

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 12/11/2022

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,430,906.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$1,234,144.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,285,871.00
OFFERING FOR 12/11/2022	\$30,656.00

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Thank you for your continued support of St. Mark's UMC Ministries!



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Warren Coile..... Senior Pastor
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Stephen Craig 11th hour Worship Leader
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Anna McGoughDirector 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 18 – 4th 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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

5:00 pm Trendsetters @ Brandon Lights (bus leaves church)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)
5:00 pm No Wednesday Night Super
6:30 pm College Christmas Party (4-SWH)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve. Candlelight Services
at 4:30 pm in CLC & 6:00 pm in Sanctuary

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Christmas Day

No Sunday School - today
10:00 am Combined Worship Service (1) (Greeters)
(Livestream on St. Mark' FB or Saintmarksum.org)

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, DEC. 18

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

MONDAY, DEC. 19

Isaiah 9:2-7
Titus 2:11-14
Psalms 96

TUESDAY, DEC. 20

Luke 1:5-17
Luke 1:18-25
Psalms 113

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

Hebrews 10:35-11:1
John 20:24-29
Psalms 126

THURSDAY, DEC. 22

Luke 1:26-33
Luke 1:34-38
Psalms 40:1-11

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

1 Samuel 2:1-10
Luke 1:39-45,56
Luke 1:47-55

SATURDAY, DEC. 24

Luke 1:57-66, 80
Luke 1:68-79
Pm Luke 2:1-20
Pm Psalms 96

SUNDAY, DEC. 25

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-18
Psalms 98

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Service of Lessons and Carols

December 18, 2022

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude *Trumpet Tune Fanfare* Handbells

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

+Opening Hymn *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* # 240

Lighting the Advent Wreath (8:20) Sylvia Majure and Lynn Kelley
(10:45) Randy and Jane Honnet

Offering The First Noel String Quartet

Carol *Gloria in Excelsis* Choir

Lesson The Birth of Christ Foretold
Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Hymn *God Almighty, We Are Waiting* # 3047

Lesson The Peace of Christ Foretold
Micah 5:2-5

Hymn *O Little Town of Bethlehem* # 230
vv. 1, 3 & 4

Lesson Gabriel's Appearance to Mary
Luke 1:26-35

Carol *In the Bleak Midwinter* Choir
Kit LaCour, solo

Lesson The Birth of Jesus
Luke 2:1-7

Hymn *What Child Is This* # 219
v. 1 & 2

Lesson The Shepherd's Journey to the Manger
Luke 2:8-16

Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* # 220
vv. 1-3

Lesson The Scholars' Pilgrimage to the Child
Matthew 2:1-11

Carol *There Is a Star* Choir
Jeanann Suggs and Ben Thomas, duet

Lesson The Mystery of the Incarnation
John 1:1-14

Carol *See Amid the Winter's Snow* Choir

Prayer

+Hymn *There's a Song in the Air* # 249
vv. 1, 2 & 4

+Benediction

Prayer Concerns...

Members Needing Prayers:

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

Family & Friends:

December 2022

Laura Day (Sara Meeks)	Agnes Landry (Lois Landry)
Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)	Derek Pettus
Owen Kidder (Jennie Kidder)	Sara Smith (Lorrie Tingle)

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. 18th

Advent Readings today by:
Jon Anderson & Betty Wheat
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...

***An Evening out to Brandon Amphitheatre for Christmas Lights & Hot Choco at IHOP Mon., Dec. 19th @ 5 pm**

***Bernie Drowne, Centenarian – All are invited to celebrate this milestone birthday at The Flowood Sheraton Refuge Hotel & Conference Center On Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023 (2pm-4pm)**

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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

Youth Ministry...

DRIVEN Youth
- For all students in 6th-12th grades.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: every Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 am (Note: NO SS 12/25!) Separate Bible studies for MS & HS students. Cereal buffet provided each week.

5th 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!

College Christmas Party ~ Weds. Dec. 21 @ 6:30 pm ~ Food, Fun & Friends! All College & Career friends (18-25) are invited to join us for an evening of free food, friends, & fun as we gather to celebrate the season! **Please RSVP to Jeanne by Dec. 19th & Please bring a wrapped gift for gift exchange!**

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**

Participant/Parent meeting Sunday, January 8 @ Noon in The Station. Important details and paperwork will be given. Please make every effort to attend. If you will be out of town, please contact Jeanne.

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 for more info!

Children & Family Ministries...

All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade

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

Sunday, Dec. 18th

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

Christmas Day ~ December 25th – One service @ 10 am in Sanctuary

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

