

Please join St. Mark's UMC in Welcoming  
our new Senior Pastor Rev. Jon Kaufman  
and his wife Rev. Ann Kaufman

Sunday, July 7th

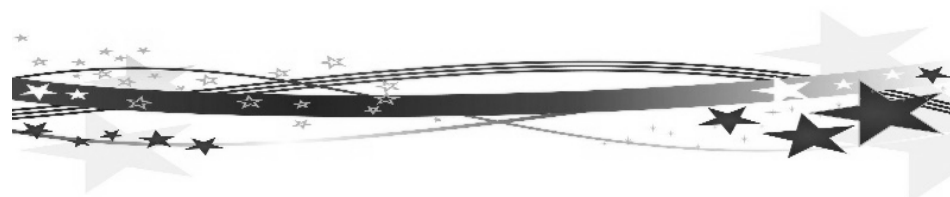
Patriotic Concert in Sanctuary at 2 pm &

\*Reception in our Christian Life Center at 3 pm

Ice Cream Sunday Fix'ins & Drinks will be provided

\*Please bring an Appetizer or Dessert to share

(can be brought to CLC by 1:30 pm—before concert)



THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 5/31/2024		Yr. 2024
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 1,573,165.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD		\$529,387.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD		-\$614,407.00
Revenue Over/Under Expense		(\$85,020.00)

St. Mark's Shelby Giving --- Please click on the QR code to the right  
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mobile phone. **Thank you for your continued support of**  
St. Mark's UMC Ministries!



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St. Mark's Home Page: [www.saintmarksum.org](http://www.saintmarksum.org)

Facebook: St. Mark's United Methodist Church

Jon Kaufman..... Senior Pastor  
Ryan McGough.....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, JUNE 30**

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)  
5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm.)  
5:00 pm DRIVEN Band Practice (4)  
6:00 pm SumMERGE / Stephen's Farewell (4+5)

**MONDAY, JULY 1**

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 2**

6:00 pm Caregiver Study Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
6:00 pm Women's Group @ Soulshine Pizza

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 3**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
No Evening Bible Studies  
6:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm.)  
No 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

**THURSDAY, JULY 4 – Independence Day**

Church Office Closed – In Observance of Holiday  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, JULY 5**

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 6**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

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)  
2:00 pm Patriotic Concert (1)  
3:00 pm Welcome Reception for Rev. Jon Kaufman & his wife Rev. Ann Kaufman (5-CLC)  
5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm.)  
6:30 pm SumMERGE (5)

Dear St. Mark's UMC,

What an incredibly special VBS - Start the Party 2024 has been!  
Thank YOU, CHURCH! For showing up for our kiddos and community this summer.

We learned that Jesus is a GREAT REASON to CELEBRATE! I hope that you will join  
our kids and volunteers, if you did not get a chance to come, to ask them about  
their week so that we can continue the party together!

It took a FULL VILLAGE to make VBS 2024 as incredible as it has been and  
for that I am so glad to be in your village. Thank you to the parents who  
trusted us with their special kiddos for a week of fun.

Grace and Peace,  
Anna McGough  
Director of Family & Children's Ministry  
[anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:anna@saintmarksum.org)



**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

am Mark 5:21-43  
pm 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

**MONDAY, JULY 1**

1 Samuel 23:14-18  
2 Corinthians 8:16-24

**TUES., JULY 2**

1 Samuel 31:1-13  
2 Corinthians 9:1-5

**WEDS., JULY 3**

1 Chronicles 10:1-14  
Mark 9:14-19

**THURS., JULY 4**

2 Samuel 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 4:8-13

**FRIDAY, JULY 5**

2 Samuel 3:1-12  
2 Corinthians 10:7-11

**SATURDAY, JULY 6**

2 Samuel 3:31-38  
Matthew 8:18-22

**SUNDAY, JULY 7**

am Mark 6:1-13  
pm 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

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)

