

**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 in 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.

**St. Mark's United Methodist Church**  
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**Brandon, Mississippi 39047**

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**To Email: [info@saintmarksum.org](mailto:info@saintmarksum.org)**

**To Request Prayers Email: [Prayerrequest@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Prayerrequest@saintmarksum.org)**

**St. Mark's Home Page: [www.saintmarksum.org](http://www.saintmarksum.org)**

**Facebook: St. Mark's United Methodist Church**

Jon Kaufman..... Senior Pastor  
 Ryan McGough..... Associate Pastor  
 Sandra Thomas .....Pastor for Worship & Music Arts  
 Will & Amanda Lawson ..... Directors Youth Ministry  
 Anna McGough ..... Director of Children & Family Ministries  
 Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist  
 Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist  
 Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

**Mark Your Calendars...**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29**

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)  
 5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 – New Year's Eve**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 – Happy New Year**  
 Church Office Closed

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2**

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

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 5**

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)  
 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. 29**

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

**MONDAY, DEC. 30**

Psalm 147:12-20  
 2 Chronicles 1:7-13  
 Mark 13:32-37

**TUES., DEC. 31**

Psalm 147:12-20  
 1 Kings 3:5-14  
 John 8:12-19

**WEDS., JAN. 1**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
 Psalm 8  
 Revelation 21:1-6  
 Matthew 25:31-46

**THURS., JAN. 2**

Psalm 147:12-20  
 Proverbs 1:1-7  
 James 3:13-18

**FRIDAY, JAN. 3**

Psalm 72; Job 42:10-17  
 Luke 8:16-21

**SAT, JAN. 4**

Psalm 72; Isaiah 6:1-5  
 Acts 7:44-53

**SUNDAY, JAN. 5**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
 Ephesians 3:1-12  
 Matthew 2:1-12

# Saint Mark's

## United Methodist Church

[www.saintmarksum.org](http://www.saintmarksum.org)

*First Sunday after Christmas*

December 29, 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 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* # 218
- Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed # 881
- Musical Offering *But Where Else Would a Babe Be Born*  
 Jason Boyd and Ben Thomas
- Morning Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer
- Anthem *The Memory of Christmas* Sanctuary Choir
- Offertory Prayer
- Offertory Jason Boyd
- +Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94
- Passing of the Peace
- +Hymn *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* # 229
- Gospel Reading Luke 2:15-21
- Sermon Future Memories Rev. Sandra Thomas
- Invitation to Discipleship
- +Closing Hymn *Love Came Down At Christmas* #242
- +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...

### In Sympathy to Family & Friends of:

Sally Beam, on her passing, Thursday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> (Wife of Jerry Beam, Mother of Beth Martin and Alicia Beam and Grandmother of Boz and Addie Beam Ingram and Woodson and Watts Martin); A Memorial Service will be held at St. Mark's UMC on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Henry Beavers, on his passing Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> (Friend of Rodney Meeks)

### 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)
Mary (Linda Breedlove's mother)	Jerry Kirkland (Lois Minchew)
David Brewer (Arlene Pettus)	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)	Mac Lofton (Skip Kuzel)
Elizabeth Cloud (Arlene Pettus)	Haley & Jessica McIngvale (Jane Mapp)
Zach Cooley (Gary & Nancy Ladd)	Shani Meck (Mike & Linda Kennedy)
Kristen Cox (Beth Cox)	Josef Pettus (Arlene Pettus)
Mary Ann Curry (Skip Kuzel)	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)	Kate (Zachow) Stina (Chris & Steve Zachow)
Beth Haggerty (Beth Griffith)	Chester Stovall (Pam Wilson)

### 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...

### MERRY CHRISTMAS & GOD BLESS



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

Christmas Memories...The service will focus on Christmas memories - 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



*Dear St. Mark's UMC Family & Friends,  
Our Hopes & Prayers to You & Yours for  
a Happy & Blessed New Year 2025!*

**Grief Recovery Group** - With Loss of any kind, we naturally experience grief. We grieve after the loss of what is important, people, relationships, jobs, among others. **Join us for a 6-week journey from mourning to joy as we explore the good aspects of grief.** We will walk through the patterns of grief and what we can learn from it. **We will meet on Sunday's at 3:30 pm beginning January 19 in the Wesley Center at St. Mark's UMC. Please call 601-992-2131 to Sign Up.**

### Trendsetter Opportunities - for anyone 50+

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

**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](mailto:Sandra@saintmarksum.org)**

## St. Mark's Youth Ministry...

**DRIVEN Youth**

For all students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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

[Will@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Will@saintmarksum.org) or [Amanda@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Amanda@saintmarksum.org)

**Winter Youth Retreat is set & it is going to be AMAZING!** This retreat is open to all Youth (6th to 12th grade) and Tweens (3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 29, 2024

All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade

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

### JANUARY - WINTER RETREAT SIGN UPS:

This retreat is open to all Youth (6th to 12th grade) and Tweens (3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade). reach out to Anna McGough, [anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:anna@saintmarksum.org)

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