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THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 7/30/2024		Yr. 2024
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 1,573,165.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD		\$706,815.46
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD		-\$829,386.62
Revenue Over/Under Expense		(\$122,571.16)

**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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Jon Kaufman..... Senior Pastor  
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Sandra Thomas .....Pastor for Worship & Music Arts  
Anna McGough .....Director of Children & Family Ministries  
Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist  
Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist  
Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

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)  
4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)  
5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm.)  
5:30 pm Youth MERGE (4)

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12**

9-11:30 am Stewpot Mission Workday  
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
6:00 pm Disciple Fast Track (1-Robe Rm.)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**

9-11:30 am Stewpot Mission Workday

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
9-11:30 am Stewpot Mission Workday  
**5:30 pm St. Mark's Family Olympics (5-CLC)**  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

8:00 am Trendsetters Tour Vicksburg (Board Bus)  
9-11:30 am Stewpot Mission Workday  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC)  
9-11:30 am Stewpot Mission Workday

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

Disaster Response Training (9am-3pm off campus)  
4:00 pm Trendsetters @ Daigle Concert (Board Bus)

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8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)  
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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 Administrative Council Meeting (3-Parlor)  
4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)  
5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm.)  
5:30 pm Youth MERGE (4)

**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, AUGUST 11**

am 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
pm John 6:35,41-51

**MONDAY, AUGUST 12**

2 Samuel 15:13-31  
Ephesians 5:1-14

**TUES., AUGUST 13**

2 Samuel 18:19-33  
2 Peter 3:14-18

**WEDS., AUGUST 14**

2 Samuel 19:1-18  
John 6:35-40

**THURS., AUGUST 15**

1 Kings 1:1-30  
Acts 6:8-15

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

1 Kings 1:28-48  
Romans 16:17-20

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

1 Kings 2:1-11  
John 4:7-26

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

am Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
pm John 6:51-58

# Saint Mark's

## United Methodist Church

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

Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost  
August 11, 2024

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

**ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

- Gathering and Announcements
- Prelude *Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*
- +Opening Hymn *O Worship the King* # 73
- +Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed* # 881
- +Act of Praise *Gloria Patri* # 70
- Morning Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer
- Anthem *Lord I Want to Be A Christian "Y'all Come 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 *Fairest Lord Jesus* # 189
- Sermon *Imitators of God* Rev. Kaufman  
*Ephesians 4:25-5:2*
- Special Music *Take My Life* Kit Lacour
- 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:

Vicky McDowell, on her sudden passing, last week (Friend of Mayita Price)

### Members Needing Prayers:

Trish Champney	Sandra McGee	Ron Tisdale
Dan Denman	Joel Melton	Hazel Townsend
Linda Hodges	Merriam Smilley	Johnnie Yakstis
	Jim Thomas	

### Family & Friends --- June – Aug. 2024:

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

### 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 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...

### **Sunday Mornings in August...“Y’ALL COME CHOIR”**

**Do you want to be a part of a choir? TRY US OUT IN AUGUST!!!**

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. Please contact Sandra Thomas with questions.

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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 see Newsletter for more details on how you can help! In Service to Christ, Jane Brown (601-940-7762), or Email: [Info@saintmarksum.org](mailto:Info@saintmarksum.org)

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### **Disaster Response Advanced Training Class – UMC District 4**

**When: Saturday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM – 3 PM**

**Please access the link provided for details and to register:**

[4 District | Disaster Response Advanced Training Class \(district4msumc.org\)](https://www.district4msumc.org)

**Pre-Registration is Required**

### **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**  
**Leave at 8 am and back about 5:30 pm.**

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 Walnut Hills.

**Sat., Aug. 17 – Laura Daigle in Concert at Brandon Amphitheater**  
**Board Bus @ 4 pm and then show is at 7 pm**

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

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

**Thurs., Oct. 10 – Gladys Knight in Concert at the Riley Center, Meridian**  
Leave church at 4 pm, Dinner then Concert at 7 pm

**November 18-21 – Branson, Missouri Trip ~ Christmas Lights Tour**  
**Deposit due by Sept. 1.**

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)**

St. Mark's  
Youth Ministry... **DRIVEN** Youth  
- For all students in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades.



\*\*\*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!**

**Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup> MERGE** Join us from 5:30 – 7:30 pm in our Youth Building (SWH). Dinner Provided!

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**FUEL resumes Weds., August 28<sup>th</sup> (6 pm – 7 pm ) in SWH – The Station**

Children & Family Ministries...

Sunday, August 11, 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)**

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**Aug 25<sup>th</sup> - St. Mark's UMC will host Acolyte Training during the Sunday School Hour 9:30 am - 10:30 am.** If you are 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, you will be encouraged to attend. New schedule will be sent out post training.

Please Contact **Anna McGough** for all Sign Ups at: 601-992-2131 (Ext.109)  
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