

2023 – St. Mark’s Administrative Council Update  
Re: UMC Disaffiliation Round Table Discussions

Please mark your calendars – all welcome to attend:

Mon., Feb. 27 @ 10 am in Robe Room

Tues., Mar. 7 @ 6 pm in Robe Room

Thurs., Mar. 16 @ 6 pm in Robe Room

It is our hope these meetings will provide a comfortable place for conversations and questions.

For any further questions and/concerns please email the council at [saintmarks.admcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:saintmarks.admcouncil@gmail.com)

Heather Achord Bryan  
Chair

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THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 1/22/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$69,726.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$36,348.00
OFFERING FOR 1/22/2023	\$20,058.00

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  
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, JANUARY 29

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)  
12:00 pm Childrens’ Council Meeting (3-Parlor/Big Rm.)  
4:00 pm Music Meeting (1-Robe Rm)  
4:30 pm DRIVEN Band Practice (4)  
5:00 pm Parents’ Night @ MERGE Youth (4+5)

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
7:00 pm AA (2)  
7:00 pm Disciple Fast Track Workshop (1-Robe Rm)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

4:00 pm Trendsetters @ Movie (Bus Leaves Church)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
3:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Praise Team Practice (5-CLC)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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)  
**2:00 pm Honduras Mission Meeting (3-Parlor)**  
4:45 pm DRIVEN Band Practice (4)  
5:30 pm MERGE Youth (4+5)

Looking ahead... Sacred Sessions

Every Sunday of Lent @ 4:30 pm (Room - TBA)

Be Holy for I am Holy

2/26 – Seder Meal Experience

3/5 – Doubting Thomas Clay Hands

3/19 – Holy Hymns with Stacy Douglas

3/26 – Be still and know: Performance Art

4/2 – Once Upon A Tree Choir Cantata

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

am Matthew 5:10-12  
pm Isaiah 56:1-8

MONDAY, JAN. 30

Isaiah 57:14-21  
1 Corinthians 2:1-5  
Psalm 112:1-10

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

Isaiah 58:1-9  
1 Corinthians 2:6-16

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

Isaiah 58:9-14  
Matthew 5:13

THURSDAY, FEB. 2

Isaiah 59:1-4,12-15  
Matthew 5:14

FRIDAY, FEB. 3

Isaiah 61:1-4  
Matthew 5:15-16

SATURDAY, FEB. 4

Isaiah 61:8-11  
Matthew 5:17-20

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

am Matthew 5:13-20  
pm Deuteronomy 29:1-9

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)

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Opening Hymn      Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know      # 163

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise      Gloria Patri      # 70

Special Music      Holy Overshadowing      Staci Curry

Lesson      Micah 6:1-8

Psalter      Psalm 15

Epistle      1 Corinthians 1:18-31

+Gospel Acclamation      Open Our Eyes, Lord      # 2086

+Gospel      Matthew 5:1-12

+Affirmation of Faith      # 883

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem      Refiner’s Fire      Choir

Offertory

+Doxology

+Hymn      Trust and Obey      # 467

Sermon      Getting Some Satisfaction      Rev. Coile

+Closing Hymn      We Are Called      # 2172

+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:

Sara Smith, on her passing, (Mother of Lori Tingle)  
Dr. Susan Boswell Johnstone, on her passing, at 75, (Friend of Susan Weatherholt)

Members Needing Prayers:

Mike Blackwell	Howe Family	Janice Larson	Garner Peacock
Howe Family	Carol Grigsby	Robert Lott	Brad Sessums
	Sherry Johnston		JeanAnn Suggs

Family & Friends:

January 2023

Bethany Graham (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)	Nancy Stribling (Becka Shields)
Mr.Tommie Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)	Linda Thomas (Barbara Jackson)
Christopher Roberts (Kathy Roberts)	Dan Twaddle (Janet Langley)
Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)	David Vaughan (June Bragg)

Long Term Prayers:

