

**Wednesday Night Supper @ 5:00 pm in CLC ~ All Welcome!**

Join us for Supper January 29th Here's our Menu:

**Chicken Spaghetti, Fried Okra, Brussel Sprouts,  
Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverage & Tonda's Yummy Dessert!**

Please scan the QR Code to the right to Register  
for Wednesday Night Supper or just call the office:  
-\$10 Adult Meals (6 grade & up), - \$7 Child Meals



\* Please consider Pre-Registering for the semester at a discount!

\*In lieu of Family pricing we have introduced a new option to  
Pre-Purchase for a Semester of Meals at a discount Adults \$150 & Child \$105.  
Please sign up early to get this special offer! We have excellent weekly menus!

Volunteers are needed and welcome! Please contact Thelma in  
Church Office to be added to our weekly volunteer schedule.

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 12/31/2024		Yr. 2024
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 1,573,165.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD		\$ 1,198,376.16
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD		-\$ 1,280,154.11
Revenue Over/Under Expense		(\$81,777.95)

**St. Mark's Shelby Giving**

Please click on the QR code to the right with your  
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Jon Kaufman..... Senior Pastor  
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Anna McGough ..... Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist  
Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist  
Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

**Mark Your Calendars...**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 26**

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark's 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 or Saintmarksum.org)  
3:30 pm Grief Recovery Group (2-WWF w105)  
4:00 pm Finance Com. Meeting (1-Choir Rm)  
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nite (4)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
6:00 pm Disciple Fast Track (1-Robe Rm)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)  
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
10:00 am Adult Study (1-Robe Rm)  
5:00 pm Weds. Night Supper (5-CLC)  
6:00 pm Adult Bible Studies (2)  
6:00 pm Kids Workshops (3)  
6:00 pm Youth Weds. Nite. (4)  
7:00 pm 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
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9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)  
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)  
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3:30 pm Grief Recovery Group (2-WWF w105)  
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nite (4)

**Greeters Needed ~ Sunday Morning Worship**

**We need Greeters for the 8:20 and 10:45 am Traditional Worship services in the Sanctuary building.** This is a great way to get to know each other, extend hospitality & welcome newcomers to our house of worship!

**If you are interested in this important part of our ministry please contact Ann Pittman at [apittman1960@gmail.com](mailto:apittman1960@gmail.com) or 601-506-4986.**

*"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it". --- Hebrews 13:2*

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, JAN. 26**

Psalm 19  
Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31  
Luke 4:14-21

**MONDAY, JAN. 27**

Psalm 119  
Jeremiah 36:1-10  
1 Corinthians 14:1-12

**TUES., JAN. 28**

Psalm 119  
Jeremiah 36:11-26  
2 Corinthians 7:2-12

**WEDS., JAN. 29**

Psalm 119  
Jeremiah 36:27-32  
Luke 4:38-44

**THURS., JAN. 30**

Psalm 71:1-6  
Chronicles 34:1-7  
Acts 10:44-48

**FRIDAY, JAN. 31**

Psalm 71:1-6  
2 Chronicles 35:20-27  
Acts 19:1-10

**SAT. FEB. 1**

Psalm 71:1-6  
2 Chronicles 36:11-21  
John 1:43-51

**SUNDAY, FEB. 2**

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Psalm 71:1-6  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

**KEY:**

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

# Saint Mark's

## United Methodist Church

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

January 26, 2025

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

**ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude Jason Boyd  
*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*

+Opening Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* # 57

+Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed # 881

+Response *Gloria Patri* # 70

Musical Offering *Reckless Love* Shera Higbee

Scripture I Corinthians 12:12-31a

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* Sanctuary Choir  
David Hinton/Staci Curry, duet

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Jason Boyd

+Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94  
Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children's Church

Passing of the Peace

+Hymn *Oh, I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me* # 2139

Gospel Reading Luke 4:14-21

Sermon On Purpose Discipleship Rev. Kaufman

+Closing Hymn *Father, We Have Heard You Calling* # 3150

+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 with one of the ministers following the benediction.

*Nursery is available ages up to and including two (2) years of age.*

## Prayer Concerns...

### In Sympathy to Family & Friends of:

Scott Gumina, on his passing last week (Prayers by Chuck Jeffcoat)

### Members Needing Prayers:

Bob Grigsby	Merriam Smilley	Bill & Lanelle Weems	Cindy Wilkens
Gwen Robertson	Glenn Thomas	Pat White	Johnnie Yakstis

### Family & Friends --- January 2025:

Chris Allard (brother David Allard)	Scott Gumina (Chuck Jeffcoat)
James Allard (father David Allard)	Julie Hebert (Michael & Jo Hebert)
Dorothy Ashby (Clyde Payne)	David Leach (Lance Wilson)
Linda Ball (Kyle Ball, Melanie D. Ball)	Mac Lofton (Skip Kuzel)
David Brewer (Arlene Pettus)	Jessica McIngvale (Jane Mapp)
Kristin Cox (Beth Cox)	Shani Meck (Mike & Linda Kennedy)
Mary Ann Curry (Skip Kuzel)	Baby Rainer Clark (Karen Reed)
Bryanna Frisbee (Beth Cox)	Cody Watson (Karen Reed)
Robert Ghoston (Charlie Crenshaw)	Chris Whitlock (Karen Reed)

