

Wednesday Night Supper begins @ 5:15 pm in our Christian Life Center (CLC). Please Sign Up! Complete, tear off and place your sign-up sheet in our Sunday Offering plate *or* scan the QR Code provided to Pre-Register by noon on Tuesday (this signup now includes an option for a recurring reservation for this semester)!

Wednesday Supper Sign-Up Sheet

Please Print:  
Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_  
# Children: \_\_\_\_\_



Wednesday Night Supper – Oct. 11

Service begins @ 5:15 pm in our Christian Life Center (CLC)  
Menu from IHOP: Pancakes, bacon & eggs, grits & beverage  
Cost: Adult \$ 7 and Child \$ 5 Maximum Family Charge: \$25  
*Volunteers Needed to Help Serve & Assist w/ Cleanup!*

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 10/1/2023	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$972,512.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,071,162.00
OFFERING FOR 10/1/2023	\$16,298.00

St. Mark’s Shelby Giving --- Please click on the QR code to the right with your smartphone to access the **Shelby Giving** application on your mobile phone.  
Thank you for your continued support of  
St. Mark’s UMC Ministries!



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Warren Coile..... Senior Pastor  
Jeff Nesbit.....Associate Pastor  
Sandra Thomas .....Pastor for Worship & Music Arts  
Stephen Craig ..... 11<sup>th</sup> hour Worship Leader  
Jeanne Chapman.....Director of Youth Ministries  
Anna McGough .....Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Katherine Long..... Director of Nurture & Outreach  
Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist  
Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist  
Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

Mark Your Calendars...

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark’ 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 page)  
No Evening Youth Activities

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
7:00 pm Disciple Fast Track Workshop (1-Robe Rm.)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
9:30 am Trendsetters @ Senior Day MS State Fair  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (1-Choir Rm.)  
No - 5<sup>th</sup> Block and No – FUEL - tonight  
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper (5-CLC)  
5:30 pm NWR Homecoming Parade  
No – Kids’ Workshop - tonight  
6:00 pm Bible Study (2)  
6:00 pm Holy Land Trip Meeting (1-Choir Rm.)  
7:00 pm 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)  
7:30 pm Youth Council (via Zoom)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**  
6:30 am Trendsetters Trip – Ocean Springs (depart)  
9:30 am Abigail Circle Meets (2)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
Trendsetter Trip – Ocean Springs (return)  
9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
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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 page)  
1:00 pm Youth - Leave for Fair / Jeremy Camp Concert  
2:00 pm Administrative Council Mtg. (3-Parlor)  
No - DRIVEN Band Practice  
No - MERGE - tonight

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
*am Exodus 22:25-27*  
*pm Exodus 23:1-3*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
*Exodus 23:4-5*  
*Philippians 4:1-7*  
*Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
*Exodus 23:6-8*  
*Philippians 4:8-9*

**WEDS., OCTOBER 11**  
*Exodus 23:9-11*  
*Matthew 22:1-14*

**THUR., OCTOBER 12**  
*Exodus 23:12-13*  
*Exodus 24*

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
*Exodus 31:18-32:14*  
*Exodus 32:15-35*

**SAT., OCTOBER 14**  
*Exodus 33:1-11*  
*Philippians 4:1-9*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
*am Matthew 22:1-14*  
*pm Philippians 4:10-23*

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 8, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude  
*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*  
+Opening Hymn *How Great Thou Art* # 77  
+Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles’ Creed* # 881  
+Act of Praise *Gloria Patri* # 70  
Special Music *Do, Lord* Handbell Quartet  
Litany *The Ten Commandments*  
Psalter *Psalms 19:7-9, 14* # 750  
Epistle *Philippians 3:4b-14*  
Morning Prayer  
The Lord’s Prayer  
Anthem *O Come and Sing unto the Lord* Choir  
Offertory Prayer  
Offertory  
+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94  
*Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children’s Church*  
+Hymn *My Hope Is Built* # 368  
Sermon *Taking Out the Trash* Rev. Coile  
+Closing Hymn *A Charge to Keep I Have* # 413  
*Following the Light of Christ into the world*  
+Benediction

Holy Communion immediately follows 8:20 service except on first Sundays.  
We are always pleased to welcome new members. If you wish to unite with our church family today, please come forward during the singing of the last hymn; or you may speak to one of the ministers following the benediction.

