

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!

Please consider Pre-Registering for Weds. Night Supper for 2025!

We look forward to seeing you next year!!!

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 11/30/2024	Yr. 2024
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,573,165.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$ 1,064,111.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$ 1,156,396.00
Revenue Over/Under Expense	(\$92,285.00)

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!

For end of year giving—if mailed, 2024 Contributions must be postmarked by December 31, 2024 to count, or you can place contributions in offering plate Sun., Dec. 29 or bring contributions to the office by Tuesday, Dec. 31st at Noon.



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Jon Kaufman..... Senior Pastor
 Ryan McGough.....Associate Pastor
 Sandra ThomasPastor for Worship & Music Arts
 Anna McGoughDirector of Children & Family Ministries
 Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist
 Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist
 Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

Mark Your Calendars...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

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 or Saintmarksum.org)
 2:00 pm Luminary Committee Mtg. (1-Robe Rm)
 4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)
 5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
Christmas Eve. Candlelight Services
at 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church Office Closed
 8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
 7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
5:30 pm Trendsetters @ Mannheim Performance (Bus)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

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 9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
 10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
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 5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm)

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. 22

Micah 5:2-5;
Hebrews 10:5-10;
Luke 1:39-55

MONDAY, DEC. 23

Psalms 113
Genesis 25:19-28
Colossians 1:15-20

TUES., DEC. 24

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalms 96

WEDS., DEC. 25

Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-20

THURS., DEC. 26

Psalms 148
Chronicles 24:17-24
Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60

FRIDAY, DEC. 27

Psalms 148
Proverbs 8:32-36
John 21:19-24

SAT. DEC. 28

Psalms 148
Isaiah 54:1-13
Revelation 21:1-7

SUNDAY, DEC. 29

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalms 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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 *O Come All Ye Faithful* # 234

Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed # 881

Lighting of the Advent Candle 8:20am Charlie Crowell,
 Les Malotki, Dick Weatherholt
 10:45am Sorrell Family

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* Sanctuary Choir
 Jayne Crenshaw and Bettye Payne, pianists

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Jason Boyd

+Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94
Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children's Church

Passing of the Peace

+O Little Town of Bethlehem # 230

Gospel Reading *Luke 1:26-38*

Sermon *Mary's Gift to the World* Rev. Kaufman

Invitation to Discipleship

+Closing Hymn *Joy to the World* # 246

+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.

Prayer Concerns...

Members Needing Prayers:

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

Family & Friends --- June -- Dec. 2024:

Anthony (Darlene Baker)	Beth Hall (Karen Reed)
Dorothy Ashby (Clyde Payne)	Julie Hebert (Michael & Jo Hebert)
Sally Beam (Alicia Beam & Beth Martin)	Donna Hill (Sandra McGee)
Denise Bigoney (Gary & Nancy Ladd)	Carolyn Hughes (David Thompson)
David Brewer (Arlene Pettus)	Jerry Kirkland (Lois Minchew)
Allen Brown (David Allard)	Nate & Sondra Kraak (Tonda Riley)
Larry & Margie Case (Lynette Conklin)	Janet Lawing (Jo Hebert)
Baby Rainer Clark (Karen Reed)	David Leach (Lance Wilson)
Eva Clawson (Jean & Ed Lancaster)	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)	Alaina Reed & Family (Karen Reed)
Bryanna Frisbee (Beth Cox)	Sabrina Roberts (Ann Pittman)
Mrs. Fomby (Sandra Haskett)	Mally & Ian Seale (Katie & Blair Baker)
Cecil Givens (Misty Simmons)	Sara M. Smith & Martha J. Smith (Martha Toombs)
Beth Haggerty (Beth Griffith)	Kate (Zachow) Stina (Chris & Steve Zachow)

Long Term Prayers:

Carole Bell	Joanne Humphries	June Miracle
Tinker Colwell	Jerry Klomprens	Jonnie Norton
Bernie Drowne	Sara Meeks	Janette Thomas
Camille Dumas	Joel Melton	Linda Thomas
Barbara Glasscock	Dixie Miller	Frances Upchurch
Martha Gower		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 Howrigan, 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...



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

MERRY CHRISTMAS & GOD BLESS



Sunday, Dec. 29th at 8:20 & 10:45 am Traditional Service

Christmas Memories...The service will focus on Christmas memories - If you have family pictures from the present or past that you would like to share, please scan and email to the church. (whatever email you prefer to send to Thelma). We will prepare a video of pictures to present during worship on December 29. Make this a casual after Christmas worship experience. Be comfortable, wear your slippers, bring a blanket and come prepared to make new Christmas memories together!

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

Trendsetter Opportunities - for anyone 50+

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

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!

Dear All,

We want to take a moment to thank all of our chaperones, volunteers, and everyone who has introduced themselves or shown their support as we step into our new roles as youth ministers. Your kindness and encouragement mean so much to us, and we're truly looking forward to getting to know everyone better! As we approach the new year, we're excitedly planning for a fresh start with:

- **Sunday School Lessons**
- **Wednesday Night Small Groups**
- **Sunday Night Messages**

We'll keep you posted as plans develop and any updates or changes are finalized. Thank you again for your support, and we wish you a very Merry Christmas!

Will and Amanda Lawson

Winter Youth Retreat is set & it is going to be AMAZING! This retreat is open to all Youth (6th to 12th grade) and Tweens (3rd to 5th grade). Anna McGough has put this together so you know it will be great. **A signup will be up soon.** Cost for Youth will be \$170 per student. (It costs a little more for the Youth because there is one more activity for them than the Tweens.) Scholarship funds can be used for the retreat cost. **If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Anna at anna@saintmarksum.org.**

Youth Ministry is welcoming donations of lightly used furniture, to help revamp our SWH youth rooms. Thank you so much!

Children & Family Ministries...

Sunday, December 22, 2024

All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11th Hr. Services &

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

Children's Church

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)



[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.

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

JANUARY - WINTER RETREAT SIGN UPS:

This retreat is open to all Youth (6th to 12th grade) and Tweens (3rd to 5th grade). reach out to Anna McGough, anna@saintmarksum.org

Please Contact **Anna McGough** for all Sign Ups at: 601-992-2131 (Ext.109)
Or email Anna@saintmarksum.org for more info.