

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)!

Wednesday Supper / Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sign-Up Sheet

QR Code

Please Print:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

# Children: \_\_\_\_\_



Wednesday Night Supper – Dec. 6

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

Menu from: Southern Provisions Catering

Poppy Seed Chicken, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Rolls, Salad,  
Beverage & Dessert

Cost: Adult \$ 7 and Child \$ 5 Maximum Family Charge: \$25

Volunteers Needed to Help Serve & Assist w/ Cleanup!

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 11/26/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$1,152,102.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,299,459.00
OFFERING FOR 11/26/2023	\$25,509.00

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<sup>th</sup> 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 3

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)  
**2:00 pm Music Rehearsal (1)**  
4:00 pm DRIVEN Band Practice (4)  
5:30 pm MERGE (4+5)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
4:30 pm Trendsetters Trip (bus departs)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

6:00 pm Caregiver Support Group (1-Robe Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (1-Choir Rm.)  
3:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Block (4)  
4:00 pm Go M.A.D. Snack Bags (2-WWF)  
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper  
6:00 pm Youth Hang Time (4)  
**6:30 pm Christmas Musical (1)**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC)  
**5:00 pm Parents Night Out (3)**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

**9:00 am PJ & Pancakes (5)**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

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)  
**3:00 pm Christmas Musical (1)**  
**5:00 pm DRIVEN Youth Christmas Party (4+5)**  
**5:30 pm Kids Ministry – Tweens Night (3)**

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

am Mark 13:24-37  
pm Isaiah 64:1-9

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Isaiah 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-15  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Mark 1:1-8  
Isaiah 11:1-10

WEDS., DECEMBER 6

Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12

THUR., DECEMBER 7

Malachi 3:1-4  
Philippians 1:3-11

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Luke 3:1-6  
Baruch 5:1-9

SAT, DECEMBER 9

Isaiah 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-15

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

am Mark 1:1-8  
pm 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

KEY:

- 1 - Sanctuary building
- 2 – Wesley – adult education
- 3 – Asbury – children's education
- 4 - SWH – youth building
- 5 – CLC – Christian Life Center



**Poinsettia & Lights of Love**  
**Order forms can be found in church**  
**office or northside drive-thru entrance**



# Saint Mark's

## United Methodist Church

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

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*

+Hymn *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates* # 213

Lighting the Advent Candle 8:20 – The Grider Family  
10:45 – The Ownby Family

Anthem *Midnight Rose* Choir  
Margaret Pigott, cello

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination 8:20 – Jeananne Suggs  
10:45 – Dana Stringer

Lesson Isaiah 64:4-9

Psalter *Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19*

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

+Gospel Mark 13:32-37

+Hymn *O Day of God, Draw Nigh* # 730

Sermon *Taking out the Trash* Rev. Coile

+Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed* # 881

Morning Prayer

Offertory

+Doxology # 95

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

+Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music Margaret Pigott and Robin Sessums, cellos

Prayer after Communion

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

+Hymn *People, Look East* # 202  
*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:

Douglas Sharpe, on his passing, November 24<sup>th</sup> (Uncle of Anna McGough)  
James Kemp, on his passing, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, due to battle w/cancer, (Brother-in-Law of Deborah Rogers)

Members Needing Prayers:

Trish Champney	Keith Jenkins	Robert Lott	Emily Grace Shields
Dan Denman	George Kendrick	Garner Peacock	Misty Simmons
Carol Grigsby	Pequita Lattimer	Will Rogers	Merriam Smilley
			JeanAnn Suggs

Family & Friends --- Aug. – Nov. 2023:

Carol Baker (Katie Heard)	Detrick Macnair (Susan Weatherholt)
Tara Blessinger (Coile Family)	Olivia Mann (Branigin, Nguyen, Lapiere)
Billy Boyd (Betty Wheat)	Larry Marguez (Karen Reed)
Briggs Family (Samantha ‘Briggs’ Nguyen)	Patricia Martin (Janet Langley)
Ed Coile (Warren Coile)	Jennifer Roberts (Misty Simmons)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)
Jan Frady (Charlie Crenshaw)	Darrell Sartin (Louise Sartin)
Gary Golden (Joey Hibbert)	Beckett Sharpe (Anna McGough)
George Haydu (Linda Finley)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Cindy Hooks. (Carla Cascio)	Ben & Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)
Cindy Horton (Dick & Susan Weatherholt)	Heather Trotter (D.W. & Katherine Long)
Guy Jackson (Louise Dove)	Kay Warren (Anna McGough)
Austin Lee (Pete Williams)	Ike Watkins (Susan Weatherholt)

