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THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 7/2/2023	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$669,806.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$726,987.00
OFFERING FOR 7/2/2023	\$32,671.00

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**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, JULY 9**  
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 Room)  
4:00 pm Finance Com. Meeting (1-Robe Rm.)  
6:30 pm Youth SumMERGE (4-SWH)

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

**TUESDAY, JULY 11**  
6:00 pm SPRC Meeting (1-Robe Rm.)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**  
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study (1-Choir Rm.)  
6:00 pm Weds. Night Bible Studies (2)  
6:00 pm 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

**THURSDAY, JULY 13**  
6:00 pm Special Music Rehearsal (1-Choir Rm.)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, JULY 14**  
9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC)

**SATURDAY, JULY 15**

**SUNDAY, JULY 16**  
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)  
4:00 pm Special Music Rehearsal (1)  
6:30 pm Youth SumMERGE (4-SWH)

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, JULY 9**  
*am Matthew 12:15-21*  
*pm Matthew 12:22-32*

**MONDAY, JULY 10**  
*Romans 8:1-4*  
*Matthew 12:33-37*  
*Psalms 119:105-112*

**TUESDAY, JULY 11**  
*Romans 8:5-11*  
*Matthew 12:38-42*

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**  
*Genesis 25:1-18*  
*Matthew 12:43-45*

**THURSDAY, JULY 13**  
*Genesis 25:19-34*  
*Matthew 12:46-50*

**FRIDAY, JULY 14**  
*Genesis 26:1-16*  
*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

**SATURDAY, JULY 15**  
*Genesis 26:17-35*  
*Matthew 13:10-17*

**SUNDAY, JULY 16**  
*am Romans 8:1-11*  
*pm Genesis 27:1-17*

- KEY:
- 1 - Sanctuary building
  - 2 - Wesley - adult education
  - 3 - Asbury - children's education
  - 4 - SWH - youth building
  - 5 - CLC - Christian Life Center

Mark your calendars & join us for a special evening...

**Weds., July 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Night of Worship ~ "N.O.W."**

**St. Mark's Sanctuary @ 7 pm**

**Come for a time focused on one thing: Worship!**

The first commandment tells us to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind. Let's join as one church and community, lifting up the King of Kings above all else.

All Welcome!

# Saint Mark's

United Methodist Church

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 9, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*

+Opening Hymn *To God Be the Glory* # 98

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

+Act of Praise *My Tribute* # 99

Ministry Moment *Annual Conference Report* Rodney Meeks

Special Music *Amazing Grace* Ron Milone

Psalter *Psalms 17:1-7, 15* # 749

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* 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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* # 384

Sermon *Head in the Opposite Direction* Rev. Coile  
*Romans 7:15-25a*

+Closing Hymn *Nothing but the Blood* # 362  
*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:

Franklin Ray, on his passing, Weds., June 28 (Cousin of Jo-Anna Ray)

Members Needing Prayers:

Mike Blackwell	Russ Griffith	Ann Saucier	JeanAnn Suggs
Bill Ewing	Randy & Jane Honnet	Brad Sessums	Ron Tisdale
Howe Family	Robert Lott	Merriam Smiley	Gerald White
Linda Finley	Garner Peacock	Adrian Sturdivant	

Family & Friends --- May - June 2023:

Sharon Bailey (Dennis & Kay O’Neal)	Austin Lee (Pete Williams)
Jay Brantley (Bob & Carol Grigsby)	Olivia Mann (Branigin, Nguyen, Lapiere)
Thomas Broome (Dana Grant)	Larry Marguez (Karen Reed)
Hunter Burkhalter & Family (Amanda Doby)	Rev. Roger McGrew (Chip & Christy Jones)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Chris Menhard (Katherine Long)
Renae Griffith (Griffith Family)	Larry Miller (Serendipity SS Class)
Barbara Herring (Eric Carpenter)	Vickie Nettles (Shelly & Imogene Nicholas)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Keigan Norwood (Corrine Carpenter)
Cindy Hooks & Harry Hooks, Jr. (Carla Cascio)	Tommy Ott (Martha Hand)
Whitney Horton (Dick & Susan Weatherholt)	Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack)
Parents / Jeffcoat Family (Chuck Jeffcoat)	Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)
Nelson Karnowski (Jeanne Chapman)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Casey Keith (Carleen Driver)	Rachel Springer & Baby (Katie Baker)
Anna Marie Pauli (Marisa O. Martin)	Nancy Stribling (Becka Shields)
Rick Latiolais (Priscilla Phipps)	

