

2023 – St. Mark’s Administrative Council – *mark your calendars...*

Re: UMC Disaffiliation Round Table Discussion  
Our next Round Table Discussion will be held on:  
Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm in Christian Life Center, (CLC),  
Child Care is available – please contact Anna McGough for details at:  
[Anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org)

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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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.

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 4/23/2023

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| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | \$1,483,188.00 |
| AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD    | \$400,851.00   |
| AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD    | \$435,223.00   |
| OFFERING FOR 4/23/2023 | \$12,302.00    |

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, 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 Band Practice (4)  
5:30 pm MERGE (4+5)

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 2**  
6:00 pm Caregiver Group (1-Robe Rm.)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**  
7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
3:30 pm Final 5<sup>th</sup> Block (4-SWH)  
4:00 pm Pack Snack Bags – Youth (2-WWF)  
5:00 pm Wednesday Night Supper (5-CLC)  
6:00 pm Final 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, MAY 4**  
7 AM – 7 PM National Day of Prayer (1-Sanctuary)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**  
9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC)

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**  
4:15 pm Trendsetters @ Belhaven Center for Arts (bus departs)

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**  
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)  
12:15 pm Childrens Council Meeting (3 – A209)  
1:00 pm Youth – A Day Away – Timber Creek (bus departs)  
5:30 pm Tween Night (3+5)

St. Mark’s UMC - Newcomers / Methodism Class

Come and learn more about the Methodist Church and find your place!  
Spring Session 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. 30**  
am Acts 4:32-37  
pm Deuteronomy 6:20-25

**MONDAY, MAY 1**  
Acts 5:1-11  
1 Peter 2:1-10  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

**TUESDAY, MAY 2**  
Acts 5:12-16  
John 13:31-35

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**  
Acts 5:17-42  
John 14:1-7

**THURSDAY, MAY 4**  
Acts 6:1-7  
John 14:8-14

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**  
Acts 6:8-15  
Act 7:1-16

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**  
Acts 7:17-34  
Acts 4:35-53

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**  
am Acts 7:54-8:1  
pm Isaiah 41:17-20

Upper Room (May-June 2023),  
publications are available to pick up!

- 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)

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
April 30, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude  
*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*

+Opening Hymn *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* # 304

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise *He Is Lord* # 177

Special Music  
Marta Szlubowska

Lesson  
Acts 2:42-47

Anthem *The Lord Is My Shepherd* Choir

Epistle  
1 Peter 2:19-25

+Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

+Gospel  
John 10:1-10

+Affirmation of Faith *A Modern Affirmation* # 885

Prayer Concerns

Morning Prayer

Offertory  
Marta Szlubowska

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

+Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* # 140

Sermon  
*Full Circle* Rev. Coile  
Psalm 23

+Closing Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* # 381  
*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:

Carol Hollis, on her passing, April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Birmingham, AL (Sister of Brenda Roberts)

Jim Douglas, on his passing, April 27<sup>th</sup> in Missouri (Uncle of Jeanne Chapman)

Renee Tatum, on her passing, April 27<sup>th</sup> (Mother of Sadie, Sophie & Seth Tatum)

Members Needing Prayers:

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

Family & Friends:

January – April 2023

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|---|--|
| Jim Allard (David Allard)               | Matthew & Stacey Murphy (Imogen Nicholas)      |
| Sharon Bailey (Dennis & Kay O’Neal)     | Vickie Nettles (Shelly & Imogene Nicholas)     |
| Jay Brantley (Bob & Carol Grigsby)      | Frank Polanski (Sandra Thomas)                 |
| Thomas Broome (Dana Grant)              | 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)         | Danny & Melissa Stephens (Jo-Anna Ray)         |
| Cindy Horton (Jo-Anna Ray)              | Nancy Stribling (Becka Shields)                |
| Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)            | Dan Twaddle (Janet Langley)                    |
| Grandmother Martin (Marisa O. Martin)   | David Vaughan (June Bragg)                     |
| Olivia Mann (Branigin, Nguyen, Lapiere) | Wayne Wicker (Ryan McGough)                    |
| Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack)   | Annette Willis & Family (Warren & Linus Coile) |

Long Term Prayers:

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| 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)    | Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)                      |                      |
| Robby Bearden (Bates & Lancaster)   | Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)                  |                      |
| Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)  | Martin Levitt (McGinnis)                        |                      |
| Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)      | Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)                       |                      |
| Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)        | Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)                  |                      |
| Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)  | Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)                    |                      |
| Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)      | Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall) |                      |
| 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) | Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)                   |                      |
| Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)            | Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)                 |                      |
| Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)      | Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)            |                      |

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

St. Mark’s Stewpot Volunteers Needed...

St. Mark’s is scheduled to work in the pantry the week of **May 1-5, 2023**, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 3-4 volunteers are needed each day. Stewpot is also in need of Food Donations – see church newsletter for complete list. Please contact me if you or someone you know would like to serve or if you have any questions or concerns. Your service to this worthy cause is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to hearing from you.  
**In Service to Christ, Jane Brown (601-940-7762)**

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Caregiver Group – 1st Tues., May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6 pm in Sanctuary / Robe Room

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. Study topic: The Peaceful Caregiver. If you know of anyone that would benefit from a time apart with others that are helping loved ones through caregiving, please invite them to join us. We meet the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6pm. **For more info contact Rev. Sandra Thomas.**

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

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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)

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 30** ~ 5:30-7:30 pm Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: Pasta bar (alfredo & red sauce) Theme: *At Your Table* Week 6

**FINAL 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  
FINAL FUEL of this school year is this Wednesday!

**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 Sun., April 30!** 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 submissions is 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 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. 30, 2023

**Acolytes @ 8:20 & 10:45 am**  
**&**

**Children’s Church Today**  
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

**May 3rd** - LAST Wednesday Night Workshop of the semester! We will celebrate with MAY DAY outdoor obstacle course & create our Mother’s Day gifts. ( Asbury Hall / Big Room )

**May 7th** - Children’s Council will meet at 12:15 PM. Please notify Lisa Iannelli if you need nursery and Anna will be reaching out with Menu Items for Lunch. ( Asbury Hall – A209 )

**May 7th** - TWEEN NIGHT - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM our tweens will be doing a mission project, playing games & learning how to BE A LEADER! ( Check-In Asbury Hall / Big Room )

**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!

