

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: 1/1/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,471,688.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$11,549.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$7,025.00
OFFERING FOR 1/1/2023	\$11,549.00

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 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 8

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 Youth Elevate Ski Trip Meeting (4-SWH)
4:45 pm DRIVEN Praise Team (4)
5:30 pm MERGE (4+5)

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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)
7:10 pm Youth Council Meeting (4-SWH/Zoom)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

9:30 am Abigail Circle (meeting off campus)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

6:30 AM Youth Elevate Ski Trip (departs)
6:00 pm Kids Overnight (4+5)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Youth @ Elevate
8:00 am Kids Overnight (4+5)

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

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. 8

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

MONDAY, JAN. 9

Isaiah 43:1-13
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Psalm 40:1-11

TUESDAY, JAN. 10

Isaiah 44:1-23
John 1:19-28

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11

Isaiah 44:24-45:13
John 1:29-34

THURSDAY, JAN. 12

Isaiah 45:14-46:13
John 1:35-42

FRIDAY, JAN. 13

Isaiah 47-48
John 1:43-51

SATURDAY, JAN. 14

Isaiah 49:1-7
John 2:1-11

SUNDAY, JAN. 15

am John 2:12-25
pm Isaiah 8

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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Baptism of the Lord Sunday
January 8, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* # 400

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise *Gloria Patri*

Lesson Isaiah 42:1-9

Special Music *My Tribute* Mike Kennedy

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Wade in the Water* Choir
Jo-Anna Ray, Staci Curry, David Hinton and Jason Boyd, soloists

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94

+Hymn *Down by the Jordan* # 3045
Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children's Church

+Gospel Matthew 3:13-17

Sermon *The Wonder of Water* Rev. Coile

Baptismal Covenant IV # 50
Congregational Reaffirmation

+Closing Hymn *When Jesus Came to Jordan* # 252
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:

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

Family & Friends:

January 2023

Brad Bailey (Lori Landry)	Mr.Tommie Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)

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)
	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)	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)
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)

Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)
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)

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

Honduras Coffee just \$12

Support Salt & Light Ministry - pick up a gift of fresh coffee at Church Office or CLC!

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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 Klomparens

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)

Participant/Parent meeting TODAY, 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 TONIGHT, Sun., January 8 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm

Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: Pizza
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 watch for more information for registration!

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 for more info!

Children & Family Ministries...

*All activities are for PreK
through 5th Grade*

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

Sunday, Jan. 8th, 2023

Acolytes @ 10:00 am

&

Children’s Church today

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

January 2023 Schedule

Kids Weds. Night Workshops – 6 pm in Asbury Hall

– check in 5:45 pm Asbury / Big Room -

January 11 – Weds. Night Workshops Resume – 6 PM in Asbury Hall

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 info!

