

Coming up...

Stations of the Cross at St. Mark’s

This Lent, we invite you to experience the Stations of the Cross in our church garden which is located by the playground. Our Prayer Garden is open daily. We hope you'll come walk the journey.

“Worthy is the Lamb” an Easter Drama

We need actors, readers, back stage helpers, and more. Open Rehearsal on Feb. 22 @ 4 pm in Choir Room -- All are welcome!

Lent Study – “Entering the Passion of Jesus”
Wednesdays at 10:AM in the Robe Room – February 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1.

Children’s Ministry

Wednesday Nights in Asbury Hall @ 6 pm
Sun., Mar. 1 – Tween Night @ 5:30 pm – Asbury Hall
For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at anna@saintmarksum.org

Youth Ministry

Wednesday Nights @ 6 pm in SWH and
Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm in CLC / SWH
For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Wednesday Adult Bible Studies

- Men’s and Women’s Studies @ 6 pm in Wesley Center
- Pastor Jon’s study at 10:00 am in Robe Rm. and repeats at 6:00 pm Wesley Center

Saving Grace ~ A Personal Financial Well-Bring Study

Begins: February– please sign up in church office or contact Pastor Jon Kaufman for details at: Jon@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*

Bingo, Concerts, Live Theatre, Movies & Trips...Join the fun!
Sat., Feb. 28 – Community Band Concert @ 2 pm (bus)
Sign up in church office. For details text Sandra Thomas at 601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, FEB. 22

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 Drama Rehearsal / Practice (1-Choir Rm)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night

MONDAY, FEB. 23

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
6:00 pm Gospel of John Study (1-Robe Rm)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, FEB. 24

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
7:30 pm SPRC Meeting (1-Robe Rm)

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 25

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 - Lent (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, FEB. 26

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
5:30 pm Pickleball (5)
6:00 pm Journeymen Fellowship Group (2)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, FEB. 27

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, FEB. 28

2:00 pm Trendsetters @ Band Concert (bus)

SUNDAY, MAR. 1

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 Tween Night (3)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night

KEY:

- 1 – Sanctuary building
- 2 – Wesley – adult education
- 3 – Asbury – children’s ed.
- 4 – SWH – youth building
- 5 – CLC – Christian Life Center



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

Feb. 22nd, 2026
1st Sunday in Lent

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

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

Traditional Service
1st Sunday in Lent
February 22, 2026

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Call to Worship

+Hymn *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* # 2105

Affirmation of Faith Apostle’s Creed # 881

Response *“The Summons”* v.1 Congregation

Stewardship Moment Linda Swales

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem *All Because of God’s Amazing Grace* Choir

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *The Gift of Love*
 Cindy Wilkins and Ann Pittman

+Doxology # 95

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

+Hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* # 2051

Scripture Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon Who Do You Follow? Rev. Kaufman

+Hymn *Be Still, My Soul* # 534

+Benediction

Postlude Darlene Baker

+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 complete copy of our Prayer List available at the exits doors)

LENTEN CHALLENGE: WEEK 1 — CHRIST FOLLOWERS

The Lenten Challenge helps us live into our vision. It is not about
doing everything perfectly, but about taking small, faithful steps
with Jesus.

Follow Me — A Daily Rhythm of Devotion

Scripture (5 minutes) – Use this Sunday’s scripture - or another one
you choose.

Prayer (2 minutes): “Jesus, lead me today.”

Silence (1 minute)

One Act of Obedience: “Jesus, who do You want me to bless
today?”

Live the Vision (Focus on one or more of the following)

Follow Jesus intentionally
Take one small step of obedience
Create space for spiritual growth
Encourage someone you meet

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Honduras Mission Team ~ Trip March 2026

Please pray for our Honduras Mission Team as they prepare for
their trip to Honduras in March. We have provided a list of team
members in our church office. Please consider signing up to pray
and to write an encouraging note or card to one or more
members to take along them to read during their mission trip!

Please return your cards / notes to the church office by
Sunday, March 1st.

Many thanks in advance for your continuing
Prayers & Encouragement!

St. Mark’s UMC ~ Honduras Mission Team

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark’s

Weds. Night Supper

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!

Volunteers Needed & Welcome!

Then following supper join our
Wednesday Night Adult Studies
at 6:00 pm in Wesley Center
All Welcome!



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!

BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, Feb. 22
Psalm 32
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

MON., Feb. 23
Psalm 32
1 Kings 19:1-8
Hebrews 2:10-18

TUES., Feb. 24
Genesis 4:1-16
Hebrews 4:14-5:10

WEDS., Feb. 25
Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28
Matthew 18:10-14

THURS., Feb. 26
Psalm 121
Isaiah 51:1-3
Timothy 1:3-7

FRI., Feb. 27
Micah 7:18-20
Romans 3:21-31

SAT, Feb. 28
Isaiah 51:4-8
Luke 7:1-10

SUNDAY, Mar. 1
Psalm 121
Genesis 12:1-4
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:	
1/31/2026	Yr. 2026
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,259,235.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$ 68,970.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$ 91,489.00
Revenue Over/Under Expense	(\$22,519)