**Mark your calendars & make a plan to join us!**

## Saturday, May 2 - Women's Retreat

**9:45 AM – 3 PM in our Christian Life Center (CLC)**
Cost $25 (includes lunch) Sign up online or in church office.
**Registration required by Weds., 4/29.**
Hosted by UWF and Anchored Women's Group
**For details contact Jo Hebert**
**601-259-1749 or 1johebert@comcast.net**

## All St. Mark's Mission Worship Service

**Sunday, May 3 | 10:45 am | Christian Life Center**

## Wednesday Adult Bible Studies

Men's and Women's Studies @ 6 pm in Wesley Center

**NEW BIBLE STUDY**
**"Living Hope: A Risen Life with Peter"**
Join us as we kick off a five-week journey through the letter of 1 Peter! We'll meet every Wednesday at
**10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., April 22 through May 20.**

## Children's Ministry

Wednesday Nights in Asbury Hall @ 6 pm
**May 3 - Tween Night @ 5:30 pm**
For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at
anna@saintmarksum.org

## Youth Ministry

**Sun., April 26 – Send Off Reception for Lawsons @ 5:00 pm**
**May 3 – Breakfast Welcome Reception during SS @ 9:30 am for new Youth Director, Elliott Frankel**
Wednesday Nights @ 6 pm in SWH and
Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm in CLC / SWH
For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

## Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*

Bingo, Concerts, Live Theatre, Movies & Trips…Join the fun!
Sign up in church office. For details text Sandra Thomas at
601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

**SUNDAY, APRIL 26 – Confirmation Sunday**
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)
5:00 pm Youth Sunday Night /
Send Off Reception for Lawsons (4)

**MONDAY, APR. 27**
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
10:00 am Joyful Connections Respite (5)
7:00 pm AA (2)

**TUESDAY, APR. 28**
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
6:00 pm Trustee Com. Mtg (1-Robe Rm)

**WEDNESDAY, APR. 29**
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (1-Robe Rm)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
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, APR. 30**
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, MAY 1**
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**
9:45 am Women's Retreat (5-CLC)

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
9:30 am Breakfast Welcome Reception for
new Youth Director, Elliott Frankel (4)
**10:45 am Combined Worship (5-CLC) (Greeters)**
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1)
5:30 pm Tween Night (3)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nights (4)

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

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April 26th, 2026
4th Sunday of Easter

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# Traditional Service
## April 26th, 2026 @ 8:20 AM
## 4th Sunday of Easter

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Hymn *O Jesus I Have Promised* # 396

Service of Christian Baptism

Anthem *Called to Service* Choir

Morning and Offertory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Offertory Stewardship Video McKinley Family

Doxology # 95

Passing of the Peace

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

+Hymn *Living for Jesus* # 2149

Scripture 1 Peter 2:2-10

Sermon "Y'all Don't Have to Hold Yourselves Up"
Rev. Jon Kaufman

Service of Confirmation

+Hymn *A Charge to Keep I Have* # 413

Benediction

Postlude

+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)

***(New) St. Mark's Devotional & Prayer Line***
**601-487-0930**
Call St. Mark's Devotional & Prayer Line to hear a devotional message and a word of prayer. It's available anytime you need encouragement or spiritual reflection.
**The prayer message is typically updated weekly.**

**All St. Mark's Mission Worship Service**
**Sunday, May 3 | 10:45 am | Christian Life Center**

On Sunday, May 3, we will gather as one congregation for a special All St. Mark's Mission Worship Service. This is more than a change of schedule — it is an invitation to come together as the full body of Christ at St. Mark's and celebrate what God is doing through us in our community and around the world.

We will hear stories of the mission work being done by you, both locally and beyond. We will be led in worship by the Choir and the Praise Band. And we will come to the Table together as one church family to celebrate Holy Communion.

One of the greatest gifts of a moment like this is simply seeing one another — recognizing how many of us there are and how much God is at work among us. We hope you will make plans to join us for this special morning of worship, mission, and community.
Plan to be there — and bring someone with you.

Jon Kaufman
Senior Pastor

## 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, Apr. 26**
*Acts 2:42-47*
*Psalm 23*
*1 Peter 2:19-25*
*Luke 10:1-10*

**MON., Apr. 27**
*Psalm 100*
*Ezekiel 34:17-23*
*1 Peter 5:1-5*

**TUES., Apr. 28**
*Ezekiel 34:23-31*
*Hebrews 13:20-21*

**WEDS., Apr. 29**
*Jeremiah 23:1-8*
*Matthew 20:17-28*

**THURS., Apr. 30**
*Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16*
*Genesis 12:1-3*
*Acts 6:8-15*

**FRI., May 1**
*Psalm 31:1-5,15-16*
*Exodus 3:1-12*
*Acts 7:1-16*

**SAT, May 2**
*Psalm 31:1-5,15-16*
*Jeremiah 26:20-24*
*John 8:48-59*

**SUNDAY, May 3**
*Acts 7:55-60*
*Psalm 31:1-5,15-16*
*1 Peter 2:2-10*
*John 14:1-14*

| **THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 3/31/2026** | ***Yr. 2026*** |
|---|---|
| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | **$ 1,259,835.00** |
| AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD | $293,701.00 |
| AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD | -$290,817.00 |
| **REVENUE Over/Under EXPENSE** | **($2,884.00)** |
| UNPAID MISSION SHARES | $18,032.00 |