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: 1/29/2023

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	TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
	AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$120,440.85
	AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$116,628.22
	OFFERING FOR 1/29/2023	\$50,715.00

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 th 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, 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)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 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 7

4:45 pm Trendsetters @ MS Museum of Art (Bus leaves)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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 9

Abigail Circle (Meeting Off Campus) Ways & Means SS Class Valentines Party (4-Parlor) 7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

Set-Up Day for Rise Against Hunger (5-CLC)

5:15 pm Kids Ministry Parents' Night Out - Valentines Edition

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 am - Noon - Rise Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event (5-CLC)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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) (Livestream on St. Mark's FB page)

10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)

5:00 pm Youth Super Bowl Party (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

CASTING CALL!

Looking for 12-16 men or women to participate in filming some Easter themed silhouettes.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, FEB. 5

MONDAY, FEB. 6

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

TUESDAY, FEB. 7

Matthew 5:21-22

Matthew 5:23-24

Matthew 5:25-26

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

Matthew 5:27-30

Matthew 5:31-32

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

am Matthew 5:33-37

pm Exodus 24:12-18

1 - Sanctuary building

2 - Wesley - adult education

5 - CLC - Christian Life Center

4 - SWH – youth building

3 - Asbury - children's education

KEY:

Deuteronomy 30:1-5

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8

Deuteronomy 30:6-10

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

Deuteronomy 30:11-14

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

Deuteronomy 31:1-8

Psalm 119:1-8

am Matthew 5:13-20

pm Deuteronomy 29:1-9

Deuteronomy 29:10-29

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).

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 5, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the light of Christ in our midst

57 +Opening Hymn O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

vv. 1-4

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise Gloria Patri #70 Light of the World Anthem Choir Vince Massimino, violin

Isaiah 58:6-9a Lesson

#833 **Psalter** Psalm 112

Epistle 1 Corinthians 2:1-9

+Gospel Acclamation Spirit of Faith Come Down

verse 1

+Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

Spirit of Faith Come Down +Hymn

vv. 2. 3 & 4

332

332

569

Sermon Meaning to Be Rev. Coile +Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed #881

Morning Prayer

Offertory Vince Massimino, violin

+Doxology Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow # 94

+The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Music Vince Massimino, violin

+Closing Hymn We've a Story to Tell to the Nations vv. 1 & 3

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.

Prayer Concerns...

In Sympathy to Family & Friends of:

Diane Stout Bruce, on her passing, January 27th, (Friends of Connie Thompson)

Dr. Donald Wayne Sturdivant, on his passing, services were held at Columbia First UMC, (Brother of Adrian Sturdivant)

Robert Breeland, on his passing last week.

Members Needing Prayers:

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

Family & Friends:

January - February 2023

Amber Bullard (A.R. & Pete Williams)

Russell Gains (Linda Jennings)

Bethany Graham (Jimmie Ray Gordon)

Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)

Ollie Johnson (Robin Sessums)

Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)

Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)

Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)

Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)

Nancy Stribling (Becka Shields)

Linda Thomas (Barbara Jackson)

Dan Twaddle (Janet Langley)

Mr.Tommie Pittman (Hewitt Pittman) Christopher Roberts (Kathy Roberts)

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

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Robby Bearden (Bates & Lancaster) Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams) Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)

Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)

Amanda Dahlem (Earl Dahlem)

Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)

Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)

Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)
Joan Melchiors (Cynthia Morgan)
Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)
Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)
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)

David Vaughan (June Bragg)

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Jaxon Williams (Jack Williams)
Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)
Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)

Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson) Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)

Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)

James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)

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... 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

Dear St. Mark's Family - One of our families is in need of our help & support...

On behalf of Renee Tatum (Sadie & Sophie's mom) has been battling stage 4 cancer since March of 2022. **We have created a meal train to help them** during this upcoming battle. Please remember Renee and family in your daily prayers and send them a meal if you are able. All of the details are included in the link: https://mealtrain.com/16wng6. Thank you for livin' DRIVEN. Jeanne C.

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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 for more information. Thank you! Corrine C.

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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 $for\ anyone\ 50+\dots$ Join up with our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults on these Upcoming Events...

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!
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!

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.

MERGE ~ **Tonight, Feb. 5** ~ **5:30-7:30 pm** Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Theme: *Life After the Alarm Clock* Menu: chicken nuggets, mac & cheese, drinks, dessert.

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!

Super Bowl Party ~ Sun., Feb. 12 ~ 5p – Game Ends ~ CLC ~ \$5 Food ~ Football ~ 9 Square ~ Games ~ Fun! All food & drink provided! Sign up please by 2/9!

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 details.

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 Feb. 12 for guaranteed spot. 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 3 spots remaining. See Jeanne asap if you want to go!

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. 5, 2023 Acolytes @ 10:00 am

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No Children's Church today
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

January / February 2023 Schedule

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

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

February 10th - Parents' Night Out - Valentine's Edition - Nursery thru 5th Grade.

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

