

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

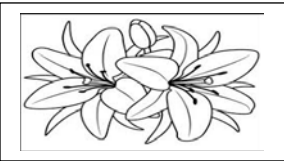
Thurs., Mar. 16 @ 6 pm in Robe Room

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

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Time to Order your Easter Lilies!
Pick up order forms in church office &
please place your order by April 2nd.



THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 3/5/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$231,555.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$237,949.00
OFFERING FOR 3/5/2023	\$34,251.00

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, MARCH 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)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
(Livestream on St. Mark’s FB page)
4:30 pm Sacred Sessions (5-CLC)
No Evening Youth Activities – due to Spring Break
Spring Break ~ March 13-17

MONDAY, MARCH 13

6:00 am Trendsetters - Biloxi Trip (bus departs @ 6 am)
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, MARCH 14

8:00 am Go M.A.D. Youth

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)
8:00 am Go M.A.D. Youth
No 5th Block
No Wednesday Night Supper
6:00 pm Bible Study (2 + Zoom)
No 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 am Go M.A.D. Youth
6:00 pm Disaffiliation Round Table Discussion (1)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17 – St. Patrick’s Day

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
(Livestream on St. Mark’ FB or Saintmarksum.org)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
(Livestream on St. Mark’s FB page)
4:30 pm Sacred Sessions (1-Sanctuary)
5:30 pm Special Night @ MERGE (5-CLC)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, MAR. 12

am John 4:43-54
pm Ephesians 2:1-7

MONDAY, MAR. 13

Ephesians 2:8-10
Luke 15:1-7
Psalm 23

TUESDAY, MAR. 14

Joshua 5:9-12
Luke 15:8-10

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 15

2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:11-32

THURSDAY, MAR. 16

Luke 13:1-9
John 9:1-7

FRIDAY, MAR. 17

1 Samuel 16:1-13
John 9:8-17

SATURDAY, MAR. 18

Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:18-34

SUNDAY, MAR. 19

am John 9:35-41
pm Romans 7:15-25

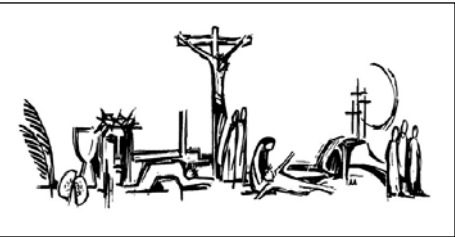
KEY:

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

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

Be Holy for I am Holy

2/26 – Seder Meal Experience (5-CLC)
3/5 – Doubting Thomas Clay Hands (5-CLC)
3/12 – Words Matter Prayer Stations (5-CLC)
3/19 – Holy Hymns with Stacy Douglas (1)
3/26 – Be still and know: Performance Art (1)
4/2 – Once Upon A Tree Choir Cantata (1)



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Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the light of Christ in our midst

+Hymn Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah # 127

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise Fill My Cup, Lord # 641

Special Music Bow the Knee Beth Cox

Lesson Exodus 17:1-7

Psalter Psalm 95 # 814

Epistle Romans 5:1-11

+Gospel Acclamation We Sing of Your Glory

+Gospel John 4:23-26

+Affirmation of Faith The Apostles’ Creed # 881

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem What Grace Is Mine Choir

Offertory

+Doxology # 95

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

+Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing # 400

Sermon It All Happened At a Well Rev. Coile

+Hymn You Who Are Thirsty # 2132

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:

Rosemarie Roebuck, on her passing at 85 years of age, March 5th, Member Serendipity SS Class, and Member of St. Mark’s UMC since 1982. St. Mark’s sign Ministry was one part of Ms. Roebucks’ passion and service to our congregation & community.

Jaxon Williams, of LA, CA - on his passing, February 26th due to cancer,
(Son of Jack & Toni Williams)

Members Needing Prayers:

Mike Blackwell	Howe Family	Robert Lott	Fred Price
Trish Champney	Sherry Johnston	Garner Peacock	Brad Sessums
Cindy Edwards	Lois Landry	Hewitt Pittman	JeanAnn Suggs

Family & Friends:

January – March 2023

Sharon Bailey (Dennis & Kay O’Neal)	Kinsey Family (Suzanne Gural)
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)	Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	
Robby Bearden (Bates & Lancaster)	Martin Levitt (McGinnis)	
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)	
Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)	
Amanda Dahlem (Earl Dahlem)	Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)	
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)	
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Joan Melchiors (Cynthia Morgan)	
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)	
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)	
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons)	
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Mrs. Renae Tatum (Sadie & Sophie Tatum)	
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)	
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)	
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)	

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, Donna Phillips, Frank Porter, Casey Powell, Joshua Schmitz, Mark Sills, Eric Spellman, Brad Suggs

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

Caregiver Group – begins: Tues., March 28 @ 6 pm in Sanctuary

If you find yourself being overwhelmed with taking care of an elderly relative or friend, **you are not alone**. Join us in a small group to share victories, triumphs, struggles and more. **For more info contact Rev. Sandra Thomas.**

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 Week Services at St. Mark’s UMC

April 2 – Palm Sunday – Worship Services:

- 8:20 am – Traditional in Sanctuary, as well as,
- 10:45 am – Joint Service in Christian Life Center (CLC)

April 6 – Maundy Thursday Service: 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

April 7 – Good Friday Service: 7:00 pm in CLC

April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:30 am in CLC; Flowering of the Cross @ 7 pm

April 9 – Easter Sunday – Worship Services:

- 8:20, 9:30 and 10:45 am – Traditional (Sanctuary), as well as,
- 10:45 am – Contemporary/11th Hour (CLC)

Note: No Sunday School Classes on EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Land 2024 (update)

St. Mark's will be hosting a group to go to the Holy Land. **The Holy Land trip is scheduled for February 27-March 7, 2024.** The brochures to register for the trip are available in the church office. This will give you all the information you need as you travel with us to the Holy Land. If you have any questions concerning the trip, please see me. I will answer your questions or get you to the right person at Educational Opportunities to help answer your questions. Come travel with us as we walked in the places where Jesus walked. **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...

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

Thurs., Mar. 23 – Gallery Talk @ MS Museum of Art – board church 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 MERGE Tonight, Sun., March 12 due to Spring Break

Special Night of MERGE Sun., March 19 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm
Join us for pizza making, games, & fun! Regular MERGE resumes March 26
Theme: *At Your Table* Week 2 There is a place for you here!

NO 5th Block (after school hang time) this Wednesday
Ping Pong, Foos ball, do homework, play games, hang out, build relationships;

NO FUEL this week! High Octane for Your Soul Midweek! ~ Wednesdays 6 – 7 pm
Join us for Bible study, games & prayer. Current study: **Life Revealed**

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. **Deadline to Sign up is TODAY, 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 due upon registration. 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... <i>All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade</i> Sunday School @ 9:30 AM (3 - A102/A104)	Sunday, Mar. 12, 2023 Acolytes @ 8:20 & 10:45 am & Children’s Church (Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)
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March / April 2023 Schedule

March 15th - Wednesday Night Workshops will not meet due to SPRING BREAK. Enjoy the holidays as a family!
March 15th - Camp Wesley Pines Early Bird Discount - Sign your child up for Summer Camp by March 15th to receive the \$50 discount for **Summer Camp in July.**
Sat. March 25th - Volunteer Training Brunch
Created by God Workshop – April 21+22, 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!

