

Mark your calendars...

Wednesday Night Supper resumes on Sept. 4th @ 5:00 pm in CLC

Volunteers are Needed and All Are Welcome! Please contact Thelma in Church Office to be added to our weekly volunteer schedule.

*** Pre-Registration is Encouraged!**



Please scan the QR Code provided to Register for our Wednesday Night Supper:

-\$10 Adult Meals (6 grade & up); -\$7 Child Meals

***In lieu of Family pricing we have introduced a new option to Pre-Purchase for a Semester of Meals at a discount Adults \$120 & Child \$84. Please sign up early to get this special offer! We have an excellent weekly menu planned and look forward to see y'all in September.**

Supper Menu – Sept. 4th : Catfish, Mac & Cheese, Greens, Slaw, Cornbread/Rolls, Dessert & Beverage

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
Ryan McGough.....Associate Pastor
Sandra ThomasPastor for Worship & Music Arts
Anna McGoughDirector of Children & Family Ministries
Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist
Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist
Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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)
No Evening Youth Activities

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – Labor Day
Church Office Closed**

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
No Disciple Fast Track tonight
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

6:00 pm Caregiver Support Group (1-Robe Rm.)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.)
10:00 am Adult Study (1-Choir Rm.)
6:00 pm Bible Study (2+3+4)
6:00 pm Kids Workshops (3)
6:00 pm Youth FUEL (4)
7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (1)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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)
12:30 pm Cursillo Potluck (3-Parlor)
4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)
5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm.)
5:30 pm Youth MERGE (4)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

am Song of Solomon 2:8-13
pm Psalm 45:1-2,6-9

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Song of Solomon 3:6-11
1 Timothy 4:6-16

TUES., SEPTEMBER 3

Song of Solomon 5:2—6:3
Peter 2:19-25

WEDS., SEPTEMBER 4

Song of Solomon 8:5-7
Mark 7:9-23

THURS., SEPTEMBER 5

Proverbs 1:1-19
Romans 2:1-11

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Proverbs 4:10-27
Romans 2:12-16

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Proverbs 8:1-31
Matthew 15:21-31

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

am Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
pm Psalm 125

KEY:

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

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Fifteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 1, 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 *Lift High the Cross* # 159

+Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed # 881

+Invitation to Communion and Prayer of Confession

Anthem *Come Follow Me* Sanctuary Choir

+Hymn *And Can It Be that I Should Gain* # 363

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sermon *Walking with our Cross* Rev. Kaufman
Mark 8:27-38

Prayer Concerns

Morning Prayer

Offertory

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

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music Jason Boyd

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

Closing Hymn *The Summons* # 2130

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:

Bill Latham, on his passing, August 27th

Terry Watkins, on her sudden passing.

Members Needing Prayers:

Trish Champney	Joel Melton	Ron Tisdale
Camille Dumas	Merriam Smiley	Johnnie Yakstis
Sandra McGee		

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

Dorothy Ashby (Clyde Payne)	Beth Hall (Karen Reed)
Larry & Margie Case (Lynette Conklin)	Donna Hill (Sandra McGee)
Baby Rainer Clark (Karen Reed)	Jerry Kirkland (Lois Minchew)
Zach Cooley (Gary & Nancy Ladd)	Janet Lawing (Jo Hebert)
Kristen Cox (Beth Cox)	Haley & Jessica McIngvale (Jane Mapp)
Bill Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Tommie Pittman (Hewitt & Ann Pittman)
Debbie Fesmire (MaryBeth Fesmire)	Ana Maria Price (Mayita Price)
Bryanna Frisbee (Beth Cox)	Kate (Zachow) Stina (Chris & Steve Zachow)

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

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

Serving our Country:

Jason Attaway, Ethan Avent, Cameron Barr, Justin Cox, Leon Davis, Noah Duncan, Jay Ellzey, Cody Howrigan, 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...

New Adult Study – Fall 2024

The Right Order of Things...Theology for Everyone!

Taught by: Rev. Jon Kaufman

**Begins: Sept. 4th Wednesdays at: 10 AM in St. Mark's Choir Rm.
and 6 PM in Wesley Center, Serendipity SS Class Rm.**

Contact Rev. Jon Kaufman or call Church Office for more details at:
601-992-2131 (ext.103) or email Jon@saintmarksum.org

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Cursillo Potluck

Sunday, September 8th

In Asbury Hall - Parlor at 12:30 pm

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Pray Mississippi at Anderson UMC

Sunday, Sept. 22nd (3:00-5:00 pm)

For details contact Rev. Jon Kaufman

If you would like to attend and ride together! Call: 601-992-2131 (ext.103)

or email Jon@saintmarksum.org

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Stewpot Mission

The final week for us to serve in the pantry in 2024 is November 4-8.

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

Many thanks for your continued support!

Trendsetter Opportunities for anyone 50+

Join our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults!

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

St. Mark's
Youth Ministry... **DRIVEN Youth**
- For all students in 6th-12th 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, Sept. 1 - No MERGE - due to observance of Labor Day Holiday

- We will resume MERGE on Sunday, Sept. 8th Join us (5:30 – 7:30 pm) in our Youth Building (SWH). Dinner Provided!

FUEL – Weekly on Weds., Nights (6 pm – 7 pm) in SWH – The Station

Go Make a Difference “Go M.A.D.”---

Tuesday, October 8th – Working at Church on Various Projects

Thursday, October 10th – Wesley House in Meridian

Save the Date ---

*** Sunday, October 27th - Volunteer for Children's Fall Fest**

*** Sunday, November 10th – Youth Fundraiser**

Children & Family Ministries...

Sunday, September 1, 2024



All activities are for PreK
through 5th Grade

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11th Hr. Services
&

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

No Children's Church
(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

Big THANK YOU to all our staff & volunteers who jumped in to help put on the St. Mark's Family Olympics! I hope everyone who came out had an incredible time as a family in fellowship with one another.

Now is the time to mark your calendar for September 4th, 2024 for the beginning of **Wednesday Night Supper & Bible Studies. You can sign up to eat here** and even prepay if you would like for the meal or the semester.

Wednesday Night Kids will begin on September 4th - let me know if you would like to volunteer to lead a small group for Wednesday Night. I am looking for 5 volunteers to lead once per month!

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