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

8:20 am

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements		
Prelude	<i>Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst</i>	
+Opening Hymn	<i>America</i>	# 697
+Affirmation of Faith	<i>A Modern Affirmation</i>	# 885
+Act of Praise	<i>Gloria Patri</i>	# 70
Special Music	<i>Because We Believe</i>	David Hinton
Prayer Concerns		
Morning Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		
Anthem	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	Choir
Offertory Prayer		
Offertory	<i>VBS Presentation</i>	
+Doxology		# 94
	<i>Children ages 3K through 5K are invited to Children's Church</i>	
+Hymn	<i>This is My Song</i>	# 437
Sermon	<i>It's Independence Day</i>	Rick Darnell
	1 Samuel 8:10-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-15	
+Closing Hymn	<i>Lead on O Cloud of Presence</i>	#2234
	<i>Following the Light of Christ into the world</i>	
+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:

Billy Bates	Chuck Jeffcoat	Clarene Reynolds
Margie & Dunbar Bell	Paquita Latimer	Merriam Smilley
Trish Champney	Watson Martin	Jim Thomas
Charlie Crowell	Sandra McGee	Hazel Townsend
Raymond Hall	Rodney Meeks	Marlys Vaughn
Linda Hodges	Jim Readel	

### Family & Friends --- May - June 2024:

Dorothy Ashby (Clyde Payne)	Bryanna Frisbee (Beth Cox)
Mally & Ian (Katie Baker)	Margene Malley (Stephen Craig)
Asley Butler	David Morrow III (Larry & Linda Swales)
Larry & Margie Case (Lynette Conklin)	Hannah Hayes (Sandra Bates)
Baby Rainer Clark (Karen Reed)	Jerry Kirkland (Lois Minchew)
Ed Coile (Warren Coile)	Tommie Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)
Kristen Cox (Beth Cox)	Abby Porter (Stephen Craig)
Vergie Daniels (Darlene Baker)	Ron Walters (Cindy & George Edwards)
Debbie Fesmire (MaryBeth Fesmire)	Lane West (Betty Wheat)

### Long Term Prayers:

Tinker Colwell	Sara Meeks	Janette Thomas
Bernie Drowne	Dixie Miller	Linda Thomas
Martha Gower	June Miracle	Ron Tisdale
Joanne Humphries	Jonnie Norton	Frances Upchurch
Sherry Johnston	Ann Saucier	Mike & Connie Weaver
Jerry Klomparens	Brad Sessums	

Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)
Hunter Burkhalter (Amanda Doby)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)
Larry Case (Lyn Smith)	Larry Marquez (Karen Reed)
Ed Coile (Warren Coile)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)
Monica Craig (Stephen Craig)	Anna Marie Pauli (Marisa O. Martin)
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Garner Peacock
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Tommy Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)
Davis Fox (Kathy Roberts)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)	Darrell Sartin (Louise Sartin)
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)
Renea Griffith (Russ & Beth Griffith)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Will & Marti Sorey (Dennis O'Neal)
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Danny & Melissa Stephens (Jo-Anna Ray)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)
Cindy Horton (Jo-Anna Ray)	Temple Tynnbaris (Clarene Reynolds)
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	David & Mimi Watts (Melissa Bolland)
Karnowski Family (Jeanne Chapman)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	

### Serving our Country:

Jason Attaway, Ethan Avent, Cameron Barr, Justin Cox, Leon Davis, Noah Duncan, Jay Ellzey, 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

## Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

**Caregiver Study Group ~ Meets on first Tuesday of each month.**  
**St. Mark's - Robe Room (1-S126) @ 6 pm** 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 setting to share your victories, triumphs, and struggles.  
**For more info contact email Sandra Thomas [Sandra@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Sandra@saintmarksum.org)**

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**Women's Group is having a Ladies Night Out**  
**Tuesday, July 2nd at 6:00 pm**  
**At Soulshine Pizza in Flowood ~ Bring a Friend!**  
**RSVP with Jo Hebert at 601-259-1749**

**Also our Women's Group will have a new Study**  
**beginning: July 10<sup>th</sup> Untangle Your Emotions by Jennie Allen**  
**Contact Jo Hebert for more info at: [1johebert@comcast.net](mailto:1johebert@comcast.net)**

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**Habitat for Humanity ~ Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, St. Mark's UMC will be participating in the Faith Build, with Habitat for Humanity.**

We have signed up for the 7:45am-12pm time-frame where we will be painting inside and helping with landscaping outside.  
We are looking for 12 people to create our team.

