



This Lent, journey through the **Stations of the Cross** in our prayer garden Feb.- March. Our Prayer Garden is open daily, this self-guided experience through 14 stations invites you to walk with Christ from his arrest to the cross. May this sacred journey deepen your faith and draw you closer to Christ.

**Easter Lilies coming soon it's time to place your orders...
Order Forms are available in Church Office**

Holy Week at St. Mark's UMC

March 29th - Palm Sunday Services
 April 2nd - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 pm - CLC
 April 3rd – Good Friday Service @ 7 pm - Sanctuary
 April 4th – Easter Egg Hunt @ 10 am - CLC
 April 5th – Easter Sunday Services

**“Worthy is the Lamb” an Easter Drama
 Sun., April 12th during Traditional Service(s)**

Children's Ministry

Sun., Mar 22. - Children's Council Meeting at 2 pm in Parlor and Walk in Park w/ Kids Ministry @ 3 pm (Winners Circle)
 For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at anna@saintmarksum.org

Youth Ministry

Mar. 20 – Youth Camp Retreat (8 am - bus)
 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

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*

Bingo, Concerts, Live Theatre, Movies & Trips...Join the fun!
Fri., Mar. 20 – Trip to Fairhope (board bus @ 7:15 am)
 Sign up in church office. For details text Sandra Thomas at 601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, MAR. 15

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 (1)
 4:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (1-Choir Rm)
 5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
 5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night
 Honduras Mission Team March 9-15 (returns)

MONDAY, MAR. 16

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, MAR. 17

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
 9:30 am Tabitha Circle Gathering (1)
 6:00 pm Ruth Circle Gathering (1)
 6:00 pm Trustee Com. Meeting (1-Choir Rm)
 7:30 pm SPRC Meeting (1-Robe Rm)

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 18

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 7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)

THURSDAY, MAR. 19

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

FRIDAY, MAR. 20

7:15 am Trendsetters - Fairhope Trip (bus)
 8:00 am Youth Ministry – Camping Retreat (bus)
 8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
 10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, MAR. 21

SUNDAY, MAR. 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)
 12:00 pm Children's Council Meeting (3-Parlor)
 3:00 pm Walk in Park w/ Kids Ministry (Winners Circle)
 5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
 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.”***

March 15th, 2026
 4th Sunday in Lent

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Traditional Service
March 15, 2026
4th Sunday in Lent

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude Jason Boyd

+Call to Worship

+Hymn “Be Thou My Vision” # 451

Affirmation of Faith Apostle’s Creed # 881

Response “The Summons” v.1 Congregation

Musical Offering “The Power of Your Love” BenThomas

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem “Worthy” Choir

Camping Ministry Video Kaylee Ann Hurley

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

+Doxology # 95

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

+Hymn “Open Our Eyes” # 2086

Scripture John 9:1-41 (NRSV)

Sermon Clear as Mud Rev. Ann Kaufman

+Hymn “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” # 581

+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)

March 15 — UNITING

A Lenten challenge this week is to Reach across a relational line.

Simple Instructions:

- 1. Identify one person you don’t usually talk to or sit near.
- 2. Reach out in one simple way:
 - o sit with them
 - o send a note or text
 - o greet them warmly
 - o invite them for coffee
- 3. Practice listening more than speaking.
- 4. Ask God each morning: “Show me someone to connect with today.”

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Easter Is Coming — And We're Doing It Again!

Last year's response was so incredible, we're bringing it back. This Easter, we're asking everyone in our church to do two simple things that Jesus modeled for us: **be a Bringer and be a Giver.**

Invite someone to worship with you — people are especially open to an invitation at Easter. Then come ready to give a special "second mile" Easter Offering, above your normal giving, to support three Mississippi Conference ministries that transform the lives of children and students: our UM Camps, Community Centers, and Campus Ministries.

Bring a person + Give a financial gift = Eternal Impact.

More details coming Sunday — but start praying now about who you'll bring and how you'll give!

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark’s

Weds. Night Supper @ 5 pm in CLC

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, Mar. 15
Psalm 23
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

MON., Mar. 16
Psalm 146
Isaiah 59:9-19
Acts 9:1-20

TUES., Mar. 17
Isaiah 42:14-21
Colossians 1:9-14

WEDS., Mar. 18
Isaiah 60:17-22
Matthew 9:27-34

THURS., Mar. 19
Psalm 130
Ezekiel 1:1-3,2: -3:3
Revelation 10:1-11

FRI., Mar. 20
Ezekiel 33:10-16
Revelation 11:15-19

SAT, Mar. 21
Ezekiel 36:8-15
Luke 24:44-53

SUNDAY, Mar. 22
Psalm 130
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:	
2/28/2026	Yr. 2026
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,259,835.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$ 157,857.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$ 193,288.00
Revenue Over/Under Expense	(\$35,431.00)