*Nursery is available ages up to and including 2 yrs.*

Prayer Concerns...

In Sympathy to Family & Friends of:

H.W. Holleman on his passing, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> (Husband of Jackie Holleman)

Members Needing Prayers:

Mike Blackwell	Carol Grisby	Les Malottki	Emily Grace Shields
Trish Champney	Hewitt Pittman	June Miracle	Merriam Smilley
Jimmie Ray Gordon	Keith Jenkins	Garner Peacock	JeanAnn Suggs
Bob Grisby	Robert Lott	Brad Sessums	Ron Tisdale

Family & Friends --- June – Oct. 2023:

Carol Baker (Katie Heard)	Pequita Lattimer (Clarene Reynolds)
Tara Blessinger (Coile Family)	Austin Lee (Pete Williams)
Billy Boyd (Betty Wheat)	Olivia Mann (Branigin, Nguyen, Lapiere)
Briggs Family (Samantha ‘Briggs’ Nguyen)	Larry Marguez (Karen Reed)
Ed Coile (Warren Coile)	Patricia Martin (Janet Langley)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Wayne Miller (Cody & Sara Beth Mayo)
Jonathan Davis (Amy Jones)	Mary K. Reiners (JA Suggs)
Jerry Frazier (Lyn Smith)	Jennifer Roberts (Misty Simmons)
Rob Gill & Family	Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)
George Haydu (Linda Finley)	Simpson Family (Thelma Lorentz)
Lisa Helmick (Joseph Hibbert)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Cindy Hooks. (Carla Cascio)	Ben & Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)
Cindy Horton (Dick & Susan Weatherholt)	Heather Trotter (D.W. & Katherine Long)

Long Term Prayers:

Tinker Colwell	Jerry Klomprens	Janette Thomas
Martha Gower	Dixie Miller	Linda Thomas
Joanne Humphries	June Miracle	Frances Upchurch
Sherry Johnston	Jonnie Norton	Mike & Connie Weaver
	Ann Saucier	
Jim Allard (David Allard)	Martin Levitt (McGinnis)	
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)	
Jay Brantley (Bob & Carol Grigsby)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)	
Hunter Burkhalter (Amanda Doby)	Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)	
Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)	
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)	
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)	Anna Marie Pauli (Marisa O. Martin)	
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack)	
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Tommy Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)	
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)	
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)	
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons)	
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)	
Cindy Horton (Jo-Anna Ray)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)	
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Will Sorey (Dennis O’Neal)	
Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)	Danny & Melissa Stephens (Jo-Anna Ray)	
Karnowski Family (Jeanne Chapman)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)	
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)	
Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)	

Serving our Country:

Jason Attaway, Ethan Avent, Cameron Barr, Justin Cox, Leon Davis, Noah Duncan, Jay Ellzey, Noah Givens, John Kibble, Boston Little, Cooper Little, Drew Little, Nathan Muirhead, Donna Phillips, Frank Porter, Casey Powell, Joshua Schmitz, Mark Sills, Eric Spellman, Brad Suggs, TJ Riley

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

Operation Gratitude – Tues. Sept. 26 and Thurs. Nov. 11 @ 6:30 pm (1-WWF)

Okay all - it's that time! We need to start sewing, knitting, lanyarding, and writing! OG has a challenge starting today. All of you who knit or crochet, this is for you! These items must be returned to me or the church by Oct. 26.

Beginning September 28<sup>th</sup>, we are challenging our knitters, crocheters, and loom knitters to make as many hats and scarves as their needles, hooks and picks can stitch! You can use ANY color, ANY stitch, and ANY pattern for your hats and scarves! The only rules are that you must use a size 4 worsted weight yarn (no bulky yarn), your scarves must be between 4”-5” wide and 48”-50 ” long, and if you are making hats, please don’t add a pom-pom. They do suggest not using white since it shows dirt so quickly.

Of course, we will have fleece fabric, paracord, and note cards available. Hope to see you all! Happy knitting! Pete W.

