

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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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 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)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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 21

9:30 am Tabitha Circle (1-Robe Rm.)
6:00 pm Choir Mardi Gras (off campus)
6:30 Ruth Circle (1-Robe Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – Ash Wednesday

6:30 AM Ash Wednesday Service (1-Sanctuary)
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)
No Fuel Bible Study
No Kids Weds. Workshops
No Adult Bible Study
No Men’s Bible Study
No Women’s Bible Study
No 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice
6:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service (1-Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:30 – 6:30 pm Preschool Chicken Dinner Fundraiser (drive thru / pick up @ CLC)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC)
6:00 pm Youth D-Now - Begins

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Youth D-Now – All Wknd

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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)
12:00 pm Youth D-NOW – Wknd Ends
4:30 pm Sacred Sessions (5-CLC)
No Youth MERGE

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, FEB. 19

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

MONDAY, FEB. 20

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
2 Corinthians 5:20-6:10
Psalm 51:1-17

TUESDAY, FEB. 21

Isaiah 58:1-12
Matthew 6:1-6

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22

Matthew 6:16-18
Matthew 6:19-21

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

Genesis 2:15-17
Matthew 4:1-4
Psalm 32

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

Genesis 3:1-7
Matthew 4:5-7

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

Genesis 3:8-24
Matthew 4:8-11

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

am Romans 5:12-19
pm Genesis 11:26-32

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Transfiguration Sunday

February 19, 2023

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the light of Christ in our midst

+Opening Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign* # 157

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise *Majesty* # 176

Special Music *All Beside Was Darkness* Warren Coile

Lesson Exodus 24:12-18

Psalter *Psalms 99* # 819

Epistle 2 Peter 1:16-21

+Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia* # 186

+Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

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

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem *Son of Heaven, Shine* Choir

Offertory

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

+ Hymn *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* # 371
vv. 1, 4 & 5

Sermon *Take a Picture, It Lasts Longer* Rev. Coile

+Closing Hymn *Shine, Jesus, Shine*
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:

Jean McLaurin, on her passing, at 85 years of age, (Aunt of David Hinton)

Members Needing Prayers:

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

Family & Friends:

January – February 2023

Francis McGough Bigby (Ryan McGough)	Mr. Tommie Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)
Amber Bullard (A.R. & Pete Williams)	Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)
Danielle Chaney (Maggie Polk)	Christopher Roberts (Kathy Roberts)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	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)
George Haydu (Linda Finley)	Nancy Stribling (Becka Shields)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Linda Thomas (Barbara Jackson)
Ollie Johnson (Robin Sessums)	Dan Twaddle (Janet Langley)
Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)	David Vaughan (June Bragg)
Connie Keenum (Karen Reed)	Wayne & Rose Wicker (Ryan McGough)

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

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

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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! **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 from the main church office or via email preschool@saintmarksum.org . Your support is greatly appreciated! Please purchase tickets by Feb. 21 .**

Chicken Dinner Fundraiser Date: February 23, 2023
Drive Through Pick-Up Time: 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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Sacred Sessions ~ Every Sunday of Lent @ 4:30 pm

Be Holy for I am Holy

2/26 – Seder Meal Experience (in CLC)
3/5 – Doubting Thomas Clay Hands
3/12 – Words Matter Prayer Stations
3/19 – Holy Hymns with Stacy Douglas
3/26 – Be still and know: Performance Art
4/2 – Once Upon A Tree Choir Cantata

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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.**

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 Weds. or Sun. evening. Contact Shera Higbee (higbees@comcast.net) or Sandra Thomas (sandra@saintmarksum.org).

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, Sun., Feb. 19 ~ MERGE ~ 5:30-7:30 pm Free dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: Loaded Baked Potato Bar There is a place for you here!

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 resumes March 1 ~ *High Octane for Your Soul Midweek!* ~ Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm
Join us for Bible study, games & prayer. Current study: **Life Revealed** Episode 6!

NOTE: **NO FUEL Feb. 22** due to Ash Wednesday Service @ 6:30 pm. Youth are welcome to hang out in the Hub after dinner & until 6:20 pm. Any students on campus are expected to attend Ash Wednesday Service. We will not have Bible study this night.

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 have over \$5000 in coupons to area restaurants, retailers, services, and entertainment! Books are \$25 each and available for purchase through Feb. 22 after services & during the week. See Jeanne for more info! Thank you for supporting DRIVEN Youth!
Students: Money & unsold books are due no later than Wed., Feb. 22.

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 is TODAY, 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. 19, 2023

Acolytes @ 8:20 & 10:45 am
&
Children's Church @ 9:30 am
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

February / March 2023 Schedule

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

Third Grade ~ How to Use Your Bible Classes thru Feb. 26th (Six Weeks)

Tween Night – Sun., March 5th – Please contact Anna McGough to sign up!

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

