

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



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.

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

Sun., March 29 – Fifth Sunday Sing @ 5:00 pm in Parlor

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

April 15 – Legacy Giving Seminar @ 6 pm Wesley Crt.

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

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

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*

Bingo, Concerts, Live Theatre, Movies & Trips...Join the fun!

Tues., Mar. 24 – Bingo Night in CLC @ 5 pm

Sat. Mar. 28 – Trip to Meridian Air Show (7:30 am bus)

Sign up in church office. For details text Sandra Thomas at

601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

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)

4:00 pm Drama Rehearsal (1)

5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)

5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night / Practice (1+4)

MONDAY, MAR. 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, MAR. 24

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

5:00 pm Trendsetters – Bingo Night (5)

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 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, MAR. 26

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. 27

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, MAR. 28

7:30 am Trendsetters @ Meridian (bus)

PALM SUNDAY, MAR. 29

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)

5:00 pm Fifth Sunday Sing (3-Parlor)

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 22nd, 2026
5th 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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TikTok - [stmarksumc](https://www.tiktok.com/@stmarksumc)

Traditional Service
March 22, 2026
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Gathering and Announcements

Prelude “The Old Rugged Cross” Handbell Choir

Mission Focus Bethlehem Center Shornita Shavers

+Call to Worship

+Hymn “In the Garden” # 314

Affirmation of Faith Apostle’s Creed # 881

Response “The Summons” v.1 Congregation

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem “There’s A Cross For Me” Choir

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Stewardship Moment Beth Martin

Doxology # 95

Passing of the Peace

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

+Hymn “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands” # 273

Scripture John 11:1-45

Sermon “Life Giver” Rev. Jon Kaufman

+Hymn “Hymn of Promise” # 707

+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 22 — BELONGING -- A Lenten Challenge this week is to offer one act of belonging every day.

Simple Instructions:

1. Start each day asking: “Lord, who needs to feel included today?”
2. Do one act of belonging daily:
 - say someone’s name
 - make eye contact
 - offer a sincere compliment
 - invite someone to join you
 - open a seat
 - pray for someone
3. Notice the people at the edges—the quiet, the new, the overlooked.
4. End the day by asking: “Did someone feel seen today because of my action?”

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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. 22

Psalm 130
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

MON., Mar. 23

Psalm 143
1 Kings 17:17-24
Acts 20:7-12

TUES., Mar. 24

2 Kings 4:18-37
Ephesians 2:1-10

WEDS., Mar. 25

Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41
Matthew 22:23-33

THURS., Mar. 26

Psalm 31:9-16
1 Samuel 16:11-13
Philippians 1:1-11

FRI., Mar. 27

Job 13:13-19
Philippians 1:21-30

SAT, Mar. 28

Lamentations 3:55-66
Mark 10:32-34

SUNDAY, Mar. 29

Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
Matthew 21:1-11; 26
Isaiah 50:4-9
Philippians 2:5-11

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)