Wednesday Night Supper begins @ 5:15 pm in our Christian Life Center (CLC). Please Sign Up! Complete, tear off and place this 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 / Date:	Sign-Up Sheet	QR Code	
Please Print:			
Last Name:	_		
# Adults:	_		
# Children:	_		
Wednesday Night Supper will resume - Jan. 10, 2024			

Service begins @ 5:15 pm in our Christian Life Center (CLC)

Cost: Adult \$ 7 and Child \$ 5 Maximum Family Charge: \$25 Volunteers Needed to Help Serve & Assist w/ Cleanup!

#### **Regarding 2023 Contributions & End of Year Giving**

For end of year giving—if mailed, 2023 Contributions must be postmarked by December 29, 2023, to count, or you can place contributions in offering plate Sun., Dec. 31 or bring contributions to the office by Friday, Dec. 29th at Noon.

## THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 12/10/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$1,210,645.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,320,751.00
OFFERING FOR 12/10/2023	\$23,734.00

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, DECEMBER 17**

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) 12:00 pm Program Dress Rehearsal (4+5) 2:00 pm Special Session Charge Conf. / Admin. Council Meeting (3-Parlor) 6:00 pm "His Name Shall Be" **Christmas Program (5-CLC)** 

#### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm) 5:00 pm Trendsetters "Magic Lights" (bus departs) 7:00 pm AA (2)

## **TUESDAY. DECEMBER 19**

9:30 am Tabitha Circle (1-Robe Rm.) 6:30 pm Ruth Circle (1-Robe Rm.)

## **WEDNESDAY. DECEMBER 20**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.) No Adult Bible Study (1-Choir Rm.) No 5<sup>th</sup> Block (4) No Wednesday Night Supper No Bible Study No 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21**

7:00 pm AA (2)

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC)

## **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve.

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) **Christmas Eve. Candlelight Services** at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm in Sanctuary

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 - Christmas Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 pm AA (2)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** 

#### DAILY BIBLE READINGS

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17**

am John 1:6-8,19-28 pm Romans 16:25-27

## **MONDAY, DECEMBER 18**

2 Samuel 7:1-11,16 Luke 1:26-38 Luke 1:47-55

#### **TUES., DECEMBER 19**

Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:1-17

#### WEDS., DECEMBER 20

Isaiah 7:10-16 Matthew 1:18-25

## THUR., DECEMBER 21

Micah 5:2-5 Hebrews 10:4-10

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Zechariah 9:9-10 John 3:16-21

## **SAT, DECEMBER 23**

Jeremiah 23:5-6 Luke 3:23-38

## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

am Haggai 2:6-9 pm Revelation 12:1-5

#### KEY:

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

# Saint Mark's

## United Methodist Church

## www.saintmarksum.org

Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

#### Gathering and Announcements

Prelude Birthday of a King Handbells +Opening Hymn Angels from the Realms of Glory # 220

vv. 1. 3 & 4

+Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath 8:20 – Milone Family

10:45 - Martin Family

**Special Music** Barbie van Horn

French Horn

# 230

Prayer for Illumination 8:20 - Phillip Brown 10:45 - Rachel Aultman

Lesson Isaiah 61:3*b*-4, 8-11

# 847 **Psalter** Psalm 126

**Epistle** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

+Gospel Acclamation O Come, O Come Emmanuel # 211

v. 6

+Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

+Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed #881

Morning Praver

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem Festival First Noel Choir

Barbie van Horn and Aiden Curry, French Horns

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

Praise God. from Whom All Blessings Flow # 95 Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children's Church

+Hymn O Little Town of Bethlehem vv. 1, 3 & 4

Signs and Seeds Sermon Rev. Coile

+Closing Hymn Hark! the Herald Angels Sing # 240 Following the Light of Christ into the world

+Benediction

Postlude

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.

