

Please send any questions or concerns as they relate to our UMC  
Pathways moving forward to our Administrative Council at:  
[saintmarks.admcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarks.admcouncil@gmail.com)

**THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 12/4/2022**

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	<b>\$1,430,906.00</b>
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$1,430,906.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,252,238.00
OFFERING FOR 12/4/2022	\$23,490.00

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**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, DECEMBER 11 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark' FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+4)  
9:30 am Kid's Worship (3 - A102/A104)  
9:30 am Youth SS / Rush Hour (4-SWH)  
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark' FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
**4:00 pm Finance Com. Meeting (1-Choir Room)**  
**5:00 pm Administrative Council Meeting (3-Parlor)**  
5:00 pm Sunday Handbells (1)  
5:00 pm Youth DRIVEN *Feliz Navidad* Progressive Dinner (5)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**

7:00 pm AA (2)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

**7:30 am Trendsetters @ Cleveland, MS** (bus leaves church)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
3:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Block (4-SWH)  
3:30 pm Costume Fittings (4)  
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper (5-CLC)  
6:00 pm Fuel (4-SWH)  
6:00 pm Kids Weds. Workshops (3-Big Rm./A201)  
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (2)  
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study (2)  
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study (2)  
6:00 pm 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Praise Team Practice (5-CLC)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**

7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**

5:00 pm Cast & Crew Dinner (5)  
**6:00 pm Drive-thru ~ LIVE NATIVITY (6-8pm)**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark' FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+4)  
9:30 am Kid's Worship (3 - A102/A104)  
9:30 am Youth SS / Rush Hour (4-SWH)  
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark' FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
5:00 pm Cast & Crew Dinner (5)  
5:00 pm Sunday Handbells (1)  
**6:00 pm Drive-thru ~ LIVE NATIVITY (6-8pm)**

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, DEC. 11**

*am Matthew 11:2-11*  
*pm Matthew 1:1-17*

**MONDAY, DEC. 12**

*Isaiah 7:10-16*  
*Romans 1:1-7*  
*Psalm 80:1-7*

**TUESDAY, DEC. 13**

*Matthew 1:18-25*  
*2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14**

*Romans 16:25-27*  
*Micah 5:2-5*

**THURSDAY, DEC. 15**

*Hebrews 10:4-10*  
*Jeremiah 23:5-6*

**FRIDAY, DEC. 16**

*Zechariah 9:9-10*  
*Haggai 2:6-9*

**SATURDAY, DEC. 17**

*Isaiah 7:10-16*  
*Romans 1:1-7*

**SUNDAY, DEC. 18**

*am Matthew 1:18-25*  
*pm Isaiah 42:1-9*

KEY:

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

**Poinsettia & Lights of Love**

Donation forms can be found in church office or at  
the northside Sanctuary drive-thru entrance.  
Please return forms by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>.

# Saint Mark's

## United Methodist Church

[www.saintmarksum.org](http://www.saintmarksum.org)

*Third Sunday of Advent*

December 11, 2022

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude *Trumpet Tune Fanfare* Handbells  
*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*

+Opening Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* # 220  
vv. 1, 3 & 4

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (8:20) The Cassibry Family  
(10:45) Bernie Drowne and Donna Harvey

Special Music *Mary, Did You Know*  
Teresa Humphrey and Mac May

Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10

Anthem *My Deliverer* Choir  
Megan Martin, solo

Epistle James 5:7-10

+Gospel Acclamation *Emmanuel*

+Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

+Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* # 881

Morning Prayer

Offertory

+Doxology # 95

+Hymn *It Came upon the Midnight Clear* # 218

Sermon Rev. Coile

+Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* # 224  
*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:

Nancy Bobo, on her passing, December 5<sup>th</sup> (Mother of Todd Bobo)  
John Adair, on his passing, December 7<sup>th</sup> (Husband of Mary Adair)

Members Needing Prayers:

Eddie Adams	Bill Ewing	Garner Peacock
Mike Blackwell	Sherry Johnston	Brad Sessums
Rev. Warren Coile	Lois Landry	JeanAnn Suggs
Dodie Conklin	Janice Larson	

Family & Friends:

December 2022

Agnes Landry (Lois Landry)

November

Cecil & Marie Alford (Joseph Hibbert)	Judy McKinley (Chuck Jeffcoat)
Tim Bailey (Dennis O’Neal)	Ed Norris (Charlie & Prissy Phipps)
Maggie James Baker (Darlene Baker)	Linda Page (Sandra Bates)
Robby Bearden (Bates & Lancaster)	Lee Tingle (Vicki Phillips)
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Kip Tyler (George Kendrick)
Russell Gaines	Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)