Contact: Pete Williams for further details @ [petewilliams217@gmail.com](mailto:petewilliams217@gmail.com)

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Honduras Mission Team ~ Potluck Dinner Gathering  
Tues., Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm in Asbury Hall / Parlor (A201)  
All Welcome! Please contact Julie Blake for more info at 601-397-8880

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Fall Fest 2023 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Reunion!  
Let’s celebrate our St. Mark’s UMC – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary together the best way – through FOOD, FELLOWSHIP and FUN! On October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 12:00 PM  
We’ll have lunch on the grounds, Corn Hole Tournament, Walk Thru St. Mark’s UMC Museum, Rock Wall, Inflatables, Axe Throwing, plenty of games and prizes!

What do you need to do?  
Candy & Cake Walk Donations Information coming out soon.  
Check your closets for your favorite St. Mark’s UMC memorabilia.  
Invite your family, friends, former members, current members to enjoy a day of celebration at our Anniversary Celebration!  
  
Grace and Peace,  
Anna McGough Director of Family & Children’s Ministry  
[anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:anna@saintmarksum.org) or 601-992-2131 (ext. 109)

Trendsetter Opportunities for anyone 50+ Join our St. Mark’s UMC Senior Adults! Here is a sampling of our upcoming events....

Weds., Oct. 11 – Senior Day @ MS State Fair – leave church @ 9:30 am

Mon. Dec. 11 - "The Trees of Christmas" at Merrehope in Meridian & lunch.  
Leave at 8:30am and return 4pm Cost: TBD about \$60 - tour, lunch and bus

Mon. Dec. 18 "Magic of Lights" Driving Tour of Magic of Lights at Brandon Amphitheater @ 5pm

For further opportunities & a complete list contact or stop by the church office...  
Sign Up in Church Office Contact Rev. Sandra Thomas or call Church Office for more details regarding Trendsetter & trip opportunities! 601-992-2131 or email [Sandra@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Sandra@saintmarksum.org)

Youth Ministry...

DRIVEN Youth  
- For all students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades



Fall Youth Calendars are available in the Hub, CLC & the main church office.

Sunday School (Rush Hour) ~ every Sunday @ 9:30 am in SWH  
MS Guys/Girls & HS Bible studies! Free cereal buffet provided.

NO YOUTH ACTIVITIES TONIGHT, Sun., Oct. 8

MERGE resumes, Sunday, Oct. 22 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm  
Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: tacos  
Theme: Throw/Back – 00’s

\*\*PLEASE NOTE: no 5<sup>th</sup> Block or FUEL Wed., Oct. 11 due to NWR Homecoming parade\*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Block and FUEL resume October 18.

Jeremy Camp Concert @ MS State Fair ~ Sun., Oct. 15 ~ 1:00p – 8:00p ~ \$15 + snacks  
Concert is @ 4p @ the Coliseum. We will have a couple of hours before the concert to explore the fair. We will be leaving immediately after the concert. Drop off and return is at STM. Tickets are limited. Deadline to sign up and pay is Sun., Oct. 8.

SHOES Collection Fundraiser!  
The youth ministry is collecting gently worn/new shoes to help those living in impoverished nations thru Funds2Orgs. Bins are set up around the church & at the youth building. The youth are paid by the pound! Shoe collection goes through October 31.

Confirmation 2024 ~ Fall retreat is Sat., Oct. 28.

... Stay in the know!!! Please contact Jeanne Chapman at ...  
[jeanne@saintmarksum.org](mailto:jeanne@saintmarksum.org) for more info!

Children & Family Ministries...  All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade  Sunday School @ 9:30 AM (3 - A102/A104)	Sunday, October 8, 2023  Acolytes @ Traditional & 11 <sup>th</sup> Hr. Services & Children’s Church (Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)
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Save these dates...  
  
October 11th - NO Wednesday Night Workshops for Kids or Nursery.  
We encourage everyone to head out to the NWR Homecoming parade and meet at the St. Mark's Youth - Driven Tent on the parade route to hand out invitation bags and support our local students!

Children’s Sabbath – October 22<sup>nd</sup> Kids Choir practice meets on Sundays at 9:30 am. We will be performing on Kids Sabbath during Worship.

Fall Fest 2023 – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Family Reunion! Join us Sunday, Oct. 29th on church grounds begins @ 12 pm ~ Join us for lunch on the grounds, Cake Walk, Games & celebrate 50 years of Ministry at St. Mark’s UMC!

Contact Anna McGough office #: 601-992-2131 (Ext.109)  
email [Anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org) for more info.

