

Mark your calendars...

Wednesday Night Supper @ 5:00 pm in CLC

Volunteers are Needed and All Are Welcome! Please contact Thelma in Church Office to be added to our weekly volunteer schedule.

*** Pre-Registration is Encouraged!**
Please scan the QR Code to the right to Register
for our Wednesday Night Supper:



-\$10 Adult Meals (6 grade & up), - \$7 Child Meals

*In lieu of Family pricing we have introduced a new option to Pre-Purchase for a Semester of Meals at a discount Adults \$120 & Child \$84. Please sign up early to get this special offer! We have excellent weekly menus!

Supper Menu – Dec. 4 : Red Beans & Rice, Green Beans, Corn, Salad, Corn Bread or Roll, Dessert & Beverage

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 10/31/2024		Yr. 2024
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 1,573,165.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD		\$980,414.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD		-\$ 1,085,505.00
Revenue Over/Under Expense		(\$105,091.00)

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.

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Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist
Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist
Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

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 page)
 12:00 pm Serendipity SS Class Party (3-Parlor)
 4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)
 5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm)
 5:30 Youth MERGE (3+5, Kitchen)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm.)
 7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

6:00 pm Caregiver Support Group (1-Robe Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 am Bible Study (1-Robe Rm.)
 7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:30 am PJ's & Pancakes "Breakfast in Bethlehem" (5)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

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 page)
 12:00 pm Choir Lunch / Rehearsal (3-Parlor+1)
 4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)
 5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm)
 5:30 Youth MERGE (3 + 5, Kitchen)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16
 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
 Luke 21:25-36

MONDAY, DEC. 2

Ps 90; Numbers 17:1-11
 2 Peter 3:1-18

TUES., DEC. 3

Ps 90; 2 Samuel 7:18-29
 Revelation 22:12-16

WEDS., DEC. 4

Ps 90; Isaiah 1:24-31
 Luke 11:29-32

THURS., DEC. 5

Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12
 Philippians 1:12-18

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18
 Philippians 1:18-26

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6
 Luke 9:1-6

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Malachi 3:1-4
 Philippians 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6

KEY:

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

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First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements
 Prelude
Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst
 +Call to Worship
 +Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* # 196
 Lighting of the Advent Candle 8:20 am Baker Family
 10:45 am Wilkins Family

Anthem *Every Valley* Sanctuary Choir
 Invitation to Holy Communion and Prayer of Confession
 Passing of the Peace of Christ
 +Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* # 203
 Sermon *Pay Attention to Hope* Rev. Kaufman
 Luke 21:25-36

Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed* # 881
 Morning Prayer
 Offertory *Give Thanks* Ann Pittman, Flute
 Carlene Driver & Adrian McKinley

+Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94
 Great Thanksgiving
 The Lord's Prayer
 Communion Music David Hinton
 +Closing Hymn *In the Bleak Midwinter* # 221
 +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 with one of the ministers following the benediction.

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



Lights of Love & Poinsettia Mission
donation forms can be found in church
office, drive-thru entrance & CLC



Prayer Concerns...

In Sympathy to Family & Friends of:

Ronnie McDonneal, of Magee on his passing, Nov. 24th (Friend of Beth Cox)

Members Needing Prayers:

Sandra McGee	Glenn Thomas	Bills Weems	Pat & Gerald White
Carolyn Phillips	Dave Thompson	Lanelle Weems	Johnnie Yakstis

Family & Friends --- June – Nov. 2024:

Anthony (Darlene Baker)	Julie Hebert (Michael & Jo Hebert)
Nora Antaeus (David Allard)	Donna Hill (Sandra McGee)
Dorothy Ashby (Clyde Payne)	Carolyn Hughes (David Thompson)
Denise Bigoney (Gary & Nancy Ladd)	Jerry Kirkland (Lois Minchew)
David Brewer (Arlene Pettus)	Nate & Sondra Kraak (Tonda Riley)
Allen Brown (David Allard)	Janet Lawing (Jo Hebert)
Larry & Margie Case (Lynette Conklin)	David Leach (Lance Wilson)
Baby Rainer Clark (Karen Reed)	Haley & Jessica McIngvale (Jane Mapp)
Elizabeth Cloud (Arlene Pettus)	Shani Meck (Mike & Linda Kennedy)
Zach Cooley (Gary & Nancy Ladd)	Josef Pettus (Arlene Pettus)
Kristen Cox (Beth Cox)	Tommie Pittman (Hewitt & Ann Pittman)
Debbie Fesmire (MaryBeth Fesmire)	Ana Maria Price (Mayita Price)
Ashley Freeman (Ann Pittman)	Reed Family (Karen Reed)
Bryanna Frisbee (Beth Cox)	Sabrina Roberts (Ann Pittman)
Mrs. Fomby (Sandra Haskett)	Stanley Salter (Ryan McGough)
Cecil Givens (Misty Simmons)	Mally & Ian Seale (Katie & Blair Baker)
Beth Haggerty (Beth Griffith)	Sara M. Smith & Martha J. Smith (Martha Toombs)
Beth Hall (Karen Reed)	Kate (Zachow) Stina (Chris & Steve Zachow)

Long Term Prayers:

Carole Bell	Joanne Humphries	Jonnie Norton
Tinker Colwell	Jerry Klomprens	Ann Saucier
Bernie Drowne	Sara Meeks	Janette Thomas
Camille Dumas	Joel Melton	Linda Thomas
Barbara Glasscock	Dixie Miller	Frances Upchurch
Martha Gower	June Miracle	Mike & Connie Weaver

Mally & Ian (Katie Baker)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Larry Marquez (Karen Reed)
Hunter Burkhalter (Amanda Doby)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)
Larry Case (Lyn Smith)	Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack)
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Garner Peacock
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Tommy Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)
Davis Fox (Kathy Roberts)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)	Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)
Renea Griffith (Russ & Beth Griffith)	Will & Marti Sorey (Dennis O'Neal)
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)
Luanne Hitzelberger (Chris Zachow)	Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Temple Tynnbaris (Clarene Reynolds)
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Mimi Watts (Melissa Bolland)
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Lane West (Betty Wheat)
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)
Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	

Serving our Country:

Jason Attaway, Ethan Avent, Cameron Barr, Justin Cox, Leon Davis, Noah Duncan, Jay Ellzey, Cody Howrison, 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...

Annual ~ Thanksgiving Food Basket Mission "So Let us not grow weary of doing good, for we reap at harvest time, if we do not give up." --- Galatians 6:9

Thank you ~ This Thanksgiving mission has been an amazingly successful endeavor due to prayers, donations and volunteering of our church family. Once again St. Mark's congregation has answered the call to be the hands & feet of Christ in our community. God Bless, Dee Dee Long

St. Mark's 'Salvation Army' Angel Tree Gifts

All gifts need to be back Sunday Dec. 1st.

Coat Drive 2024 New or Gently Used: Child & Adult Coats & Jackets

Please bring donations to St. Mark's UMC office now to end of the year. Questions: Contact Karen Reed at 601-940-4022

Weds., December 11th - Join us for our final Weds., Night Supper @ 5 pm (CLC); and a Holiday Concert at 6 pm in Sanctuary with "The Miracles"

Choral Group from the Baddour Center

Sunday, Dec. 15th Traditional Service with Lessons & Carols at 8:20 & 10:45 am

Wednesday, Dec. 18th "Blue Christmas" at 6 pm in Sanctuary
A service of healing and hope during the holidays



Christmas Eve Services ~ Tuesday, Dec. 24th

We are offering two services in St. Mark's Sanctuary to allow for all people to come and enjoy a special time of celebration Christmas Eve.

4:30 PM Candlelight Service with Children's Message

6:00 PM Candlelight Service with Communion

Trendsetter Opportunities - for anyone 50+

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

Tues. Dec. 3 – Movie: "Bonhoeffer" at Malco Theatre in Madison

Tues. Dec. 10 – Movie: "Wicked" at Malco Theatre in Madison

Mon. Dec. 16 – "Magic of Lights" drive-thru lights at Brandon Amphitheatre (5pm - 8pm); Hot coca or coffee after!

Fri. Dec. 20 – Ballet Magnificat "Light Has Come" Performance (4:30 pm – 9:30 pm); contact Sandra Thomas for details.

Fri., Dec. 27 Mannheim Steamroller "Christmas" Performance at Mississippi Coliseum (5:30 pm – 10 pm); contact Sandra Thomas for details.

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

St. Mark's Youth Ministry...

DRIVEN Youth

For all students in 6th-12th grades



***Note: We need adults for each of these events to make them possible.

Sunday School (Rush Hour) every Sunday @ 9:30 am in SWH
MS Guys/Gals & HS Bible studies!

MERGE - Sunday - Join us (5:30 – 7:30 pm) in the Youth Building (SWH 100).
Dinner is provided! **Please plan to join us for a special MERGE Sunday, Dec. 1st**

FUEL – Wednesday Nights (6 pm – 7 pm) in the Youth Building (SWH 100).

Sunday, Dec. 8th – Youth Christmas Party – Christian Life Center (CLC) @ 5 pm

It is a PJ party so wear your favorite winter pjs. We will have pancakes and games so bring a gift for the Sneaky Santa game. All gifts should be new and valued between \$5 and \$15.

We have **BIG** news to share on **summer camp** plans. Our Youth will be going to Lake Junaluska, North Carolina on July 3rd through July 6th for the M28 Summer Camp. We have already had some adults express interest in chaperoning but if you are interested, please let us know. Registration is required.

Contact: Ashley May for details and to Sign Up!

Children & Family Ministries...

Sunday, December 1, 2024

All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11th Hr. Services &

No Children's Church

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

Sunday School @ 9:30 AM
(3 - A102/A104)



[Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Studies.](#)

[You can sign up to eat here](#) and even prepay if you would like for the meal or the semester.

Weds., Dec. 4 – Kids Christmas Party in Asbury Hall at 6:00 pm

Sat., Dec. 7 – PJ's & Pancakes in CLC at 9:30 am
"Breakfast in Bethlehem"

December 15 - Tween Nite - Asbury Hall - 5:30 - 7:30 PM

December 22 - Kids Christmas Nativity Play - CLC - 9:30 AM
(during the Sunday School Hour)

Please Contact **Anna McGough** for all Sign Ups at: 601-992-2131 (Ext.109)

Or email Anna@saintmarksum.org for more info.