

Wednesday Night Supper begins @ 5:15 pm in our Christian Life Center (CLC). Please Sign Up! Complete, tear off and place your sign-up sheet in our Sunday Offering plate or scan the QR Code provided to Register by Noon on Monday!

Wednesday Supper Sign-Up Sheet  
Please Print:

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

# Children: \_\_\_\_\_



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Service begins @ 5:15 pm in our Christian Life Center (CLC)

Supper Menu: Loaded Baked Potatoes; Dessert: Fruit / Melon Medley

Cost: Adult \$ 7 and Child \$ 5

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 8/13/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$833,052.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$882,123.00
OFFERING FOR 8/13/2023	\$21,208.00

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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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, AUGUST 20

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 Administrative Council Mtg. (3-Parlor)  
4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)  
5:30 pm MERGE Kick-off (4+5)

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)  
7:00 pm Disciple Fast Track Workshop (1-Robe Rm.)  
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

9:30 am Tabitha Circle (meeting off campus)  
6:00 pm Special Music Rehearsal (5-CLC)  
6:30 pm Ruth Circle (1-Robe Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)  
3:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Block (4)  
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper (5-CLC)  
6:00 pm Kids Ministry – Fam-Jam (5-CLC)  
6:00 pm FUEL Kick Off (4-SWH / side yard)  
7:00 pm 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)  
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

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)  
12:15 pm Cursillo Potluck Luncheon (3-Parlor)  
4:00 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)  
5:00 pm Parents' Night @ MERGE (4+5)

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Notes:

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

am Matthew 15:21-28  
pm Genesis 50

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 15:29-31  
Psalm 124

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Romans 12:3-8  
Matthew 15:32-39

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Exodus 1:1-14  
Matthew 16:1-4

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

Exodus 1:15-22  
Matthew 16:5-12

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

Exodus 2:1-10  
Matthew 2

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Exodus 2:11-22  
Matthew 16:13-20

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

am Romans 12:1-8  
pm Exodus 2:23-25

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)

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 20, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*

+Opening Hymn      *Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*      # 359  
                                 vv. 1, 2 & 5

+Litany of Thanksgiving

Special Music      *People Need the Lord*      Carleen Driver

Lesson      Isaiah 56:1-8

Psalter      *Psalm 67*      # 791

+Gospel Acclamation      *Glory Be to the Father*      # 70

+Gospel      Matthew 15:10-28

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

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem      *Oh, I Know the LORD's Laid His Hand on Me*

Offertory

+Doxology      *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*      # 94  
                                 *Children ages 3K through 5K are dismissed to Children's Church*

+Hymn      *Christ for the World We Sing*      # 568

Sermon      *No Turning Back*      Rev. Coile  
                                 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

+Closing Hymn      *Freely, Freely*      # 389  
                                 *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:

John Marble on his passing August 12<sup>th</sup> (Friend of Gary & Sandy Cazier)

Members Needing Prayers:

Mike Blackwell	Robert Lott	Emily Grace Shields	Pat Teer
Jimmie Ray Gordon	Garner Peacock	Merriam Smilley	Ron Tisdale
Keith Jenkins	Brad Sessums	JeanAnn Suggs	

Family & Friends --- June - August 2023:

Nora Antaeus (David Allard)	Alana Maglilo (Jean Lancaster)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Olivia Mann (Branigin, Nguyen, Lapiere)
Rob Gill	Larry Marguez (Karen Reed)
George Haydu (Linda Finley)	Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)
Lisa Helmick (Joseph Hibbert)	Susannah Sanders (Jean Lancaster)
Cindy Hooks. (Carla Cascio)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Cindy Horton (Dick & Susan Weatherholt)	Heather Trotter (D.W. & Katherine Long)
Austin Lee (Pete Williams)	

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
	Ann Saucier	
Jim Allard (David Allard)	Martin Levitt (McGinnis)	
Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)	Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)	
Jay Brantley (Bob & Carol Grigsby)	Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)	
Hunter Burkhalter (Amanda Doby)	Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)	
Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)	Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)	
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)	Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)	
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)	Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)	
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)	Anna Marie Pauli (Marisa O. Martin)	
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack)	
Leon Elzey (Sandra Bates)	Tommy Pittman (Hewitt Pittman)	
Victoria Farr (Carolyn Farr)	Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)	
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)	
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)	Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)	
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons)	
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)	
Cindy Horton (Jo-Anna Ray)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)	
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Will Sorey (Dennis O’Neal)	
Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)	Danny & Melissa Stephens (Jo-Anna Ray)	
Karnowski Family (Jeanne Chapman)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)	
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)	
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, 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

Upcoming Events, Mission & Volunteer Opportunities...

