

# **SAINT MARK**

## **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

GOD'S GRACE TRANSFORMING LIVES

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

NINE O'CLOCK

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# MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023 | 9:00 AM

THE GATHERING

THE WELCOME

*We welcome each of you to this service! No matter who you are or where you are from, You are a child of God, and you are welcome here!*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH No. 585 v. 1 & 2 | *This Little Light of Mine*

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Nehemiah 4:1-6*

Minister: The Word of God for the people of God

**People: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*(Re)Building a Legacy: Ignoring the Critics*

RESPONSE TO THE WORD | CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION

UMH No. 533 v. 1 & 2 | *We Shall Overcome*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*\*Where indicated, please rise in body or spirit.*

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Preaching:	Rev. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor
Liturgists:	Rev. Jess Cusick, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults
Music:	Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist Madeline Pascavage, Cantor   Hymn Leader
Communion Steward:	JW Mozley
Audio Visual:	Johnny Sims and Eric Steverson
Usher Team:	Greg Brown, Terry Davis, Bruce Erwin, Scott Lee, Robert Giacomini, Deana Hilton & Sybil Smith

## WELCOME | THINGS TO KNOW



Welcome! We are so glad you are worshipping with us today!

**ATTENDANCE** | Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your row or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

**TITHES & OFFERINGS** | Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary as you leave following this morning's service, or use the Secure Giving App, or Saint Mark's assigned number for text donations is 844-703-1444 and the keyword is 'operating'. To give via text, text the word 'operating', a space, and the amount you would like to give. For example, to give \$25, text 844-703-1444 operating 25. Your generosity allows us to love, share the good news of God's love to our neighbors and serve the people of our community.

**NURSERY** | A nursery provided for infants and toddlers is located on the first floor of the Education building. Please see the usher for more information. We encourage children of all ages to be present and participate in worship.

**PARKING & SHUTTLE SERVICE** | We have a shuttle service that runs between the AT&T parking deck (located at 759 West Peachtree Street) and church on Sunday mornings beginning at 8:30am. Don't forget to bring your parking ticket to church with you for validation (see the usher for assistance).

**PRAYER REQUESTS** | Let us pray for you. Prayer request cards are located in the pews. Please return your request to the offering plate or the prayer boxes in the Narthex.

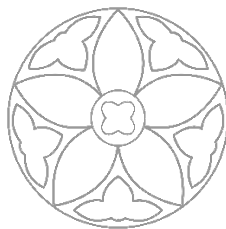
**FOOD & BEVERAGES** | Please no food or open containers in the Sanctuary.

**HYMNALS** | We sing from 2 hymnals, including the red *United Methodist Hymnal* located in the pew racks and the black *The Faith We Sing*, located at the end of the pews. Large print hymnals and Bibles are also available. Please see an usher for assistance.

**HEARING & VISUAL AIDS** | Enhanced listening devices and reading glasses are available in the Narthex, please see an usher for assistance.

**RESTROOMS** | Men's & Women's restrooms are located just outside the chapel. As you exit the sanctuary turn left. Once you reach the chapel, turn left then immediately right. The Women's restroom is the third door on the left. For the men's restroom, pass the Women's restroom and the Men's restroom is just around the corner. Gender Neutral restrooms are available downstairs. As you leave the sanctuary turn left, take the set of stairs down just before the balcony stairs on the left. The restrooms are on the first landing. Please see an usher for assistance.

**PEW CUSHIONS** | Need some extra cushion for the pew? Ask an usher for a pew cushion.



Saint Mark United Methodist Church

*As a United Methodist Church, we are proud to be a congregation with open hearts, open minds, and open doors. We strive to be a congregation that embodies God's absolute love and hospitality, proclaiming Jesus as our savior and as our model of the ultimate embodiment of God's love. We believe that all persons are of sacred worth and dignity as part of God's good creation. Saint Mark United Methodist Church welcomes all persons into the full life and ministry of our congregation, regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, family or socioeconomic status, physical or mental ability, or faith history.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

To learn more about upcoming events, to subscribe to our weekly newsletter (The Remarks), see the church calendar, or to give, visit [stmarkumc.org](http://stmarkumc.org).