### Long Term Prayers:

Carole Bell	Joanne Humphries	Jonnie Norton
Tinker Colwell	Jerry Klomprens	Carolyn Phillips
Bernie Drowne	Sara Meeks	Janette Thomas
Camille Dumas	Joel Melton	Linda Thomas
Barbara Glasscock	Dixie Miller	Frances Upchurch
Martha Gower	June Miracle	Mike & Connie Weaver

Mally & Ian (Katie Baker)	Janet Lawing (Jo Hebert)
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)
Larry Case (Lyn Smith)	Garner Peacock
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Tommie Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)
Mrs. Lou Fomby (Sandra Haskett)	Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)	Will & Marti Sorey (Dennis O'Neal)
Renea Griffith (Russ & Beth Griffith)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)
Beth Haggerty (Beth Griffith)	Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Temple Tynnbaris (Clarene Reynolds)
Luanne Hitzelberger (Chris Zachow)	Mimi Watts
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Lane West (Betty Wheat)
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)
Jerry Kirkland (Lois Minchew)	

### Serving our Country:

Justin Cox, Jay Ellzey, Donna Phillips, Casey Powell, Eric Spellman, Brad Suggs, TJ Riley.

## Notes:

## Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

**Our Weds. Night Adult Studies @ 6 pm**  
**Men's, Women's & Co-Ed Groups ~ Meet in Wesley Center**  
**All Welcome!**

**Grief Recovery Group - Join us for a 6-week journey from mourning to joy as we explore the good aspects of grief.** We will walk through the patterns of grief and what we can learn from it. **We will meet on Sunday's at 3:30 pm Jan. 19 – Feb. 23 in the Wesley Center at St. Mark's UMC. Please call 601-992-2131 or stop by office to Sign Up.**

*Save the Date...* **Rise Against Hunger ~ Saturday, Feb. 8**  
**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 25,000 meals for the hungry.**  
Contact Joseph Hibbert at: 601-573-2202 to join up & for details on how you can help! Sign-up sheets in church office.

### **RACE for GRACE PLACE Fundraiser**

**When: Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**Where: Galloway UMC, (Downtown Jackson, MS)**

**What: 5K AND FUN RUN** (please register to join the race!)  
Grace Place serves the needs of people who are food insecure and provides breakfast 4 days a week, a clothing closet, worship opportunities, and celebrations. **For more info please email [sbranson@gmail.com](mailto:sbranson@gmail.com)**

### **Coat Drive 2024 (Extended thru January 2025)**

**New or Gently Used: Child & Adult Coats & Jackets**  
Please bring donations to St. Mark's UMC office.  
Questions: Contact Karen Reed at 601-940-4022

### **Mark your calendars... Honduras trip is May 26-June 2, 2025!**

For details, please contact - Angie Maxwell 601-934-2243 or  
Chuck McNeil 601-616-9363

### **Trendsetter Opportunities - for anyone 50+**

**Join our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults! ...**

**Feb. 20 + 21 (Overnight Trip) to Atlanta , Ga**

**"The World of Jesus Exhibition" This is a very special opportunity to view over 350 never before seen relics from the Holy Land including the James Ossuary.**

**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](mailto:Sandra@saintmarksum.org)

**Youth Ministry...**  
*For all students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades*



*\*\*\*Note: We need adults for each of these events to make them possible.*

**Sunday School (Rush Hour) every Sunday @ 9:30 am in SWH**  
**MS Guys/Gals & HS Bible studies!**

**Youth Sunday Nite activities on January 26<sup>th</sup> (5:30 – 8 pm) in SWH**

**Youth Wednesday Nites 6-7pm, & hangout in SWH till 8:00 pm.**

- **Sunday School Lessons**
- **Wednesday Night Small Groups**
- **Sunday Night Messages**

We'll keep you posted as plans develop and any updates or changes are finalized.  
Thank you again for your support!

**Will and Amanda Lawson**  
**St. Mark's Youth Directors**

[Will@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Will@saintmarksum.org) or [Amanda@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Amanda@saintmarksum.org)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**Come Out to Support St. Mark's YOUTH For a Night Out at McALISTER'S DELI, Flowood (Dogwood) 5 PM – 8 PM**  
**On the 30<sup>th</sup> of January, we have a fundraiser and McAlister's, where the youth receive a portion of the profits for the day! We invite everyone to participate and eat something yummy at McAlister's that day!**

**Youth Ministry is welcoming donations of lightly used furniture, to help revamp our SWH youth rooms.**

**Thank you so much!**

### **Children & Family Ministries...**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

*All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade*

**Acolytes @ Traditional & 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Services**

**Sunday School @ 9:30 AM**  
**(3 - A102/A104)**

**Children's Church**

*(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)*



[Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Studies.](#)

[You can sign up to eat here](#) and even prepay if you would like for the meal or the semester.

**Wednesday Night Supper and Wednesday Night Workshops for kids are back 5:15 pm for dinner in the CLC and 6pm in Asbury for kids.**  
**We will be learning the Apostles Creed over the next two months!**

Please Contact **Anna McGough** for all Sign Ups at: 601-992-2131 (Ext.109)  
Or email [Anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org) for more info.