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 Pre-Register by noon on Monday!

Please Print:	
Last Name:	F-000 35 (5)
# Adults:	
# Children:	

Wednesday Night Supper - Sept. 13

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

Menu Options: Adults-Pan Pizza & Salad Bar or Child-Chicken Nuggets & Fries

Cost: Adult \$ 7 and Child \$ 5 Maximum Family Charge: \$25

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 9/3/2023		
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00	
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$896,748.00	
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$982,968.00	
OFFERING FOR 9/3/2023	\$27,908.00	

**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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	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, SEPTEMBER 10**

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters) (Livestream on St. Mark' FB or Saintmarksum.org) 8:30 am Confirmation Kick off Breakfast (4) 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 Children's Council Meeting (3-Parlor) 4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4) 5:30 pm MERGE (4+5) 5:30 pm Tween Night (3 – Asbury)

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm) 2:30 pm Trendsetters – Coffee & Buntini (5) 7:00 pm Disciple Fast Track Workshop (1-Robe Rm.) 7:00 pm AA (2)

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

6:00 pm SPRC Meeting (1-Robe Rm.)

#### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTMEBER 13**

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm.) 10:00 am Adult Bible Study (1-Choir Rm.) 3:30 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Block (4) 5:15 pm Wednesday Night Supper (5-CLC) 6:00 pm Bible Study (2+3+4) 7:00 pm 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Praise Team Practice (5) 7:00 pm Choir Practice (1) 7:10 pm Youth Council (4)

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 am Abigail Circle Meeting (2) 7:00 pm AA (2)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

9:15 am Walking with Joy (5-CLC) 5:15 pm Parents Night Out – Kids Ministry (5)

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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 Finance Com. Meeting (1-Robe Rm.) 4:30 pm DRIVEN Band Practice (4) 5:30 pm MERGE – Shift (4+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, SEPTEMBER 10

am Matthew 18:15-20 pm Exodus 13:1-16

#### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

Exodus 13:17-22 Romans 14:1-12 Exodus 15:1-21

#### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

Exodus 14:1-18 Romans 14:13-23

#### WEDS., SEPTEMBER 13

Exodus 14:19-31 Matthew 18:21-35

#### **THUR., SEPTEMBER 14**

Exodus 15:1-27 Matthew 19:1-12

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Romans 15:1-13 Matthew 19:13-15

#### SAT., SEPTEMBER 16

Romans 15:14-33 Matthew 19:16-30

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

am Romans 16:1-16 pm Romans 16:17-27

Wednesday Night Supper ~ Please see signup info included on back page of Bulletin to Pre-Register. All Welcome!

Our 9/13 Wednesday Night Supper Menu options in honor of Grandparents Day include: Adults-Pan Pizza & Salad Bar or Child-Chicken Nuggets & Fries

We are still in need of volunteers. We need 5 volunteers to help us cook either on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. 3 volunteers to help clean up afterwards. We ask that you consider serving once a month. Together we can keep this ministry active, while providing family friendly health-conscious meals. Any leftovers are given to the homeless via Bilal's downtown program.

Interested volunteers please text Katherine Long at 662-390-6672 or email Katherine@saintmarksum.org.

Thank you!

# Saint Mark's

## United Methodist Church

## www.saintmarksum.org

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

#### Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst

+Opening Hymn Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart # 160 +Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation # 885

+Act of Praise Gloria Patri # 70

Special Music Spiritual Ben Thomas

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem How Can I Keep from Singing 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 The Gift of Love # 408
Sermon Writing Your Own Obit Rev. Coile

+Closing Hymn Jesu, Jesu # 432

Romans 13:8-14

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...

#### **Members Needing Prayers:**

Mike Blackwell Bob Grisby June Miracle Emily Grace Shields
Trish Champney Keith Jenkins Garner Peacock Merriam Smilley
Jimmie Ray Gordon Robert Lott Brad Sessums JeanAnn Suggs
Ron Tisdale

#### Family & Friends --- June - August 2023:

Nora Antaeus (David Allard)

Carol Baker (Katie Heard)

Tara Blessinger (Coile Family)

Billy Boyd (Betty Wheat)

Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)

Rob Gill & Family

Austin Lee (Pete Williams)

Alana Maglilo (Jean Lancaster)

Olivia Mann (Branigin, Nguyen, Lapiere)

Larry Marguez (Karen Reed)

Mary K. Reiners (JA Suggs)

Jennifer Roberts (Misty Simmons)

George Haydu (Linda Finley)

Lisa Helmick (Joseph Hibbert)

Cindy Hooks. (Carla Cascio)

Cindy Horton (Dick & Susan Weatherholt)

Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)

Susannah Sanders (Jean Lancaster)

Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)

Heather Trotter (D.W. & Katherine Long)

#### **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)

Amanda Hearn Biek (Karen Williams)
Jay Brantley (Bob & Carol Grigsby)
Hunter Burkhalter (Amanda Doby)
Maxine Creel (Becky Stevenson)
Danielle (Susan Weatherholt)
Gina McGraw Duffy (Vicki Phillips)
Russell Gaines (Linda Jennings)
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)
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Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)
Luanne Hitselberger (Chris Zachow)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)
Cindy Horton (Jo-Anna Ray)
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)
Debbie Jefcoat (Janice Larson)
Karnowski Family (Jeanne Chapman)
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)