## **TODAY'S COMMUNION OFFERING**

Today's Communion Offering goes to support the ministries of the North Georgia United Methodist Housing & Homeless Council.

## **CELEBRATING REV. DR. JOSH NOBLITT**

We know there are persons God sends our way to enrich our journey of faith, and over time we are blessed not only by their ministry, but also by their friendship. Rev. Josh is one of those persons, and Saint Mark has been truly blessed by his ministry and friendship.

Sunday, March 5th, we will have the opportunity to celebrate Rev. Josh's ministry at Saint Mark. It will be his last Sunday with us, and he will be preaching at both the 9am and 11am services.

There will be a reception for him in Wade Hall from 9:45-10:45am. Please come on out or hear Josh and to celebrate him.

## **DISCIPLE FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY**

Disciple I Fast Track Bible Study is a 24-week in-depth review of the Old and New Testaments. The study comprises 15 to 30 minutes a day of bible reading and dynamic group discussions during the weekly meeting. The purpose is not to make you a Bible scholar, but to enhance your spiritual journey as a disciple of Christ. The study will begin the first week of Lent and continue for 12 weeks covering the Old Testament. The study will begin again in the fall for 12 weeks covering the New Testament. The book for the first session is \$17 and scholarships are available.

There will be 5 class times offered....

- Sunday morning from 9:45 till 10:45... in person
- Sunday evening from 6:00 till 7:30...in person
- Sunday evening from 6:00 till 7:30...virtual
- Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 till 5:00
- Wednesday evening from 6:30 till 8:00



*“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” - 2 Timothy 3:16-17.*

For more information, please contact Paul Winslow at [plwinslow3@gmail.com](mailto:plwinslow3@gmail.com) or call/text 757-646-3278. To register, scan the QR code above or complete this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMUMCDisciple>

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND WITH PASTOR CAROLYN | October 10-19, 2023  
INFORMATION SESSION | Sunday, February 19, 2023 | Noon | Wade Hall**

Pastor Carolyn is putting together a group who are interested in going to the Holy Land later this year. If you are interested in going to the Holy Land with Pastor Carolyn join us Sunday, February 19, 2023 after the 11 AM service for an information session with the Rev. Dr. Jamie Jenkins in Wade Hall.

**BLACK HERSTORY FOCUS | PAULI MURRAY DOCUMENTARY**

February 12:

- Part One - Pauli Murray Documentary - Wade Hall - 9:40-10:30 am

February 19:

- Part Two – Pauli Murray Documentary – Wade Hall – 9:40-10:30 am

February 26:

- Presentation/Discussion - Rosita Stevens-Holsey author and niece of Pauli Murray
- Book signing immediately following 11:00 am worship Interactions Classroom

**WIGGINS HOUSE UPDATE AND DONATIONS**

We are continuing to make progress with the buildout at Wiggins House...smoke detectors have been installed, ceiling tiles have been finished out, so all is new, clean, and safe. We do have some finishing work to complete, and the furniture needs to be assembled. Now we are ready for basic living needs.

If you would like to support our Wiggins House relaunch, please visit our Amazon.com wish list and consider donating: <https://a.co/6IVJP2d>. Thank you.

**SUPPER CLUB | DESSERTS NEEDED**

Our baker who graciously provides desserts for our Tuesday Supper Club on a weekly basis will be traveling later this year. We need volunteers to assist making desserts while she is away or to donate towards the purchase of desserts.

Dates desserts are needed: February 28, March 7, March 14, April 4, April 11, and April 18, 2023. Please contact **Viveca Richards** at [viveca1956@gmail.com](mailto:viveca1956@gmail.com) or via phone at **864-884-1206** for further details.

**MAKE YOUR MARK DAY | Saturday, February 18th | 9 AM – 1 PM**

Join us on Saturday, February 18th from 9 am – 1 pm as we gather to spruce up our space while enjoying time together. We are looking for at least 60 people this time - yes, we want to make this the biggest one ever. There will be projects for ages 8+ and all physical abilities.

Arrive for breakfast around 8:45 and start making your mark from 9 am to 1 pm, with lunch provided. You will still have time to enjoy your weekend as well as have some fun with your Saint Mark family.

Sign up and share your project passion via this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Feb18-Park-MakeYourMarkDay>