

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!

Wednesday Supper Sign-Up Sheet  
Please Print:

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

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

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



Wednesday Night Supper – Sept. 6

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

Menu: BBQ sliders (pork & bean), grilled corn, slaw; popsicles

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

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 8/27/2023

TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$1,483,188.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$868,840.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	\$957,347.00
OFFERING FOR 8/27/2023	\$18,871.00

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, SEPTEMBER 3**

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 Activities

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

**Labor Day Holiday - Church Office Closed**  
7:00 pm AA (2)

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

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

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTMEBER 6**

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)

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

7:00 pm AA (2)

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

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

**Our 9/6 Wednesday Night Supper will offer: BBQ- tailgating style.** Get out your air horns and your cow bells, it's National Burnt Ends Day! **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](mailto:Katherine@saintmarksum.org). Thank you!**

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

am Matthew 17:22-27  
pm Exodus 7:8-24

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Exodus 7:25-8:32  
Romans 13:1-7  
Psalm 149

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Exodus 9  
Romans 13:8-14

**WED., SEPTEMBER 6**

Exodus 10  
Matthew 18:1-5, 10-14

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Exodus 11  
Matthew 18:6-9

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

Exodus 12:1-28  
Matthew 18:15-20

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

Exodus 12:29-51  
Romans 13:8-14

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

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

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)

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

+Please stand if you are comfortable doing so

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

*Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst*

+Opening Hymn *Maker, in Whom We Live* # 88

+Opening Prayer

+Act of Praise *Glory Be to the Father* # 70

Anthem *There's a Spirit of Love in This Place* Choir

+Hymn *Where Charity and Love Prevail* # 549  
vv. 1, 3 & 5

Sermon *Picking Up the Tab* Rev. Coile  
Romans 12:9-21

Morning Prayer

Confession and Pardon

Offertory

+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* # 94

+The Great Thanksgiving # 15

The Lord's Prayer

Holy Communion

Communion Music Darlene Baker

+Closing Hymn *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* # 438  
*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:

Max Pennebaker, on his passing, August 27<sup>th</sup> , (Son of Carey & Jill Pennebaker)

John Rippy, on his passing, (Rippy Family)

Members Needing Prayers:

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

Family & Friends --- June - August 2023:

Nora Antaeus (David Allard)	Alana Maglilo (Jean Lancaster)
Tara Blessinger (Coile Family)	Olivia Mann (Branigin, Nguyen, Lapiere)
Sam Darnell (Rick Darnell)	Larry Marguez (Karen Reed)
Rob Gill	Mary K. Reiners (JA Suggs)
George Haydu (Linda Finley)	Jennifer Roberts (Misty Simmons)
Lisa Helmick (Joseph Hibbert)	Sandra Rogers (Mayita Price)
Cindy Hooks. (Carla Cascio)	Susannah Sanders (Jean Lancaster)
Cindy Horton (Dick & Susan Weatherholt)	Effie May Smith (Josh & Lauren Allen)
Austin Lee (Pete Williams)	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)	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...

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

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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:

[1johebert@comcast.net](mailto:1johebert@comcast.net) or 601-259-1749

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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

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Coming soon...Wednesdays at 10 AM ~ Adult Bible Study ~ Fall 2023

Begins: Wednesday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10 am in Choir Room

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

All Welcome!

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+ +* Join our St. Mark’s UMC Senior Adults! *Here is a sampling of our upcoming events....*

Tues., Sept. 5 - Movie: “The Hill” (True Story), leave church @ 12:15 pm

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

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 [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 resumes next Sunday, Sept.10 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm

Free Dinner ~ Games ~ Worship ~ Life Groups

NO Evening Activities Sun., Sept. 3

5<sup>th</sup> Block ~ Wednesdays ~ 3:30-5:00 pm

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

**Note: We need an adult to help serve/supervise 5<sup>th</sup> Block!** No preparation or teaching required! We can split the weeks with different adults. Perfect opportunity for a retired person, college student or parent. Please contact Jeanne for more information. (We cannot have 5<sup>th</sup> Block without a second adult present).

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** ~ (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. **Registration Deadline is TODAY.**

... 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, September 3, 2023

Acolytes @ Traditional & 11<sup>th</sup> Hr. Services  
&

No 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)**

**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](mailto:Anna@saintmarksum.org) for more info.