**Please contact Leslie McGinnis or email Rev. Ryan McGough at [Ryan@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Ryan@saintmarksum.org) for further info and to sign up!**

## Trendsetter Opportunities for anyone 50+

Join our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults! ....

**Sun., July 14 – Flags from Mississippi: Emblems Through Time @ 2 MS Museums**

**Sat., July 20 – MS Festival Series – Cherry Creek Orchards Peach Festival, Pontotoc, MS**

**Mon., July 22 – BINGO in the CLC – Hot Dogs, Fellowship & Prizes & more!**

**Thurs., Aug. 15 – A Day in Vicksburg – Historic Church, Military Park Tours & Lunch**

**Sat., Aug. 17 – Laura Daigle in Concert at Brandon Amphitheater @ 7 pm**

**Tues., Aug. 27 – Move: "The Forge" and Ice Cream**

**Sat., Aug. 31 – MS Festival Series – Prairie Arts Festival, West Point, MS**

**November 18-21 – Branson, Missouri Trip ~ Christmas Lights Tour**

Some of the shows included are "The Ultimate Elvis Christmas," "Texas Tenors Christmas," "A Country Christmas," and the highlight will be "Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Theatre. We will also visit College of the Ozarks, enjoy the drive thru "Lights of Joy".

**For further opportunities & a complete list contact or stop by the church office...**

**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.



**Printed summer calendars are available in the Hub, the main office & CLC.**

**\*\*\*Note: We need adults for each of these events to make them possible. Please contact Jeanne if you are available and willing to serve!**

**Sunday School (Rush Hour) ~ every Sunday @ 9:30 am in SWH**  
MS Guys/Girls & HS Bible studies! Free cereal buffet provided.

**Tonight! June 30 ~ SumMERGE N.O.W./Stephen's Farewell ~ 6:00p -8:30 p**  
Join us for a special Night of Worship & fellowship! Free dinner, worship and Spoons Tournament! Week 2 in our "Go" series. We will also celebrate Stephen's ministry and final night with us. (Menu: Taco bar)

**Go M.A.D. @ MS Food Network ~ Wed., July 10 ~ 8:30 am – 1:00 pm**  
Join us as we make a difference helping feed the hungry! Bring \$ for lunch at Foundation Burger. Must wear closed toed shoes. Sign up thru July 7.

**From Youth Council: Save the date: Youth are invited to celebrate and bid farewell to our beloved Youth Director, Jeanne Chapman, Sun., July 14<sup>th</sup> from 6p-8p~ CLC. Dinner provided.**

... Stay in the know!!! Please contact **Jeanne Chapman** at ...  
[jeanne@saintmarksum.org](mailto:jeanne@saintmarksum.org) for more info!

## Children & Family Ministries...

Sunday, June 30, 2024



All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Services &

**Sunday School @ 9:30 AM (3 - A102/A104)**

Children's Church

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

**June 30th** - St. Mark's Kids will celebrate VBS and have a MASKED DANCER Reveal at 11th Hour Worship this coming Sunday!

**July 21st** - TWEEN NIGHT - ADVENTURE DAY - Leave St. Mark's UMC at 12 PM after worship - and get back around 8 PM. Sign Ups coming soon!

**July 31st** - 5th Grade Send-Off Breakfast in the Parlor for St. Mark's Kids! We will meet in the Parlor with parents to give a big hug and a nod to their years in Children's Ministry as the next week, they will be traveling across the parking lot to the YOUTH BUILDING!

### Camp Wesley Pines

- Summer Camp Registration is NOW OPEN for Camp Wesley Pines.  
**Older Elementary (FINISHED 2nd - 5th Grade) July 8-13 - Cost \$450 regular**  
**JR. High Camp (FINISHED 6th - 8th Grade) July 8-13 Cost - \$450 regular**  
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY or to see more information on Camp Wesley Pines](#)

Please Contact **Anna McGough** for all Sign Ups at: 601-992-2131 (Ext.109)  
Or email [Anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org) for more info.