Tinker Colwell	Jerry Klomparens	Fred Price
Martha Gower	Dixie Miller	Janette Thomas
Jean Gunnell	June Miracle	Linda Thomas
Joanne Humphries	Jonnie Norton	Frances Upchurch
Bill Hutto		Mike & Connie Weaver
Gay Ann Abraham (Jean Lancaster)	Martin Levitt (McGinnis)	
Robby Bearden (Bates & Lancaster)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)	
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)	
Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)	Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)	
Amanda Dahlem (Earl Dahlem)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)	
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Joan Melchiors (Cynthia Morgan)	
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)	
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)	
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons)	
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Mrs. Renae Tatum (Sadie & Sophie Tatum)	
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)	
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Jaxon Williams (Jack Williams)	
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)	
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)	
Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)		

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...

Honduras Mission Meeting

Sunday, February 5th, 2pm in the Parlor.

Are you interested in going to Honduras June 1-8, 2023? If so, please make plans to attend this very important meeting. All skills are needed, medical (nurses, doctors, dentist, pharmacist, etc.), teachers, construction, sewing/knitting, ministers, Bible teachers... everyone has a skill that God can use in Honduras. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this vital ministry.

Contact us if you have any questions.

Bobby & Julie Blake

601-317-8881, 601-397-8880

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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. Our Funds Goal: \$13,650.

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

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St. Mark’s Preschool ~ Substitute Teachers Needed

We are in great need of Substitute Teachers for our Preschool program. If you, or someone you know, has a love for children and would like to join our little family as a substitute Teacher please contact Corrine Carpenter at 601-992-2244 or email [corrine@saintmarksum.org](mailto:corrine@saintmarksum.org) for more information. Thank you! Corrine Carpenter

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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. If you know for sure you want to go, please let me know ASAP.

Looking forward to Holy Land 2024. Sandra Thomas

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

Train trip to New Orleans – POSTPONED

Tues. Jan. 31 @ Movie: “80 for Brady” Bus leaves church @ 4pm

Tues. Feb. 7 Music in the City @ MS Museum of Art – Bus leaves church @ 4:45 pm

Thurs., Mar. 2 – Bingo Night @ CLC 5:30 pm – Join us for snacks & fun!  
Bring \$5 Bingo Prize & small donation for food!

Thurs., Mar. 23 – Gallery Talk @ MS Museum of Art Bus leaves church @ 10:15 am

Potential Trip to Oak Alley Plantation, LA – Sign Up in Church Office if Interested!

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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](mailto:Sandra@saintmarksum.org)

Youth Ministry...

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL: every Sunday morning 9:30-10:30 am  
Separate Bible studies for MS & HS students. Cereal buffet provided each week.

5<sup>Th</sup> 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 for Bible study, games & prayer. Current study: **Life Revealed** Episode 3!

Parents’ Night @ MERGE ~ TONIGHT, Sun., January 29 ~ 5:00 – 7:30 pm  
Please 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. Menu: soup bar, salad, drinks & dessert

Super Bowl Party ~ Sun., Feb. 12 ~ 5p – Game Ends ~ CLC ~ \$5  
Food ~ Football ~ 9 Square ~ Games ~ Fun! All food & drink provided!

DNow Wknd ~ Feb. 24-26 ~ \$70 (lodging at St. Marks/grp sessions @ Christ United) All 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to join us for one of the best weekends of the year! Incredible worship, small groups, fun, fellowship & spiritual growth! Deadline to register is Feb. 19. Friends welcome!

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.

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Stay in the know!!! Please contact Jeanne Chapman at [jeanne@saintmarksum.org](mailto: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. 29, 2023  Acolytes @ 10:00 am &  Children’s Church today (Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)
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January / February 2023 Schedule	
Kids Weds. Night Workshops – 6 pm in Asbury Hall – check in 5:45 pm Asbury / Big Room -	
Third Grade ~ How to Use Your Bible Classes thru Feb. 26th (Six Weeks)	
Jan. 29 <sup>th</sup> – Childrens’ Council @ 12 pm in Asbury Hall / Big Room	
February 10 <sup>th</sup> – Parents’ Night Out - Valentine's Edition - Nursery thru 5th Grade.	

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