Long Term Prayers:

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

Jim Allard (David Allard)	Martin Levitt (McGinnis)
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)
Jay Brantley (Bob & Carol Grigsby)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)
Hunter Burkhalter (Amanda Doby)	Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)
Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)	Anna Marie Pauli (Marisa O. Martin)
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack)
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Tommy Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons)
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)
Cindy Horton (Jo-Anna Ray)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Will Sorey (Dennis O’Neal)
Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)	Danny & Melissa Stephens (Jo-Anna Ray)
Karnowski Family (Jeanne Chapman)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)
Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)

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

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

BABY BROTHER JESUS a Christmas Musical  
by: John Armstrong in St. Mark’s Sanctuary

Weds., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
Sun., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm

Join us for a modern take on the original Christmas story.  
Presented by: Musicians, Sanctuary Choir,  
11<sup>th</sup> Hour Praise Band & Children’s Choir of St. Mark’s UMC

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Sat., Dec. 9 PJ’s & Pancakes (9:00 am – 11 am) Christian Life Center

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Sun., December 17<sup>th</sup> Join us for a Special (Youth-led) Christmas Program  
In our Christian Life Center (CLC) at 6 pm “His Name Shall Be”  
A Special Worship Experience leading all to the true meaning of Christmas!

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Christmas Eve Services ~ Sunday, 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 & 6:30 PM in Sanctuary

All services will include candlelight tradition.



Trendsetter Opportunities for anyone 50+ Join our St. Mark’s UMC  
Senior Adults! Here is a sampling of our upcoming events....

Mon. Dec. 4– Play by: John Maxwell “A Christmas Tale” @ Galloway, JXN  
Dinner at Broad Street then Show at 7 PM – Bus leaves church at: 4:30 PM,  
No Cost ~ Love Offerings Accepted!

Mon. Dec. 11 - "The Trees of Christmas" at Merrehope in Meridian &  
lunch. Leave at 8:30am and return 4pm Cost: TBD about \$60 - tour, lunch & bus.

Tues. Dec. 12 - "Journey to Bethlehem" Movie – details TBA

Mon. Dec. 18 "Magic of Lights" Driving Tour of Magic of Lights at Brandon  
Amphitheater @ 5pm

Tues., Dec. 19 “Christmas with the Chosen - Holy Night” Movie - details TBA

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

Youth Ministry...

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

Tonight, Sun., Dec. 3 ~ Christmas MERGE! ~ 5:30-7:30 pm ~ SWH  
Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: Nacho Bar  
There is a place for you here!

5<sup>th</sup> Block ~ Wednesdays ~ 3:30 – 5:00 pm  
After school hang time in the Hub...Wed. Night Supper is available from 5-5:45 in  
CLC. Reservations are required by Tues. Noon.

FUEL (high octane for your soul midweek) ~ Wednesdays ~ 6-7p ~ SWH  
Join us for MS/HS Bible study, games & prayer.

“Good Grief!” DRIVEN Christmas Party ~ Sun., Dec. 10 ~ 5-8p ~ CLC ~ Free event  
Please bring a wrapped gift to participate in gift exchange. (No animals/pets,  
teeth or wrapped in duct tape.) SIGN UP thru Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>!

“His Name Shall Be” (Youth-led Christmas Program) ~ Sun., Dec. 17 @ 6 pm ~  
CLC We need all our youth to help lead this special worship experience leading all  
to the true meaning of Christmas! See Jeanne if you are willing to be a reader.  
Rehearsals: Wed., Dec. 13 @ 6 pm and Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> @ Noon (w/ pizza lunch  
provided). Sign up on the bulletin board.

... 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 3, 2023

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Services  
&  
Children’s Church  
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

Kids Wednesday Night Workshops in Asbury Hall @ 6 pm

“Baby Brother JESUS” A Christmas Musical  
Performances will be Dec 6 at 6:30 PM and Dec 10 at 3 PM.

Fri., Dec. 8 – Parents Night Out @ 5:00 pm in Asbury Hall

Sat., Dec. 9 – PJ & Pancakes (9:00 am – 11 am) in Christian Life Center

Sun., Dec. 10 – Tween Night @ 5:30 pm in Asbury Hall

Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Services  
@ 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm in Sanctuary

For all Sign Ups - reach out to Anna McGough, anna@saintmarksum.org

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