Long Term Prayers:

Tinker Colwell	Jerry Klomparens	Janette Thomas
Martha Gower	Dixie Miller	Linda Thomas
Joanne Humphries	June Miracle	Frances Upchurch
Sherry Johnston	Jonnie Norton	Mike & Connie Weaver
Jim Allard (David Allard)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)	
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)	
Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)	Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)	
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)	
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)	
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Tommy Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)	
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)	
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)	Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)	
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)	
Cindy Horton (Jo-Anna Ray)	Will Sorey (Dennis O’Neal)	
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Danny & Melissa Stephens (Jo-Anna Ray)	
Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)	
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)	
Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)	
Martin Levitt (McGinnis)		

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

To our St. Mark’s Stewpot Volunteers:

Hope you are well and you are having a good summer.  
Stewpot is still serving the community and is in need.

*If anyone is interested in taking over the organizing of these service projects for St. Mark’s, please let me know. After four years, I would like to step down. All it would entail would be sending out emails for folks to sign up and prepare a report at the end of the week.*

**St. Marks is scheduled to work in the pantry the week of July 10-14, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. 3-4 volunteers are needed each day.**

July 10 (Monday) –  
July 11 (Tuesday) –  
July 12 (Wednesday) –  
July 13 (Thursday) – **Serendipity Class**  
July 14 (Friday - Stocking shelves only) –

**Immediate Need:** They are in desperate need for the following items:

- Canned salmon and tuna
- Canned chicken
- Canned greens (collard and turnip)
- Canned spinach
- Canned chili with beans
- Canned pork and beans
- Canned ravioli
- Canned fruit
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Vienna sausages
- Crackers
- Condiments (salt & pepper, ketchup, mustard, mayo)
- Boxed Cereal, oatmeal and grits

**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. In Service to Christ, Jane Brown (601-940-7762)**

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+*

**Join our St. Mark’s UMC Senior Adults on these upcoming events...**

**Tues., July 18 – Bingo Night in CLC** w/ hot dogs & chips – meal at 5:00 pm  
then Bingo from 6 – 7 pm in our Christian Life Center ( CLC )

**Thurs., July 27 – Day trip to Oxford, MS & tour Rowan Oak** – bus departs early!

***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**



DRIVEN Youth

*Summer Youth Brochures/Calendars are available in the Hub & the main church office.*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: every Sunday morning 9:30-10:30**

Separate Bible studies for MS & HS students. Cereal buffet provided each week.

**SumMERGE resumes, Sun., July 9 ~ 6:30-8:30 pm ~ SWH ~ Free event**  
**Bible Study ~ Snack ~ Spoons Tournament**

**MS Great Escape ~ Overnight @ Lake Tiak-O-K’hata ~ Aug., 3 & 4 (5p-5p) ~ \$60**  
**All rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders – rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders invited!**

Games, Lake swimming, water slides, water inflatables, fishing, sand volleyball & more! Cost includes: all activities (except paddle boats), meals, lodging & transportation. **RSVP required by July 27.**

..... 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, July 9, 2023

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

**Children’ Council Meeting – today – July 9<sup>th</sup> in Asbury Hall – Big Room (12-2 pm)**

**Kids Sunday School Teacher Sign Ups ~ All Classes are on a Teacher Rotation of Even / Odd Months. 20 Teachers NEEDED TOTAL (10 per month) ~ please email Anna McGough with interest and/or with any questions at: [Anna@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org)**

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>** - @ 9:30 am in the Asbury Hall—Big Room —Come & Go breakfast and coffee in honor of Chelsea Senitko who will be moving. Chelsea has taught Sunday School, has been a Wednesday Night Warrior and served on our Children's Council for 3 years. She has three children in our program, Zora, Adam & Teo. We want to wish her and her family all the best in Slovakia and pray they are back next summer for activities and fun.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade SENDOFF - July 30<sup>th</sup>** - 6th Graders will begin rehearsals for the 6th Grade Sendoff this coming Sunday. **Parents** - Please send Anna McGough pictures of your 6th Graders of your child growing up. We will put together a presentation for the 6th Grade Sendoff Breakfast on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**CAMP WESLEY PINES** - If your child is planning to ride the CHURCH BUS to camp July 10<sup>th</sup> - Please let Anna McGough know by July 5<sup>th</sup>!

**August 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Promotion Sunday & Blessing of the Back Packs!**

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

