

Administrative Council Update:

We hope each of you found the Nov. 10th exploratory meeting informative. The council recognizes there are still several questions and concerns and will host a series of roundtable discussions to help facilitate discussions. It is our hope these meetings will provide a comfortable place for conversations and questions. Please be on the lookout for roundtable dates at the first of the year. **For any further questions and/concerns please email the council at saintmarks.admcouncil@gmail.com**

Heather Achord Bryan
Chair

Regarding 2022 Contributions & End of Year Giving

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THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 12/18/2022

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,430,906.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$1,283,727.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,326,633.00
OFFERING FOR 12/18/2022	\$49,583.00

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.
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Warren Coile..... Senior Pastor
Jeff Nesbit.....Associate Pastor
Sandra ThomasPastor for Worship & Music Arts
Stephen Craig 11th hour Worship Leader
Jeanne Chapman.....Director of Youth Ministries
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...

Merry Christmas & God Bless

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)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28
7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)
NO Wednesday Night Super
NO Choir Practice
NO Evening Activities

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023 – New Year Day
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 Sunday Handbells (1)

MONDAY, JANUARY 2
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

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. 25
Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-18
Psalms 98

MONDAY, DEC. 26
Acts 6:1-7:2, 51-60
Matthew 23:34-39
Psalms 31

TUESDAY, DEC. 27
1 John 1:1-9
John 21:19-24
Psalms 92

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 28
Jeremiah 31:15-17
Matthew 2:13-23
Psalms 124

THURSDAY, DEC. 29
Isaiah 63:7-9
Hebrews 2:10-18
Psalms 148

FRIDAY, DEC. 30
Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Numbers 6:22-27
Psalms 8

SATURDAY, DEC. 31
Revelation 21:1-6
Philippians 2:5-11

SUNDAY, JAN. 1
Matthew 25:31-46
Luke 2:15-21

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Christmas Day
December 25, 2022

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude
Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst

Hymns
Joy to the World # 246
Gloria

Affirmation of Faith
The Apostles’ Creed # 881

Special Music
The First Noel
Stephen Craig and Staci Curry

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Hymn
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly # 229

Offertory Prayer

Offertory
Do You Hear What I Hear
Ron Milone, Steel Drum

Doxology
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow # 94

Hymn
Here Comes Heaven

Sermon
Word! Rev. Coile
John 1:1-14

Hymn
Angels We Have Heard on High # 238
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:

Agnes Landry, of LA, On her passing at 96 years of age, Dec. 14th
(Mother of Bob and Mother-in-Law of Lois Landry)

Members Needing Prayers:

Larry Bishop	Sherry Johnston	Brad Sessums
Mike Blackwell	Janice Larson	JeanAnn Suggs
Howe Family	Garner Peacock	

Family & Friends:

December 2022

Laura Day (Sara Meeks)	April Owens (Martha Hand)
Amanda Dahlem (Earl Dalhem)	Derek Pettus
Bethany Graham (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons)
Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)	Sara Smith (Lorrie Tingle)
Owen Kidder (Jennie Kidder)	Sadie Tatum (Jeanne Chapman)

November

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

October

Nelson Karnowski (Jeanne Chapman)	Sebastian Riley (Ed & Tonda Riley)
Bud Lambert (Susan Watson)	Eduardo Torres (Mayita Price)

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)
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Joan Melchiors (Cynthia Morgan)
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Mrs. Renae Tatum (Sadie & Sophie Tatum)
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Jaxon Williams (Jack Williams)
Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)
Martin Levitt (McGinnis)	

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...

MERRY CHRISTMAS & GOD BLESS



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!

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

*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)

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.

Drive Thru Live Nativity THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the Drive
Thru Live Nativity not only possible, but such a blessing to our community! I am
so thankful for each of you who participated, supported, provided and
served! Special thanks to Ashley May, Stephen Craig, Mike Lowery, Laura Case,
Jennye Case, Shane Case, & Sean Neely with McClain’s Resort.

5Th Block & FUEL will resume January 11

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. FINAL 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.

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. 25th

Acolytes @ 10:00 am

&

Children’s Church today

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

December 2022 / January 2023 Schedule

Kids Weds. Night Workshops will resume Jan. 11th
– check in 5:45 pm Asbury / Big Room -

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

- No Sunday School -

January 1st - 9:30 AM - Sunday School New Year's Party in Asbury Upstairs

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

