



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

Spring Break – March 9-14 - No Studies this week.
 For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at
anna@saintmarksum.org

Youth Ministry

Spring Break--Youth Ministry-Spring Cleanup – (SWH)
 Spring Break Mar. 9-14 – No Studies this week.
 Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm in CLC / SWH
 For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Wednesday Adult Bible Studies

- Spring Break Mar. 9-14 – No Studies this week.

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*

Bingo, Concerts, Live Theatre, Movies & Trips...Join the fun!
Mon., Mar. 9 @ Movie (bus leaves church at 1:30 pm)
 Sign up in church office. For details text Sandra Thomas at
 601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, MAR. 8

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

MONDAY, MAR. 9

Honduras Mission Team March 9-15 (departs)
 8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
 10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
 1:30 pm Trendsetters @ Movie (bus)
 6:00 pm Gospel of John Study (1-Robe Rm)
 7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, MAR. 10

Primary Election Day (7am-7pm)
 8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
 11:00 am Youth Ministry – Spring Cleanup! (4)

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 11

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)
 8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
 10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
 11:00 am Youth Ministry – Spring Cleanup! (4)
 7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, MAR. 12

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
 11:00 am Youth Ministry – Spring Cleanup! (4)
 5:30 pm Pickleball (5)
 6:00 pm “Journeyman” Fellowship Group (2)
 7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, MAR. 13

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

SATURDAY, MAR. 14

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

Wishing You
 All a Happy &
 Safe Spring
 Break Week!

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 8th, 2026
 3rd Sunday in Lent

Contact Us:
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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

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www.saintmarksum.org

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 Instagram – stmarksumc_brandon
 TikTok - stmarksumc

Traditional Service

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ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Call to Worship

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+Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah # 127

Affirmation of Faith Apostle’s Creed # 881

Response “The Summons” v.1 Congregation

Commissioning of Honduras Mission Team (8:20)

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Mission Moment Grace Place Ministry Rev. Lori Till

Anthem “Come to the Water” Choir

Offertory Prayer

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+Doxology # 95

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

+Hymn I Need Thee Every Hour # 397
vv.1,4,5

Scripture John 4:5-42 NLT

Sermon “Water That Never Runs Dry” Rev. Kaufman

+Hymn An Outcast Among Outcasts # 2104

+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 8 — GRACE

A Lenten challenge this week is to practice
intentional acts of grace.

- 1. Make a list of people who may need grace
(at work, home, school, church).
- 2. Choose three moments (one every 2–3 days)
to offer grace:
 - o forgive quickly
 - o offer encouragement
 - o give someone the benefit of the
doubt
 - o respond patiently instead of reacting
- 3. Don’t announce it—simply do it.
- 4. At the end of the week, reflect: “Where did I
see grace given... and grace received?”

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Honduras Mission Team ~ Trip is March 9-15, 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!

Many thanks in advance for your continuing
Prayers & Encouragement!

St. Mark’s UMC ~ Honduras Mission Team

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark’s

No Weds. Night Supper or Studies
Mar. 11 due to Spring Break...
we will resume activities next week.

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. 8

Psalm 95
Exodus 17:1-7
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

MON., Mar. 9

Psalm 81
Genesis 24:1-27
2 John 1:1-13

TUES., Mar. 10

Genesis 29:1-14
1 Corinthians 10:1-4

WEDS., Mar. 11

Jeremiah 2:4-13
John 7:14-31,37-39

THURS., Mar. 12

Psalm 23
1 Samuel 15:10-21
Ephesians 4:25-32

FRI., Mar. 13

1 Samuel 15:22-31
Ephesians 5:1-9

SAT, Mar. 14

1 Samuel 15:32-34
John 1:1-9

SUNDAY, Mar. 15

Psalm 23
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

2/28/2026

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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)