

Sunday, Aug. 30th

Discipleship Spotlight - 9:35 AM | Sanctuary

Join us as all Sunday School classes and small groups share who they are and what's coming up in September. We'll enjoy a brief lesson together, plus snacks, coffee, juice, and water. Come find your class!

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**Join us for a special 5th Sunday Recital featuring:
Marta Szlubowska Ensemble in Concert
this afternoon @ 4pm in Sanctuary. All Welcome!**

Aug. 31 – Sept 4th Service Opportunity

Stewpot Mission Service Week Volunteers Needed!
(9 AM – 11:30) each day. Contact Jane Brown to sign up and see our Newsletter or Facebook for more info and a list of urgent needs – this is a quarterly mission opportunity - all welcome to participate!

Weds., Adult Bible Studies @ 6 pm in Wesley Center
Includes new Studies beginning on Sept. 9th with Anchored Women's Weds. Night study "Even in Exile" and Pastor Jon's Weds., Study "Get Acquainted with Your Bible" at 10 am in Robe Room and 6 pm in Wesley Center

Children's Ministry

Aug. 23, 30 & Sept. 6 – Slip n Slide Sundays! PreK-5th grade
Wear your swimsuit & bring a towel (outside-CLC)
Sunday School Teachers Needed!
For details and all sign-ups contact Anna McGough at anna@saintmarksum.org

Youth Ministry

Youth Weds., Nights & Sunday Nights @ 5:30 pm (SWH);
Thurs., Youth Prayer Breakfast @ 6:45 am (off campus)
For details email us at youth@saintmarksum.org

Trendsetter Opportunities *for anyone 50+...*

Thurs., Sept. 10 @ New Stage "Mrs. Christie" Bus at 4 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, AUG. 30

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
9:30 am Kids Slip & Slid Sunday (5-outdoors)
9:35 am 5th Sunday Discipleship Spotlight (1)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
4:00 pm Marta Szlubowska Ensemble in Concert (1)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nights (4)

MONDAY, AUG. 31

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Joyful Connections Respite (5)
10:00 am Women's Bible Study (1-Choir Rm)
6:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study (1-Robe Rm)
7:00 pm AA (2)

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)
6:00 pm Caregiver Support Group (1-Robe Rm)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 2

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (1-Robe Rm)
8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
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, SEPT. 3

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 4

8:00 am Walking with Joy (5)
10:00 am Chair Yoga (5)

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

SUNDAY, SEPT. 6

8:20 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
9:30 am Sunday School (1+2+3+4)
9:30 am Kids Slip & Slid Sunday (5-outdoors)
10:45 am Trad. Worship (1) (Greeters)
10:45 am 11th Hour Worship (5) (Greeters)
5:00 pm Handbell Practice (1-Robe Rm)
5:30 pm Youth Sunday Nights (4)

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."***

August 30th, 2026
14th Sunday after Pentecost

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Traditional Service
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Gathering and Announcements

Prelude

+Call to Worship

+Response *“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”* VS 1

+Hymn *“And Are We Alive”* # 553

Affirmation of Faith Modern Affirmation # 885

Response *“He is Lord”* # 177

Musical Offering *“Great is Thy Faithfulness”* Josh Smith

Morning Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Anthem *“Calvary is the Sea”* Choir
Darlene Baker

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Intentional Faith Development Video

Doxology # 94

Passing of the Peace

+Hymn *“More Love to Thee, O Christ”* # 453
Children ages 3K through 5K are
dismissed to Children’s Church

Scripture Matthew 16 :21-28

Sermon *“Losing to Find”* Rev. Jon Kaufman

+Hymn *“Take Up Thy Cross”* v.1,4 # 415

+Benediction

Postlude

+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.

“Losing to Find”
Matthew 16:21-28

Reflection Questions:

1. Peter wanted to protect Jesus from the cross —
where in your own life are you trying to protect
yourself from something God is actually calling you
to walk through?
2. Jesus spoke this call to the whole company of
disciples, not to Peter alone. Who is walking with
you right now in the harder parts of following Jesus
— and who might need you to walk with them?
3. "What will it profit them if they gain the whole
world but forfeit their life?" What has gaining "the
whole world" cost you lately — in time, attention,
or soul — that following Jesus is asking you to lose
in order to find real life?

Wednesday Nights at St. Mark’s

Weds. Night Supper returns
September 9th!

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, Aug. 30
Exodus 3:1-15
Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

MON., Aug. 31
Psalms 83:1-4, 13-18
Exodus 4:10-31
Revelation 3:1-6

TUES., Sept. 1
Exodus 5:1-6:13
Revelation 3:7-13

WEDS., Sept. 2
Exodus 7:14-25
Matthew 12:22-32

THURS., Sept. 3
Psalms 149
Exodus 9:1-7
2 Corinthians 12:11-21

FRI., Sept. 4
Exodus 10:21-29
Romans 10:15-21

SAT., Sept. 5
Exodus 11:1-10
Matthew 23:29-36

SUNDAY, Sept. 6
Exodus 12:1-14
Psalms 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

THE STEWARDSHIP REPORT:	
7/31/2026	Yr. 2026
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 1,259,835.00
AMOUNT RECEIVED YTD	\$712,914.00
AMOUNT EXPENDED YTD	-\$702,457.00
REVENUE Over/Under EXPENSE	\$10,457.00
UNPAID MISSION SHARES	\$29,083.00