

2023 – St. Mark’s Administrative Council

Re: UMC Disaffiliation Round Table Discussion

– mark your calendars / update...

Our next Round Table Discussion will be held on:  
Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm in Christian Life Center, (CLC),  
all welcome to attend. 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](mailto:saintmarks.admcouncil@gmail.com)

Heather Achord Bryan  
Chair

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Notes

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 4/16/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$388,549.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$379,807.00
OFFERING FOR 4/16/2023	\$27,107.00

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 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, APRIL 23

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark’ FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
9:30 am Newcomers / Methodism Class (2- w107)  
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)  
4:45 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)  
5:30 pm MERGE (4+5)

Monday, APRIL 24

10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

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 FUEL (4-SWH)  
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, APRIL 27

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
(Livestream on St. Mark’ FB or Saintmarksum.org)  
9:30 am Newcomers / Methodism Class (2- w107)  
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)  
3:00 pm UMC Disaffiliation Round Table Discussion (5-CLC)  
4:45 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)  
5:30 pm MERGE (4+5)

St. Mark’s UMC - Newcomers / Methodism Class

Come and learn more about the Methodist Church and find your place!

Spring Session of our Adult Methodism Class:

Begins: Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Ends: Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

9:30 am in the Wesley Center (w107)

Taught by: Rev. Warren Coile

All Welcome!

To reserve your spot contact: Katherine Long at [Katherine@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Katherine@saintmarksum.org)  
or call the Church office at 601-992-2131 (ext. 102)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, APR. 23

am 1 Peter 1:23  
pm 1 John 1:5-2:2

MONDAY, APR. 24

Nehemiah 9:6-15  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
Psalm 23

TUESDAY, APR. 25

Acts 2:42-47  
John 10:1-5

WEDNESDAY, APR. 26

Acts 3:1-10  
John 10:6-10

THURSDAY, APR. 27

Acts 3:11-26  
John 10:11-18

FRIDAY, APR. 28

Acts 4:1-12  
John 10:22-30

SATURDAY, APR. 29

Acts 4:13-22  
Acts 4:23-31

SUNDAY, APR. 30

am Acts 4:32-37  
pm Deuteronomy 6:20-25

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)

Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023  
10:45 am

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*

+Opening Hymn *Christ Is Alive* # 318

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise *He Is Lord* # 177

Special Music *O Living God* Kit LaCour

Lesson Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalter *Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19* # 837

Epistle 1 Peter 1:17-23

+Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

+Gospel Luke 24:28-35

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

Prayer Concerns

Morning Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer

Anthem *Down to the River to Pray* Choir

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94  
*Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children’s Church*

+Hymn *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* # 2158

Sermon *First Sermon* Rev. Coile

+Closing Hymn *At the Font We Start Our Journey*  
*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:

Joan Melchoirs, on her passing, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 95 years, ( Aunt of Cynthia Morgan)  
Stepson of Tim Riley's , on his sudden passing in Oregon last week,(Tonda Riley)

Members Needing Prayers:

Mike Blackwell	Linda Finley	Lois Landry	Ann Saucier
Trish Champney	Randy & Jane Honnet	Robert Lott	Brad Sessums
Bill & Dell Ewing	Sherry Johnston	Garner Peacock	Merriam Smilley
Howe Family	Pat Kelley	Fred Price	JeanAnn Suggs
			Ron Tisdale

Family & Friends:

January – April 2023

Jim Allard (David Allard)	Vickie Nettles (Shelly & Imogene Nicholas)
Sharon Bailey (Dennis & Kay O’Neal)	Frank Polanski (Sandra Thomas)
Jay Brantley (Bob & Carol Grigsby)	Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)
Tyler Douthit (Betty Wheat)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Renae Griffith	Will Sorey (Dennis O’Neal)
Ricky Griffith (Russ Griffith)	Rachel Springer & Baby (Katie Baker)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Nancy Stribling (Becka Shields)
Cindy Horton (JoAnna Ray)	Dan Twaddle (Janet Langley)
Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)	David Vaughan (June Bragg)
Grandmother Martin (Marisa O. Martin)	Wayne Wicker (Ryan McGough)
Olivia Mann (Branigin, Nguyen, Lapiere)	Annette Willis & Family (Warren & Linus Coile)
Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack)	

Long Term Prayers:

Tinker Colwell	Bill Hutto	Fred Price
Martha Gower	Jerry Klomprens	Janette Thomas
Jean Gunnell	Dixie Miller	Linda Thomas
Joanne Humphries	June Miracle	Frances Upchurch
	Jonnie Norton	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)	
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)	
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)	
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)	Renee Tatum (Sadie & Sophie Tatum)	
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)	
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)	
Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)	
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)		

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

National Day of Prayer  
St. Mark’s Sanctuary ~ Open for Prayer  
Thurs., May 4<sup>th</sup>  
7 am – 7 pm

St. Mark’s UMC Ready, Set, Go! Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 12 – June 15, 2023 (5:45 pm – 8:15 pm)  
Sign up today for Ready, Set, Go!  
You can register your kids or sign up to volunteer.  
All Nursery & Preschool age children must have a volunteer on site to attend.  
Contact: Anna McGough for details on how to register at:  
[Anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org)

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. + Weds., May 9 + 10 (overnight) Trip to Oak Alley Plantation, LA – Please sign up in church office if interested & contact Sandra Thomas for details.

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

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)

Prayer Concerns...(continued)

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, TJ Riley

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 Today, Sun., April 23 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: waffle bar & sausage Theme: At Your Table Week 5

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.

A DAY AWAY @ Timber Creek Camp ~ Sun., May 7 ~ 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm ~ Cost: \$20 All students in grades 6-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun, food & fellowship at Timber Creek Camp! Human Foos Ball, Archery, GagaBall, 9 Square, Basketball, Ultimate, team building, low ropes & worship by the lake! SIGN UP is required no later than Wed., April 26<sup>th</sup>! Drop off and pick up is at St. Mark’s. Eat lunch before you arrive.

Graduate Recognition Sunday ~ May 21 ~ all 3 services/brunch @ 9:30 We want to honor and celebrate all of St. Mark’s high school, college & grad school graduates! If you are graduating and wish to be included in the recognition, please contact Jeanne by May 7<sup>th</sup> to receive grad info & invitation. Deadline for all submissions is Sun., May 14.

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 2 spots remaining. See Jeanne asap if you want to go!

CAMPER/PARENT/LEADER Meeting ~ Wed., May 10 ~ 6:30 pm ~ in the Station  
This meeting is for all campers and at least one parent. Important paperwork and information will be shared. Please add this date to your calendar.

..... 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, Apr. 23, 2023 Acolytes @ 8:20 & 10:45 am  & Children’s Church Today (Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)
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April - June & July 2023 Schedule

Wednesday Night Workshops – check in at 5:45 pm Asbury Hall Meet at 6:00 PM

Camp Wesley Pines - Summer Camp (July 10-15) –contact Anna M. for further details

June 12-15 ~ St. Mark’s Vacation Bible School – contact Anna McGough to register!

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

