

Dear St. Mark's UMC Family & Friends,

Our hopes & prayers to you & yours for a happy & blessed New Year 2023!

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 12/25/2022

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,430,906.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$1,333,995.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,358,254.00
* OFFERING FOR 12/25/2022 *	\$50,268.00

*These amounts are NOT the final totals for 2022 *

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
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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...

Happy New Year ~ 2023



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)
No Evening Youth Activities

MONDAY, JANUARY 2
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)
NO Youth Activities
NO Wednesday Night Super
7:00 PM Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

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(Livestream on St. Mark' FB or Saintmarksum.org)
4:45 pm DRIVEN Praise Team (4)
5:00 pm Sunday Handbells (1)
5:30 pm MERGE (4+5)

Epiphany Star Words...

What are "star words?" The giving out of star words is a prayer practice. As you come into worship, you will have the opportunity to draw a word out of a basket. The words are face down and you draw a word sight unseen and trust the word you get. Place the word somewhere that you will see it regularly throughout the year as a reminder to reflect on how God is using that word in your life.

Why star words? The practice of star words for Epiphany is significant because the Magi followed a star, which led them to Jesus. Our star words can lead us to a closer relationship with Jesus. This word is a gift for you and a way to keep God in our thoughts and prayers always. We may see God in a different light by reflecting on the star word.

It is tradition to take a word and accept this word for the year. Let God be in control and see how he uses this word in your life throughout the year.

God Bless.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, JAN. 1

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

MONDAY, JAN. 2

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 29

TUESDAY, JAN. 3

Matthew 3:13-17
Genesis 1:1-5

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4

Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

THURSDAY, JAN. 5

Isaiah 43:1-7
Acts 8:14-17

FRIDAY, JAN. 6

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Acts 2:37-39

SATURDAY, JAN. 7

Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43

SUNDAY, JAN. 8

am Matthew 3:13-17
pm Isaiah 42:10-25

KEY:

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

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Epiphany of the Lord

January 1, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Opening Hymn *The First Noel* # 245

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise *Gloria Patri*

Call to Baptism (8:20) *Come, Be Baptized*

Holy Baptism (8:20) *Baptismal Covenant II* # 39
Henry Rutherford Baker, Margaret James Baker, Rowan Esco Baker

Anthem *Sleep Little Baby*

Epistle Ephesians 3:1-12

+Gospel Acclamation *We Three Kings* # 254
verse 1

+Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

+Hymn *We Three Kings* # 254
vv. 2-5

Sermon *Mystery of the Monarch* Rev. Coile

Morning Prayer

Offertory

+Doxology

+The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Music Jeannie Melton

+Closing Hymn *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* # 251
vv. 1 & 3

+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:

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

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)	Eduardo Torres (Mayita Price)
Bud Lambert (Susan Watson)	

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...

To our St. Mark’s Stewpot Volunteers:

Hope you are well and you had a blessed Christmas. Stewpot is still serving the community and is in need.

St. Marks is scheduled to work in the pantry the week of January 9-13, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 3-4 volunteers are needed each day.

Immediate Need: They are in desperate need for the following items:

- Canned salmon and tuna
- Canned chicken
- Canned greens (collard and turnip)
- Canned spinach
- Canned chili with beans
- Canned pork and beans
- Canned ravioli
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Vienna sausages
- Crackers
- Condiments (salt & pepper, ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Boxed Cereal, oatmeal and grits

The dates for 2023 are May 1-5, July 10-14 and Nov. 6-10.

Please contact me if you or someone you know would like to serve or if you have any questions or concerns. Your service to this worthy cause is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to hearing from you.

In Service to Christ, Jane Brown (601-940-7762)

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***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) All Welcome!**

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Honduras Coffee just \$12
Support Salt & Light Ministry - pick up a gift of fresh coffee at Church Office or CLC!

Another great servant opportunity!

Greeting Card Donations ~ For St. Jude’s Children’s Hosp.

We are collecting used Greeting Cards (front only)
While you are extra cleaning and organizing your homes for the New Year - please consider passing along the lovely greeting cards you have received over the years (front only) for this mission. Simply gather up the used cards in a shopping bag, bring to our Church Office. They will be taken to St. Jude’s to be used for children’s art projects.

Many thanks! Jerry Klomprens

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 & FUEL will resume January 11

ELEVATE Ski Conference ~ Gatlinburg ~ Jan. 13-16, 2023 (MLK Wknd)
Final balance is now past due. Please contact Jeanne if you still need to pay.
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.

MERGE ~ resumes Sun., January 8 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm
Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups
For all students in grades 6-12. There is a place for you here!

Parents’ Night @ MERGE ~ Sun., January 29 ~ 5:00 – 7:30 pm
Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us for a special night of MERGE. Free dinner, followed by a game, an important Youth/Parent Meeting, 2023 paperwork, worship & life groups. Childcare is available for younger siblings. Please contact Jeanne if you need this service.

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.

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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, Jan. 1 st , 2023 Acolytes @ 10:00 am & No Children’s Church today (Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)
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January 2023 Schedule Kids Weds. Night Workshops will resume Jan. 11th – 6 pm in Asbury Hall – check in 5:45 pm Asbury / Big Room - January 1st - 9:30 AM - Sunday School New Year's Party in Asbury Upstairs - with pancakes, noisemakers & NEW YEARS resolutions! January 13th - Older Elementary Lock-In (3rd - 5th Grade) at Susanna Wesley Youth Building (OVERNIGHT - SIGN UPS CLICK HERE TO REGISTER) Jan 22nd - 3rd Grade How To Use Your Bible Class Begins

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

