

2023 – St. Mark’s Administrative Council Update

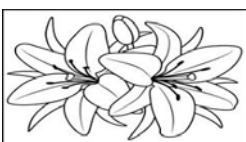
Re: UMC Disaffiliation Round Table Discussions

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: 3/12/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$257,451.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$272,706.00
OFFERING FOR 3/12/2023	\$25,896.00

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!



St. Mark’s United Methodist Church
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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, 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)
3:30 pm Finance Com Meeting (1-Robe Rm.)
4:30 pm Sacred Sessions (1-Sanctuary)
5:30 pm MERGE (4+5)

MONDAY, MARCH 20

6:00 am Crusader SS Class – Trip - Birmingham, AL
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 21

9:30 am Tabitha Circle (1-Robe Rm.)
6:00 pm Operation Gratitude (2-WWF)
6:30 pm Ruth Circle (1-Robe Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)
2:00 pm Holy Land Meeting (1-Choir Rm.)
3:30 pm 5th Block (4-SWH)
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper (5-CLC)
6:00 pm Bible Study (2+3+4)
6:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5-CLC)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

10:00 am Trendsetters - Gallery Talk @ MS Art Museum (bus)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 am Kids Ministry – Volunteer Training / Brunch (3-Parlor)

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

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)
12:15 pm Cursillo Potluck (3-Parlor)
4:30 pm Sacred Sessions (1-Sanctuary)
5:30 pm MERGE (4+5)

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)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, MAR. 19

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

MONDAY, MAR. 20

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Romans 8:1-11
Psalm 130

TUESDAY, MAR. 21

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Romans 8:12-17

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 22

Isaiah 43:16-21
Romans 8:18-25

THURSDAY, MAR. 23

Romans 8:26-27
John 11:1-16

FRIDAY, MAR. 24

Romans 8:28-30
John 11:17-27

SATURDAY, MAR. 25

Romans 8:31-39
John 11:28-37

SUNDAY, MAR. 26

am John 11:38-45
pm Philippians 2:5-11

KEY:

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



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the light of Christ in our midst

+Hymn *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* # 57
vv. 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus* # 349

Special Music *Holy Is the Lamb* Megan Martin

Lesson 1 Samuel 16:6-12

Psalter *Psalms 23* # 137

Epistle Ephesians 5:8-14

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

+Gospel John 9:1-7, 35-41

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

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem *Calvary is the Sea* Choir
Ben Thomas - solo

Offertory

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

+Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* # 454

Sermon *How Do You See It* Rev. Coile

+Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* # 451
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...

Members Needing Prayers:

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

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 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)	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...

Cursillo Potluck - Sunday, March 26th @ 12:15 pm in Asbury Hall / Parlor

Bring your favorite dish & join us for fun & fellowship! All Welcome!

For more info regarding the Cursillo experience please contact:

Helen Morrison at 601-260-4114.

Caregiver Group – begins: Tues., March 28th @ 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.**

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 – Youth-Pancake Fundraiser @ 8:00 am (CLC);

Easter Egg Hunt @ 9:30 am (CLC);

and Flowering of the Cross @ 7 pm (Outside garden @ the Cross)

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) Meeting on Weds. Mar. 22 @ 2pm in Choir Rm

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. If you have any questions concerning the trip, please see me. 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...

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!

5th Block (after school hang time) this Wednesday
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 8**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER! Sat., April 8 ~ 8am – 11am ~ CLC ~ Freewill Donation Everyone is invited to join us for pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee before or during the Egg Hunt! All proceeds will help send our youth to camp this summer! Tickets are not required.

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!

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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, Mar. 19, 2023

Acolytes @ 8:20 & 10:45 am

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Children’s Church

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

March / April 2023 Schedule

Camp Wesley Pines - Summer Camp (July 10-15) – Please contact Anna M. for further details and to sign up!

Sat., March 25th - Volunteer Training / Brunch @ 8:30 am in Asbury Hall / Big Room

Tues., April 18th – CBG Parents Info Meeting @ 6:30 pm in Asbury Hall / Big Room

April 21 + 22 - Created by God Workshop, for 4th – 6th Grade students – Please 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!

