



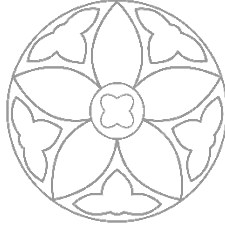
# SAINT MARK

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God's Grace Transforming Lives

**Sunday, October 1, 2023**  
**Nine O'clock**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday



## 9 AM Morning Worship

*\*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

**TFWS No. 2236 v. 1 & 3 | Gather Us In**

#### \*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

**Luke 18:9-24**

One: The Gospel of Our Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

**Life Hack Series: How to Overcome Pride**

## **Response to God's Word**

Holy Communion

The Prayer of Dedication

**Remember, O Lord, your Church upon this earth; deepen her influence and extend her power for good, till the kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. Look down in mercy upon our distraught and fevered world: forgive our mistaken ambitions, selfish passions, and presumptuous claims; remove all suspicion and bitterness from among the nations, and bring them to peace and concord by the redeeming love of Christ. Have mercy, O Lord, upon those who are passing through sore trial: the poor, the sick, the anxious, the oppressed, those who are in danger from the fury of the elements or from the violence of others. Inspire in us and in our siblings the will to help those who are suffering. Heal, protect, and strengthen them according to their need. Comfort those in sorrow with the comfort which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. We pray for our own dear ones, that surrounded by your love they may be kept in health and joy, and abide in safety and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Sending Forth**

\*Hymn of Dedication

**UMH No. 191 | Jesus Loves Me**

\*Benediction

Postlude

## **We Welcome You**

*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.*

## **Worship Team**

**Preaching:** Rev. Steve Fazenbaker, *Retired Elder in Full Connection, North Georgia Annual Conference*

**Liturgists:** Rev. Dr. Carolyn Stephens, Senior Pastor  
Meagan Williams, *Assistant to the Pastor of Youth and Young Adults*

**Music:** Jon Easter, *Director of Fine Arts and Organist*  
Madeline Pascavage, *Cantor | Hymn Leader*

**Communion Steward:** J.W. Mozley

**Usher:** Greg Brown, *Head Usher*, Kristen Fuller

**Greeter:** Christian Fuller

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## **Today's Communion Offering**

Today's Communion offering goes to support Saint Mark's **Breakfast and Supper Club** ministries. Volunteer teams serve a hot meal to our neighbors in need every Saturday morning and Tuesday afternoon.



### **Attendance**

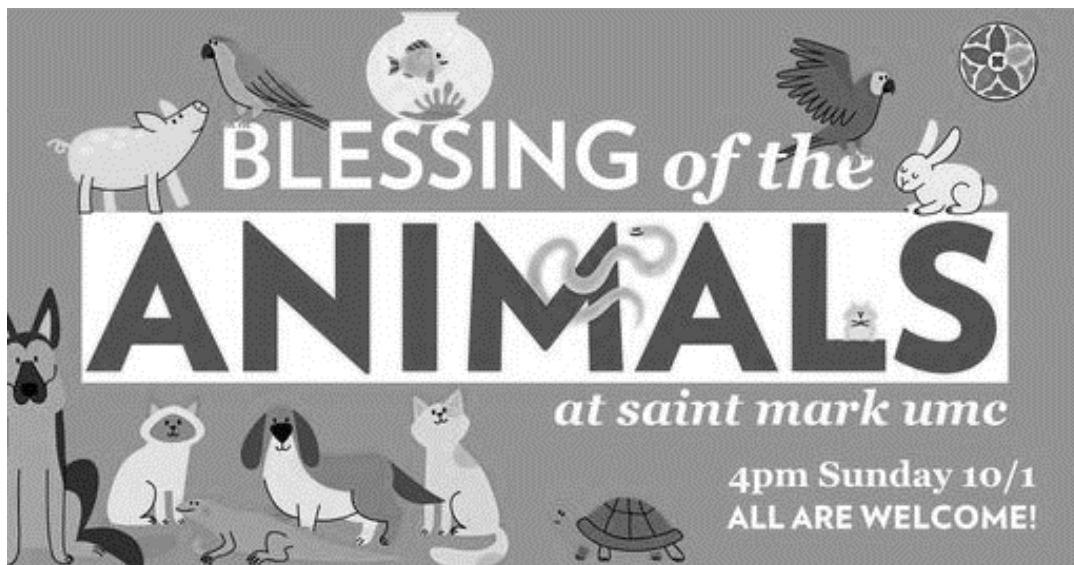
Please sign the attendance pad located at the end of your row or scan this QR code to register your attendance and share prayer requests using our online Connection Card.

