

St. Mark's Angel Tree ~ Donations

Please return the Gifts & Tags by December 4th
Contact Sandra Thomas with questions at 601-992-2131

Please send any questions or concerns as they relate to our UMC
Pathways moving forward to our Administrative Council at:



THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 11/27/2022

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,430,906.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$1,179,998.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,242,639.00
OFFERING FOR 11/27/2022	\$22,731.00

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
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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...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

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)
4:00 pm **Sounds of Christmas** (1-Sanctuary)
4:45 pm Driven Band Practice (4)
5:00 pm Sunday Handbells (1)
5:30 pm MERGE Youth (4+5)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

4:30 pm Trendsetters @ New Stage Theater (bus leaves)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)
3:30 pm 5th Block (4-SWH)
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper (5-CLC)
6:00 pm Fuel (4-SWH)
6:00 pm Kids Weds. Workshops (3-Big Rm./A201)
6:00 pm Adult Bible Study (2)
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study (2)
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study (2)
6:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5-CLC)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

9:30 am Abigail Circle (2-WWF)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:30 AM PJ & PANCAKES (5-CLC)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

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)
5:00 pm Youth DRIVEN *Feliz Navidad* Progressive Dinner Party

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, DEC. 4

am Matthew 3:1-12
pm James 5:7-10

MONDAY, DEC. 5

Isaiah 35:1-10
Matthew 11:2-15
Luke 1:47-55

TUESDAY, DEC. 6

Malachi 4:1-6
Matthew 17:10-13

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

THURSDAY, DEC. 8

John 1:6-8, 19-28
Zephaniah 3:14-20

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-20

SATURDAY, DEC. 10

Isaiah 35:1-10
James 5:7-10

SUNDAY, DEC. 11

am Matthew 11:2-11
pm Matthew 1:1-17

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

Donation forms can be found in church office or at
the northside Sanctuary drive-thru entrance.
Please return forms by Dec. 11th.

Saint Mark's

United Methodist Church

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Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude *Trumpet Tune Fanfare* Handbells
Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst

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

Lighting of the Advent Wreath (8:20) Jon and Sara Anderson
(10:45) Charlie and Priscilla Phipps

Lesson Isaiah 11:1-10

Anthem *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* Choir

Epistle Romans 15:4-9a, 13

+Gospel Acclamation *Emmanuel*

+Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

+Hymn *People, Look East* # 202
vv. 1, 2 & 4

Sermon *On the Way* Rev. Coile

+Affirmation of Faith *The Nicene Creed* # 880

Morning Prayer

Offertory

+Doxology # 95

+Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Communion Music Robin Sessums, cello
Darlene Baker, piano

+Hymn *Joy to the World* # 246
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...

Members Needing Prayers:

John Adair	Bill Ewing	Garner Peacock
Eddie Adams	Sherry Johnston	Brad Sessums
Mike Blackwell	Lois Landry	JeanAnn Suggs
Rev. Warren Coile	Janice Larson	

Family & Friends:

November 2022

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

October

Larry Fowler (Gayla Dance)	Chantelle McWilliams (Preschool)
Nelson Karnowski (Jeanne Chapman)	Sebastian Riley (Ed & Tonda Riley)
Jennie Kidder (Preschool)	Eduardo Torres (Mayita Price)
	Pam Tree (Preschool)

August

Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Bud Lambert (Susan Watson)
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Long Term Prayers:

John Adair	Bill Hutto	Fred Price
Tinker Colwell	Dixie Miller	Janette Thomas
Martha Gower	June Miracle	Linda Thomas
Jean Gunnell	Jonnie Norton	Frances Upchurch
Joanne Humphries		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)	
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)	
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Joan Melchiors (Cynthia Morgan)	
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)	
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)	
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Mrs. Renae Tatum (Sadie & Sophie Tatum)	
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)	
Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	Jaxon Williams (Jack Williams)	
Martin Levitt (McGinnis)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)	

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...

Sunday, Dec. 4th – Sounds of Christmas
Join us for our Music Concert at 4pm in St. Mark’s Sanctuary
All Welcome!

PJ & Pancakes ~ December 10th @ 9:30 am in CLC

DRIVE THRU ~ *Live Nativity*

Dates: Sat/Sun. Dec. 17 & 18 ~ 6-8 pm

Free Event ~ Live Animals ~ All Welcome!

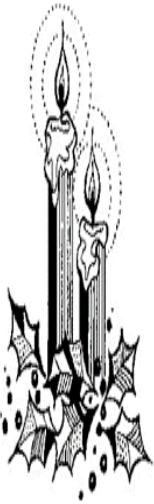


A Service of Lessons & Carols
Sunday, Dec. 18th

8:20 and 10:45 AM in Sanctuary

Christmas Eve ~ Saturday, 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 in Christian Life Center & 6:00 PM in Sanctuary
All services will include candlelight tradition.



Christmas Day ~ Sunday, Dec. 25th
One service in Sanctuary at 10 AM

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!

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

“The Sound of Music” @ New Stage Theater, Jackson – Tues., Dec. 6

A day Trip to Cleveland, MS (w/ Christmas Lights), Tues., Dec. 13th

An Evening out to Brandon Amphitheatre for Christmas Lights & Hot Choco at IHOP Mon., Dec. 19th @ 5 pm

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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
Separate Bible studies for MS & HS students. Cereal buffet provided each week.

5th Block (after school hang time) ~ **Wednesdays ~ 3:30-5:00 pm ~ in the Hub**

FUEL (high octane for your soul midweek!) **6:00-7:00 pm in SWH.** MS/HS Bible study (Alpha week 11: New Life – How can I make the most of my Life?)

Tonight ~ MERGE ~ Sun., Dec. 4 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Theme: “O Come” Menu: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, drinks, & dessert

DRIVEN “Feliz Navidad! Progressive Dinner” Christmas Party ~ Sun., Dec. 11 ~ 5-8 pm
All students 6th-12th grades invited to join us as we celebrate the reason for the season! Progressive dinner ~ White Elephant Gift Exchange ~ Prize Drawing ~ Fun (bring wrapped white elephant gift – no animals/pets, teeth or wrapped in duct tape) **RSVP thru December 8th. Friends welcome!**

Drive Thru Live Nativity ~ Sat/Sun. Dec. 17 & 18 ~ 6-8 pm (featuring live animals) *Come experience the wonder & hope of Christmas!* We need **YOU** to bring the story to life and make this event possible! Families are needed to participate! Please contact Jeanne to be added to the cast & crew (one or both nights). Help is also needed with set up, tear down, cast meals, etc... lots of ways to serve! ***Costume fittings will be Wed., Dec. 14 from 3:30-7:30 pm.

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. **\$100 non-refundable deposit to reserve spot due by 11/27. Balance due 12/31.**

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 to by Jan. 29 to reserve spot
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Stay in the know!!! Please contact **Jeanne Chapman** at jeanne@saintmarksum.org for more info!

Children & Family Ministries... <i>All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade</i> Sunday School @ 9:30 AM (3 - A102/A104)	Sunday, Dec. 4 th Acolytes @ 8:20 & 10:45 am & No - Children’s Church today (Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)
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December Schedule
Kids Weds. Night Workshops – check in 5:45 pm Asbury / Big Room
December 10th – PJ & Pancakes @ 9:30 am in CLC
Dec. 14th - WNW Christmas Party
Dec. 24th – Christmas Eve, w/ Family Service @ 4:30 pm in CLC and Trad. Service @ 6 pm in Sanctuary
Christmas Day ~ December 25th – One service @ 10 am in Sanctuary

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