## Prayer Concerns...

## **Members Needing Prayers:**

Trish Champney Keith Jenkins Pequita Lattimer Will Rogers

Dan Denman Lynda Jolly Robert Lott Emily Grace Shields

Carol Grigsby George Kendrick Garner Peacock JeanAnn Suggs

## Family & Friends --- Aug. - Dec. 2023:

Carol Baker (Katie Heard)

Temple Tynnbaris (Clarene Reynolds)

Tara Blessinger (Coile Family)

Billy Boyd (Betty Wheat)

Briggs Family (Samantha 'Briggs' Nguyen)

Baby Chet (Corrine & Fric Carpenter)

Detrick Macnair (Susan Weatherholt)

Olivia Mann (Branigin, Nguyen, Lapiere)

Larry Marguez (Karen Reed)

Patricia Martin (Janet Langley)

Baby Chet (Corrine & Eric Carpenter)

Ed Coile (Warren Coile)

Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)

Davis Fox (Kathy Roberts)

Jan Frady (Charlie Crenshaw)

Gary Golden (Joey Hibbert)

Patricia Martin (Janet Langley)

Mericlare Paxton (Betty Wheat)

Jennifer Roberts (Misty Simmons)

Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)

Darrell Sartin (Louise Sartin)

Beckett Sharpe (Anna McGough)

George Haydu (Linda Finley)

Cindy Hooks. (Carla Cascio)

Cindy Horton (Dick & Susan Weatherholt)

Michaela Kinney (Misty Simmons)

Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)

Addie Terrell (Kay & Dennis O'Neal)

Ben & Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)

Heather Trotter (D.W. & Katherine Long)

Guy Jackson (Louise Dove)

Austin Lee (Pete Williams)

Kay Warren (Anna McGough)

Ike Watkins (Susan Weatherholt)

David & Mimi Watts (Melissa Bolland)

#### **Long Term Prayers:**

Mike Blackwell **Brad Sessums** Jerry Klomparens Janette Thomas Tinker Colwell Sara Meeks Dixie Miller Martha Gower Linda Thomas Joanne Humphries June Miracle Ron Tisdale 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) Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr) Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)

Tommy Pittman (Hewitt Pittman) Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett) Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins) Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr) Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow) Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons) Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee) 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...

Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Special Session Charge Conf. / Admin. Council Meeting St. Mark's UMC Asbury Hall – Parlor (A201) @ 2:00 pm

Sun., December 17<sup>th</sup> "His Name Shall Be" Christmas Program
In our Christian Life Center (CLC) at 6 pm
Join us for a Special (Youth-led) Christmas Program. All Welcome!
A Special Worship Experience leading all to the true meaning of Christmas!

## Christmas Eve Services ~ Sunday, 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 Family Friendly Service &
6:30 PM Traditional Service with Communion

All services will include candlelight tradition.

Trendsetter Opportunities for anyone 50+ Join our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults! Here is an updated list of our upcoming events....

Mon. Dec. 18 "Magic of Lights" Driving Tour of Magic of Lights at Brandon Amphitheater. Bus leaves church at 5pm. See lights then Cracker Barrel.

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

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

Note: We will have SS on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. A special breakfast and time of fellowship will be included both weeks, in addition to Bible study.

"His Name Shall Be" (Youth-led Christmas Program) ~ TONIGHT! Sun., Dec. 17 @ 6 pm ~ CLC All are welcome to attend this special worship experience! Nursery provided for ages birth- 2yo.

FINAL Rehearsal: Sun., Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ Noon (w/ pizza lunch provided)
For the program: all participants (except nativity) should wear blue jeans & solid black shirt/top. No writing on front or back of shirt.

(Note: You can still be in the program even if you cannot make both rehearsals. Please talk with Jeanne for details!)

**GENERATE Summer Camp ~ May 27-31, 2024 ~ Bryan College, Dayton, TN** Cost: \$350 \$80 non-refundable deposit is due by January 29<sup>th</sup> for guaranteed spot! Don't miss the best week of your summer! Sign up today!

... Stay in the know!!! Please contact **Jeanne Chapman at** ... 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, December 17, 2023

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Services &

Children's Church

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

Today, Sunday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – St. Mark's Youth invite ALL to their Christmas Program at 6 PM in our Christian Life Center (CLC).

Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Services in Sanctuary @ 4:30 pm Family Friendly Service and 6:30 pm Traditional Service with Communion

<u>January 12-13 - Tween Retreat - 3rd - 5th Grade are welcome to sign</u> up for Tween Retreat at Camp Wesley Pines overnight. We will leave St. Mark's UMC at 5PM on Friday and return 5:30 PM on Saturday.

For all Sign Ups - reach out to Anna McGough, anna@saintmarksum.org

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

