

Mark your calendars...

Wednesday Night Supper @ 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 to the right 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 excellent weekly menus!

Supper Menu – Sept. 25th : Popeyes Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Red Beans & Rice, Coleslaw, Biscuits, Dessert & Beverage

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 8/31/2024		Yr. 2024
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$ 1,573,165.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD		\$791,848.05
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD		-\$904,945.49
Revenue Over/Under Expense		(\$113,097.44)

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.

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Jon Kaufman..... Senior Pastor
Ryan McGough.....Associate Pastor
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Anna McGoughDirector of Children & Family Ministries
Darlene Baker..... Music Assistant/Pianist
Jason Boyd..... Music Assistant/Organist
Thelma Lorentz..... Administrative Assistant

Mark Your Calendars...

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
(Livestream on St. Mark's 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)
2:15 pm Prayer MS Trip to Anderson UMC (Bus)
4:00 pm Ladies Ensemble Practice (1-Choir Rm)
4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)
5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Youth MERGE (4, 5-Kitchen)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
6:00 pm Disciple Fast Track (1-Robe Rm.)
6:00 pm Youth Council Meeting (4)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 am Prayer & Bead Group (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Trendsetters Bingo Night (5)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:15 am Walking with Joy (5)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:00 pm Kids Parents Night Out (4-Parlor)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
(Livestream on St. Mark's 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 (4-Parlor)
4:30 pm Driven Praise Team Practice (4)
5:00 pm Handbells (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Youth MERGE (4, 5-Kitchen)
6:00 pm 5th Sunday Night Hymn Sing & Celebrate! (1)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

*Psalm 1; Proverbs 31:10-31
James 3:13,4:3; Mark 9:30-37*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

*Ps 128; Prov 27:1-27;
James 4:8-17*

TUES., SEPTEMBER 24

*Ps 128; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16
James 5:1-6*

WEDS., SEPTEMBER 25

*Ps 128; Ecclesiastes 5:1-20;
John 8:21-38*

THURS., SEPTEMBER 26

*Ps 124; Esther 1:1-21;
Acts 4:13-31*

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

*Ps 124; Esther 2:1-23;
Acts 12:20-25*

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28

*Ps 124; Esther 3:1-15;
Matthew 5:13-20*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

*Ps 124; Esther 7:1-6, 9-10;
Esther 9:20-22*

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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Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 22, 2024

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst

+ Call to Worship

+Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful* # 234

Musical Offering *The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy* Ann Kaufman

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem *Lamb of God* Sanctuary 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 *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done* # 287

Sermon *Luke 2:1-7; Luke 23:39 - 53*
The Apostles' Creed – Jesus Born and Died Rev. Kaufman

+Affirmation of Faith *Apostles' Creed* # 881

+Hymn *When I Survey, the Wondrous Cross* # 298
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 with one of the ministers following the benediction.

Nursery is available ages up to and including two (2) years of age.

Prayer Concerns...

In Sympathy to Family & Friends of:

David Watts, on his passing, Sept. 15th (Husband of Mimi Watts)

Martha Garrett, on her passing, Sept. 13th (Friend of Sandra Bates)

Greyson Huff, at 18 years of age, died in a motorcycle accident, Sept. 13th (Friend of Mary Beth Fesmire)

Members Needing Prayers:

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

Family & Friends --- June – Sept. 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)
Elizabeth Cloud (Arlene Pettus)	Janet Lawing (Jo Hebert)
Zach Cooley (Gary & Nancy Ladd)	Haley & Jessica McIngvale (Jane Mapp)
Kristen Cox (Beth Cox)	Chris Menhard (Katherine Long)
Bill Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Josef Pettus (Arlene Pettus)
Debbie Fesmire (MaryBeth Fesmire)	Tommie Pittman (Hewitt & Ann Pittman)
Bryanna Frisbee (Beth Cox)	Ana Maria Price (Mayita Price)
Harold Gardner (Chuck Jefcoat)	Reed Family (Karen Reed)
Beth Haggerty (Beth Griffith)	Kate (Zachow) Stina (Chris & Steve Zachow)
	Paul Young (Betty Wheat)

Long Term Prayers:

Carole Bell	Jerry Klomprens	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)	Luke Shappley & Family (Sara & Rodney Meeks)
Ruby Galmore (Beverly McClure)	Emily Grace Shields (Becka & Richard Shields)
Renea Griffith (Russ & Beth Griffith)	Will & Marti Sorey (Dennis O'Neal)
Jason Heins (Linda Breedlove)	Lovie Thomas (Cynthia Morgan)
Luanne Hitzelberger (Chris Zachow)	Leslie Toombs (Robby Toombs)
Donna Hill (Sandra & Mac McGee)	Temple Tynnbaris (Clarene Reynolds)
James Walker Hodge (Charlinda Hall)	Mimi Watts (Melissa Bolland)
Don Jacks (Cyndi Morgan)	Lane West (Betty Wheat)
Bud Lambert (Suzan Watson)	Ron Wolters (Cindy & George Edwards)
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, 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...

