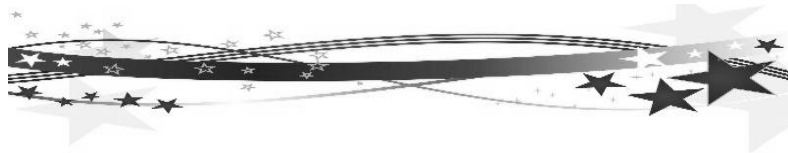


Happy Independence Holiday Weekend



Media / Technology Volunteer Assistants Needed!

Flexible scheduling – must be available during Sunday Services – Please contact Dennis O'Neal with interest phone: 601-992-2131 (ext. 116) or email: Info@saintmarksum.org

Children's Ministry

For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at anna@saintmarksum.org

Wednesday Adult Bible Studies @ 6 pm in Wesley Center Men's and Women's Studies & New - Veterans Bible Study @ 6 pm

Also, our Summer Bible Study "Messy People." at 10:00 am in Robe Room and 6:00 pm in Wesley Center. Pastor Jon invites you to Messy People: Life Lessons from Imperfect Biblical Heroes by Jennifer Cowart – a six-week study. Taught by: Pastor Jon Kaufman

Youth Ministry

Youth Wednesday Nights begin: July 8

Youth Sunday Nights begin: July 12

For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*

Branson, MO Trip - Postponed until Spring 2027

Sun., July 12 – New Stage Theatre "High School Musical, JR"

Thurs., July 16 - Play Mahjong @ 9am in CLC

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

Book Giveaway! Wesley Center (W107)

A good time to pick up some Summer Reading
& Find Something Inspiring for a Friend!

SUNDAY, JULY 5

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)

No Youth Activities Tonight

MONDAY, JULY 6 - Church Office Closed in Observance of the Independence Holiday

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, JULY 7

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

10:00 am Adult Study (1-Robe Rm)

10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

5:30 pm Youth Wednesday Night (4)

6:00 pm Adult Bible Studies (2)

7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Practice (1)

7:00 pm 11th Hr. Praise Team Practice (5)

THURSDAY, JULY 9

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

5:30 pm Pickleball (5)

6:00 pm "Journeymen" Fellowship (2)

7:00 pm AA (2)

FRIDAY, JULY 10

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)

10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, JULY 11

SUNDAY, JULY 12

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)

1:15 pm Trendsetters - New Stage Theatre (Bus)

5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)

5:30 pm Youth Sunday Night (4+5)

Key:

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



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Uniting all seeking Grace and Belonging."*

**July 5th, 2026
6th 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

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Traditional Service

July 5th, 2026

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Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

Acknowledging the Light of Christ in our midst

+Call to Worship

+Hymn

Affirmation of Faith

Response

Morning Prayer

Anthem

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Music

Doxology

Passing of the Peace

Hymn

Scripture

Sermon

The Prayer of Confession

The Great Thanksgiving and Holy Communion

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion Music

Hymn

Benediction

He Leadeth Me

Apostles’ Creed

Gloria Patri

Even Now

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Matthew 11:28-30

“Dependence Day”

Russ Griffith

America the Beautiful

128

881

70

94

400

Rev. Jon Kaufman

696

+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 (A complete copy of our Prayer List 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.

Personal Reflection Questions

1. What burden are you carrying right now that Jesus didn't put on you — and where did it come from? What would it feel like to set it down?

2. What would it mean for you to receive rest rather than achieve it? Is there a place in your spiritual life where you are still trying to earn something Jesus has already offered to give?

3. When Jesus says he is "gentle and humble in heart," does that match the version of Jesus you actually live with day to day — or have you been relating to a harsher version? Where did that version come from?

Discipleship Next Steps

1. This week, identify one thing you are doing out of obligation or fear rather than freedom and love. Talk to God about it honestly — not to guilt yourself, but to ask whether it's a yoke Jesus gave you or one you picked up somewhere else.

2. Think of someone in your life who is weary — not necessarily someone far from faith, just someone carrying too much. Reach out to them this week. You don't have to have answers. Sometimes it's enough to show up.

3. Find five minutes of genuine stillness this week — no phone, no task, no productivity. Sit with the words "I will give you rest" and let them be true for you. Notice what comes up when you stop moving.

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark’s

Weds. Night Supper is recessed for Summer we will resume In September!

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, July 5

Genesis 24:34-38,42-67

Psalms 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25

Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

MON., July 6

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Genesis 27:30-46

Romans 1:18-25

TUES., July 7

Genesis 29:1-14

Romans 3:1-8

WEDS., July 8

Genesis 29:31-35

John 13:1-17

THURS., July 9

Psalms 119:105-112

Exodus 3:1-6

Romans 2:12-16

FRI., July 10

Deuteronomy 32:1-10

Romans 15:14-21

SAT, July 11

Isaiah 2:1-4

John 12:44-50

SUNDAY, July 12

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:	
5/31/2026	Yr. 2026
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,259,835.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$524,333.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$520,773.00
REVENUE Over/Under EXPENSE	\$3,560.00
UNPAID MISSION SHARES	\$17,062.00