

**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
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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Ryan McGough.....Associate Pastor  
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Anna McGough .....Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist  
Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist  
Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

**Mark Your Calendars...**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Graders! (4+5)

**MONDAY, JULY 29**  
10:00 am Women’s Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**TUESDAY, JULY 30**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**  
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 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**  
9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 – Promotion Sunday**  
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 Children’s Council Meeting (3-Parlor/Big Rm.)  
4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)  
5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm.)  
5:30 pm MERGE Youth Back to School Bash! (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 28**  
am 2 Samuel 11:1-15  
pm John 6:1-21

**MONDAY, JULY 29**  
2 Samuel 11:14-21  
Philippians 4:10-20

**TUES., JULY 30**  
2 Samuel 11:22-27  
Romans 15:22-23

**WEDS., JULY 31**  
2 Chronicles 9:29-31  
Mark 6:35-44

**THURS., AUGUST 1**  
Exodus 32:19-26  
Corinthians 11:17-22

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**  
Joshua 23:1-16  
1 Corinthians 11:27-34

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 3**  
Judges 6:1-10  
Matthew 16:5-12

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4**  
am 2 Samuel 11:26—12:13  
pm John 6:24-35

# Saint Mark’s

## United Methodist Church

[www.saintmarksum.org](http://www.saintmarksum.org)

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 28, 2024

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

- Gathering and Announcements
- Prelude *Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*
- +Opening Hymn “Wonderful Words of Life” # 600
- +Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed # 881
- +Act of Praise “To God Be The Glory” # 98  
v.1
- Musical Offering “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” Staci Curry
- Morning Prayer
- The Lord’s Prayer
- Anthem “We Are One, Lord” Sanctuary Choir
- Offertory Prayer
- Offertory “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 “I Know Whom I Have Believed” # 714
- Sermon “God can do far more than we can ask or Imagine” Rev. Kaufman  
Ephesians 3:14-21
- +Closing Hymn “Jesus Loves Me” # 191  
*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:

Mrs. Ruth Godfrey, of Macon, GA on her passing at 95 years of age, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
(Mother of Steve Godfrey and Mother-in-law of Kathy Godfrey)

Sherry Johnston, on her passing, July 20<sup>th</sup>

Terry Mangum, on his passing (Uncle of Trey Curry)

### Members Needing Prayers:

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

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

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

### Long Term Prayers:

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

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 Hitzelberger (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...

### **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

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### **Stewpot Mission Week is August 12-16**

St. Mark's is scheduled to work in the pantry the week of Aug. 12-16 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 3-4 volunteers are needed each day.

Please Note—we will need volunteers to take food item donations and assist at Stewpot during our scheduled service week.

Your service to this worthy cause is greatly appreciated. Looking forward to hearing from you. Please see Newsletter for more details on how you can help!

**In Service to Christ, Jane Brown (601-940-7762),  
or Email: Info@saintmarksum.org**

### **Trendsetter Opportunities for anyone 50+**

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

**Thurs., Aug. 15 – A Day in Vicksburg – Historic Church, Military Park Tours & Lunch**  
Holy Trinity Church and other area Vicksburg Tours (Cost \$25 to cover donations - Lunch on your own Tour of Holy Trinity to see the Tiffany Stained Glass Windows  
Other tours of the area, Lunch at Rusty's Riverfront Grill  
**Leave at 8am and back about 5pm.**

**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.*

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

**Youth Ice Cream Meet & Greet for our Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders  
Today, Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> (6:00 – 7:30 PM),  
in SWH – Youth Building.**

**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> MERGE ~ Back to School Bash! Join us in the  
Christian Life Center (CLC), our Bash begins at: 5:30 pm!**

### Children & Family Ministries...

Sunday, July 28, 2024



*All activities are for PreK  
through 5th Grade*

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Services  
&  
Children's Church  
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

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

**July 28<sup>th</sup> - 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 4<sup>th</sup> – Promotion Sunday & 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.](#)

**Children's Council Meeting ~ Sunday, August 4 at 12 pm  
in Parlor / Big Room (A 201)**

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.