

## Announcements, Events, Mission Opportunities...



### This Lent, journey through the Stations of the Cross in our St. Mark's prayer garden March 6--April 19.

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.

This Wednesday  
all activities resume including:

#### Lenten Prayer Study with/ Prayer Beads

Led by Rev. Jon Kaufman

**Begins: March 19 thru Weds. April 16 @ 10 AM in Robe Room and at 6 PM in Wesley Center Serendipity Classroom.**

#### Walk In The Park

**Sunday, March 23 @ 3 pm**

Join St. Mark's Families at the Flowood Nature Park for a devotional, kite flying and nature scavenger hunt!

Please Contact **Anna McGough** at: 601-992-2131 (Ext.109) or email [Anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org) for more info.

#### Trendsetter Opportunities - for anyone 50+

Join our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults! ...

**Thurs., March 27**—9 am Bus from Church to Natural Science Museum for the Mindbender Mansion then Lunch at Lou's.

**For further Trendsetter opportunities contact or stop church office...**

**Sign Up in Church Office.** Contact Rev. Sandra Thomas for more details at 601-992-2131 email [Sandra@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Sandra@saintmarksum.org)

## Mark Your Calendars...

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 16**

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark's FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)  
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark's FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
3:30 pm Handbells & Music Rehearsals (1-Robe Rm)  
4:30 pm Praise Team Practice (4)  
5:00 pm Youth – Dinner / Game Nite (4+5)

### **MONDAY, MARCH 17**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
6:00 pm Disciple Fast Track (1-Robe Rm)  
6:30 pm Youth Council Meeting (4)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 18**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
9:30 am Tabitha Circle (1)  
6:00 pm Ruth Circle (1)

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)  
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
10:00 am Lenten Prayer Study (1)  
5:00 pm Weds. Night Supper (5)  
6:00 pm Bible Study (2+3+4)  
7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 20**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
6:00 pm Men's Fellowship Group (2)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 21**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 22**

Serendipity SS Class Social (3)

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10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark's FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
3:00 pm Walk In The Park (Off Campus)  
3:30 pm Handbells & Music Rehearsals (1-Robe Rm)  
4:30 pm Praise Team Practice (4)  
5:00 pm Youth Sunday Nite (4+5)

#### **KEY:**

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



March 16, 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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## Entering Into Worship

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in Our Midst*

Call to Worship

+Hymn *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* # 2234

+Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed # 881

+Response *The Summons v.1* # 2130

Musical Offering *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* Handbell Choir

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Wade in the Water* Sanctuary Choir  
Ann Kaufman, Staci Curry, Russ Griffith, Ben Thomas

Offertory Prayer

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+Doxology # 95  
Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children's Church

Passing of the Peace

+Hymn *Be Still, My Soul* # 534

Scripture Reading Exodus 14:5-29

Sermon *God Makes a Way!* Rev. Kaufman

+Closing Hymn *How Majestic is Your Name* # 2023

+Benediction

+ *Please stand if you are able.*

Holy Communion immediately follows 8:20 service,  
except on first Sundays.

*Nursery is available ages up to and including two (2) years of age.*

To Request Prayers Email:  
[Prayerrequest@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Prayerrequest@saintmarksum.org)

### Continued Worship / Notes:

### Reflection Questions:

1. Where am I feeling stuck or trapped right now – between what was and what could be? How is God inviting me to trust Him in this wilderness time?
2. When fear and panic rise in my heart, what would it look like for me to “be still” and let God fight for me?

### Action Step:

Identify one area of your life where you feel stuck or afraid. This week, commit to releasing that fear to God in prayer daily – and take one small, faithful step forward, trusting that He will make a way.

## Wednesday Night

### At St. Mark's

Join us for Supper  
at 5:00 pm in the CLC

**Our Menu for Weds. Mar. 19**  
Jambalaya, Fried Okra, Corn,  
Garlic Bread, Salad, Beverage &  
Tond's yummy Dessert!

\$10 Grade 6 and up  
\$7 Child Meals

And  
Children, Youth and  
Adult studies at 6:00 pm



### 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!

### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**SUNDAY, MAR. 16**  
*Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*  
*Psalms 27*  
*Philippians 3:17-4:1*  
*Luke 13:31-35*

**MON., MAR. 17**  
*Psalms 105:1-42*  
*Exodus 33:1-6*  
*Romans 4:1-12*

**TUES., MAR. 18**  
*Numbers 14:10-24*  
*1 Corinthians 10:1-13*

**WEDS., MAR. 19**  
*Chronicles 20:1-22*  
*Luke 13:22-31*

**THURS., MAR. 20**  
*Psalms 63:1-8*  
*Daniel 3:19-30*  
*Revelation 2:8-11*

**FRI., MAR. 21**  
*Daniel 12:1-4*  
*Revelation 3:1-6*

**SAT., MAR. 22**  
*Isaiah 5:1-7*  
*Luke 6:43-45*

**SUNDAY, MAR. 23**  
*Isaiah 55:1-9*  
*Psalms 63:1-8*  
*Corinthians 10:1-13*  
*Luke 13:1-9*

### THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:

**2/28/2025**

**Yr. 2025**

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	<b>\$ 1,271,083.00</b>
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$ 160,886.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$ 193,165.00
<b>Revenue Over/Under Expense</b>	<b>(\$32,279.00)</b>