Wednesday Night Supper service begins @ 5:15 pm  
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Please see Signup Sheet included on back page of Bulletin.

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New Women’s Group Study begins August 30<sup>th</sup>  
Title: *Don’t Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table* By: Louie Giglio  
Weds., Nights in Sonrise classroom of Wesley Center @ 6:00 pm  
Contact: Jo Hebert for more info at:  
[1johebert@comcast.net](mailto:1johebert@comcast.net) or 601-259-1749

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Men’s Weds., Night Bible Study will resume August 30<sup>th</sup>  
What: *Betterman*  
When: Wednesday Nights @ 6:00 pm  
Where: Inquires classroom of Wesley Center  
For more info please contact:  
Jeff Nesbit: 601-992-2131 or Lee Barnhill: 601-896-4048

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+*  
Join our St. Mark’s UMC Senior Adults on these upcoming events...  
  
Sat., Sept. 30 – Amy Grant Concert - Hattiesburg – leave church @ 3:30 PM  
  
Further opportunities – please sign up with interest...  
  
October – Ocean Springs, MS (date to be determined)  
  
November – Biltmore, Ashville, NC (dates to be determined)

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



Fall Youth Calendars are available in the Hub, CLC & the main church office.

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

MERGE Kick-off ~ TONIGHT! Sun., Aug. 20~ 5:30-7:30 pm ~ SWH  
Free dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: Baked Potato Bar  
All 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome! There is a place for you here!

Parents’ Night @ MERGE ~ Sun., Aug 27 ~ 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm ~ CLC  
All youth & parents are invited to join us for a special night as we look forward to the new year! RSVP appreciated thru Aug. 22. Please indicate if child care is needed.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448A5AC2DA7FA7-parents11>

5<sup>th</sup> Block ~ Wednesdays ~ 3:30-5:00 pm  
Ping Pong ~ Pool ~ Gaga ball ~ Games ~ Do Homework ~ Take a Nap

FUEL “CHAOS” Kick-off! Wed., August 23! 6-7 pm (Dress for the mess!)  
**Friends! Fun! Faith & Foam Pit!** All students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are invited for a night of fun, foam & mayhem competition as we kick off our first FUEL Bible study, “*Love in Chaos*” by Bob Goff. Be sure to bring a towel & trash bag for the ride home!

Go M.A.D.! **Backpacks, Jeans & SHOES Collection DRIVE!**  
The youth ministry is collecting gently worn backpacks, jeans & shoes to help the homeless and those in impoverished nations. Bins are set up around the church & at the youth building. Collecting backpacks and jeans through Aug. 30; shoes through Oct. 31.

Confirmation 2024 ~ (Open to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students & older who have not been confirmed) Confirmation is an 8-month journey of exploration of the Christian faith and the Methodist church. It is a comprehensive experience that incorporates class instruction, field trips, fall/spring retreats, service hours, worship, and a mentor relationship. Kick off breakfast and first class session will be September 10. Contact Jeanne for more information or to receive a packet. **Register through September 1.**

... 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, August 20, 2023  
  
Acolytes @ Traditional & 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Services  
&  
Children’s Church  
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

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)

Aug. 20 – Acolyte Training – During Sunday School 9:30 AM - 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Aug. 23 - FAM JAM 2023 - CLC - 6 PM - FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN UP TO 5TH GRADE SUPPER AVAILABLE AT 5:15 PM - SIGN UP ONLINE

Aug. 30 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORKSHOPS - ASBURY HALL - 6 PM - CHILDREN PREK 3 THRU 5TH GRADE DINNER AVAILABLE AT 5:15 PM - SIGN UP ONLINE

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

