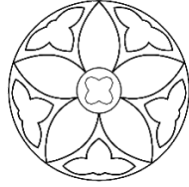


SAINT MARK
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

Sunday, August 13, 2023
Nine O'clock

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Morning Worship

in the

Historic Francis Winship Walters Chapel

*You are invited to stand as you are able in body and spirit.

The Gathering

Words of Welcome and Grace

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. 154 v. 1, 2, & 4 | All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

*The Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with you.

All: And also, with you.

Let us offer each other signs of peace, reconciliation, and love.

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father (God), who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*The Gospel Lesson
Matthew 22:34-40

One: The Gospel of Our Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon
The Character of a Methodist: Loves God Wholeheartedly

Response to God's Word

Holy Communion

Solo
Amazing Grace

John Ness Beck

Sending Forth

*Hymn of Dedication
UMH No. 408 v. 1 & 3 | The Gift of Love

*Benediction

Postlude

Worship Team

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor

Liturgists: Sheila Stephens, Minister of Education and Spiritual Formation

Music: Jon Easter, Director of Fine Arts and Organist
Colleen Allard-Smith, Soloist

Communion Steward: J.W. Mozley

Usher Team: Greg Brown (Head Usher), Terry Davis, Bruce Erwin, Christian & Kristen Fuller, Robert Giacomini, Deana Hilton, Scott Lee, Betsy Moore, and Sybil Smith

Greeter: Greg Brown

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We Welcome You

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 during 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, accept and serve the people of our community.

We Invite You to Stay Connected with Saint Mark

Visit www.stmarkumc.org and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send our Remarks newsletter every Wednesday, a message from our Senior Pastor every Friday, and a Sunday Morning at Saint Mark email.



Announcements & Special Events



Next Sunday, August 20 | Between Services
Celebrate the Ministry of Pastor Sheila Stephens

Disciple 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 meetings. The purpose is not to make you a Bible scholar, but to enhance your spiritual journey as a disciple of Christ.

A new class will begin Wednesday September 6th right after the Wednesday dinner. The study will be in two parts...12 weeks in the fall covering the Old Testament and 12 weeks in the spring covering the New Testament. Buddy Wofford will lead the study.

The book for the first session is \$17 and scholarships are available.

If this time does not work for you, you may be able to join an existing class either Sunday morning or Tuesday's at 6:00.

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

Please contact the church office with questions or to sign up.



Join us...

During August and September, the Foundations Class discuss the #BeUMC curriculum created as a part of the #BeUMC campaign. You might have noticed the banner in front of the church that is a part of the campaign as well. This study was created to help us understand who we are as United Methodists, our traditions, our history, and our theology. “The United Methodist Church is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.” If you want to engage in conversations and learn more about being a United Methodist come join us for class on Sunday mornings. Everyone is welcome to join us at 9:45 in Room 111.

Wednesday Night Study

Do you want to know more about The United Methodist Church? Join us on Wednesday evenings for a weekly discussion that includes our history, traditions, and theology. We will work through the entire #BeUMC campaign curriculum, learning how we can be more engaged in the life of the church, what it means to be connectional, and what it means to be committed to Saint Mark UMC and to The United Methodist Church as a whole. Come learn what it means when we say, “The United Methodist Church is founded on a Wesleyan theology of grace, anchored in Scripture, and based in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and the continuing movement of the Holy Spirit.” You can find all the resources for class on umc.org, so no book is required, but it will be helpful to have read the materials for the session prior to class, you don't have to attend every session, while they do build on one another, they also can stand alone. If you are interested in participating and want more information please contact **Michelle Levan** – michelle.levan@gmail.com or by phone at **404-405-0274**.