**Join us for... Pray Mississippi at Anderson UMC
Sunday, Sept. 22nd (3:00-5:00 pm)**

Pray Mississippi, on Sunday, September 22nd from 3 -5 pm led by Dr. Terry Teykl and our own Bishop Sharma Lewis. This is a great opportunity to deepen our prayer life.

For those who want to ride together, we will meet at 2:15 in St. Mark's church parking lot and drive to Anderson UMC in Jackson off of I-220.

A note about Dr. Teykl follows:

Through his warm humorous style, Dr. Terry Teykl is one of the most sought after speakers and seminar leaders in the country. He has pastored local Houston churches for over 28 years. In 1987, God spoke to Dr. Teykl and told him to "build the church in prayer." Since that time, he has taught churches across the country how to pray and invite the Holy Spirit.

If you want to join us then comment in this post, call the church office at 601-992-2131, or email pastor Jon at Jon@saintmarksum.org. Click the link below to learn more. <https://www.mississippi-umc.org/PrayMississippi>

**5th Sunday Hymn ~ Sing & Celebrate!
Sept. 29 at 6:00 pm.
In Sanctuary ~ All Welcome!**

**MS Blood Services ~ Blood Mobile
Will be here on St. Mark's UMC Campus
Sunday, October 13th (12-4 pm)**

Trendsetter Opportunities - for anyone 50+

Join our St. Mark's UMC Senior Adults! ...

Thurs., Sept. 26 – 5:30 pm – Bingo & more! (5-CLC)

Wed., Oct. 9 – Senior American Day – Leave church at 9:30 am. Sign up in to attend Seniors' day at the **MS State Fair**. Visit free health & biscuit booths; hear from the featured-entertainer Ronnie McDowell; eat at the fair; ride rides, & so much more!

Thurs., Oct. 10 – Gladys Knight in Concert at the Riley Center in Meridian. Leave church at 4 pm: Dinner then Concert at 7 pm. Call Sandra for ticket availability.

Sat., Oct. 12th – Celtic Fest @ Lakeshore Park (Rez) 9am-1 pm Cost = \$ 25

Mon., Oct 21 – Movie: Queen Bee in our CLC at 2:00 pm

Thurs., Nov. 7 – 5:30 pm Bingo Night & more! (5-CLC)

Nov. 18-21 – Branson, Missouri Trip ~ Christmas Lights Tour

**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/Gals & HS Bible studies!**

**MERGE - Sunday - Join us (5:30 – 7:30 pm) in the Youth Building (SWH).
Dinner is provided!**

**FUEL – Wednesday Nights (6 pm – 7 pm) in SWH – * The Station
Note: * Weds. Sept. 25th Youth FUEL will have a Tent on
the NWR Homecoming Parade route!**

Go Make a Difference Youth "Go M.A.D."

Contact: Ashley May for Details and Please Sign Up!

**Go MAD -- Tues., Oct. 8th – 8:30 am - Working at Church on Various
Projects then Fun Time at Skateland! (Bus)**

**Go MAD -- Thurs., Oct. 10th – Time TBA - @ Wesley House in Meridian (Bus)
Save the date...**

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

**Sunday, November 10th – Youth Talent Show / Fundraiser
--- please turn in Auction items by Nov. 3rd,---**

Children & Family Ministries..

Sunday, September 22, 2024



**All activities are for PreK
through 5th Grade**

**Acolytes @ Traditional & 11th Hr. Services
&
Children's Church**

(Does not meet on Communion Sundays.)

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

[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 - let me know if you would like to volunteer to lead a
small group on Weds., Nights. Looking for five (5) volunteers to lead monthly!**

Sat., Sept 28th Parents Night Out ~ Asbury Hall begins at: 5:00 pm

Sun., Oct. 27th Kids & Family Fall Festival ~ Warriors of Faith ~ 3 pm

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