

Sunday Mornings in August...

“Y’ALL COME CHOIR”

Do you want to be a part of a choir?

Join us on Sunday mornings in August and sing. Simply come to church about 15 minutes early and we will have a place ready for you. Our anthems will be familiar hymns and you will be able to join in singing. No rehearsals, no robes. Just come and sing, y’all.

TRY US OUT IN AUGUST

SEE WHAT IT’S LIKE TO SIT UP IN

THE CHOIR LOFT & SING!

WE THINK YOU’LL LIKE IT!!!

Contact Sandra Thomas with questions.

| THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 6/30/2024 | | Yr. 2024 |
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| TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET | | \$ 1,573,165.00 |
| AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD | | \$616,176.39 |
| AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD | | -\$717,661.83 |
| Revenue Over/Under Expense | | (\$101,485.44) |

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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Anna McGoughDirector of Children & Family Ministries
Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist
Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist
Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

Mark Your Calendars...

SUNDAY, JULY 21

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)
12:00 pm Tween Adventure Day (bus)
3:00 pm 11th Hour Leadership Meeting (5)
4:00 pm Finance Council Meeting (1-Choir Rm.)
5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm.)
6:30 pm Youth SumMERGE (4-SWH)

MONDAY, JULY 22

10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
5:30 pm Trendsetters - BINGO & more! (5-CLC)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, JULY 23

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

7:00 am Men’s Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)
6:00 pm Bible Study (2)
6:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm.)
6:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, JULY 25

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, JULY 26

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

SATURDAY, JULY 27

7:00 am Habitat Faith Build Day (7:45am-12pm)

SUNDAY, JULY 28

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.)
6:00 pm Youth Welcomes 6th Graders! (4+5)

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, JULY 21

am 2 Samuel 7:1-14
pm Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

MONDAY, JULY 22

2 Samuel 7:18-29
Hebrews 13:17-25

TUES., JULY 23

2 Samuel 8:1-18
Acts 20:17-38

WEDS., JULY 24

2 Samuel 9:1-13
Luke 15:1-7

THURS., JULY 25

2 Samuel 10:1-5
Colossians 1:9-14

FRIDAY, JULY 26

2 Samuel 10:6-12
Colossians 3:12-17

SATURDAY, JULY 27

2 Samuel 10:13-19
John 4:31-38

SUNDAY, JULY 28

am 2 Samuel 11:1-15
pm John 6:1-21

Saint Mark’s

United Methodist Church

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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 21, 2024

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

- Gathering and Announcements
- Prelude
Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst
- +Opening Hymn “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” # 540
- +Affirmation of Faith “The Apostle’s Creed” # 881
- +Act of Praise “Sanctuary”
- Morning Prayer
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Anthem “Christ Has Broken Down the Wall” Sanctuary Choir
Jeanann Suggs, solo
- Offertory Prayer
- Offertory Video “Why St. Mark’s?”
- +Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94
Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children’s Church
- +Hymn “It is Well With My Soul” # 377
- Sermon “Goodbye Walls?” Rev. Kaufman
Ephesians 2:11-22
- Musical Offering “O Come to the Altar” Josh Smith
- +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:

Linda E. Page, of Baton Rouge, on her passing, July 16th (Sister of Sandra Bates and Sister-in-law of Billy Bates)

Members Needing Prayers:

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| Trish Champney | Sandra McGee | Jim Thomas |
| Dan Denman | Clarene Reynolds | Ron Tisdale |
| Linda Hodges | Merriam Smilley | Hazel Townsend |
| Paquita Latimer | | Johnnie Yakstis |

Family & Friends --- May - July 2024:

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| Dorothy Ashby (Clyde Payne) | Debbie Fesmire (MaryBeth Fesmire) |
| Mally & Ian (Katie Baker) | Bryanna Frisbee (Beth Cox) |
| Larry & Margie Case (Lynette Conklin) | Mrs. Godfrey (Steve Godfrey) |
| Baby Rainer Clark (Karen Reed) | David Morrow III (Larry & Linda Swales) |
| Zach Cooley (Gary & Nancy Ladd) | Hannah Hayes (Sandra Bates) |
| Kristen Cox (Beth Cox) | Jerry Kirkland (Lois Minchew) |
| Vergie Daniels (Darlene Baker) | Ron Walters (Cindy & George Edwards) |
| | Lane West (Betty Wheat) |

Long Term Prayers:

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| Carole Bell | Sherry Johnston | Jonnie Norton |
| Tinker Colwell | Jerry Klomprens | Ann Saucier |
| Bernie Drowne | Sara Meeks | Janette Thomas |
| Martha Gower | Dixie Miller | Linda Thomas |
| Joanne Humphries | June Miracle | Frances Upchurch |
| | | Mike & Connie Weaver |

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

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...

Habitat for Humanity ~ Saturday, July 27th, 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 need 6 more volunteers to complete our team.

Please contact Leslie McGinnis or email Rev. Ryan McGough at Ryan@saintmarksum.org for further info and to sign up!

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Disciple Fast Track – will start our (12 week) Exodus Study beginning: Monday, August 12 – November 4 at 6 pm in Robe Rm.

Please sign up in Church Office or contact Katherine Long or Joey Hibbert for more info at: Info@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities for anyone 50+

Join our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults!

Mon., July 22 – BINGO in CLC – @ 5:30 pm - Hot Dogs, Fellowship, Prizes & more!

Remember to sign up for Bingo 5:30-7:30 in the Christian Life Center (CLC).

We will have Hot Dogs and Chips and Cookies and Water.

Bring a fun \$5 prize to share. And if you forget - you know we will have extra prizes - so just come. No Cost - Donations appreciated.

If you have questions, let me know – please call the church office to sign up so we will have enough hot dogs for everyone. See you there! Sandra Thomas

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

Youth Ministry... DRIVEN Youth

- For all students in 6th-12th 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.*

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

All youth are invited to the last SumMerge of the year this

Sunday, July 21st (6:30 – 8 PM), SWH - Youth Building.

We will be playing Bible Trivia Night.

Hope to see you! Snacks Provided!

Children & Family Ministries...

Sunday, July 21, 2024



All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade

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

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11th Hr. Services &

Children's Church

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

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!

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July 28th - 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!

Sunday, August 4th
– Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Back Packs!!!

Blessing of the Backpacks during each worship service, we will have our students come and receive a blessing over them, their teachers, parents and administration for this school year.

Promotion Sunday! Our kids will move to their new classrooms, Nursery to PreK, PreK to Kindergarten, Kindergarten to 1st & 2nd, 2nd to 3rd, 3rd to 4th & 5th, 5th to Middle School, 8th to High School class. We are still searching for Sunday School Teachers - [SIGN UP HERE and see how you can serve our students.](#)

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