### **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**

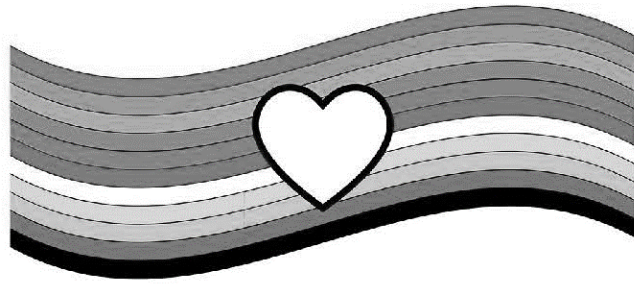
Visit [www.stmarkumc.org](http://www.stmarkumc.org) and subscribe to the newsletter on the homepage. We send our Remarks newsletter every Wednesday, a message from our Senior Pastor every Friday, and a Sunday Morning at Saint Mark email.



Join us today at 4pm for our annual Blessing of the Animals on The Terrace!

Let's come together as a community to honor our four-legged, winged, and finned family members. Whether they bark, purr, chirp, or swim, all are welcome!

# ONE LOVE



# MANY COLORS

## 2023 Pride Activities Calendar



### PRIDE Float Decorating Dates

Wednesday, October 4 | 6:30 PM | GYM

Sunday, October 8 | 9:45 AM | GYM

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 | 6:30 PM | GYM

Help our youth and young adults decorate our float for Pride.  
For more information, please contact Robert Gileo in the church office at  
[RJGileo@stmarkumc.org](mailto:RJGileo@stmarkumc.org).

### PRIDE Open Mic Night

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Join us on Wednesday, October 11th, after our fellowship dinner, for a special Pride Week open mic night! Whether you'd like to sing, play an instrument, recite poetry, share a joke, or tell a story, we invite you to help us celebrate and honor LGBT Pride. Let's come together in unity, love, and celebration, sharing our gifts and stories with one another.

Former Saint Mark Intern Kenny Smallhorn will be joining us as host. Please email Paula Ward at [paula22ward@gmail.com](mailto:paula22ward@gmail.com) to confirm your slot, or just show up and show out!





# PRIDE Day Volunteers Needed

Sunday, October 15, 2023



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Saint Mark's Pride Sunday is just around the corner, and we need your help to make it awesome!

Whether you've got a few hours or the whole day, every volunteer hand counts. Snag a volunteer slot, to help with lunch on the front lawn, decorating the truck for the parade, or handing out water. Let's come together and make this day shine!

<https://tinyurl.com/2zjhcb6d>

# PRIDE Day Lunch

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Order your Pride Day lunch today so you won't have to stand in the payment line the day of Pride. \$20 per lunch.

First come, first served, while supplies last, we will have BBQ pulled chicken, BBQ pulled pork, and smoked spicy black bean burger options.

<https://tinyurl.com/5cfe6xe6>



SCAN ME

# PRIDE Sunday

One Service | 10 AM

Rev. Dr. Beth LaRocca-Pitts | Rev. James T. Moor | Rev. Phillip Thomason in attendance.

Validated Parking Available at the AT&T Deck.



SCAN ME





# RACIAL JUSTICE AND HEALING ACADEMY 2023

[ngumc.org/racial-justice-and-healing-academy](http://ngumc.org/racial-justice-and-healing-academy)

The Racial Justice and Healing Academy is designed for those who want to learn how to pursue racial justice and healing in their local church and community. It equips participants with the tools, support, and encouragement to lead, start, continue, or join local racial justice and healing efforts. The RJHA is 5 unique modules that will inspire, challenge, inform, equip, and encourage the participants to take steps towards racial healing in the spaces where they have influence.

## MODULES

**The Racial Healing Framework** **September 9**  
10am to 2pm  
Brian Tillman speaks on his Racial Healing Framework and how to begin to use it in your context.

**Racial Trauma Tour** **October 13 and 14**  
12pm on Friday to 4pm on Saturday  
Includes admission, meals, transportation, and lodging.  
Bus tour visiting sites including the Cherokee Capital, a black town established before the civil war, and a school founded by Booker T. Washington that was part of one of our UM Churches.

**Where to Start in the Local Church** **November 11**  
10am to 2pm  
Learn some of the skills and ideas used by other churches.

**Anti-Racism 4REALS Workshop** **January 20**  
10am to 2pm  
A workshop Sheila Beckford and Michelle Ledder, the authors of Anti-Racism 4 REALS: Real Talk with Real Strategies in Real Time for Real Change.

**Radical Reconciliation Workshop** **February 24**  
10am to 2pm  
Workshop with Curtiss Paul DeYoung, one of the authors of Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism.

## AT A GLANCE

### COST

\$300 for the full Academy, a savings of \$200 over paying for individual modules, for North Georgia clergy and laity. Ala cart registration is available - see website for cost details. Includes lunches, two books, and more.

### LOCATION

Trinity UMC  
901 Veterans Drive  
Dalton, GA 30721  
(except the October Tour)

### REGISTER

