

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: 12/31/2022 - FINAL

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,430,906.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$1,351,235.77
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$1,368,355.89
DEFICIT FOR 2022	(\$17,120.12)

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 1/8/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.39
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$36,410.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$21,959.00
OFFERING FOR 1/8/2023	\$24,861.00

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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 ThomasPastor for Worship & Music Arts
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, JANUARY 15

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)
Youth @ Elevate
NO DRIVEN Praise Team
NO MERGE / NO Evening Youth Activities

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Church Office Closed in observance of
Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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 Bible Study (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)
7:10 pm Youth Council Meeting (4 + Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

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)
12:15 pm Cursillo Potluck Lunch (3-Parlor/Big Room)
4:45 pm DRIVEN Praise Team
5:30 pm MERGE Youth (4+5)

Communion Servers

It is a blessing to serve holy communion to one another. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know in the office. We want everyone that would like to be a part of this ministry to have a chance to serve. Call or send an email to the church office. If you have questions about this ministry, contact Sandra Thomas at: Sandra@saintmarksum.org or 601-992-2131.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

am John 2:12-25
pm Isaiah 8

MONDAY, JAN. 16

Isaiah 9:1-7
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Psalm 27:1,4-9

TUESDAY, JAN. 17

Isaiah 10:20-34
Matthew 4:1-4

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

Isaiah 11
Matthew 4:5-7

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

Isaiah 14:1-21
Matthew 4:8-11

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

Isaiah 19:16-25
Matthew 4:12-17

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

Isaiah 22:1-14
Matthew 4:18-22

SUNDAY, JAN. 22

am Matthew 4:23-25
pm Micah 1

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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Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the light of Christ in our midst

+Opening Hymn *Christ for the World We Sing* # 568

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

+Act of Praise *Gloria Patri* # 70

Special Music *He Will Hold Me Fast* Sandra Thomas

Epistle 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Psalter *Psalms 40:1-11* # 774

Prayer Concerns

Morning Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee* Choir

Offertory Prayer

+Doxology
Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children's Church

+Hymn *I Love to Tell the Story* # 156

+Gospel John 1:29-42

Sermon *Second Fiddle* Rev. Coile

+Closing Hymn *Lead On, O King Eternal* # 580
Following the Light of Christ into the world.

+Benediction

The flowers placed in the Sanctuary today are given in loving memory of my husband, W.A. "Dub" Womack by Anita Womack

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:

Brad Bailey, of AL, on his passing due to Liver failure, (Brother of Lori Landry)
Jim Carmody, on his passing last week, (Extended family of Beth Cox)
Jackie Wells, on his passing last week (Friend Grace Place, Jackson, MS)
Lori Long, on her passing, January 11th, 2023 (Daughter of Sherry Essington)

Members Needing Prayers:

Harry Barnhill	Howe Family	Jerry Klomparens	Garner Peacock
Larry Bishop	Carol Grigsby	Janice Larson	Brad Sessums
Mike Blackwell	Sherry Johnston	Robert Lott	JeanAnn Suggs

Family & Friends:

January 2023

Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Christopher Roberts (Kathy Roberts)
Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Mr.Tommie Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)	Evelyn Spelling (Linus Coile)

December 2022

Laura Day (Sara Meeks)	Derek Pettus
Amanda Dahlem (Earl Dalhem)	Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons)
Bethany Graham (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	Sara Smith (Lorrie Tingle)
April Owens (Martha Hand)	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)

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)	Martin Levitt (McGinnis)
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)
Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	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)
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Jaxon Williams (Jack Williams)
Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	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...

Coming Soon! Disciple Fast Track ~ Bible Study For Busy Lives

Orientation Meeting will be, Monday, Jan. 16, 7:00 pm in Robe Room,
Spring Session begins Jan. 23, 7:00-8:15 pm for twelve weeks.
Please contact Janet or Hugh Langley with interest at:
601-954-7007 or 601-624-0439

Save the Date

Rise Against Hunger will be Sat., Feb. 11
St. Mark’s UMC – CLC
9 am – 12 noon

Join us for this special Meal Packaging Event!

There is a job for everyone to help pack
35,000 meals for the hungry.

Contact Joseph Hibbert at: 601-573-2202 to join up
& for details on how you can help!

Cursillo Potluck Lunch ~ Sunday, January 22 at 12:15pm in Parlor

Bring your favorite dish & join us for fun & fellowship!

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Honduras Coffee 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 Glee club from Occidental College in Los Angeles is touring our area and
presenting a concert at St. Andrews Episcopal Cathedral on Jan. 17 at 7pm.

Coffee and Bundt Cake gathering on Thurs., January 19 at 10am in the CLC.

Train trip to New Orleans February 27-March 1 For: Notre-Dame Exhibit & more

Holy Land 2024

St. Mark's will be hosting a group to go to the Holy Land in February 2024. **The tentative dates for this trip are February 27-March 7.** This trip is planned through Educational Opportunities. The cost of the trip will be determined in the coming weeks. The base price from New York is \$3548/person. There will be additional costs for travel to New York, travel insurance, and there are add-ons that are available as well. This base price is a cash up front price and includes an early registration discount if the trip is paid in full by March 26. There are other payment options as well. If you have questions, please let me know. And if you know for sure I want to go, let me know that as well.

Looking forward to Holy Land 2024. Sandra Thomas

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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 in The Hub ~ 3:30-5:00 pm
Ping Pong, Foos ball, do homework, play games, hang out, build relationships

FUEL ~ High Octane for Your Soul Midweek! ~ Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm
Join us this week as we kick off a new year (semester) with games & prayer stations. **Life Revealed** study begins next week!

ELEVATE Ski Conference ~ Gatlinburg ~ Jan. 13-16, 2023 (MLK Wknd)
Please pray for our group of 52 @ Elevate this weekend...for safe travels, no injuries and for God to meet us through worship sessions, small groups and His creation.

MERGE ~ resumes next week, Sun., January 22 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm
Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: Pasta
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. Please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448A5AC2DA7FA7-parents10>.

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 for guaranteed spot.**

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. 15th, 2023 Acolytes @ 10:00 am & Children’s Church today (Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)
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January 2023 Schedule

Kids Weds. Night Workshops – 6 pm in Asbury Hall
– check in 5:45 pm Asbury / Big Room -

January – Weds. Night Workshops Resume – 6 PM in Asbury Hall

Jan 22nd - 3rd Grade How To Use Your Bible Class Begins

February 10 - Parents Night Out - Valentine's Edition - Nursery through 5th Grade.

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