October

Larry Fowler (Gayla Dance)	Chantelle McWilliams (Preschool)
Nelson Karnowski (Jeanne Chapman)	Sebastian Riley (Ed & Tonda Riley)
Jennie Kidder (Preschool)	Eduardo Torres (Mayita Price)

August

Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Bud Lambert (Susan Watson)
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Long Term Prayers:

Tinker Colwell	Bill Hutto	Fred Price
Martha Gower	Dixie Miller	Janette Thomas
Jean Gunnell	June Miracle	Linda Thomas
Joanne Humphries	Jonnie Norton	Frances Upchurch
		Mike & Connie Weaver
Gay Ann Abraham (Jean Lancaster)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)	
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)	
Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)	Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)	
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)	
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Joan Melchiors (Cynthia Morgan)	
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)	
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)	
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Mrs. Renae Tatum (Sadie & Sophie Tatum)	
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)	
Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	Jaxon Williams (Jack Williams)	
Martin Levitt (McGinnis)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)	

Serving our Country:

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

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

DRIVE THRU ~ *Live Nativity*

Dates: Sat/Sun. Dec. 17 & 18 ~ 6-8 pm  
Free Event ~ Live Animals ~ All Welcome!



A Service of Lessons & Carols  
Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>  
8:20 and 10:45 AM in Sanctuary



Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, Dec. 24th

We are offering two services to allow for all people to come and enjoy a special time of celebration Christmas Eve.  
4:30 PM in Christian Life Center & 6:00 PM in Sanctuary  
All services will include candlelight tradition.

Christmas Day ~ Sunday, Dec. 25th

One service in Sanctuary at 10 AM  
Join us for a special combined service and celebrate the birth of our Savior on Christmas Day!

2022 Winter Coat Drive

Please bring your gently used or new adult & kids winter coat / jacket donations to our church office thru January 2023.

Honduras Coffee is back just \$12

Support Salt & Light Ministry - pick up a gift of fresh coffee at Church Office or CLC!

TRENDSETTER Opportunities *for anyone 50+ ... Join up with our St. Mark’s UMC Senior Adults on these Upcoming Events...*

A day Trip to Cleveland, MS (w/ Christmas Lights), Tues., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>  
An Evening out to Brandon Amphitheatre for Christmas Lights & Hot Choco at IHOP Mon., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5 pm

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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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: every Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 am  
Separate Bible studies for MS & HS students. Cereal buffet provided each week.

Tonight, Sun., Dec. 11 ~ 5-8p ~ DRIVEN “Feliz Navidad! Progressive Dinner” Christmas Party All students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades invited to join us as we celebrate the reason for the season! Progressive dinner ~ White Elephant Gift Exchange ~ Prize Drawing ~ Fun (bring wrapped white elephant gift – no animals/pets, teeth or wrapped in duct tape) Contact Jeanne if you still want to sign up!

5<sup>Th</sup> Block & FUEL will resume January 11

Drive Thru Live Nativity ~ Sat/Sun. Dec. 17 & 18 ~ 6-8 pm (featuring live animals) Come experience the wonder & hope of Christmas! We need **YOU** to bring the story to life and make this event possible! Families are needed to participate! Please contact Jeanne to be added to the cast & crew (one or both nights). Help is also needed with set up, tear down, cast meals, etc.... lots of ways to serve! \*\*\*Costume fittings will be Wed., Dec. 14 from 3:30-7:30 pm in The Station.

ELEVATE Ski Conference ~ Gatlinburg ~ Jan. 13-16, 2023 (MLK Wknd) \$300 Ski/Non-Ski ~ \$330 Board Cost includes 3 nights hotel lodging, 2 ski sessions, all worship sessions, t-shirt, transportation & all meals (except 2 on the road) Tubing session available for \$35. MUST be signed up in advanced. Very limited tickets. **BALANCE DUE: Dec. 31**

GENERATE Summer Camp! Covenant College ~ Lookout Mountain, GA **May 29 – June 2** (Mon-Fri) leaving early on Mem. Day Cost: \$350 (includes trip to Ruby Falls) \$80 non-refundable deposit due by Jan. 29 to reserve spot.

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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, Dec. 11th

Acolytes @ 8:20 & 10:45 am  
&

Children’s Church today  
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

December Schedule

Kids Weds. Night Workshops – check in 5:45 pm Asbury / Big Room

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> - WNW Christmas Party

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve, w/ Family Service @ 4:30 pm in CLC and Trad. Service @ 6 pm in Sanctuary

Christmas Day ~ December 25<sup>th</sup> – One service @ 10 am in Sanctuary

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

