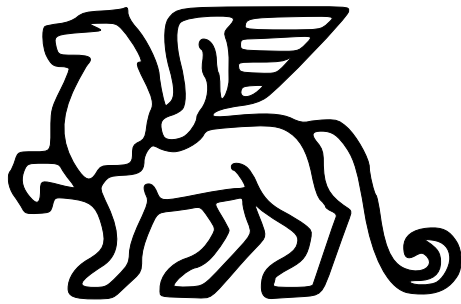


May 1, 2016



Congratulations to the Class of 2016!

For our 2016 high school seniors, there is one final round of projects and examinations. These ten graduates will soon walk the stage and receive the honors they have earned from their respective schools:

Haley Anderson	<i>Harris County High School</i>
Justin Daniel	<i>Harris County High School</i>
Shianne Fair	<i>Northside High School</i>
William Fuller	<i>Columbus High School</i>
Drew Haywood	<i>Northside High School</i>
Nicole Humphries	<i>Columbus High School</i>
Isabelle King	<i>Northside High School</i>
Scarlett McCullough	<i>Columbus High School</i>
Benjamin Tucker	<i>Columbus High School</i>
Anne Henley Walker	<i>Brookstone School</i>

They will have finished their final exams, but not THE final exam, what John Wesley, the spiritual father of Methodists, called “that surest test whereby we can examine ourselves, whether we be indeed in the faith: ‘Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!’” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The Bible urges us all, at whatever life stage, to continue to “examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith.” (2 Corinthians 13:5)

And God promises us, too, that it is possible to pass the exam by his grace, since he “who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

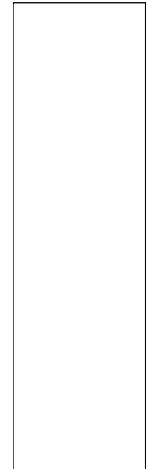
With joy,

Scott

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Return Service Requested



St. Mark United Methodist Church

May 5, 2016	6th Sunday of Easter	8:30 and 11:00 am
Prelude	<i>I Will Sing of the Mercies</i>	Orchestra
Opening Prayer		Aimee Baxter
Worship Song	<i>Leaning on the Everlasting Arms</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		Scott Tucker
*Fellowship Moments		
*Songs of Worship	<i>Forever Before the Throne of God Above</i> <i>There's Something About That Name</i>	
Morning Prayer		Shannon Baxter
Anthem	<i>With All My Heart</i>	Choir and Orchestra
	<i>(Preschool children may leave for Praiseland during the 11:00 service)</i>	
*The Doxology		
Offertory Prayer		Aimee Baxter
Offertory	<i>Oceans</i>	Ensemble
Sermon	“More Than a Promise” <i>Brave: Lessons from the Book of Daniel (Part 3)</i> Daniel 3:1-30 (Pew Bible, p. 467)	Scott Tucker
The Sacrament of Holy Communion		
*Song of Personal Response	<i>Change My Heart Oh God</i>	
*Benediction		Scott Tucker
*Postlude	<i>He Keeps Me Singing</i>	Orchestra
	*Please stand as you are able.	

The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Joann & James Montgomery in loving memory of Joann's mom.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

Contact Scott Tucker at scott@stmarkumc.com or 706-327-3376 with your questions or to inquire about the next St. Mark 101 orientation... a time of fellowship and teaching about how we follow Christ at St. Mark United Methodist Church.

Sunday Servants for May 1, 2016

Worship Ministries	Children & Youth Ministries
8:30 Servants: Ushers: Team Captain – Bobby Streetman David Rulon, Ty Niblack, Jeff Kennedy, & Frank Zylstra On Call: Ronnie Barnes Greeters: Ruth Elver LeAnne Kennedy C.A.R.E. Cards: Lauren Funderburk	Children's Sunday School: Preschool: Kate Collier K-3 Girls: Virginia McCullough K-3 Boys: Jerry Averill 4th-5th: Kevin & Kacey Brown Children's Church Helper: No Children's Church—Communion Praiseland Teacher & Helper: Lisa Wade & Buzz Brown
11:00 Servants: Ushers: Team Captain – Clark Webster Sunday Ben, Jack Pope, Fred McCraw, Tommy Cox & Ray Durden On Call: Mike Stanislawski Greeters: Fred Jones, Buzz Brown, & Katie Hagler C.A.R.E. Cards: Lauren Funderburk Acolytes: Tate Cox & Kate Durden Altar Guild: Corey Salzman, Gretchen Smith, & Dianne Peed Flower Ministry: Rae Meriaux, Lawanda Myers, & Darlene Van Pelt	Youth Sunday School: Middle School Guys (Ed. Ctr. Rm 20): Garrett Affleck Middle School Girls (Ed. Ctr. Rm. 14): Amy Pierson & Sarah Jane Hebert High School Guys (Youth Center): Ward Jordan & Buzz Brown High School Girls (Starbucks): Jennifer McCarty, Janice Dukes, Sandy Nelms, & Corey Salzman

