

**St. Mark's to Host Red Clay Hills
District Charge Conference
Sunday, October 11, 2026 – 4:00 PM**

St. Mark's is honored to host a regional Charge Conference for the Red Clay Hills District on Sunday, October 11 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. We invite all St. Mark's members to join us for this special gathering of seventeen United Methodist churches from our district.

Please plan to join us as we host our sister congregations and share in the joy of being United Methodists. A time of refreshments and fellowship will follow, so stay a while and get to know our guests.

**Weds., Adult Bible Studies - Men's, Women's, Co-Ed
or Veterans Study Groups @ 6 pm in Wesley Center**
No Studies on Oct. 7 – We will resume on Oct. 14.

Children's Ministry
Kids Weds. Workshops in Asbury Hall @ 6 pm
For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at
anna@saintmarksum.org

Youth Ministry
**Youth Weds., Studies & Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm (SWH);
Thurs., Youth Prayer Breakfast 6:45 am (off campus)**

Oct 5-10 is our Fall Break "Staycation!" We will be doing a missions project or hanging out in some capacity all week!
&
St. Mark's Harvest Fest ~ Youth Fundraiser Sun. Nov. 8th
Please reach out if you have any questions about details.
For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*
Weds., Oct. 14 – Senior Day at the MS State Fair
Church Bus departs at 9:30 am and
Thurs., Oct. 15 MercyMe in Concert (pm)

Bingo, Concerts, Live Theatre, Movies & Trips...Join the fun!
Sign up in church office. For details text Sandra Thomas at
601-940-5120 or email Info@saintmarksum.org

SUNDAY, OCT. 4
8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)

MONDAY, OCT. 5
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
8:30 am Youth Outing – AG Museum
10:00 am Joyful Connections Respite (5)
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1)
6:00 pm *Epic of Eden* - Bible Study (1)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, OCT. 6
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
8:30 am Youth Outing – We Will Go
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
5:30 pm Caregiver Support Group (1-Robe Rm)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7
Due to Fall Break - No Supper / No Bible Studies
7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
5:00 pm Youth - Movies / Game Night (4)
7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice (1)
7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)

THURSDAY, OCT. 8
6:45 am Youth Prayer Breakfast (off campus)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
5:30 pm Pickleball (5)
6:00 pm "Journeyman" (2)
7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, OCT. 9
7:30 am Youth Field Trip - Meridian
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, OCT. 10
10:00 am Youth – Brunch & Books @ Banner Hall

SUNDAY, OCT. 11
8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
4:00 pm Red Clay Hills District Charge Conference (1)

Key:
1 – Sanctuary Building
2 – Wesley - Adult Ed.
3 – Asbury - Children's Ed.
4 – SWH – Youth Bldg.
5 – CLC – Christian Life Center



***"Authentically Imperfect Christ Followers
Uniting all seeking Grace and Belonging."***

**October 4th, 2026
19th Sunday after Pentecost**

Contact Us:
(601) 992-2131
info@saintmarksum.org

Ministry Staff
Jon Kaufman, Senior Pastor
Ryan McGough, Associate Pastor
Sandra Thomas, Pastor of Worship & Senior Adults
Anna McGough, Director of Next Gen Ministries
Elliott Frankel, Director of Youth Ministries

Connect With Us Online:
www.saintmarksum.org

Facebook - St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Instagram – [stmarksumc_brandon](https://www.instagram.com/stmarksumc_brandon)
TikTok - [stmarksumc](https://www.tiktok.com/@stmarksumc)

Traditional Service

October 4th, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Gathering and Announcements

Prelude
Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst

+Call to Worship

+Hymn "O Church of God, United" # 547

Affirmation of Faith The World Methodist Social Affirmation # 886

Response "Let There Be Peace on Earth" (only the last line) # 431

Prayer for One World and One Table

Anthem "Gospel to the World" Choir Ben Thomas, solo

Offertory Prayer
Offertory Music Jane Crenshaw
Doxology # 94

Passing of the Peace

Hymn "Make Us One" # 2224

Scripture Ephesians 3:16-19, 4:1-6

Sermon One Table, One Lord, One Love Rev. Jon Kaufman

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer
Communion Music Hymns
Jesus Loves Me # 191 (3 times)
Alleluia # 186 (3 times)
Dona Nobis Pacem # 376 (2 times)
Holy Holy Holy/Santo Santo Santo # 64 (2 times)

Hymn "One Bread, One Body" # 620

Benediction
+Please stand as you are able.

Holy Communion immediately follows 8:20 am service, except on first Sundays.

Livestream available for 8:20 am Traditional & 10:45 am 11th Hour on St. Mark's UMC FB or at Saintmarksum.org

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

To Request Prayers Email: Prayerrequest@saintmarksum.org (Complete prayer lists are available at the exits doors)

St. Mark's Devotional & Prayer Line 601-487-0930
Call St. Mark's Devotional & Prayer Line to hear a devotional message and a word of prayer. It's available anytime you need encouragement or spiritual reflection.
The prayer message is typically updated weekly.

One Table, One Lord, One Body

World Communion
Ephesian 3:16-19, 4:1-6

Personal Reflection Questions

- 1. Who has shown you something about Christ's love that you couldn't have seen alone, and what might you miss by staying among people who think like you?
- 2. Who is hardest for you to be patient with right now, and which of Paul's postures (humility, gentleness, patience, bearing with in love) do you most need to practice with them?
- 3. Where are you tempted to look more put-together than you are, and what would it mean to come to Christ's table this week as you actually are?

One Next Step for Growth

This week, invite someone who differs from you to coffee or a meal. Go to listen, not to persuade, and ask how they've experienced God's grace. Afterward, write down one thing you learned about Christ's love through their story.

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark's

No Weds. Night Supper or Studies on Oct. 7 – We will resume on Oct. 14

Please scan the QR Code below to Register or call Church Office at 601-992-2131.



Reminder
Wednesday Night Adult Studies at 6:00 pm in Wesley Center All Welcome!



St. Mark's Online
Shelby Giving

Please scan the QR code with your smartphone to access the Shelby Giving app. Thank you for your continued support of our Ministries!

BIBLE READINGS

SUNDAY, Oct. 4
Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20
Psalm 19
Acts 4:5-12
Matthew 21:33-46

MON., Oct. 5
Psalm 119:49-56
Deuteronomy 5:1-21
1 Peter 2:4-10

TUES., Oct. 6
Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3
2 Corinthians 5:17-21

WEDS., Oct. 7
Deuteronomy 6:10-25
John 11:45-57

THURS., Oct. 8
Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
Exodus 24:1-8
1 Peter 5:1-5,12-14

FRI., Oct. 9
Exodus 24:9-11
James 4:4-10

SAT, Oct. 10
Exodus 24:12-18
Mark 2:18-22

SUNDAY, Oct. 11
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6,19-23
Acts 8:14-25
Matthew 22:1-14

Table with 2 columns: THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT: 8/31/2026 and Yr. 2026. Rows include: TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET (\$ 1,259,835.00), AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD (\$809,809.00), AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD (-\$793,758.00), REVENUE Over/Under EXPENSE (\$16,051.00), UNPAID MISSION SHARES (\$35,094.00).