

Coming up...

Children’s Ministry

Wednesday Nights will resume Jan. 14 in Asbury Hall @ 6 pm
Sunday, Jan. 11th Tween Night in Asbury Hall Parlor
For details and sign-ups contact Anna McGough at
anna@saintmarksum.org

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

Youth Ministry

Resuming Jan. 14, Weds. @ 6 pm in SWH and
Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm in CLC / SWH
Please email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

- Jan. 14: Wednesday Adult Bible Studies Restart**
- **Men’s Study @ 6 pm “Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White”**
 - **Pastor Jon’s study is at 10:00 am and repeats at 6:00 pm “The Journey of Becoming” (a journey of transformation following Jesus)**
 - **Anchored Women’s Study resumes January 14th.**

Joyful Connections Respite Ministry ~ Volunteers Needed
Volunteer Training Workshop Sun., Jan. 18 (3-5pm) in
St. Mark’s Choir Room (S116)

Rise Against Hunger is Saturday, Feb. 7th (9am-Noon)

Saving Grace ~ A Personal Financial Well-Bring Study
Begins: February 11 – please sign up in church office or
contact Pastor Jon Kaufman for details at:
Jon@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*
Tues. Jan. 13th – Morning Fellowship & Planning 9:30 am in CLC
For more info, text Sandra Thomas at 601-940-5120 or
email Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, JAN. 11
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 Finance Council Meeting (1-Choir Rm)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Tween Night (3-Parlor)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night (4)

MONDAY, JAN. 12
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 Gospel of John Study (1-Robe Rm)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, JAN. 13
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14
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, JAN. 15
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
5:30 pm Pickleball (5)
6:00 pm Men’s Fellowship Group (2)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, JAN. 16
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, JAN 17
Tween Wild Camp Retreat

SUNDAY, JAN. 18
Tween Wild Camp Retreat
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)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night (4)

Monday, JAN. 19 – Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
Church Office is Closed in Observance of this Holiday

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.”

Jan. 11th, 2026
BAPTISM of the LORD

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](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksumc_brandon)
TikTok - [stmarksumc](https://www.tiktok.com/@stmarksumc)

Traditional Service
BAPTISM of the LORD Sunday
January 11, 2026

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Choral Introit "This is My Son" Choir

+Call to Worship

+Hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus" # 189

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed # 881

Response "This is My Son"

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem "The Lord Came Down to the River" 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 "Baptized in Water" # 2248

Scripture Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon Claiming our Identity in the Waters Rev. Kaufman

Congregational Reaffirmation of Baptism

Music "Brighter than the Sun" Staci Curry, solo
Ben Curry, Saxophone

+Hymn "Down by the Jordan" # 3045

+Benediction

+Please stand as you are able.

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

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

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

To Request Prayers Email: Prayerrequest@saintmarksum.org
(A full copy of our Prayer List is available at the exits.)

The Flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are given in
loving memory of my husband, W.A. "Dub" Womack
by Anita Womack

Reflection Questions

1. Where do you tend to base your worth on what you do rather than on being God's beloved child?
2. What would change in your life this week if you truly trusted that you are already claimed and loved by God?

Next Steps for Discipleship

1. Each day this week, pause and pray: "I am God's beloved, and God is pleased with me."
2. Look for one opportunity to live from being beloved—offering grace, patience, or kindness without needing recognition.

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark's
Our Supper resumes January 14th
Volunteers Needed & Welcome!

Please scan the QR Code below to
Register or call Church Office
at 601-992-2131.



Regular Meal Pricing:
\$10 Adult Meals (6 grade & up)
and \$7 for a Child Meal.

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

All welcome to join our
Wednesday 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:	
12/31/2025	Yr. 2025
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,271,083.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$ 1,161,731.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$ 1,160,834.00
Revenue Over/Under Expense	(\$897.00)
UNPAID MISSION SHARES	82,918.00

BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, Jan. 11
Baptism of the Lord
Psalm 29
Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

MON., Jan. 12
Psalm 89:5-37
Genesis 35:1-15
Acts 10:44-48

TUES., Jan. 13
Jeremiah 1:4-10
Acts 8:4-13

WEDS., Jan. 14
Isaiah 51:1-16
Matthew 12:15-21

THURS., Jan. 15
Psalm 40:1-11
Isaiah 22:15-25
Galatians 1:6-12

FRI., Jan. 16
Genesis 27:30-38
Acts 1:1-5

SAT, Jan. 17
1 Kings 19:19-21
Luke 5:1-11

SUNDAY, Jan. 18
Psalm 40:1-11
Isaiah 49:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42