Adult Sunday School Opportunities		
Class Name/Teacher	Current Study	Location
Fellowship Lynn Harbour	<i>Heaven (small booklet)</i> By Randy Alcorn	Activity Center Room 223
Friendly Carla Askew	<i>The Sermon on the Mount</i> By John Stott	Activity Center Room 242
Good News Aina Cummins	<i>Mark</i>	Education Center Room 3
Lost and Found Lauren Funderburk	<i>The Story</i> By Randy Frazee	Education Center Room 4
Faith and Marriage Clark and Hanna Webster	<i>Christian Marriage</i>	Church Office Conference Room
Young Adult Class David and Louisa Brown	<i>The Parables of Jesus</i>	Education Center Room 19
New Song Lynn Davis	<i>1 Peter</i>	Activity Center Room 129
Nonamé Brenda Gilkey	<i>Acts</i>	Activity Center Room 107
Seekers (Men's Class) Dick Meriaux	<i>Acts</i>	Activity Center Room 116
St. James Bill Weekes	<i>Faithlink: Contemporary Issues</i>	Education Center Room 301

ST. MARK UMC

Announcements

Thank you

To our St. Mark Family,
From the very bottom of our hearts, we wish to express our deepest thankfulness for all the prayers and many, many cards sent during my Daddy's illness and death. In his room, he always had St. Mark cards everywhere. And for all the many years he was able to deliver Meals on Wheels, oh, what a blessing that was to him. After his death we have received so many St. Mark and Hospice donations, memorials, flowers, and so much food. You were so very gracious. Losing my Daddy was very hard, but knowing where he is, is so very comforting.

Love in Christ,
Tommy & Dale Wommack
and Family

Mother's Day Men's Choir

The music ministry is looking for male singer's to honor the women in the congregation on Mother's Day. Rehearsal is Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 pm.



Baby Bottle Boomerang

May 8—June 19

GIVE TO SOUND CHOICES
CHANGE A LIFE

Each year from Mother's Day to Father's Day, St. Mark has an opportunity to support Sound Choices Pregnancy Clinic. Pick up your baby bottle this Sunday, fill it with your donation of cash, checks (made payable to St. Mark), or coins and return it to church on Father's Day, June 19. Your gifts will enable the clinic to continue helping mothers and fathers make responsible, life changing choices..

St. Mark Preschool Summer Day Camp

Now enrolling children ages 2-6. Camp is 9-12:30 Tues. -Thurs., May 31-June 23 & July 5- July 28. Tuition is \$200 per month with a \$35 registration fee. If you register & pay for both sessions by May 1, it is \$350 for the summer.

We have a weekly theme that our activities are based upon. Every day we will have a short devotional, snack, sack lunch from home, outdoor time(weather permitting), story time, art and/ or science, and a lot of FUN!

In Memorial

The St. Mark Preschool and St. James Sunday School class are planning a memorial to Donna Hughes. A tree will be planted on the playground in loving memory of Mrs. Donna.

We are also hoping to refresh and dedicate room number 1 in the Education Wing as Mrs. Donna's Playroom. A few things that we would like to do are: paint the room, install a playhouse and purchase some new toys.

Questions? Contact Kate Collier.

Kid's Camp is starting to fill up!!



columbus area kids camp 2016

Don't forget to register for the annual **Kid's Camp** at Pine Eden Retreat Center in Hamilton, Ga. Visit www.stmarkumc.com/kidscamp to register your rising 2nd - 6th grader (2016-17 school year).

Cost: \$210

Dates:

June 19-23 (2nd - 4th* graders)

July 17-21 (4th* - 6th graders)

*4th graders may choose one of either week

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

St. Mark Family

Ann Cason	Helen Edwards	Nell Scarborough
Ann Dermer	Joyce Jordan	Mary Thompson
Ann Cannon	Lynn Davis	Nina Kennedy

St. Mark Extended Family

Jennifer Jenkins	C. D. Phillips	Jean Hammond
Mary Screws	George Odum	Pat Wells
Rentz Family	Nathan Patrick	Andrea Truett
Emma Armour	Rob & Donna Key	Lou & Cheryl Metivier
Glenda Smith	Butch Lammert	Hurley Family
Kay & Rob Cox		

"May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you."

Psalms 67:3

Prayer requests run in the bulletin for 2 weeks. To renew or add a new request, please contact Angela Leichter in the church office or angela@stmarkumc.com.

MINISTRY TO DEPLOYED PERSONS

Please pray for Hunter Locklair and all our military and their families. *When a family member or friend is deployed, please call Nancy Streetman at 706-989-3551 or the Church Office.*

FRIEND OF THE WEEK

The friend of the week is a sick or homebound St. Mark member. *Please take time to pray for and send a note to our special friend.*

Helen Edwards
400 Bradley Park Drive
Columbus, GA 31904

RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Morning Worship.....	339
Sunday School	173
Weekly Giving.....	\$13,169.50
Weekly Budget	\$14,903.85
Weekly Designated.....	\$425.00
YTD Giving	\$258,497.68
YTD Budget.....	\$253,365.45

ST. MARK FAMILY MINISTRIES

Serving children of all ages and their families.

