

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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup>.



THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 3/19/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$272,951.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$249,703.00
OFFERING FOR 3/19/2023	\$15,500.00

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<sup>th</sup> 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, 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)**  
4:45 pm Driven Band Practice (4)  
5:30 pm MERGE (4+5)

MONDAY, MARCH 27

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 28

6:00 pm Caregiver Group Mtg (1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 – PALM SUNDAY

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 Joint Worship Service (5-CLC) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark’s FB page)  
**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)



“Once Upon a Tree” a Musical Drama  
with St. Mark’s Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:30 pm  
In Sanctuary ~ All Welcome!

Words & Music by: Pepper Choplin

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, MAR. 26

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

MONDAY, MAR. 27

Matthew 21:1-11  
Matthew 21:12-17  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

TUESDAY, MAR. 28

Isaiah 50:4-9  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Psalm 31:9-16

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 29

Matthew 26:3-5, 14-30  
Matthew 26:31-46

THURSDAY, MAR. 30

Matthew 26:47-56  
Matthew 26:57-75

FRIDAY, MAR. 31

Matthew 27:1-10  
Matthew 27:11-26

SATURDAY, APR. 1

Matthew 27:27-37  
Matthew 27:38-56

SUNDAY, APR. 2

am Matthew 27:57-66  
pm John 12:12-19

KEY:

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

# Saint Mark’s

## United Methodist Church

[www.saintmarksum.org](http://www.saintmarksum.org)

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 26, 2023

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

*Acknowledging the light of Christ in our midst*

+Hymn *To God Be the Glory* # 98

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise *Gloria Patri* # 70

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation Anna McGough

Special Music *Worthy is the Lamb*

Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-7

Psalter *Psalms 130* # 848

Epistle Romans 8:6-11

+Gospel Acclamation *We Sing of Your Glory*

+Gospel John 11:32-44

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

Morning Prayer

Anthem *Lamb of Glory* Sanctuary Choir

Offertory

+Doxology # 95

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

+Hymn *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

Sermon *R and L Antidote* Rev. Coile

+Hymn *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* # 420  
*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:

Deborah Montgomery, on her passing.

Members Needing Prayers:

Mike Blackwell	Bill & Dell Ewing	Lois Landry	Fred Price
Warren Coile	Howe Family	Robert Lott	Tim Puckett
Trish Champney	Russ Griffith	Garner Peacock	Ann Saucier
Cindy Edwards	Randy Honnet	Hewitt Pittman	Brad Sessums
	Sherry Johnston		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)	Will Sorey
Marsha Hobson (Sara Meeks)	Nancy Stribling (Becka Shields)
Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)	Dan Twaddle (Janet Langley)
Ollie Johnson (Robin Sessums)	David Vaughan (June Bragg)
Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)	Wayne & Rose Wicker (Ryan McGough)
Connie Keenum (Karen Reed)	

Long Term Prayers:

Tinker Colwell	Bill Hutto	Fred Price
Martha Gower	Jerry Klomprens	Janette Thomas
Jean Gunnell	Dixie Miller	Frances Upchurch
Joanne Humphries	June Miracle	Mike & Connie Weaver
	Jonnie Norton	
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)	
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)	
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)	
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Joan Melchiors (Cynthia Morgan)	
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)	
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)	
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons)	
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Mrs. Renae Tatum (Sadie & Sophie Tatum)	
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)	
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)	
	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 26<sup>th</sup> @ 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 28<sup>th</sup> @ 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/11<sup>th</sup> Hour (CLC)

Note: No Sunday School Classes on EASTER SUNDAY

Holy Land 2024

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 our St. Mark’s UMC Senior Adults on these Upcoming Events...

Sat., May 6—MS Swing Band @ Belhaven Center for Arts - bus departs @ 4:15 pm

Tues., May 30—Ring of Fire—Music of Johnny Cash @ New Stage Theatre, JXN —bus departs @ 4:15 pm

A Potential Spring Trip to Oak Alley Plantation, LA – April or May – Please 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](mailto:Sandra@saintmarksum.org)

Youth Ministry...

DRIVEN Youth  
- For all students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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, Sun., March 26** ~ 5:30-7:30 pm  
Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: taco bar  
Theme: *At Your Table* Week 2

**5<sup>Th</sup> Block (after school hang time) Wednesdays ~ 3:30-5:00**  
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 9**

**Good Friday Service ~ April 7 ~ 7 p m** Youth will be leading this special service. Youth are needed to participate as greeters, readers, special music & more. We need you! **Dress Rehearsal is Friday, April 7 @ 10 am with lunch following.**

**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 Mem 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](mailto: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. 26, 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!**

**Today, March 26** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Presentation during Worship Services

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

**April 21 + 22 - Created by God Workshop, for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org) for more info!

