

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



***“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

Connect With Us Online:
www.saintmarksum.org

Facebook - St. Mark’s United Methodist Church
Instagram – [stmarksumc_brandon](#)
TikTok - [stmarksumc](#)

Traditional Service
4th Sunday of Advent – December 21, 2025
ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude *“Good King Wenceslas”* Handbell Choir
 Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst

+Call to Worship

+Hymn *“Angels We Have Heard on High”* # 238

Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed # 881

Choral Response “Christ Be Our Light” Choir

Lighting of the Advent Candle
 8:20am Ed and Sandra Leigh
 10:45am Kenny and Kathy Lovett

Choral Response “Christ Be Our Light” Congregation

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem *“Joseph’s Prayer”* Choir

Offertory Prayer

Offertory
+Doxology *”Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”* # 95

Passing of the Peace
 Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children’s Church

+Hymn *“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”* # 218

Scripture Luke 1 :26-38

Sermon Awake to Love Rev. Kaufman

+Hymn *“Joy to the World”* # 246

+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)

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!

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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.shelbynexthms.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:	
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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, Dec. 21
Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalms 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
Psalms 96
Isaiah 9:2-7

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

FRI., Dec. 26
Psalms 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
Psalms 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23