

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 will resume – Jan. 10, 2024

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

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: 12/24/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$1,277,550.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,378,793.00
OFFERING FOR 12/24/2023	\$34,862.00

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

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Warren Coile..... Senior Pastor  
Ryan McGough.....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 31 – Epiphany of the Lord**

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

*Happy New Year ~ 2024*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2024 – New Year's Day**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

7:00 pm AA (2)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3**

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4**

7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

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)  
4:00 pm DRIVEN Band Practice (5-CLC)  
5:00 pm Parents Night @ MERGE (4+5-SWH/CLC)

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 31**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1**

Matthew 25:31-46  
Luke 2:15-21

**TUES., JANUARY 2**

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

**WEDS., JANUARY 3**

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Matthew 2:1-12

**THUR., JANUARY 4**

Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:10-18

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:1-12

**SAT., JANUARY 6**

am Matthew 2:1-12  
pm Sirach 24:1-12

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7**

am Mark 1:4-11  
pm Isaiah 42:10-25

# Saint Mark's

## United Methodist Church

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

*Epiphany of the Lord Sunday*

December 31, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Opening Hymn      *The First Noel*      # 245  
v. 1, 2, 3 & 5

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise      *What Child Is This*      # 219  
v. 1

Special Music      *Little Drummer Boy*      Ron Milone  
Steel Drums

Lesson      Isaiah 60:1-6      # 795

Psalter      *Psalm 72:1-2, 10-17*

Epistle      Ephesians 3:1-12

+Gospel Acclamation      *What Child Is This*      # 219  
v. 3

+Gospel      Matthew 2:1-12

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

Morning Prayer

Anthem      *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*      Choir  
David Hinton, solo

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

+Doxology

+Hymn      *We Three Kings*      # 254

Sermon      *How Much Did They Know*      Rev. Coile

+Closing Hymn      *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*      # 251

+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:

Gabby Buford on her passing Fri., Dec. 22 (Kim & David Buford & Family / Amanda Doby)

Members Needing Prayers:

Mary Jo Antee	Keith Jenkins	Pequita Lattimer	Will Rogers
Trish Champney	Lynda Jolly	Robert Lott	Emily Grace Shields
Dan Denman	George Kendrick	Garner Peacock	JeanAnn Suggs
Carol Grigsby			

Family & Friends --- Aug. – Dec. 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)
Larry Case (Lyn Smith)	Susan Menchoral
Baby Chet (Corrine & Eric Carpenter)	Mericlare Paxton (Betty Wheat)
Ed Coile (Warren Coile)	Jennifer Roberts (Misty Simmons)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)
Davis Fox (Kathy Roberts)	Darrell Sartin (Louise Sartin)
Jan Frady (Charlie Crenshaw)	Beckett Sharpe (Anna McGough)
Gary Golden (Joey Hibbert)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
George Haydu (Linda Finley)	Addie Terrell (Kay & Dennis O’Neal)
Cindy Hooks. (Carla Cascio)	Ben & Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)
Cindy Horton (Dick & Susan Weatherholt)	Heather Trotter (D.W. & Katherine Long)
Michaela Kinney (Misty Simmons)	Kay Warren (Anna McGough)
Austin Lee (Pete Williams)	Ike Watkins (Susan Weatherholt)
Temple Tynnbaris (Clarene Reynolds)	David & Mimi Watts (Melissa Bolland)

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

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...



Dear St. Mark’s UMC Family & Friends,  
Our Hopes & Prayers to You & Yours for a  
Happy & Blessed New Year 2024!

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 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.  
Note: We will have SS on New Year’s Eve. A special breakfast and time of fellowship will be included, 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. RSVP is appreciated by January 4<sup>th</sup>...  
<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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 31, 2023  
Acolytes @ Traditional & 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Services & Children’s Church  
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

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

January 12-13 - Tween Retreat - 3rd - 5th Grade are welcome to sign 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](mailto:anna@saintmarksum.org)

Sunday Nursery is available ages up to and including 2 yrs.

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

