

It is time to return your Palms to church by Sunday, Feb. 19th

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Ash Wednesday services will be offered on
February 22nd at 6:30am and 6:30pm
In Sanctuary

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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

Heather Achord Bryan
Chair

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 2/5/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$140,542.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$117,654.00
OFFERING FOR 2/5/2023	\$20,101.00

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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Brandon, Mississippi 39047

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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, FEBRUARY 12 - Time to return your Palms!

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 Admin. Council Meeting (3-Parlor)
3:00 pm Finance Com. Meeting (1-Robe Rm.)
5:00 pm Youth Super Bowl Party (4+5)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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, FEBRUARY 14

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Annual Festival of Preaching (on campus)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Annual Festival of Preaching (on campus)
9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 – Transfiguration Sunday

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’s FB page)
4:45 pm Driven Band Practice (4)
5:30 pm Youth MERGE (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, FEB. 12

am Matthew 5:33-37
pm Exodus 24:12-18

MONDAY, FEB. 13

Exodus 34:1-11
Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 99

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Exodus 24:12-18
2 Corinthians 3:12-18

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 15

1 Kings 19:1-9
2 Corinthians 4:1-2

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

1 Kings 19:10-21
2 Corinthians 4:3-6

FRIDAY, FEB. 17

2 Kings 2:13-15
2 Peter 1:16-21

SATURDAY, FEB. 18

2 Kings 2:13-15
2 Peter 1:16-21

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

am Matthew 17:1-9
pm John 1:14-18

KEY:

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

CASTING CALL!

Looking for 12-16 men or women to participate in filming some Easter themed silhouettes.
No acting experience or costumes needed. Just willingness and a free Wednesday or Sunday evening.
Contact Shera Higbee
(higbees@comcast.net) or Sandra Thomas (sandra@saintmarksum.org).

Saint Mark’s

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Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 12, 2023

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the light of Christ in our midst

+Opening Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling # 384

+Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed # 881

+Act of Praise Gloria Patri # 70

Special Music Surely the Presence Kit LaCour

Epistle 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Psalter Psalm 119:1-8 # 840

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem More Precious Than Silver Choir

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

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

+Hymn Take Time to Be Holy # 395

Sermon Well, Isn’t That Special Rev. Coile
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

+Closing Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God # 420
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...

In Sympathy to Family & Friends of:

Ryan Munoz, of Raleigh, on his passing, Friday, Feb. 3rd due to a car accident ,
(Husband of Kelsey, Father of 3 young children, Son of Cynthia Broadaway & David & Nephew of Lisa Clark)

Rick Hudgens, on his passing, February 9th, (Friend of Misty Simmons)

Members Needing Prayers:

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

Family & Friends:

January – February 2023

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

Long Term Prayers:

Tinker Colwell	Jerry Klomparsen	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...



It's time for St. Mark's Preschool's annual Chicken Tender Dinner Fundraiser and we are so excited to announce that Chef Ron will be preparing the entire meal! For those that have been with us for a while, you know how awesome this is! Chef Ron's chicken is better than any other. We are also incredibly blessed by his generosity; **we will receive 100% of the profit.** Meals will include chicken tenderloins, macaroni & cheese and green beans with a roll. This is always a GREAT fundraiser!! **Tickets are \$10.00 per plate and can be purchased directly from the main church office or via email at preschool@saintmarksum.org . Your support is greatly appreciated!** **The last day to purchase tickets is February 21.**

Date/Time: February 23, 2023
Drive Through Pick-Up 5:30-6:30 PM
Location: The back of the CLC (Christian Life Center)

With many thanks! Corrine Carpenter, Director St. Mark’s Preschool

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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 for more information. Thank you! Corrine

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Holy Land 2024

St. Mark's will be hosting a group to go to the Holy Land. **The tentative dates for this trip are February 27-March 7.** Trip is planned through Educational Opportunities. If you are interested, please let me know ASAP. **Looking forward - Holy Land 2024. Sandra T.**

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

Thurs., Mar. 2 – Bingo Night @ CLC 5:30 pm – Join us for snacks & fun!
Please 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

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.

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

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 for Bible study, games & prayer. Current study: **Life Revealed** Episode 4!

Current Fundraiser: Jackson Area Coupon Books – The youth ministry is selling coupon books to help send our youth to summer camp, retreats, & mission trips! Books are \$25 each and available for purchase through Feb. 22 after services & during the week. Thank you for supporting DRIVEN Youth! **Students: be sure to pick up your coupon books to sell outside of church. No limit on the number of books you can sell. See Jeanne for more info! Thank you for supporting DRIVEN Youth!**

DNow Wknd ~ Feb. 24-26 ~ \$70 (lodging at St. Marks/grp sessions @ Christ United)
All 6th-12th 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 extended to 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 **\$80 non-refundable deposit is now past due. We have 2 spots remaining.** See Jeanne asap if interested!

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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, Feb. 12, 2023

Acolytes @ 10:00 am
&
Children’s Church
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

February / March 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)

Tween Night – March 9th – Please contact Anna McGough to sign up!

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