Director: Shannon Baxter
shannon@stmarkumc.com

Associate Director: Sarah Jane Hebert
sarahjane@stmarkumc.com

Announcements

Summer Happenings

Summer is quickly approaching and the St. Mark Family Ministry has planned some great activities! Check out a few of them below and contact Shannon or Sarah Jane if you have any questions.

- **Weekly Swimming**
Preschoolers and elementary-aged kids are invited as we swim each Sunday night (except Kids Camp weeks) at a local neighborhood pool beginning at 5 pm. The location will be announced weekly.
- **Sunday Night Youth Afterglows**
Because it's summer we can stay out a little later! After youth worship and dinner, we'll head somewhere local to swim, watch a movie, bowl, play laser tag... SNY will start at 5 pm each week and end at different times based on the activity. Transportation may be provided, but help with this is always welcome!

ST. MARK KIDS (Birth - 5th Grade)

www.StMarkUMC.com/GetConnected/Kids

St. Mark Kids Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 1:

8:30 am - Worship Service
9:45 am - Sunday School for all ages
11:00 am - Worship Service
(Children's Church for Elementary students and 3-5 year olds)

Wednesday, May 4:

6:00 pm - Wednesday Nite Kids!*

*Activities begin on Playground



ST. MARK YOUTH (6th-12th Grades)

www.StMarkUMC.com/GetConnected/Youth
@StMarkImpact #StMarkImpact

St. Mark Youth Weekly Schedule

Sunday, May 1:

8:30 & 11:00 am - Worship Services
9:45 am - Sunday School
5:00 pm - Sunday Night Youth—Senior Night!

Wednesday, May 4:

6:00 pm - Star Wars Day Party!*

*Meeting at the Baxter's
1015 Red Maple Way, 31904



ST. MARK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS :
MON.-THURS. 8:30-5:00;
FRI. 8:30-12:00

Sun 1	8:30 & 11:00am	Worship Services Sanctuary
	9:45am	Sunday School
Mon 2	10:00am	<i>Law of Love</i> —Gretchen Smith Conference Rm
	6:00pm	Trustees—Office Conf Rm
Tues 3	7:00am	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP- 2939 N Lake Pkwy
	10:00am	Staff Meeting Conference Rm
	2:00pm	<i>Book of Genesis</i> —Brenda Gilkey Contact Brenda for home location 706-327-2905
Wed 4	5:45pm	Handbells Choir room
	6:15pm	Orchestra Rehearsal
	6:00pm	<i>Reset—Ten Steps to Spiritual Renewal</i> Lynn Hodges—Edu Ctr. Rm 4
	6:00pm	Children's Activities
	6:00pm	Youth Party
	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs 5	7:00am-7:00pm	Sanctuary Open for National Day of Prayer
	9:30am	<i>Heroes, Rogues, & the Rest</i> J. Ellsworth Kalas—Mildred McAfee

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 5

Sanctuary Open for Prayer from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm



Pentecost Sunday is May 15

Please wear red on this day that marks God's gift of the Holy Spirit, his abiding presence with his Church.

PASTOR ON-CALL

If you or someone you know is sick or in the hospital, please contact the church office or pastor on-call after hours. *For emergencies at night or on weekends, call Scott Tucker at 762-822-9449.*

Family Ministries Weekly Programming

Sunday Night:

St. Mark Youth

Youth Band Practice—Youth Ctr. 4:00 pm
Sunday Night Youth—5:00-7:00 pm
(Youth Center/Activity Center)

Wednesday Night:

St. Mark Kids—6:00-7:00 pm

Preschoolers meet in Praiseland (main church building)
Elementary programming begins on the Playground

St. Mark Youth—6:15-7:15 pm

Middle Schoolers meet in the
Education Center (main church building)
High Schoolers meet at Bradley Park Starbucks



ACTIVITY CENTER

Hours of Operation

Mon: 9am-6pm

Tues/Thurs: 9am-8pm

Wed: 9am-2pm Fri: 9am-12pm

To help us better accommodate your reservations, if you would like to reserve the Activity Center or room for a special event, please contact our Recreation Ministries Director, Joni Biancardi.
Phone:
706-327-3376 ext.25 or email below.

Activities This Week:

Monday

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball
7:00pm: Yoga Class*
**Hallelujah Hollow*

Tuesday

10:45am: No Yoga Class
12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball
6:00pm: Yoga Class
6:30pm: *TOPS* - Rm 222

Wednesday

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball

Thursday

12:00pm: Pick-up Basketball
6:00pm: Yoga Class

Recreation Ministries Director: Joni Biancardi
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