

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: 2/19/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$185,649.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$175,023.00
OFFERING FOR 2/19/2023	\$16,416.00

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 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 Evening Youth Activities

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

10:00 am Disaffiliation Round Table Discussion (1-Robe Rm.)
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 28

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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, MARCH 2

5:30 pm Trendsetters – Bingo Night (5-CLC)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:15 pm Trendsetters – MS Com. Symphonic Band @ Belhaven Center for Arts (bus leaves)

SUNDAY, MARCH 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’s FB page)
12:00 pm Youth D-NOW – Wknd Ends
4:30 pm Sacred Sessions (1-Sanctuary)
4:45 pm DRIVEN Band Practice (4)
5:30 pm MERGE Youth (4+5)
5:30 pm Tween Night (3-Parlor/Big Room)

KEY:

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

New Upper Room (March-April 2023),

publications are in & available to pick up!

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

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

MONDAY, FEB. 27

Genesis 12:1-9
Romans 3:19-26
Psalm 121

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

Genesis 15:1-6
Romans 4:1-5

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 1

Genesis 15:7-21
Romans 4:13-25

THURSDAY, MAR. 2

Genesis 17:1-7
John 3:1-8

FRIDAY, MAR. 3

Genesis 17:15-22
John 3:9-15

SATURDAY, MAR. 4

Philippians 3:17-4:1
John 3:16-21

SUNDAY, MAR. 5

am John 5:19-24
pm Exodus 17:1-7

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First Sunday in Lent

February 26, 2023

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the light of Christ in our midst

+Hymn *Grace Greater than Our Sin* # 365
vv. 1, 3 & 4

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise *Gloria Patri* # 70

Special Music *The Lord’s Prayer* Cindy Dumas

Lesson Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalter *Psalms 32* # 766

Epistle Romans 5:12-19

+Gospel Acclamation *Open Our Eyes, Lord* # 2086

+Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

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

Morning Prayer

Anthem *Not My Will, But Thine* Choir

Offertory

+Doxology # 95
Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children’s Church

+Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* # 269

Sermon *Passing the Buck* Rev. Coile

+Hymn *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed* # 294
vv. 1, 2 & 5
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:

Caden Porter, on his passing, Feb. 16th (Son of Frank & Emily Porter, brother of Grayson)
Danielle Chaney, on her passing, Feb. 17th (Mother of Maggie Polk)
Pamela Harrell, on her passing, Feb. 17th (Mother of Tina & Paula, Nieces of Russ & Beth Griffith)
Mary Jackson, on her passing, (Friend of Rodney Meeks)
TF Bridges, on his passing, Feb. 19th (Father of Brad Bridges)

Members Needing Prayers:

Mike Blackwell	Howe Family	Janice Larson	Fred Price
Trish Champney	Sherry Johnston	Robert Lott	Brad Sessums
Cindy Edwards	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)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Christopher Roberts (Kathy Roberts)
Russell Gains (Linda Jennings)	Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)
Bethany Graham (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)
George Haydu (Linda Finley)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Nancy Stribling (Becka Shields)
Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)	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...

Sacred Sessions ~ Every Sunday of Lent @ 4:30 pm ~ All Welcome

Be Holy for I am Holy

2/26 – Seder Meal Experience (in CLC)
3/5 – Doubting Thomas Clay Hands (1-Sanctuary)
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



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).

Grace Place – Partners In Ministry – Volunteers Needed – ongoing...

If you would like to be part of this Ministry please contact Janet or Hugh Langley or call church office. Volunteers from St. Mark’s assist in serving food, operating the clothes closet and leading the Wednesday devotional.

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.

New Adult Bible Study – Wednesday Nights - begins: Weds. March 1st @ 6 pm

Entering The Passion of Jesus (A beginner’s Guide to Holy Week) by: Amy-Jill Levine
Taught by: Rev. Warren Coile – In Person Wesley Center & via Zoom

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!

Sat., Mar. 4th – MS Com. Symphonic Band - Belhaven Center for Arts – board @ 4:15 pm

Mon. Mar. 13th – Day Trip to Biloxi – Tour replica of Columbus’ Pinta & tour Jefferson Davis Home Beauvoir - lunch at a Biloxi restaurant – board bus @ 6 am

Thurs., Mar. 23 – Gallery Talk @ MS Museum of Art – board bus @ 10:15 am

A Potential Spring Trip to Oak Alley Plantation, LA – April or May – Please 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.

NO Youth Activities TONIGHT, Sun., Feb. 26 due to DNOW

MERGE resumes Sun., March 5 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm Free dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: chili & grilled cheese. 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 ~ High Octane for Your Soul Midweek! ~ Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm
Join us for Bible study, games & prayer. Current study: **Life Revealed** Episode 6!

Jackson Area Coupon Book Fundraiser – If you missed purchasing a coupon book, please contact Jeanne to check for availability! Thank you for supporting our youth!

Go M.A.D. Spring Break ~ March 14, 15, & 16 ~ approximately 8 am – 4:00 pm ~ \$60
Spend part of your spring break Making A Difference! Three days of service, lunch & fun! Students can attend 1, 2, or all 3 days. **Sign up is required no later than Sun., Mar. 12!**
Tues – Mustard Seed/Fernando’s/Movie (\$15)
Wed – CareCenter Ministries/Chick fil a/McClain Safari (\$25)
Thurs – MS Food Network/Lost Pizza/Spinners (\$20)

GENERATE Summer Camp! Covenant College ~ Lookout Mountain, GA
May 29 – June 2 (Mon-Fri) leaving early on Memorial Day
Cost: \$350 **\$80 non-refundable deposit is now past due. We have 2 spots remaining.**
See Jeanne asap if you want to go!

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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. 26, 2023

Acolytes @ 8:20 & 10:45 am

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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 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!

Created by God Workshop for 4th – 6th Grade students – Contact Anna M. for further details and to sign up!

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

