

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: 2/26/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$197,304.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$226,848.00
OFFERING FOR 2/26/2023	\$11,655.00

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 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)
11:15 am Choir Lunch (3-Parlor)
12:00 pm Children’s Council Meeting (3 – A209)
12:15 pm Choir Rehearsal (1)
2:00 pm Easter Drama Mtg (1-Robe Rm)
4:30 pm Sacred Sessions (5-CLC)
4:45 pm DRIVEN Band Practice (4)
5:30 pm MERGE Youth (4+5)
5:30 pm Tween Night (3-Parlor/Big Room)

MONDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
12:00 pm Trendsetters @ Movie (bus departs @ Noon)
7:00 pm AA (2)
7:00 pm Disciple Fast Track Workshop (1-Robe Rm)

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

6:00 pm Disaffiliation Round Table Discussion (1)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, MARCH 9

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

SUNDAY, MARCH 12 – *Daylight Savings Time Begins*

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

KEY:

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

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, MAR. 5

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

MONDAY, MAR. 6

Exodus 20:1-6
Romans 5:1-11
Psalm 95

TUESDAY, MAR. 7

Exodus 20:7-11
John 4:1-15

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 8

Exodus 20:12
John 4:16-26

THURSDAY, MAR. 9

Exodus 20:13-14
John 4:27-30

FRIDAY, MAR. 10

Exodus 20:15-16
John 4:31-38

SATURDAY, MAR. 11

Exodus 20:17
John 4:39-42

SUNDAY, MAR. 12

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

Daylight Savings Time
begins Sunday, March 12th
spring ahead 1 hour



New Upper Room (March-April 2023),
publications are in & available to pick up!

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Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the light of Christ in our midst

Greeting

+Hymn

He Leadeth Me
vv. 1-3

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+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise

Gloria Patri

70

Anthem

The Love of God

Choir

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sermon

Road Trip!
Genesis 12:1-4a

Rev. Coile

Morning Prayer

Confession and Pardon

Offertory

+Doxology

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

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

+The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Humble Access

Communion Music

Chelsea Senitko, flute

GOING TO SERVE

+Hymn

Rock of Ages
Following the Light of Christ into the world.

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+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	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

Francis McGough Bigby (Ryan McGough)	Kinsey Family (Suzanne Gural)
Amber Bullard (A.R. & Pete Williams)	Mr. Tommie Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)
Russell Gains (Linda Jennings)	Christopher Roberts (Kathy Roberts)
Bethany Graham (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)
George Haydu (Linda Finley)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)	Nancy Stribling (Becka Shields)
Ollie Johnson (Robin Sessums)	Linda Thomas (Barbara Jackson)
Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)	Dan Twaddle (Janet Langley)
Connie Keenum (Karen Reed)	David Vaughan (June Bragg)
	Wayne & Rose Wicker (Ryan McGough)

Long Term Prayers:

Tinker Colwell	Jerry Klomprens	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 Galmore (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, Donna Phillips, Frank Porter, Casey Powell, Joshua Schmitz, Mark Sills, Eric Spellman, 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 (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
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).

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 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+ ... Join up with our St. Mark’s UMC Senior Adults on these Upcoming Events...

Mon. Mar. 6 – At the Movies to see “Jesus Revolution” at Tinseltown Cinema, Pearl – board church bus @ Noon – then after the movie we will stop at Dairy Queen.

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.

MERGE Tonight, Sun., March 5 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm
Free dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: meatball sliders, chips & dessert Theme: *At Your Table* Week 1 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 7!

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 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...	Sunday, Mar. 5, 2023
All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade	Acolytes @ 8:20 & 10:45 am
Sunday School @ 9:30 AM (3 - A102/A104)	& Children’s Church (Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

March / April 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 – 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!

