDAY, Nov. 23**
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43