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. 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) For those who have volunteered to Drive & Deliver these wonderful Thanksgiving Basket / Boxes—Please meet in St. Mark's Sanctuary at 9:00 AM on Monday, Nov. 24th—you will receive further instructions at that time. With many thanks for dedicating this time to make someone's Thanksgiving happy & memorable! Contact: DeeDee Long at: 601-573-5928 to join our Annual basket delivery team or to donate!

REMINDER: Please Return ANGEL TREE GIFTS & TAGS by DEC. 7th!!!
Do Not Wrap ~ Thank You!

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. 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. 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)

MONDAY, NOV. 24
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, NOV. 25
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
No Adult Study - today
No Weds. Night Supper
No Bible Studies - tonight
No Choir Practice - tonight
No 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice - tonight

THURSDAY, NOV. 27 – Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed
No Walking with Joy - today
No Men's Fellowship Group - tonight
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, NOV. 28 - Holiday
Church Office Closed
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, NOV. 29

SUNDAY, NOV. 30
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)
4:00 pm Fifth Sunday Sing (3-Parlor)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night (4)

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."

Nov. 23rd, 2025
Reign of Christ Sunday

Contact Us:
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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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Traditional Service

Reign of Christ Sunday – November 23, 2025

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Choral Introit "We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise" Choir

Call to Worship

+Hymn *"Come Ye Thankful People Come"* # 694

Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed # 881

Response *"Gloria Patri"* # 70

Stewardship Video Leslie McGinnis

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *"Song of Harvest"* Choir

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

+Doxology # 94

Passing of the Peace

Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children's Church

+Hymn *"Thank You, Lord"* # 84

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Sermon Bringing Our First Fruits Rev. Kaufman

+Hymn *"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"* # 2031

+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 vison 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

No Weds. Night Supper Nov. 26th due to Thanksgiving break.

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, Nov. 23
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

MON., Nov. 24
Psalm 117
Jeremiah 30:1-17
Revelation 21:5-17

TUES., Nov. 25
Jeremiah 30:18-24
Revelation 22:8-21

WEDS., Nov. 26
Jeremiah 31:1-6
Luke 1:1-4

THURS., Nov. 27
Psalm 100
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

FRI., Nov. 28
Genesis 6:1-10
Hebrews 11:1-7

SAT, Nov. 29
Genesis 6:11-22
Matthew 24:1-22

SUNDAY, Nov. 30
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44

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**