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)!

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| Wednesday Supper / Date: | Sign-Up Sheet | QR Code |
| Please Print: Last Name: | | |

Wednesday Night Supper will resume - Jan. 10, 2024

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

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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

Adults: _____

Children:

| 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 th 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 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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - New Year's 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)
No Evening Youth Activities

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 – New Year's Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 pm AA (2)

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, DECEMBER 24

am Luke 1:57-66, 80 pm Luke 1:68-79 Luke 2:1-20; Psalm 96

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

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

TUES., DECEMBER 26

Acts 6:1-7, 51-60 Matthew 23:34-39 Psalm 31

WEDS., DECEMBER 27

1 John 1:1-9 John 21:19-24; Psalm 92

THUR., DECEMBER 28

Jeremiah 31:15-17 Matthew 2:13-23 Psalm 124

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Isaiah 63:7-9 Hebrews 2:10-18 Psalm 148

SAT, DECEMBER 30

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

am Revelation 21:1-6 pm Philippians 2:5-11

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Opening Hymn Joy to the World # 246

+Opening Prayer

Lighting the Advent Wreath 8:20 – May Family

10:45 - Lazenby/Johnson Family

Special Music What Child Is This? Megan Martin

Ann Pittman, flute

Prayer for Illumination 8:20 – Linda Swales

10:45 – Ed Riley

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Lesson 2 Samuel 7:8-11, 16

Canticle Canticle of Mary # 199

(Magnificat)

Epistle Romans 16:25-27

+Gospel Acclamation O Come, O Come, Emmanuel # 211

+Gospel Luke 1:26-38

+Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed # 881

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem Fum, Fum, Fum Choir

Jayne Crenshaw and Bettye Payne, piano

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

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

+Hymn Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

Sermon Knockoff Jesus Rev. Coile

+Closing Hymn Angels We Have Heard on High

vv. 1 & 3

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...

In Sympathy to Family & Friends of:

Roberta Gray Givens, on her passing, Dec. 15th (Sister-in-law of Misty Simmons)
The Mitchell Family, on the loss of a young child to Covid, Dec. 19th (per Elaine Owens)

Members Needing Prayers:

Mary Jo AnteeKeith JenkinsPequita LattimerWill RogersTrish ChampneyLynda JollyRobert LottEmily Grace ShieldsDan DenmanGeorge KendrickGarner PeacockJeanAnn Suggs

Carol Grigsby

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

Carol Baker (Katie Heard)

Tara Blessinger (Coile Family)

Billy Boyd (Betty Wheat)

Briggs Family (Samantha 'Briggs' Nguyen)

Baby Chet (Corrine & Eric Carpenter)

Ed Coile (Warren Coile)

Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)

Detrick Macnair (Susan Weatherholt)

Larry Marguez (Karen Reed)

Patricia Martin (Janet Langley)

Mericlare Paxton (Betty Wheat)

Jennifer Roberts (Misty Simmons)

Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)

Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)

Davis Fox (Kathy Roberts)

Jan Frady (Charlie Crenshaw)

Gary Golden (Joey Hibbert)

George Haydu (Linda Finley)

Cindy Hooks. (Carla Cascio)

Jannifer Roberts (Misty Simmons)

Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)

Darrell Sartin (Louise Sartin)

Beckett Sharpe (Anna McGough)

Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)

Addie Terrell (Kay & Dennis O'Neal)

Ben & Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)

Cindy Horton (Dick & Susan Weatherholt)

Heather Trotter (D.W. & Katherine Long)

Michaela Kinney (Misty Simmons)
Austin Lee (Pete Williams)

Temple Tynnbaris (Clarene Reynolds)

Long Term Prayers:

Jerry Klomparens Mike Blackwell **Brad Sessums** Tinker Colwell Sara Meeks Janette Thomas Dixie Miller Linda Thomas Martha Gower Joanne Humphries June Miracle Ron Tisdale Sherry Johnston Jonnie Norton Frances Upchurch Ann Saucier Mike & Connie Weaver

Jim Allard (David Allard) Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams) Jay Brantley (Bob & Carol Grigsby) Hunter Burkhalter (Amanda Doby) Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson) Danielle (Susan Weatherholt) Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips) Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings) Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure) Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates) Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr) Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove) Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow) Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee) James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall) Cindy Horton (Jo-Anna Ray) Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan) Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)

Karnowski Family (Jeanne Chapman)

Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)

Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr) Martin Levitt (McGinnis) Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe) Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson) Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall) Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards) Anna Marie Pauli (Marisa O. Martin) Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack) Tommy Pittman (Hewitt Pittman) Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett) Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins) Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr) Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks) Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields) Will Sorey (Dennis O'Neal) Danny & Melissa Stephens (Jo-Anna Ray) Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan) Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)

Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)

Kay Warren (Anna McGough)

Ike Watkins (Susan Weatherholt)

David & Mimi Watts (Melissa Bolland)

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...



4th Sunday of Advent

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & GOD BLESS



Trendsetter Opportunities for anyone 50+ Join our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults! Stay tuned!

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

Prayer Concerns... (continued)

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

Youth Ministry... DRIVEN Youth

- For all students in 6th-12th 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.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

PARENTS' NIGHT @ MERGE ~ Sun., Jan. 7 ~ 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm ~ CLC

All youth in 6th-12th grades are invited for an incredible night together celebrating all God has done in 2023 and looking forward to 2024! Free dinner, Game, Youth/Parent Meeting, Worship & Life Groups! Childcare is available for younger siblings thru 5th grade. RSVP is appreciated by January 4th...

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448A5AC2DA7FA7-46954773-parents

DNOW WKND ~ Feb. 16-18, 2024

We will be joining teenagers from across Rankin County for a weekend of worship, service, discipleship, fellowship, and fun! Watch for more information and deadline to sign up!

GENERATE Summer Camp ~ May 27-31, 2024 ~ Bryan College, Dayton, TN Cost: \$350. \$80 non-refundable deposit is due by January 29th 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 24, 2023

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11th Hr. Services

Children's Church

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

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

Wednesday Night Supper & Kids Workshops will resume - Jan. 10, 2024

<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

Nursery is available ages up to and including 2 yrs.

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