Martin Levitt (McGinnis)
Tanya Lofton (Megan Howe)

Marie Nichols (Gwen Robertson)

Oscar McGough (Ryan McGough)
Lori McLendon Parker (Charlinda & Raymond Hall)

Martha Munsey (Jimmie Ray Gordon)
Lori Parker (April & Seth Hall Richards)

Anna Marie Pauli (Marisa O. Martin)

Jennifer McBeth Payne (Sharon Womack)

Tommy Pittman (Hewitt Pittman) Kerri Puckett (Cindy & Tim Puckett)

Russ Robbins (Beth Robbins)
Jeannette Rodriguez (Vicky & Kim Rohr)

Robert Sanford (Misty Simmons)

Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)
Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)

Will Sorey (Dennis O'Neal)

Danny & Melissa Stephens (Jo-Anna Ray) Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)

Jim Woodson (Bob & Lois Landry)
Hubert & Vicki Wright (Linda Finley)

#### **Serving our Country:**

Gale Landry (Vicky & Kim Rohr)

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...

#### Grace Place—Clothing & Essential Items Needed...

We are having a Church-wide clothing and essential items collection for Grace Place through September. Check your closets and consider donations of the following:

Men's jeans & casual Pants & belts
Men's athletic shoes or work boots
Women's (new) underwear and sport bras
Backpacks, duffel bags, sleeping bags
Blankets, sheets, towels
Hats, sport caps
For questions or special pickup, contact

Janet Langley 601-954-7007 or Hugh Langley 601-624-0439

Adult Bible Study ~ Fall 2023

Wednesdays @ 10 am in Choir Room

Topic: Book of Revelation Taught by: Bro. Warren Coile

All Welcome!

New Women's Weds., Night Group Study

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: <a href="mailto:1johebert@comcast.net">1johebert@comcast.net</a> or 601-259-1749

Men's Weds., Night Bible Study

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! *Here is a sampling of our upcoming events....* 

Mon., Sept. 11 – Coffee & Bundtini in CLC @ 2:30 pm – Free! Enjoy the fellowship!

Sat., Sept. 30 – Amy Grant Concert - Hattiesburg – leave church @ 3:30 PM

Sat., Oct. 7 – Art Competition at Renaissance Mall – leave church @ 2:30 pm

Weds., Oct. 11 – Senior Day @ MS State Fair – leave church @ 9:30 am

October – Ocean Springs, MS (Overnight Trip Oct. 12-13<sup>th</sup> )

November - Biltmore, Asheville, NC (Nov. 13-17)

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 <a href="mailto:Sandra@saintmarksum.org">Sandra@saintmarksum.org</a>

## 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)  $^{\sim}$  every Sunday @ 9:30 am in SWH

MS Guys/Girls & HS Bible studies! Free cereal buffet provided.

*MERGE tonight, Sunday, Sept.10* ~ 5:30-7:30 pm

Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups Menu: Walking Tacos

Theme: Throwback – 70's "I Will Survive"

5th Block ~ Wednesdays ~ 3:30-5:00 pm

After school hang time...Ping Pong ~ Pool ~ Gaga ball ~ Games ~ Do Homework....

**FUEL** (high octane for your soul midweek) **Wednesdays** ~ **6-7p** ~ **SWH**Join us for MS/HS Bible study, games & prayer. Current Study: *Love in Chaos* by Bob Goff.

#### **SHOES Collection Fundraiser!**

The youth ministry is collecting gently worn/new shoes to help those living in impoverished nations thru Funds2Orgs. Bins are set up around the church & at the youth building. The youth are paid by the pound! Shoe collection goes through October 31.

**Confirmation 2024** ~ Kick off breakfast and first class session is today, September 10. Mentor Breakfast is Sun., Oct. 1 and Fall retreat is Saturday, Oct. 28.

Jeremy Camp Concert @ MS State Fair ~ Sun., Oct. 15 ~ 1:00p – 8:00p ~ \$15 + snacks Concert is @ 4p @ the Coliseum. We will have a couple of hours before the concert to explore the fair. We will be leaving immediately after the concert. Drop off and return is at STM. Tickets are limited. Deadline to sign up and pay is Sun., Oct. 8.

... Stay in the know!!! Please contact **Jeanne Chapman at** ... <u>jeanne@saintmarksum.org</u> for more info!

## Children & Family Ministries...

All activities are for PreK through 5th Grade

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

Sunday, September 10, 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: <a href="mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org">Anna@saintmarksum.org</a>

**Sunday, Sept 10** – Children's Council Meeting at 12:15 pm in Big Room/Parlor; and Tween Night at 5:30 pm in Asbury Hall

**Sept 15** - PARENTS NIGHT OUT – CLC – 5:15 \$15 Per Child – Nursery Available – Must Pre-Register

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

